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The Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset



WAREHAM is one of the ancient boroughs of Wessex, and the earthen walls, considered of pre-Roman origin, are a prominent feature of the town. In Saxon times the town had grown in importance and was the scene of the early landings of the Danes. William the Conqueror erected a castle, now demolished, and two mints and it is mentioned in the Domesday book as a borough of prescription. Within the walls of the town there once stood seven churches; now only three remain. St. Martin's, the church on the walls as you enter the town from the north, although architecturally the most interesting, alas contains only one bell now. This church is mainly 11th century Saxon in origin.

The south side of the town is bounded not by the walls but by the River Frome,

and it is next to the river that the church of Lady St. Mary stands. This church was, until 1842, one of the finest Saxon buildings in England. However, the nave with its massive rectangular pillars was then pulled down and the present building erected. The original building was probably on the site of what is now known as St. Edward's Chapel, which lies at the east end of the south aisle. This chapel was the temporary burial place of King Edward the Martyr, killed by his stepmother Elfrida at Corfe in 978. The most notable feature of the church is its unique font. It is the only hexagonal lead font in existence and dates from the 12th century. It is ornamented with figures of the twelve apostles, but they have no faces since they were obliterated by Cromwell's troops.

The tower is 12th century and, although we cannot say when bells were first hung there, we know that by 1550 there were four bells. Another bell was added at a later date and then, by an Order of Vestry on September 29th, 1784, the five bells were taken down. At that time there were four bells in the tower of Holy Trinity Church which stands on the west side of South Street. Three of these were taken down and with the five from Lady St. Mary were recast into a ring of eight by William Mears of London. These were hung in the tower of Lady St. Mary in 1785. In 1864 the second bell was recast by George Mears and Co. because it was cracked, and by 1900 the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were also cracked, although nothing

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County Meetings of National Societies

COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT KENT

FOR their annual "out of town" meeting the Ancient Society of College Youths this year had an invitation to visit "the Garden of England," with Canterbury as the main attraction. Unfortunately the clerk of the weather had decided that Saturday, May 25th, would be a good day to water England's garden, but the rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of members.

The first ringing was at Rochester Cathedral, to which some two dozen members and friends found their way by car or train for an hour's ringing on the fine ring of ten. At Rochester members were pleased to meet that stalwart College Youth Mr. Charles Norris, and the company was grateful to Mr. C. S. Jarrett for making the arrangements for ringing. The party then made its way through the rain to Canterbury, where an informal but excellent lunch had been arranged at the Castle Restaurant. It was a matter for some comment that the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, was flanked at the lunch table by two Cumberland Youths!

Lunch was followed by a short business meeting at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, where over 30 members were present and during the meeting two new members from the county—Messrs. S. Wigg and M. Barden, of Maidstone—were elected.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Master said: "It gives me very great pleasure to express the thanks of the Society to all who have made this meeting in Canterbury possible. To me personally it is a great pleasure to be here in view of the other office I hold, as secretary of the Kent County Association. The arrangements for today are the result of the kind thought and action of a member of 'the other Society,' Mr. Bernard Luck, who has for many years been a great friend of mine, and has performed various kind acts in his capacity of vice-president of the Kent County Association." The meeting heartily endorsed the Master's thanks.

The secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, supported what the Master had said, and pointed out that Mr. Corby was not the first to be Master of the College Youths and at the same time secretary of the Kent County Association, the late Mr. F. E. Mitchell having held the same dual office in 1932-33. Mr. Luck appropriately acknowledged the vote of thanks.

After the meeting, which, as is the custom on these occasions, was attended by wives and friends, the company moved over to St. Alphege's Church, where several well-known 12-bell ringers were able to show that they had not forgotten all their six-bell ringing. This was followed by some enjoyable ringing in a variety of methods on the 12 bells of Canterbury Cathedral.

The party then made its way back "across the water" into the land of Kentish Men for an hour's ringing on the recently restored eight bells at the Master's home tower, Sevenoaks. The day's proceedings ended with a social hour at The Vine, where sandwiches had been kindly provided by the Master, and a little handbell ringing and a lot of miscellaneous conversation brought another most enjoyable "out of town" meeting to its close. W. T. C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY A.G.M.

The above-mentioned function on May 11th started typically when seven members sat for half an hour in the belfry at Barnes, waiting for the usual late arrival of the eighth, before successfully ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. As two faithful non-members took part, it was rung for the Kent Association, as being the least expensive for the band in new subscriptions.

Meanwhile, back at All Saints', Poplar, one or two of our more exalted graduates and the normal motley resident crew were feeling the loss of the peal band (by now consuming much-needed beer) as they tried their hand on the little-used ten. The two parties succeeded in converging almost simultaneously on the

light eight at St. George's-in-the-East, and ringing was greatly enjoyed here, in spite of one frustrated tenor king's mutterings about musical railings. Ringing finished at the Society's own tower, St. Olave's, Hart Street, followed by a farewell service with the Rev. Maurice Dean, who is about to disappear into the rural void after nine years of tolerating us.

Tea was followed by general hilarity at a supposedly serious film of the Society's activities, but as it had been made by Roger Bailey nobody was really surprised.

The business meeting set an all-time record for length, but this was mainly taken up with the search for a new parent, as the Society has been derecognised in its own interests by the University Union. Delicate negotiations are now in progress with the Collegiate Council. The other main items were the election of new officers, which, as the result of the shortage of nominations, was more of the nature of an announcement, and in making arrangements for this year's phantom summer tour. The meeting finally managed to close before the Tiger Tavern, and the generation gap was bridged for the remainder of the evening in beer.

New officers: President, Alan Thirst; Ringing Master, Audrey Alexander; secretary, Chris Easton, King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1.

Next general meeting on Saturday, October 26th.
C. J. E.

CUMBERLANDS IN CAMBRIDGE

The Society held a most successful meeting at Cambridge on April 6th, when well over 100 members and friends sat down to a tea which had been most amply prepared by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Pratt and their helpers. One of the most encouraging aspects was the distances which some people had travelled to attend the meeting, and a full coachload had been arranged from the Lincoln-Newark area.

The morning started in bright sunshine on the fine Taylor light eight at Trumpington, where we were welcomed by Miss K. Willers, and this was followed by a lunch at an hotel in Trumpington. The afternoon ringing was at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, and afterwards a short business meeting was held before tea to fit in with the ringing times. At the meeting the Master welcomed everyone and said how pleased he was to see such an excellent attendance. Thirteen new members were elected and discussion took place about a possible venue for next year's country meeting, which would have similar attractions to Cambridge for the non-ringers. Tea followed and a suitable vote of thanks was expressed to the ladies for so kindly undertaking to provide the tea.

Evening ringing was on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church followed by the 12 at Great St. Mary's, which are a joy to ring. At both these towers Jim Quinney made us very welcome. As an extra, a number of people called at Meldreth on "the way home" by kind invitation of John Gipson, to try the new eight, and we are very grateful for his hospitality.

The Society is most grateful to everybody who helped to make the day so successful and we trust that next year's will prove as good.
D. E. S.

LADY ST. MARY, WAREHAM—Contd.

was done about it. On Monday, August 3rd, 1903, the first peal was rung (Stedman Triples conducted by Frank Bennett). A. F. Martin Stewart rang the third, and it is interesting to note that 58 years later another peal of Stedman was rung on these bells in his memory.

By 1910 the tenor was also cracked and John Warner and Sons recast the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and the tenor and rehung them

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in the old frame. 5024 changes of Double Norwich were rung on them that year, again called by Frank Bennett from the 5th and with Martin Stewart again on the 3rd. Fred Townsend rang the 6th. 1912 saw a peal of Stedman called by George Stewart on the 4th and Alan Macdonald Williams from the treble, with Martin on the 5th. In 1935 there was a Royal Jubilee peal, being Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering by the local band. After the war two peals of Bob Major were rung, but gradually the bells fell into disrepair and in 1958 they were all taken to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. The 7th, which was cracked, was recast and the whole ring was rehung in a new frame with new fittings.

Under the leadership of Dr. C. T. Brown a local band of some ability now started to emerge, and in 1965 a local quarter peal of Cambridge Major was rung. 1962 had seen a local peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was 1966, after many attempts, which saw the first peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band, conducted by Ross Robert-son.

TINTED COVERS TO CONTINUE

Price Increase to One Shilling Agreed Without Opposition

From the July issue the selling price of "The Ringing World" is being increased to one shilling a week. The Central Council, at its meeting at Worcester on Whit Tuesday, heard from Mr. J. A. Anderson this decision of the Committee responsible for the production of the journal.

Mr. Anderson announced that the accounts for 1967 showed a loss of £522, against a surplus for 1966 of £855. Accounts from January to April 30th revealed a loss of £458—the equivalent of £1,374 per annum. Printing, now running at £12,000 per annum, was 50 per cent. more than 1966.

There was an overwhelming majority, both in the Standing Committee and also in the Council that the cover issues should continue. If the price was still at 9d. there would still be a loss. An appeal was made to subscribers to make a contribution of 1/6 per month for the unexpired portion of their subscription.

An atmosphere of tension pervaded the meeting over the publication of Appendix "A", prepared by the Committee at the request of the last Council, to indicate the steps it had taken to improve the journal and to reply to the observations of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. There were numerous criticisms, and Mr. Beresford described it as "a complete travesty of the truth". Eventually a resolution was passed congratulating the Committee on the improvement in "The Ringing World" during the past year but that the appendix be not accepted.

There were changes in the Committee. Mr. Denis Bayles complained of not being consulted by the convener and said he would only continue on the Committee if Mr. Richard Speed was elected to it. Mr. J. F. Smallwood had resigned and Mrs. Jill Staniforth was elected to the Committee as well as Mr. Speed.

BISHOP STUCK ON BELFRY STAIRS

SOCIALLY. the selection of Worcester for the holding of the third session of the 26th Council was a happy choice, the welcome most cordial by the host Association, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the Master, and Mr. David Beacham, the general secretary, spared no pains to provide excellent facilities for ringing and good fellowship.

There was a large attendance of Council members at the Communion service in the Cathedral on Tuesday morning, at which the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. L. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, was the celebrant, and the president of the Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, assisted.

The meeting of the Council was preceded by welcomes from the City, the Diocese and the Worcestershire and Districts Association. The Mayor, Councillor Ronald Morris, was accompanied by the Mayoress, and with the Lord Bishop was the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn). Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. David Beacham also accompanied the distinguished guests.

The Mayor reminded the company that they were gathered there in the shadow of the ancient Cathedral, where the bells had been rung for many centuries and were then housed in a campanile. The present bells were provided in 1870, as was also the clock, the cost being about £6,000, towards which the Earl of Dudley contributed. In 1928 the bells were recast by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. There was a full ring of 12 bells and a bourdon bell, and also a small bell for quarter chimes.

The Bishop recalled in his speech that he was once Vicar of a market town in Shropshire and during the war years it was awful to think of their splendid bells being silent. Their member of Parliament was a member of the Cabinet, and the Bishop told him that the bells should be rung Sunday by Sunday as a sign of triumph and not have the silence of defeat. He passed that thought on to Mr. Churchill and soon the bells were ringing on Sundays.

Dr. Charles-Edwards delighted the company with the story of the dedication of the bells at Great Comberton. The Bishop said he managed to climb up the narrow stairs but got stuck coming down and he imagined that he would have to conduct the duties of his episcopate from the church tower. The Master bellringer, however, came to his rescue and gave him a big shove with his boot from behind, which landed him outside the tower at the feet of the Vicar.

The Dean, who is president of the Worcestershire Association, said it was a great stimulant, delight and encouragement to have the Central Council with them and made them feel they were members of an interesting and powerful brotherhood. Their ancient Cathedral bells used to stand in a separate tower until they had trouble with a Bishop. Bishop Hooper did not like bells; he said "What you want is not bellringing but preaching." What he forgot was that the bells themselves were the best preachers. Worcester had its own bell-founder in John Martin, and not far from where they were was John Martin's bell foundry.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, as Master, also endorsed the welcome, and the president made a very witty reply in which he recalled the days when the Bishop was the Vicar of Newark.

THE ATTENDANCE ROLL

Life members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, J. F. Smallwood.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. T. Cook, Group Captain J. S. Mason, Mr. W. Williams.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

The Editor is in a position to announce the result of the Fabian Stedman Competition. The 28 entries have been carefully examined and discussed by the three assessors and it is their opinion that the competition has not produced another Fabian Stedman, but there are a number of entries that are meritorious.

The assessors' report states:—

"Only four entries completely met the rules of the competition and of these we recommend entry No. 22 as the best, but No. 9 and No. 26 are virtually contained within No. 22 and are in themselves complete. No. 7 is the other entry which is complete.

"Many entries were regrettably ruled out because of non-compliance with one or more rules and many were not original anyway.

"Amongst those which did not comply we would especially draw attention to entries No. 16 as being particularly meritorious, lacking mainly extension.

"We suggest that you consider the advisability of sharing the prize money."

The Editor consulted the anonymous donor and he agreed that the £100 should be divided into a first prize of £50 and two others of £25.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS

The first prize of £50 has been awarded to

No. 22—Mr. Roger Baldwin,
15, Harford Drive, Watford,
Herts.

Second prizes of £25 each have been awarded to

No. 9—Mr. J. E. Wyld,
82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ash-
ford, Kent.

No. 26—Mr. Brian Pattison,
C.E.R.N., European Organisation
for Nuclear Research,
1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland.

Other efforts mentioned by the assessors are

No. 7—Mr. Vernon Bedford,
49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh,
Suffolk.

No. 16—Mr. D. J. Roberts,
84, Woodhill Road, Torquay,
Devon.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards, A. E. Rushton.

Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins, A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Mr. G. Tembey.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. G. A. Halls, M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Dr. J. Armstrong, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, W. H. Viggers.

THE EDITOR HONOURED

Life Membership Conferred

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Mr. D. R. Bould, Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. M. Hart, Mr. C. A. Lewis, Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Parington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association.—Messrs. R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin, D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman, D. E. Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Mr. G. A. Dawson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner.

Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. B. Key, C. M. Smith.

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

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, A. Streeter.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. G. Francis, R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard, W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

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

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

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

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

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

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

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



MR. T. W. WHITE

Mr. T. W. White, the Editor of "The Ringing World," was proposed as a life member by Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association), seconded by Mr. Edgar Shepherd (honorary members), both members of the Literature and Publications Committee. Mr. Dukes said "The Ringing World" was founded in 1911 by John S. Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until he died in 1942. John Goldsmith was elected an honorary member of the Council in 1927 and there was little doubt that had the class of life membership been in existence he would have attained that rank. Mr. Goldsmith was an accomplished ringer and travelled to Australia on Great Adventure I. Jabez Armiger Trollope, another accomplished ringer, took over as editor after Mr. Goldsmith's death but had a short reign until he retired in 1946.

At probably the most critical period of "The Ringing World" Tom White came to the rescue of the paper as editor in 1946, having previously been of assistance to the paper when Mr. Goldsmith was in Australia. Last year Tom White completed 21 years as editor, truly a proud record. He was 40 years of age when he learned to ring and now, at the age of almost 74, looked quite fresh and his efforts as editor continued unflaggingly.

"On the personal side, I wonder how many editors would have remained at their post in face of the exceptional criticism which has as long as I can remember been levelled at 'The Ringing World.' How many times has the Council listened to the commonsense speeches which Tom White made when a deadlock seemed apparent.

"The improvement of 'The Ringing World' and in its circulation came in no small way as a result of the conscientious and devoted work of the editor. The paper has more of a sense of humour than it had years ago, and caters for the younger ringer more than it did.

"Can we imagine 'The Ringing World' without Tom White as editor? Will the Council be able to find a worthy successor when the time comes? How fortunate we are to have a man who continues to work for us when most others would be enjoying relaxation and the leisure of retirement, and never does he fail to produce the paper. Only when he took part in Great Adventure II was he relieved of the bulk of his duties."

Mr. E. C. Shepherd, in seconding, thought it was most desirable to honour Mr. White now than to wait until it was too late. "Some

of us who have been drawn close to the editor and his work will know of his kindness and unselfishness, and so, whatever the Council in its wisdom decides on this proposition, I personally am grateful to have this opportunity of paying tribute to the services (difficult to estimate to the full) given by one I have found so technically efficient, so devoted to 'The Ringing World' and so intensely sympathetic in all its difficulties."

The motion was declared to be carried unanimously.

The Editor, in his reply, said that at a public dinner a lady had a rabbi on her right hand and a bishop on her left. Turning to the bishop she said "I feel as if I have the Old Testament on my right hand and the New Testament on my left." Tersely the bishop rejoined: "In most Bibles, Madam, there is a blank page between the Old and the New Testaments."

"I feel very much like a blank page today except for one thing. Across it is written 'A very sincere thank you, Mr. President and members of the Council.'"

"This is not the first time I have been honoured by the Council. At the honeymoon Council at Chelmsford, when we rejoiced to have a Welsh bride with us, I was elected an honorary member of the Council although on that occasion some of the leading members voted against me. It seems in the intervening 11 years I have behaved myself better.

"When I was first appointed an editor of a local newspaper at Guildford, a veteran editor wrote to me, 'White, you will make many mistakes as an editor, but take comfort in the thought that in your locality you will probably make fewer mistakes than anyone else.' I am not going to pretend to this Council that there are not better editors of 'The Ringing World' than myself. There are plenty. An editor is ever conscious of his mistakes and it is my regret that many of these cause pain to certain people. A firmer policy on my part would have saved their distress. Publicly I express my regrets.

"My period as an editor must be drawing to a close. The past year has been a difficult one and my troubles have been aggravated by indifferent sight. I have had this trouble partly adjusted with new glasses. A prominent ophthalmic surgeon has given me from two to three years, but insists that I should rest at lunch time and not read late at night. I am making this public in the hope that a man or woman will be forthcoming to succeed me. While I have too great an affection for 'The Ringing World' to leave it in the lurch, my age tells me that I should make room for a successor.

"The other day I came across a philosophy of flying, given to Royal Flying Officers. 'Strap it to your backsides and go to the limit.' It could well apply to our outlook in service to the Church, to the Exercise and to our work, and I leave the thought with you. 'Strap our faith to our backsides and go the limit.'"

APOLOGIES

Messrs. B. Austin, F. M. Bowers, D. R. Carlisle, J. D. Clarke, G. W. Fletcher, F. I. Hairs, B. E. Jeffrey, H. J. Sanger, Miss H. G. Snowden, E. J. Sterland, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, C. G. J. Watts, F. A. White, E. F. Willcox.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed by the president: G. Francis (Sussex County Association), G. A. Dawson (Society of Sherwood Youths), Stuart Kimber (Surrey Association).

SHERWOOD YOUTHS REJOIN COUNCIL

When an application for membership was received from the Society of Sherwood Youths, Mr. G. A. Halls, of the Derby Association, voiced his opposition. He held that it contravened the basic principle of one man, one vote. The members of this Society largely belonged to their own territorial Association—the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The admission of the Sherwood Youths would create a precedent and they would have a string of applications before them.

Mr. W. L. Exton, hon. secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, said he was surprised to hear this opposition. The Society of Sherwood Youths was formed back in 1670 and they were formerly represented on the Council but their membership lapsed during the war. They were now very active.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood (life member) recalled an outstanding member of the Society in William Doubleday Crofts. He could see no possible reason for the Society being turned down.

Mr. J. Seager also supported the application.

There was an overwhelming vote in favour of election and the Society was welcomed amid applause.

MINUTES

The Minutes published in "The Ringing World" of February 16th and amended on March 1st were adopted on the proposition of Mr. V. Boitomley, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EARLY in the year, prints of the President's "Bells—True and False" were sent to all Diocesan Advisory Committees, with the request that a copy be sent to every applicant for a faculty to install "canned" bells. On the whole these were well received.

There has been the usual flow of inquiries of many kinds from the public. A good number followed the appearance in the magazine "Woman" of an item in the feature "How it is done." These were from potential recruits and I shall be pleased to hear of the successful introduction of anyone to ringing from this source.

The compilation of a register of redundant bells has created a lot of interest, but most of the applicants have been seeking single bells, or cheap augmentations. The object was of course the preservation of complete rings. My letter to the "Church Times" on the subject has not produced a single notification or redundancy but there have been several inquiries from incumbents hoping to obtain a ring of bells.

Once again I thank all those who have sent publications.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Mr. Bottomley said he had nothing further to add and moved its adoption. Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded and expressed thanks to the hon. secretary for his work during the past year.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following honorary members retired and were eligible for re-election: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper. The secretary announced that Mr. Hairs wished to retire.

The re-election of the other retiring members was proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Mr. D. E. Sibson proposed and Mr. D. Beresford seconded the election of Mr. John E. Mayne (a former member) as an honorary member. This was supported by Mr. F. Blagrove and carried unanimously.

Amazing Sales of Beginners' Handbook

The sale of publications still continues at a very high level, the total for the year again exceeding 6,000, states the report of the hon. librarian. This includes, for the third consecutive year, over 3,000 "Beginners' Handbooks." Due to the increased cost of these handbooks, together with increased postal rates, we are now selling these books at an increasing loss, and I would suggest that we sell them at a flat rate of one shilling each.

We now have in stock only a few cards—"Care of Bells"—and I recommend that we do not have a reprint of these, as the information thereon is well covered in "Preservation and Repair of Bells."

We are indebted to Mr. C. A. Wratten for his work in compiling "A Collection of Surprise Compositions" and for his co-operation resulting in the sale of this very useful book now being in the hands of the Council.

During the year the library has received the following gifts, which we acknowledge with grateful thanks: "Cathedrals at Work," Canon G. G. Thurlow—per the author; "Bobs and Singles," History of Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, New Zealand—from the Christchurch Society; Copy of "Reverberations"—per J. P. Partington; Copies of "Irish Bell News"—per F. E. Dukes.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. W. Pitcher for undertaking the sale of our publications in Australia and are pleased to note from his report in April that ringers out there are taking advantage of the facilities provided.

Finally, a sincere and hearty "thank you" to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward for managing

so efficiently the sales section of the library, a job which has grown very rapidly during the past few years.

FRANK W. PERRENS,
Hon. Librarian.

SALES FOR YEAR

	Copies Sold	Stock
Preservation of Bells	190	288
Beginners' Handbook	3485	5226
Popular Major Compositions	115	755
False Course Heads	48	123
Minor Methods	226	372
Stedman Compositions	36	562
Doubles Methods	189	820
Ringing for Service	120	1736
On Conducting	178	427
C.C. Handbook	96*	267
Method Sheets—D.N.C.B.M.	31	653
Triples	48	388
Collection of Peals—Sec. III	17	36
Care of Bells—Card	56	19
Model Rules	50	375
Electrical Switchgear Card	14	823
Four-way Minor Table	60	771
Recruiting Leaflet	539	212
Handbell Ringing	204	323
Grandsire Caters	55	692
Surprise Methods	142	684
Surprise Compositions (Wratten)	96*	654
* 1 free.		

Mr. F. W. Perrens moved the adoption and Mr. P. A. Corby seconded and the report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET as at December 31st, 1967

ASSETS		£	s.	d.
Library (£10)	10	0	0	
Stock of Publications (£1,109)	815	19	3	
Debtor and Payments in advance £1,198	1206	15	9	
Investments at cost (£10,963)	10262	9	8	
Cash & Bank Balances (£2,192)	3404	16	7	
	15700	1	4	
Sundry Creditors (£1,143)	1986	19	5	
Amounts received in advance (£1,800)	1617	6	7	
	3604	5	6	
NET ASSETS	£12095	15	10	

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		£	s.	d.
"The Ringing World" (£10,645)	10122	14	1	
General Fund (£976)	1020	16	7	
Clement Glenn Fund (£908)	952	5	2	
	£12095	15	10	

The Council's Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £45 (£43). Expenses came to £94 (£110), of which Committee's expenses were £15). There was a profit on the Publications

Account of £56 (£71). The Publications Account showed that the stock had been reduced from £1,108 to £816. Sales gross were £432 and net £396. The Clement Glenn bequest now stood at £952.

"THE RINGING WORLD" INCOME

	£
Publishing House (£2,967)	2979
Postal Subscribers (£5,428)	5790
Donations (£612)	698
Advertisements (£552)	516
Notices and Peal Reports (£813)	894
Sundry Receipts (£70)	178
Legacy received	93
Interest received (£408)	476
Premiums on Redemption (£24)	86
Bank Deposit Interest	47

Total (£10,874) £11758

EXPENDITURE

	£
Printing & despatch of copies (£8,138)	10168
Editorial Office expenses (£1,317)	1504
Accounts Department (£295)	285
Miscellaneous expenses (£87)	95
Audit and Accountancy (£45)	45
Taxation (£137)	183

Total (£10,019) £12280

Net loss for the year £522 12s. 1d.

Moving the adoption of the accounts, Mr. V. Bottomley said the only item he should like to draw attention to was a reduction of "The Ringing World" capital account by £500 due to the loss that had been sustained. (This now stands at £10,122 against £10,645.)

In "The Ringing World" balance sheet the figures of investments (£9,499) was somewhat lower (£10,200). It was desirable in the time of losing money to remain a little more liquid and for that reason there was more money on deposit at the bank (£1,000). In the Income and Expenditure account they would notice a net loss for the year of £522. Income from investments were £340 net. The effective loss on the publication was £1,040, and that was important to bear in mind.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the accounts were approved.

LOSSES THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the deaths of the following members and past members of the Council: F. A. Finch, Middlesex Association (1950), H. Parker, Chester Guild (1936-1959), F. A. Salter, Southwell Guild (1949-1953), J. Willis, Kent County Association (1951-1967), A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association (1921-1946), T. H. Radford, East Derbyshire and West Notts Association (1963-1967), A. W. Coles, Middlesex Association (1948), G. H. Spice, Kent County Association (1939-1954).

Mr. J. E. Jeater, accountant to "The Ringing World" for over 20 years.

Review of Ringing and World Press

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with profound regret that we have to open this report with references to two serious belfry accidents, both of which have been given wide publicity in the national Press. The tragic death of Mr. John Hall at Uphill has brought forth the sympathy of the whole ringing Exercise, and the article by Mr. Wilfrid Wilson in "The Ringing World" of June 2nd expresses what we all feel of this very sad occurrence. The serious injury to Mr. Raymond Dunn at Old Hill was due to a similar mishap, and in this case, unfortunately, sensational reporting by sections of the Press not only obscured the circumstances of the accident but also aroused some public alarm over the question of belfry conditions and belfry tuition. The very sensible letter from Mr. G. F. Green to the "Birmingham Post" provided a salutary corrective.

The publicity given to these sad occurrences has led the convener of this committee being consulted by three incumbents on the matter of the safety of bells hanging in their respective towers (towers and bells without ringers, it may be noted), and it is possible that interest and concern have been aroused in other parts of the country.

NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Items of bellringing news always seem to find a place in newspapers, and this year we have one or two notable ones. The "Daily Express" gave great prominence to the announcement of the contract given to the Whitechapel Foundry for replicas of the Liberty Bell of Philadelphia, an order said to amount to £750,000. In August the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Symonds came to our notice. The congratulations and good wishes of all of us will go out to this grand old man of Ipswich. The 19th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was celebrated by the ringing of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and much publicity was given to the visit the Prince paid to the belfry on that occasion.

Two items of clerical news found prominence in the "Church Times." First the achievement of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, who has now succeeded in ringing a peal on every eight-bell tower in Cornwall. Secondly, we have read of the remarkable work of the Rev. R. E. H. Dudley, Vicar of Edington, Wiltshire, who has not only faced successfully a colossal restoration task at Edington Priory Church, but has also completed a scheme for providing a ring of ten bells. For the consummation of this ambitious plan Mr. Dudley has secured the bells of the church of the ruined village of Imber on Salisbury Plain.

The Central Council meeting in May was well reported and illustrated in the Nottingham Press.

FEATURE ARTICLES

Among the feature articles of the year "The Music of the Bells" by Edyth Harper in "Musical Opinion" has the conventional approach and is carefully written. Reference might perhaps have been made to more interesting names than "Scholars' Delight" and "Canterbury Pleasure," but this possibly is not of great importance. Ken Hill writes in "London Electricity" on bellfounding and the Whitechapel Foundry, with a delightful tailpiece on binding bells. A valuable contribution to the problem of recruits was written (by request) for "The Hampshire Telegraph" by Mr. York-Bramble, and this

essay boldly invites people to come to Portsmouth Cathedral and see for themselves what is done.

"Country Life" printed a short but excellent article by E. Trotman, of Beaminster, on Bilbie and his bells, aid from the "Western Morning News" comes a scholarly account of West Country ringing and customs by Canon Miles Brown. As an outstanding essay we heartily commend "Launton Tower and Waterloo Celebrations" written by Keith Robertson for the "Oxford Times." With its accuracy, its maintenance of interest and its impeccable taste it might serve as a model for this type of article. The photograph of the ringers entering the tower is most striking, and the picture of our genial friend Mr. F. Sharpe makes him look far more forbidding than we know him to be. "Home Words" has often provided something to do with our art, and in October M. Wight gave us "Bells with a Story," pleasantly discursive and well written.

Lady ringers form the subject of Mary Sutherland's "Sweet Belles in the Belfry," an article in the "Western Mail." But the Ladies' Guild was surely not formed "because at that time women were not allowed in bell towers." By 1912 there were a good many lady ringers, and it was because of this that Edith Parker founded the Guild.

CRITICISMS

The convener communicated with the "Borchester Echo" to comment on the rather absurd and misleading presentation of the "Ambridge" bellringers that appeared in the annual issue. He received from the Editor a charming (and disarming) letter of apology and a promise that "next time I shall certainly consult a campanologist." The vulgar presentation in the "Daily Mirror" of a mishap to a ringer's braces at Lowestoft was a piece of bad taste, but it was felt that no good purpose would be served by writing to the journal. The matter underlines the importance in taking care in offering to reporters news of incidents which, trivial in themselves, can be unscrupulously exploited to bring ridicule upon a church and its belfry.

The illustrated article on ringing at Durban in "South African Panorama" seems to us to echo the same warning note. The text is short and interesting, but the illustrations do not present a satisfactory view of ringers in action, and we should find difficulty in commending the portrayal of a ringer standing in the pit beneath an upturned bell.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE

The Irish Press brings us some essays of note. In "Church of Ireland Gazette" Gilbert Thurlow provided an article both attractive and of excellent missionary value, and the "Courier and News" gave extensive publicity to the splendid work of the team of volunteers that brought eight bells from the disused church at Kilshane for use at Killyman, a distance of 200 miles. It is a pleasing thought that the Christian brotherhood fostered by our ringing can transcend political boundaries and the unhappy divisions that so often keep good people apart.

The close association of Ireland with the centennial celebrations in Canada brought about some considerable festival ringing arranged by the Irish Association, and this and the ringing in many other parts of the world were given publicity in the "Ottawa Journal" and the "Edmonton Journal"; and Mr. F.

E. Dukes received from the Canadian Embassy in Eire a special note on the events connected with the celebrations.

Among the publications we must make mention of "Reverberations," the journal of the "Handbell Ringers of Great Britain," a Society founded at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School in October, 1967. Both the enterprise and the publishing of the paper are to be commended, but we suggest that each number of the journal be dated; the copy we have bears no indication of its date of publication and no sequence number. "Northeast," the newsletter of the North West District of the Essex Association, came out in November, and we have noted an excellent recruiting leaflet put out from Isleworth.

We offer our grateful thanks to all those who have sent material to us and have kept us in touch with journals we cannot readily see. To keep the report within reasonable limits we have not referred to all the matter sent in, but everything we have received has had attention, and everything has been of some importance in enabling us to indicate the journalistic trend of the year.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, (Convener),

FRED E. DUKES.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd moved the adoption. Mr. F. E. Dukes, in seconding, drew attention to the tragic occurrences mentioned in the first paragraph and said it was up to them to see that every care was taken, especially in the case of young people. The report was adopted.

LOOKING AHEAD

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee discussed the succession to the president and vice-president, bearing in mind the statement made by Canon Thurlow when elected president that in no circumstances would he accept nomination after six years. Members of the Standing Committee wished to make known their decision to nominate Mr. John Freeman as president and Mr. E. A. Barnett as vice-president in 1969.

Regarding the revision of the Decisions of the Council, the Standing Committee recommended that the Records and Methods Committee and Mr. E. A. Barnett should investigate and publish their recommendations in "The Ringing World" before next January. This was moved by the general secretary and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby and adopted.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On May 11th the Ilchester Branch revived its Branch outing—a half-day family trip organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell.

A coach party left The Borough, Montacute, at 1.30 p.m., returning about 10.30 p.m. The towers visited were at Carhampton (6), Minehead (10), where a picnic tea was enjoyed, Wootton Courtenay (6), Timberscombe (8) and Dunster (8). Ringing was under the direction of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall and Messrs. Gilbert Rendell, Tom Setter and Gordon Rendell, and varied from rounds and call changes to Grandsire Caters.

The Branch is grateful to the incumbents and the tower Masters for their courtesy in welcoming the party and to the organiser.

M. M. L.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

JOHN CARTER'S MACHINE COMING TO C.C. MEETING

SEVEN demonstrations were given during the year to a total of 161 visitors, including three from the United States. The machine was also run on other occasions for fault-finding exercises, as some minor ailments had spoilt one or two of the demonstrations.

As it is quite impossible to carry out dismantling and repair at the Science Museum, the Trustees decided to withdraw the machine for repairs. We are indebted to Mr. Walter Dobbie for the work he willingly undertook during three weeks over the Christmas period, and which has put the machine once more into first-class order.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie must also be congratulated on the wide variety of methods they set up and rang during this time, including two peals as reported in "The Ringing World" on February 23rd, 1968.

We are also grateful for the continued interest of our two other operators, Messrs. Alan Bagworth and John Slater. The attendance of two or more operators enables us to give much more interesting demonstrations.

The Science Museum authorities asked that we should state a value for insurance purposes and the Trustees have agreed to £5,000 on the basis that while a new machine could not be commercially built for this figure, there would be no point in replacing it should it be totally destroyed. If, however, it was to become badly damaged, the figure of £5,000 would be sufficient to enable it to be rebuilt. The Trustees hold a Letter of Indemnity from the Museum superintendent, which also states "that the sum shall be reviewed every three years."

DOUGLAS HUGHES,
FRANK E. HAYNES.

Trustees.

Mr. D. Hughes moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. E. Haynes, in seconding, said he did not think the members of the Council realised what a splendid machine it was. The Council were fortunate in that the machine had been cared for and kept in a working condition at no expense to the Council. It might, however, be necessary to ask the Council for some small financial help at some future time. The machine had been looked after for some 30 years by Mr. Hughes sen. and Mr. Hughes jun.

Mr. B. Ashford asked whether there were any technical drawings of the machine.

Mr. D. Hughes: No.

Mr. Roger Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) asked if the machine could be on view at the next Council meeting. The reply of the convener was that it could be done. The last time it was on view cost about £21 for three weeks.

Mr. Savory proposed and Mr. G. Pipe (Suffolk Guild), who offered to donate one guinea towards the cost, seconded that the machine be on view. Mr. Walter Ayre, on behalf of the Herts County Association, assured the Council that his Association would be most happy to have it for the period of the Council meeting.

Mr. F. Reynolds (Lancashire Association) suggested that the Woodhouse machine should also be on view. This suggestion was warmly received by Mr. W. Dobbie, who has done much work on the Carter machine.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) offered to help with the transport. He said he would like to see the two machines together—then they might have some splice!

The proposal was carried, only five members voting against, and the report was adopted.

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH'S OPEN DAY

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild arranged their first open day on May 11th at the Church of St. Giles, Northampton.

The proceedings were opened by the Branch President, the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, with a short introductory talk and prayers. He then introduced the Guild president, the Rev. E. G. Orland, who gave the opening address.

During the afternoon the Exhibition was attended by well over 200 people, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, (Ald. and Mrs. T. H. Dockrell) and Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Visitors from Rutland and Bedford also attended.

The large displays included photographs and general literature on bells and bellfounding, items of interest on local churches and their bells, and one of the star attractions of the afternoon was the old Central Northamptonshire Association's peal record book from 1893 to 1920. These displays were of interest to ringers and non-ringers alike. One of the school teachers in our midst had made two beautiful models of St. Giles' and Moulton (Northants) towers.

A great deal of interest was expressed by all who saw our film, entitled "Ringing for Joy", which members of the Branch had made specially for the occasion. This work was undertaken by Mr. Derek Smeathers.

In order that the public might see a life-size bell at close quarters, great fun was had by two members of the Branch in lowering from Lampport Church tower a "Tantony bell" weighing 62 lb. and transporting it to Northampton in a very small car. This was mounted on a wooden frame made and painted in a member's back garden. It caused considerable amusement to all who chimed it as it was cracked! Handbell ringing took place in the churchyard by two teams from Brafield (tunes) and Rothersthorpe (methods).

Sincere thanks are due to the following who kindly loaned material for the Exhibition: Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, John Taylor and Co., Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. N. Chadcock; to Parfreyson Limited, Northampton, for donating the advertisement space in the local paper, and local incumbents.

The organisation was undertaken by a small sub-committee consisting of Mr. R. A. Eldridge (captain of St. Giles'). Mr. G. F. Roome (social organiser) and Miss V. P. Williams (public relations officer), ably assisted by Mr. B. R. Care, the Branch secretary. B. C.

INTO CLEVELAND

This year Ossett and Horbury ringers, for their outing on May 18th, visited North Yorks. There was ringing at St. Mary's, Richmond, before lunch at Stockton and then ringing at the parish church. The journey was across the beautiful Cleveland countryside to Skelton, where, at All Saints' Church, the going was a little harder. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grand sire Triples.

We had tea at Saltburn and some enjoyed a quick walk on the prom in the clear, bracing air; for others it was a final ring at Saltburn Emmanuel. The noise of the bells was terrific. One hears of townsfolk complaining about noise, but here the ringers were on the receiving end.

The Ossett captain, Cclr. Fred Bennett, retiring Mayor, thanked Mr. Irvin Slack, of Horbury, for organising such a wonderful outing. D. S. L.

OBITUARY

MR. M. D. TRIGG

The young Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Hitchin, Michael David Trigg, collapsed and died of a heart attack while on holiday with his wife at Estarrit in Spain on May 23rd. Michael, who was only 23 years of age, was a native of Hitchin and became interested in ringing while a pupil at Hitchin Boys' Grammar School. He was quick to learn the basic methods and eager to gain wider experience. This enthusiasm took him to practices at the neighbouring towers of Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts. The dedication and enterprise which made him a Queen's Scout was evident in his approach to ringing. He had a restless nature which sought fresh achievement; his enthusiasm encouraged others to make greater effort.

On leaving school Michael joined International Computers and Tabulators Ltd. and attended Southampton University as a sandwich course student. For two of his three years at Southampton he was Master of the University Guild. On returning to Hitchin Michael was elected as Ringing Master both of St. Mary's and of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association. In each of these offices there was a great challenge in re-establishing progressive change ringing. In less than two years there are signs of improvement, with practices at St. Mary's attracting ringers from a wide area.

Eleven months ago Michael married Josephine Harris, the daughter of the Ringing Master at St. Ippolyts, with whom he had been friendly since his early ringing days. His friends in North Hertfordshire and his former colleagues at Southampton will mourn the loss of a most promising ringer and offer their condolences to José and both families. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's on Friday, May 31st, Michael's body having been interred in Spain.

MR. JACK WAUGH

News was received with deep regret at Worcester that Mr. Jack Arnold Waugh, a former Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, died on June 3rd. He lived at Woodford, Essex, and had borne with great fortitude a long illness.

Held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, Jack was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band and also of Westminster Abbey. He was a trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on June 6th. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

AXBRIDGE (B. & W.) OUTING

Thirty-five ringers from the Axbridge Branch and a few friends set out at 6.45 a.m. on May 11th for a day in the Bournemouth area.

The first ringing of the day was at Lytchett Minster (6. tenor 11 cwt.). Next came the fine ring of ten at St. James' Church, Poole, which provided some of the younger members with their first ring on ten bells.

Lunch was taken at Bournemouth and just after arriving the only storm of the day descended upon us, but the sun soon returned brighter than ever. Good use was then made of St. Peter's octave. The last ring of the day was at Blandford Forum. M. L.

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THE PROFESSOR

Is Originality Lacking?

"What the Exercise lacks nowadays," pontificated the Professor, "is Originality."

Of course, I disagreed with him. It doesn't do to fall in with his views too readily, otherwise he dries up and his pearls of wisdom are lost for ever.

"I should have thought that more original material was being produced now than ever before."

"Oh, to be sure, there is no lack of production. In the so-called field of composition almost every other ringer you meet is a figure-dabbler. The trouble is that much of it is a rehash of old material or ingenious ideas cribbed from other sources, disguised and served up with a different dressing."

"Surely," I objected, "it is a good thing for conductors to have plenty of new material at their disposal?"

"Is it? It depends on what you mean by new material. I came across a recent publication which contained, among other things, several peals of Surprise Major that could have been produced by any tyro in the space of a few minutes, bearing the proud appellation of 'composition', when it would have been better to have described them as rearrangements, or rearrangements of rearrangements of arrangements."

"We have, of course, some excellent composers, but many people," he continued, "string together courses of this, that and the other, and the extent of their originality seems, in many cases, to consist of introducing single changes and methods that have fifth place without the treble behind into Minor methods, irregular methods into growing numbers of bells and singles into Treble Bob varieties."

"What about Spliced Surprise?" I demanded when I had sorted that lot out.

"Here there has been no significant advance for years! Certainly more and more methods have been stuffed into peals and, with commendable application, teams have continued to ring them but, apart from mere numbers, there has been no real originality displayed."

"What on earth do you want then?"

"I don't really know. I never pretended to be original myself. Perhaps I want a genius of the calibre of Stedman or Carter who will

revitalise the whole outlook of composition, or a campanological equivalent of Schonberg or Bouley or Stockhausen, who will either turn the whole system upside-down or at least give it a new slant."

"This is rubbish. You are asking for the impossible."

"Perhaps I am. But in certain respects, to me at least, compared with the other arts of Painting, Music and Sculpture, that of Bell-ringing seems almost stagnant. If a painter, musician or sculptor of 200 years ago had to return he would be astounded at the changes that had taken place in his art, changes which in fact are still taking place. A bellringer from the same period would discover most of us plodding along in the same furrows, calling the same bobs, churning out the same sounds (rung, perhaps, somewhat quicker, as though in an age of speed, quick ringing was a virtue). Minor, Major and Royal sounding exactly as it did two hundred years ago and Maximus still contributing its cascades of clangour."

"That remark," I pointed out, "won't win you many friends."

"Of course," he conceded graciously, "there have been one or two technological advances, but nothing to which an ordinary ringer would not quickly adjust himself."

"You have a better opinion of the ordinary ringer than I have!"

"And where are the great ringing characters of today? Has modern education cast us all in the same mould? Does the —"

"Have you any suggestions as to alterations or improvements we should make?" I interrupted, anxious to dismount him from his particular hobby-horse.

"Not really. I feel that experiments should be made both as to the nature of sounds produced and the principle of producing them. I have various ideas of my own but would prefer to hear suggestions from other people."

"I don't think mine would be any good," I said.

"One never knows," was his reply.

I feel sure I heard him murmuring as he left, something about "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings".

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Eastern District's Spring Outing

On May 25th three cars and a 12-seater minibus, carrying a total of 29 ringers and friends, entered London.

Our first stop was at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where we were welcomed by Mr. Douglas Hughes, who, after an interesting talk, took us around the various parts of the Foundry.

We then moved on for lunch, which had previously been arranged at a nearby public house.

The first tower of the day was St. George's-in-the-East, Stepney, the bells being a new ring of eight, cast and hung during the past year. We rang Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, but did not do justice to the very pleasant bells.

The highlight of the outing was the visit to the Science Museum and the Carter Ringing

Machine, where we were again met by Mr. Hughes, who demonstrated Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal on this engineering masterpiece. This was followed by an explanation of how the machine functioned.

After negotiating the heavy traffic we finally arrived at the R.A.F. Church, St. Clement Danes', here we rang Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and Stedman Triples.

We then moved on to Southwark for tea, and also ringing at St. George's, Borough High Street. The ringing on these bells was enjoyed and some good striking resulted. This ended a very successful and enjoyable day.

Our very sincere thanks go to Mr. Peter Shonk, a member of the Police Guild, who kindly arranged the ringing programme. Also to Mr. Hughes for the foundry visit and the Carter Ringing Machine demonstration. We are also grateful to Mr. Peter Searles, the District secretary, for the local arrangements.

B. J. W. F.

LETTERS

WERE THE PROOFS CHECKED?

Dear Sir,—Seven people in Bristol were interested enough in Gloucester and Bristol affairs to attend the annual meeting at Malmesbury on April 20th. I must apologise for not making it eight. The truth of the matter was that I anticipated that I would spend a much more profitable afternoon ringing a peal at Lichfield Cathedral rather than sitting listening to what decisions the Management Committee had made a few weeks previously.

If the Gloucester and Bristol officers were aware of the many errors apparent in the annual report (I can spot 15 in the Bristol City Branch alone), then surely the time to correct them is before publication, not after. If the officers from the north of the county do not have the time to check the proofs, then I suggest that next year they send at least the Bristol section to the auditors, who might be a little more in touch with the names of Bristol Diocese ringers.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT.
Hon. Auditor.

GLOUCESTER BOUNDARIES

Dear Sir,—I admire the courage of "The Ringing World" (page 421). Not even the Gloucester and Bristol Boundaries Committee would dare transfer five Gloucester Branch towers to the Cirencester Branch! — Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS.

Cheltenham.

P.S.—We regret the limitation of the competition imposed by the heading.—Ed.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT
SOCIETY'S MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, the 26th, at All Saints', Batley.

Despite a dull afternoon and a rainy evening about 30 ringers joined the meeting and included visitors from as far afield as Hemingbrough, Barnsley and Manchester.

Standard Triples and Major methods up to Cambridge Surprise, liberally sprinkled with rounds and plain hunting, were rung on the light eight.

The Vicar of Batley welcomed the gathering at tea, which was amply provided by the local company, and during the business meeting the Society's congratulations were expressed to Alan Newbould, a vice-president of the Society, and Pat Gardner on their engagement.

The Society is not holding a meeting in June owing to the proximity of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Festival at Leeds on June 22nd, but July will see business as usual. R.C.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District meeting was held on June 1st at Wallington. The bells were raised at 5.30 p.m. and put to good use throughout the evening. Methods rung included Stedman Doubles, London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The absence of Mr. Michael Trigg, District Ringing Master until his unexpected death, was strongly felt by everyone present but despite this Mr. A. R. Agg succeeded in running the meeting satisfactorily. M. R. W.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Gillian Laver 2, Elizabeth Gibbs 3, Diana Hayns 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. L. Hayns 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. T. Symonds 8. For Ascension Day Communion Service.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Catherine Hardy (first Minor) 3, R. Coughlan (first Minor) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins on Rogation Sunday.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Guille (first quarter) 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Mrs. M. Chapman 3, J. Colliss 4, T. Chapman 5, J. Hallett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tremmer on the birth of a son, Andrew Edwin.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Ascension Doubles: Margaret Hawkins (first Doubles) 1, Helen Haines 2, R. Haines 3, A. Buswell 4, W. Williams (cond.) 5, Mary Sutcliffe 6. First in method by all, and on the bells. For evening service and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Barrett 1, Janet Pullen 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, R. Coplestone 4, G. C. King 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6, D. Ralls 7, D. Potter 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Charles Lock, a life-long member of the church, who died this week.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On Ascension Day, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (first "inside") 2, K. Dennison 3, K. G. Parker (first as cond.) 4. First quarter on bells by a local band.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth Hall (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Winnett 2, Helen Hubert 3, J. P. O. Barry 4, C. J. Reade 5, M. R. Owen 6. Conducting shared, Rung by Dublin U.G. as a compliment to ringers of 1 and 4 on attaining their majority.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Corry (first quarter) 1, D. J. Knight 2, A. J. Paulty (first quarter) 3, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 4, B. R. Jeans (first "inside") 5, R. H. S. Jeans 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Aronson (first quarter) 1, S. N. Mortimore (first of Minor) 2, Jill Oakshott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, P. J. Munday 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Richardson 1, L. Tubb 2, I. Campbell 3, H. Falkner 4, B. Turner 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Miss R. Richardson 2, P. C. Sinden 3, Miss P. A. Court 4, G. L. Webb 5, L. Manncrning 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, V. Evans 3, T. A. Relf 4, R. H. Woods (cond.) 5, Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Stewart, rector's warden.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 St. Martin's and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First in two methods 2, 4. First in two methods by a local band.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Collins (first Major) 1, Nigel F. Bellamy (first Major) 2, R. K. Williams 3, Mrs. M. H. Wood 4, D. Price 5, P. G. Hickey (first on eight) 6, R. G. Morris 7, M. V. White (comp. and cond.) 8. For Ascension Day, and as a 17th birthday compliment to Rosemary P. Collins, who was unable to ring because of illness.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—In the Cathedral, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, A. Marsh 5, S. Fenwick 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, N. James 8. To mark the election this day of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, to be Archbishop of Wales.

MELTON MOVBAY, LEICS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): O. Homewood 1, Adelaide Day (first "inside") 2, W. Clump 3, R. Looker 4, J. Day 5, Mrs. D. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, A. French (first attempt) 8. For Evensong.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, P. C. Sinden 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson 6.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Betts 1, Anne Barber (first "inside") 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, M. Osborne 6, R. Hambleton 7, W. G. Bayne 8. First quarter at first attempt 1, 6, 7, 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. R. H. Craig as Rector and his institution to the benefice of Mersham.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Cheryl Chorlton 1, May Graham (first "inside") 2, G. White 3, Joy Askew 4, J. Pardoe 5, A. Craddock 6, S. Pardoe (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, P. C. Sinden 3, Miss P. A. Court 4, H. Deacon 5, R. Birch 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of New Romney; also to Mrs. R. Wratten and Mr. P. C. Sinden.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, A. Page 3, P. Page 4, Miss E. W. Keys 5, P. Stevens 6, R. Baldwin 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. A first birthday compliment to Mark Baldwin, son of ringers of 1 and 7.

PULBOW, SOM.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Cobb 1, J. Milton 2, K. Cobb 3, P. C. Mozford (cond.) 4, N. Cameron 5, B. Wright 6. For service by the Sunday service band.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Barton (first quarter) 1, M. Etherington 2, A. V. Corden 3, D. Barton (first Grandsire "inside") 4, H. W. Franklin 5, G. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heaseman 8. For Parish Communion.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. I. Perrins 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, L. F. Cobb 3, D. Wilson 4, A. Fry 5, E. J. Whitfield 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. June Lowther (first Major) 1, R. Collins 2, W. Rogers 3, V. J. Benning 4, G. Fry 5, L. T. Pope 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: T. Smith 1, Mrs. Ann Smith 2, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncney 4, B. Whitworth (50th quarter) 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall 7.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. For the Patronal Feast.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Ascension Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey (first Treble Bob) 1, R. W. Smith (first Surprise) 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. J. Manning 1, J. M. Corby 2, L. M. Corby 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, D. E. Colgate 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. J. Corby 8. First in method 4, 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church (R.C.), on May 19th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: J. Cooper 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, J. Seager 3, J. Eborall 4, S. Cole 5, J. Hartley 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longdon 8. By S.U.G.C.R. for evening Mass.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): R. T. Irish 1, G. Moss 2, G. Baxter 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, E. C. Anger 7, A. C. T. White 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 4.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): same band. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Phillips 1, F. Goodearle 2, H. Deacon 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Manger 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. For Evensong. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, D. Manger 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. For Evensong. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Felicity Russell 1, Sylvia Knight 2, B. Johnson 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, L. Payne 6.

STAINES, MIDDXX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Thomasot 1, Fiona Walters 2, C. R. Wiggins 3, M. S. Loveday 4, R. J. Wiggins (cond.) 5, D. J. C. Norman 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 23rd, 1,257 Stedman Caters: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Miss W. Marriott 3, Mrs. P. Wilton 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, R. Hulme 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, M. Stanley 8, M. New 9, E. Sutton 10. First Stedman Caters 1 and 2. For Ascension Day Evensong.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ferrar 1, A. B. Clarke 2, E. Briggs 3, Mrs. P. Clarke 4, R. J. Yeomans 5, R. Webster (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Briggs.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Hope 1, Miss S. Fitton 2, Miss S. Kemp 3, A. Hinton 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, H. Abbott 6.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on May 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: M. Christine Worth (first Triples) 1, E. J. Adams 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, K. J. Rider 4, W. D. Grainger 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. D. Bing 8. For Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodard (first away from cover) 1, Jane Woodward (first "inside") 2, Susan Harrison 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, W. Woodward (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Cheshire Guild rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on May 11th, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

The first peal of Grandsire Major for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was rung at Withycombe Raleigh on May 18th, conducted by Frank D. Mack.

The band that rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Harrow Weald on May 25th were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. W. George Hart.

Has any church organist a longer record? Professor George Harrison was appointed organist of St. George's Church, Dublin, in 1895 and is still in office! No wonder the bells rang out for a quarter peal on May 29th, his 90th birthday.

The quarter rung at Brookland, Kent, on May 19th, is believed to be the first on the bells conducted and with the bells open. D. C. Manger, who conducted, used a throat microphone wired to a 10 watt amplifier to make himself heard.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston is in Scotland investigating the bells of Perthshire.

Police in North Hertfordshire are searching for thieves who stole a 10 cwt. 17th century bell from St. Faith's Churchyard at Hexton, near Hitchin.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells rung at Marple on April 4th has now been published twice. Will all who are keeping records please note!

Helston, Cornwall, ringers who have been call change exponents since the eight bells were hung in 1904, are showing interest in method ringing. Six local ringers took part in a quarter peal on May 24th, aided by two from Redruth, one Helstonian ringing his first.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who is now in his 87th year, has written a paper on the reminiscences of an octogenarian. A prominent part deals with campanology. He has taken "The Ringing World" since the No. 1 issue.

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RINGER INSTALLED AS MAYOR

On May 22nd Councillor D. Percy Griffiths was, with due ceremony, installed as Mayor of Cardigan, Wales. A stalwart of the Church, he is a licensed lay reader, Sunday School superintendent, chorister, member of the P.C.C., tower secretary of St. Mary's, Cardigan, and auditor of the St. David's Diocesan Guild.

Amongst the many messages he received congratulating him and his wife on their appointment as the town's leading citizens was one from Mr. F. Sharpe, past president of the Central Council, and one from the Master and fellow members of the St. David's Guild. The Guild was represented at the installation by the treasurer, Mr. A. F. Walters.

Amongst his other interests are the R.A.F. Association, British Legion, local A.T.C. Squadron, Loyal Order of Moose and the Church Youth Club.

A compositor at the local newspaper office, he is a past chairman of his local trade union branch of the N.G.A.

During his term of office he and his wife will be attending one of the garden parties at Buckingham Palace as well as many local and county functions.

The best wishes for a successful year in office are extended by all his ringing friends.

TWO PEALS FOR WASHINGTON

Washington is in the peal news this week with a peal of Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells and a handbell peal in which Mr. Frank C. Price conducted. There were six first pealers in the tower bell peal, and it must have been a proud moment for Mr. Richard S. Dirksen when he said "And that is all".

ANNIVERSARY OF KENT'S FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE

The first peal of Surprise for the Kent County Association was rung on May 27th, 1883, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes—Superlative, composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. It was the first peal of Surprise by all the band: Percy Taffs treble, Gabriel Lindoff 2, Charles Waterman 3, William Kings 4, William Baker 5, William Easter 6, William Cooke 7, William Haigh tenor. The 75th anniversary of this historic peal was commemorated by a peal on May 27th, 1968, at Gillingham, to the same composition conducted by Philip A. Corby, general secretary of the Association.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dublin University Guild held its annual dinner on May 18th, when the president, Rev. Professor F. E. Vokes, presided. The following evening the Society rang at Blessington and the president, who turned up to "keep an eye on things", was press-ganged by the Rector to reading the lesson and preaching the sermon. The Society plan to have an autumn tour in Devon during the first week in October, preceded by a quarter peal at Grayshott, Hants, the home of the assistant Ringing Master.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

There is a major scheme at Sheffield Cathedral. An iron frame is to be placed in the tower and three of the bells, which were found on inspection to be cracked, recast. The work has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FROME BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The third annual striking competition was held at Marston Bigott (6) on May 25th, and the sun smiled down as about 50 members listened to their rivals' efforts. Eleven teams took part and the standard of striking generally was the best yet. The honours this year go to Farmborough (4 faults), ringing Cambridge; Midsomer Norton were second (5) with Plain Bob Minor, and Chilcompton third (54) with London. There was, in fact, very little to choose between these teams. The judges, John Brain and Michael Horseman, both from Chew Branch, gave an interesting preface talk and then delivered the verdict, at the same time highlighting the reasons for each team's faults.

The real success of the day was the inclusion this year of an enthusiastic learners team with an average age of 13-plus. If the competition did nothing else, it provided a vehicle for these striking-conscious youngsters, and their entry heartened the organisers who felt that at last the real aim of the competition had been achieved. It is to be hoped that their example will be emulated by other adult teams.

George Massey proposed the votes of thanks, amongst which he thanked George Wareham for all the local arrangements and the ladies for all their hard work in providing tea.

M. H.

SUNDAY MORNING BELL

According to "Municipal Engineering", a complaint was received by the Public Health Department of Southampton C.B. of noise nuisance from a church bell rung for a few minutes as 8.30 on Sunday mornings. When told that this was not considered to be a nuisance the complainant organised a petition to the Health Committee. In his annual report the Chief Public Health Inspector stated that it was thought that many people had signed the petition just because they had been asked to do so and not because they considered the bell to be a noise nuisance.

BANK RINGING DAY

In connection with the Midland Bank Ltd.'s sports day on June 15th, ringing members of the Bank are visiting a number of London towers. In the morning it is hoped to ring at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Olave's, Hart Street; after lunch it is planned to visit St. Clement Danes', St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney. The ringers will then go to Beckingham to join in the Bank's sports on their grounds.

SALISBURY GUILD

The attendance was very good at the Marlborough Branch meeting at Pewsey on May 18th, considering that Marlborough had been well represented at the Guild Festival the previous week. Mr. F. Reed, Ringing Master, directed the ringing and the talent and keenness shown should be of great value to the Branch in the future.

In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. Keeley conducted the service, and tea was prepared by Mrs. K. R. Hoare and helpers.

SWANSEA AND BRECON RINGING COMPETITION

Seven bands turned up at St. Catherine's, Baglan, for the 1968 Ringing Competition on May 25th. By 2.30 p.m. everyone was ready to start. The Main Class, which consisted of method ringing, was taken first. The bands entering for this class were St. Mary's, Swansea, Cadoxton, Newton Nottage and Sketty. After a brief spell the adjudication of the supplementary class commenced. The bands taking part were Glasbury, Talgarth and Sketty. The band from Brecon were unable to attend through illness of two members.

The ringing over, about 60 sat down to tea, laid out in the Church Hall, and this was appreciated by everyone.

After the Vicar, the Rev. D. I. Lewis, had given a warm welcome to St. Catherine's, the adjudicator, Mr. L. Evans, in his summing up, gave the following results: Supplementary Class (rounds, call changes and plain hunting): Sketty 70 faults, Talgarth 60 and Glasbury 30. Glasbury were therefore the winners and were awarded the certificate. The Main Class (method ringing, without raising or lowering of the bells): St. Mary's, Swansea, 68 faults, Sketty 46, Newton Nottage 27 and Cadorton 15. Cadoxton received the shield, Newton Nottage being second and Sketty third.

The interest shown in the Supplementary Class on this occasion will mean that this class, for the younger ringers, is here to stay.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for granting permission to use the bells for the competition, and the ringers and friends of Baglan for the excellent tea and for their voluntary work in preparing and serving same.

Further ringing concluded a very satisfactory day.

J. A. H.

CRAWFORD CUP

On May 25th Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild visited Blackwell, where they held a pleasant joint meeting with the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association in spite of the weather. Good use was made of the grand little six from 3 p.m. onwards and South Normanton bells during the evening.

The Rev. H. Stoppard kindly officiated at the service, following which everyone retired to the George and Dragon at Newton, where, by courtesy of Mrs. Beecroft, an excellent tea had been prepared by the ladies.

The Mansfield District's eliminating round for the Crawford Cup had been rung off during the afternoon at Tibshelf, and the results were announced by the judges (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, of Shelford). Of the two teams competing, Warsop were declared the winners, having rung 360 Norwich Surprise with 94 faults plus a penalty of 10. The runners-up were Greasley, who rang 360 Grandsire Doubles, incurring 175 faults. In her report Mrs. Bradley expressed the judges' disappointment in having only two teams to judge.

Three new members were elected and the business meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the incumbents of the three churches and all who had helped in any way.

Next meeting: July 27th, Edwinstowe.

D. J. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, E.C.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Richard Starkie 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Neil Bennett 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. 9
Frank Osbaldiston 4	Jeffrey Brannan 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Brian Harris 11
Basil Jones 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

David Atkinson Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Ian M. Holland 2	Neil D. Lomas 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Basil Jones 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Peter Laffin.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Harry W. Howard .. Treble	*John R. Scott 5
*†Frederick S. Sutton .. 2	Frank R. Morton 6
*William F. Gibbons .. 3	*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 7
Roland W. Morant .. 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

PENRITH, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Janet Warwick Treble	Roland Park 5
Peter Wishart 2	Ernest Pannell 6
Dennis G. Blows 3	Thomas Cooke 7
*David R. Cox 4	Philip H. Toccock Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Philip H. Toccock.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

Jane Foster Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson 7
Yvonne Edwards 2	John R. Pratchett 8
Joan Beresford 3	John S. Barnes 9
Sheila M. Dobbie 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
J. Michael Lakin 5	Peter Beresford 11
Walter H. Dobbie 6	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

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

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Adrienne Gibson .. Treble	Maurice J. Butler 6
*Jane Foster 2	John S. Barnes 7
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 8
*Thomas N. Francis .. 4	*Peter Beresford 9
*David J. Forder 5	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

D. Mary Beresford .. Treble	Peter Beresford 5
Jane Foster 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Joan Beresford 3	Dennis Beresford 7
Peter M. Wilkinson .. 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester, Munden, London and Wells.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Denis R. Carlisle .. Treble	John Moore 4
Norah Carlisle 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Joyce Chadwick 3	John V. Chadwick Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

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

A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Frank D. Mack Treble	David A. Wills 5
Joan A. Hayward 2	*George T. West 6
*Fred W. Williams 3	Sidney F. Skinner 7
†James M. Clarke 4	John N. Longridge Tenor

Composed by W. Eversfield.

Conducted by Frank D. Mack.

* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells. First of Grandsire for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

KINGSWINFORM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, London, York, Beverley, Sursleet and Cambridge.	Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.
Peter G. Brown .. Treble	Neil Avis 4
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	James L. Towler 5
Keith W. Brown 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.
*Sandra J. Turner .. Treble	George E. Thoday 4
Keith W. Brown 2	Yvonne A. Murray 5
Ian V. Foster 3	†James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. A. Clifford (Rector of Rayne) on becoming a grandfather upon the birth of his grandson, Ashley Xavier Clifford.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,723 London, 1,152 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 40 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.	Tenor 11 cwt.
Walter G. Knight .. Treble	Brian Bladon 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	*Maurice A. New 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*Richard J. Danby 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5089 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

George E. Bonham .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Andrew Wilby 6
Robert D. Bellamy 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
Roger O. Powell 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*Robert M. F. Preston .. Treble	*Ronald E. Gerhardt 4
Christopher J. Badrick .. 2	Howard Collings 5
Walter Ayre 3	Richard G. Ouston Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew J. Corby 2	Christopher I. Osenton .. 6
*Christopher Forster 2	Donald E. Cobb 7
Andrew J. Slade 3	David E. Rothera 8
Thomas Cullingworth 4	Robert E. J. Dennis 9
Philip A. Corby 5	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal of Cambridge.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Martin L. Howe 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
Richard Hayes 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of a peal on these bells in the same method to the same composition, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff—the first peal of Surprise for the Association.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Washbrook's variation.	*Trevor A. Cross 5
Herbert E. Audsley Treble	Colin A. Tester 6
John W. Smith 2	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Olive D. Tester 3	Martin L. Howe Tenor
Kenneth J. Rider 4	

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* 550th peal.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Martin L. Howe Treble	John A. Howard 5
*Valerie Howard 2	*Brian E. Jemmett 6
Derek Slater 3	*Simon A. B. Wigg 7
*Peter D. J. Beal 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Paul Muchlinski, who was born on May 28th, 1968.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of

St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins Treble	*Christopher M. Movley .. 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	*Christopher L. D. Munday .. 8
*Lawrence J. Haines 3	William H. Dowse 9
*D. Paul Smith 4	Bernard F. L. Groves 10
Jeffrey Brannan 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Basil Jones 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

* First peal on 12 bells † First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

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

St. John the Evangelist.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

Joseph Thornley Treble	†James E. Andrews 5
Albert Greenhalgh 2	John Illingworth 6
*David J. Bennett 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
†R. Keith Lister 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Miss Hilary Chesters, a Farnworth ringer, and to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
Albert Greenhalgh Treble	*David Makin-Taylor 5
*Neil Burnett 2	Arnold Critchley 6
†John Illingworth 3	John Ashcroft 7
Malcolm Murphy 4	†James E. Andrews Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First of Triples and in the method. † First of Triples. ‡ 50th peal for the Association

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

William Kenyon Treble	Joseph Whalley 4
Mary W. Whalley 2	Brian Maudsley 5
Dorothy M. L. Maudsley .. 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Alan Evans Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall 6
J. Edward Cawser 3	E. Alan Jacques 7
Eileen J. Goodall 4	A. James Poyner Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Lawrence Watkins Treble	Roland H. Cook 5
Brian L. Burrows 2	Robin A. Gilliver 6
K. Paul Gilliver 3	John Watkins 7
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 4	G. Barry Brown Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

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

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Being seven extents.	
J. Harry Dove Treble	Robin A. Gilliver 4
*Neville W. Price 2	William Johnson 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung as a birthday compliment to Neville Price.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, five 240's and 28 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

D. Walford Davies Treble	Harold Preece 4
Nigel V. Hill 2	William T. Petty 5
Raymond J. Mayle 3	Cyril Phillips Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung for the new Archbishop-elect of Wales, Dr. Glyn Simon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley Treble	Alick Cutler 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	G. William Critchley 6
Herbert E. Audsley 3	Frederick J. Cullum 7
Arthur G. Mason 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Manroft Guild)

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magd.

On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

Peter Adcock Treble	*Geoffrey H. Pullin 5
*David Cubitt 2	*David Heighton 6
*Janet House 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
*Martin Cubitt 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. First of London by the Manroft Guild and first of London Major by a resident Norfolk band since 1913.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	John H. Napper 7
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Tudor P. Edwards 3	Ernest J. Gower 9
Kathleen Chilcott 4	Dennis Randall 10
Clare Dolphin 5	Michael V. Chilcott 11
John W. T. Hibbert 6	Roger Overington Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KIRKGATE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden Treble	Robin J. Collis 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Robert J. Crocker 3	Roger B. Pike 7
Roy H. Jones 4	David L. Wilcox Tenor

Composed by Roger B. Pike. Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
Rung as congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith on the birth of a son.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ISIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Peter J. Heritage Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Alan R. Pink 2	Barry J. Davies 6
Frederick W. Soden 3	William Birmingham 7
D. Kay Adkins 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (H. and M. Collection No. 4584.)
Rung for Ascension Day.

ISIS SURPRISE MAJOR

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1.h. (2nds) 5738264 Bob 4ths. f.c.h. b, d, e.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Middleton's Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Mrs. A. Diserens 2	John N. Diserens 6
Albert Diserens 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Albert Diserens' first peal and also his 50th year as a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt.
Terence J. Hester Treble	Michael R. Rose 4
Brian W. Hall 2	Bertram J. Coggins 5
Peter Pearce 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob	Tenor 11 cwt.
D. Kay Adkins Treble	Terence J. Hester 4
*Martin J. Turner 2	†Brian W. Hall 5
*G. John Collett 3	††Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Minor "inside" and in three methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

Linda M. Foot Treble	Hugh M. Johnson 6
*Iris R. D. Webb 2	David J. Marshall 7
Stanley F. Webb 3	Kirby R. Holtom 8
*John S. W. Townley .. 4	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 9
Patrick I. Chapman .. 5	John K. Foot Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung by Daventry Branch members.

DESBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Stephen J. Franklin Treble	Richard J. Cowley 5
Geoffrey E. Watson 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 6
Barry R. Care 3	Arthur Gibbs 7
Susan E. Thompson 4	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
Allan R. Jones Treble	*Paul Clewitt 4
Barry R. Care 2	Iestyn G. Morgan 5
Anne Henman 3	Raymond Henman Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

* First peal in more than one method.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
Lionel Atton Treble	Ronald S. Russell 4
*Cynthia E. Barnett 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
†Susan E. Thompson 3	†A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

* Most methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. Most Minor methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Kelleher, of Braunston.

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

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt 78 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards Treble	*James Crowther 7
Susan E. Smith 2	*Eric N. Harrison 8
Roderick W. Pipe 3	*Rev. Frederick Ross .. 9
John R. Insley 4	*Michael Maughan 10
James Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
James W. Belshaw 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus.

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

On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of London Royal.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Tibbetts Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth 5
Stephen W. Barton 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Vernon Green 3	John R. Insley 7
James W. Belshaw 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON VENY, Wilts.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods: One 720 of London, two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble	Norman G. N. Knee 4
Edgar C. Shepherd 2	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 5
Rodney Pagdin 3	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE Notts.—At the Church of St. John of
 Beverley.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.
 Thomas G. Goodwin .. Treble .. 4
 William L. Exton 2 .. Harold Stevenson 5
 David Stainsby 3 .. Frederick G. Hooper .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.
 Bryan Birkett Treble .. Harry Poyner 4
 Doreen Metcalfe 2 .. Mary C. Poyner 5
 R. Brian Mills 3 .. *William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 150th peal as conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.
 Charles J. Copp Treble .. F. William Midwinter .. 4
 Katherine Burchall 2 .. Harold Stevenson 5
 Grace Burchall 3 .. Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.
 William H. Watkin .. Treble .. A. Doreen Edwards .. 4
 Frank R. Morton 2 .. John R. Scott 5
 Eric Young 3 .. Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 3,200 changes of London, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 320 of Bristol, with 110 changes of method.
 Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.
 Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble .. J. Barry Pickup 5
 Joe E. G. Roast 2 .. James L. Towler 6
 Leslie G. Brett 3 .. Robin H. Rogers 7

*Michael J. Howes 4 .. Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
 Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung as a farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers, who are leaving the district.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest G. Pearce .. Treble .. Leslie G. Brett 5
 Joe E. G. Roast 2 .. Howard W. Egglestone .. 6
 *Yvonne A. Murray .. 3 .. Cecil W. Pipe 7
 *Michael J. Howes 4 .. James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
 * First peal of Bristol.

THE WHITECHAPEL GUILD.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A. At the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Emily Paine Treble .. Gilbert Goodship 5
 *Janice Hensley 2 .. *Ashton Applewhite 6
 *Martha Windrem 3 .. *Marjorie Batchelor 7
 *Judy Andrews 4 .. Richard S. Dirksen .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard S. Dirksen.
 * First peal. First of Major as conductor.

Rung with gratitude to Mr. Gilbert Goodship and dedicated to Frank C. Price.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 STOUR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 John N. London .. Treble .. Robert Edwards 5
 *M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2 .. Michael J. Fellows 6
 Susan E. Smith 3 .. Martin D. Fellows 7
 Stephen W. Barton .. 4 .. J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tippler. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 * 75th peal. First peal in the method.

STOUR SURPRISE MAJOR

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HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Christopher D. Walker .. Treble .. Richard Farnsworth .. 6
 †Arthur Rogers 2 .. †Alan Newbould 7
 Ronald H. Dove 3 .. †David Smith 8
 *Simon Cole 4 .. †Michael R. Meadows .. 9
 John Hartley 5 .. C. Barrie Dove Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal.

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.

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

On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Norwich, Warkworth, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
 Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
 Ronald J. Snack .. Treble .. Ronald R. Warford .. 4
 Suzanne Withers 2 .. C. Barrie Dove 5
 John Durham 3 .. John Potts Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Thurs., May 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson 1-2 .. Gerald Moorhouse .. 5-6
 C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4 .. *Lawrence Haines .. 7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

Rung in memoriam Peter Laffin.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.

On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2 and 3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4 and 5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges 1-2 .. Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4
 A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

DERBY.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges 1-2 .. Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4
 A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

75th peal as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
 Tenor size 11 in G.
 Eileen J. Goodall 1-2 .. Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3-4
 Alfred Ballard (cond.) .. 5-6

THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—At 3516 Lowell Street, N.W.

On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
 Tenor size 14 in C sharp.
 *Alice Shurcliff 1-2 .. Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
 †Richard S. Dirksen 5-6

* First peal. † First "in hand." First handbell peal for the Society.

Rung with gratitude to Mrs. Helen Phillipsborn, at whose home this peal was rung.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On May 20th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, A. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. E. Brewer 4, G. Nabb 5, R. A. C. Cross ("circled tower" to quarters) 6. First in method by all the band.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 26th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Charlotte Harris (first in method) 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. L. Piron 6, R. H. French 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: Miss B. J. Harris 1, E. Edmondson 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, A. F. Horton (first attempt) 6. For Confirmation service.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Rose 1, R. D. Gibson 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan 3, A. T. Taylor 4, J. Birdsall 5, A. E. Shingles 6, J. M. Brook (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. In honour of the birth of Peter, a son to Julie and Alan Shingles (May 17th, 1968).

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. James' Church, on May 24th, a quarter peal of 8-Spliced Surprise (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, London, Bristol, Rutland and Superlative): G. W. Massey 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, R. C. Taylor 4, P. J. England 5, D. G. Massey (first 8-Spliced) 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BROOKLAND, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Deacon 1, B. Johnson 2, D. C. Manger (cond.) 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on May 23rd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. F. Schofield (cond.) 1, F. E. Haynes 2, Mervyn Hutchings 3, R. L. Underwood 4, R. H. Youldie 5, A. T. Winter 6, D. S. Bishop 7, R. M. Damerell 8, R. Sylvester-Bradley 9, R. A. G. Ingalls 10, B. D. Threlfall 11, G. H. Jones 12. Rung by C.U.G.C.R. for Confirmation service.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Leppard (first Triples) 1, M. Thompson 2, R. Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, R. Hayes 7, J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tovell 1, Miss S. Thomas 2, J. Murfit 3, P. Dickinson 4, C. R. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6. First Doubles 2, 3. For the wedding of Miss J. Bilham, ringer at this church, to Mr. C. Sledge.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, R. J. W. Housden 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, T. Spurgeon 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, Yvonne Murray 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major by a local band. Also on May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 1, Christine Murray (first Major "inside") 2, J. L. Towler 3, E. W. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, J. West 6, E. G. Roast 7, Yvonne Murray 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,259 Grandisle Caters: Sheila Bonsor 1, Iris Webb 2, S. F. Webb 3, J. S. W. Townley 4, J. K. Foot 5, K. R. Holtom 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, H. M. Johnson 8, P. I. Chapman 9, M. J. V. Chow 10. For Ascension Day.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Minor (four methods): G. Davis 1, R. Webster 2, Sara Woolley 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Siamey 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Hubert 1, W. D. Sarsteiner (first Minor "inside") 2, Geraldine G. Winnett 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reade 5, J. P. O. Barry (first as cond.) 6. A compliment to treble ringer, outgoing Ringing Master of Dublin University Guild.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, E. D. Wilson 2, J. J. Webb 3, J. Arnall 4, R. Chew 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Canon D. Gethyn-Jones.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby 1, D. Lilley 2, E. Flitton 3, R. Griggs 4, J. Negus 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Eric Flitton and Judy Cane.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On May 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Perry 1, R. Perry 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Maggs (first as cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. First Cambridge Minor 2, 5.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Sheasby (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Whitfield 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, Miss D. Holman 4, R. M. Andrews 5, A. J. Cox 6.

GREENWICH, KENT.—At St. Alfège's Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dafters 1, Catherine Reed 2, Freda Cannon 3, A. Long 4, G. Clarke 5, J. Machell 6, D. J. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. For Evensong. Also on May 26th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Freda Cannon 1, J. Dafters 2, Mary Walshaw 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. W. Smith 5, S. Nicholls 6, J. Ellams 7, D. J. Hollis 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, M. Rigby 10. A farewell to Rev. F. D. Gardom, who has served as curate to the parish for the past eight years, and his family.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: J. Ranford 1, F. Davis 2, R. Sayers 3, L. Smith 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, J. Cole 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. Albert Bullock, ringer and churchwarden at the church for many years.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: D. Wild (first quarter) 1, A. Reeves 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, V. Walder (first "inside") 4, D. Hughes 5, R. Smith 6. Congratulations to Les and Prisca Tremer on the birth of a son.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: S. Oates 1, Miss H. Pady 2, Mrs. G. Webb (cond.) 3, P. Hartt 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Webb 6. First "inside" 2, 4. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandisle, Plain Bob): Miss H. Pady 1, Miss H. Bailey 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. A compliment to Colin and Gwen Chinnery on the birth of a son on this day. Also a farewell to the Rev. N. Lifton, curate, who is going to Milford Haven.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, I. Whitear (first "inside") 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, M. H. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (first as cond.) 6.

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandisle; 7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley G. White (first quarter) 1, Susan A. Moore 2, T. W. Harris (cond.) 3, R. J. Moore 4, R. M. Virgin 5, A. G. Jenkin (first quarter) 6, R. Hillman 7, W. G. Dinham (first quarter) 8. To welcome Martin James, son of Valerie (a ringer at this church) and Gwynne Stock.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. C. Clark 1, Jean Marlow (first Stedman) 2, B. J. Davis 3, P. R. Davis 4, B. W. Hall 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. W. Tompkins 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, J. Fox 4, R. Harrop 5, D. Gagen 6, R. Newson 7, C. Tovell 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For mayoral inauguration.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Collin 1, M. Green 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, J. P. Hull 5, Anthea S. Bruce (first as cond.) 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. A. Underwood 1, C. R. Nunn (first "touch" of Surprise) 2, R. Rose 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, A. F. Ballam (first Surprise) 5, M. J. Rose 6.

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LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Ascension Day, 1,064 Plain Bob Maximus: Catherine R. Slater 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Belinda M. Gilbert 3, Josephine M. Haskins 4, A. Cole 5, Suzanne Withers 6, A. E. Stamp 7, R. J. Chantler 8, A. Newbould 9, R. H. Dove 10, R. J. Snack 11, C. B. Dove (cond.) 12. First Maximus 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11. For Parish Communion by Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On May 12th, 1,280 Camoridge Surprise Major: Margaret Durrington 1, Diana Frost 2, Ann Houghton 3, H. B. Whitney 4, A. J. Frost (cond.) 5, K. E. Jackson 6, R. J. Gaylor 7, P. G. Williams 8. First in method by All Saints' service band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. M. Barnes 1, R. J. Salmons 2, Miss J. Bennett (first quarter) 3, C. G. Young 4, E. Barnes (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Swain 6. For Evensong and as golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillips.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Deacon 1, R. A. Birch 2, P. C. Sinden 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, C. Wyld 5.

MORTLAKE, S.W.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Deborah Blow (first on working bell) 1, Sheila Wright 2, Jennifer Nockolds 3, C. Stevenson (cond.) 4, L. R. Freeman 5, A. R. Bentley 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 5, 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright 4, D. Pearce 5, Joanna Slater 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to wife of treble ringer.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods, 7, 6, 8 cover): Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Sally Stacey 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, A. Betsworth 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. Southey 1, Miss L. Woodward (first "inside") 2, D. Major (first not covering) 3, N. Woodward (first as cond.) 4, R. Clouston 5.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Lynda Horsington (first quarter) 1, Denise J. Hargreaves 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 5, I. G. Judd 6. By R.U.S.C.R. for Ascension Day.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: J. Sheldon 1, B. Horton 2, Miss S. Spooner 3, G. Darlington 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, J. Eastwood 6, J. R. Cooterill (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8. Rung half-muffled following a memorial service to Mr. W. H. L. Harrison.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 York Surprise Minor: P. Richardson 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, R. J. Carlton 4, C. Wyld 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Garner 1, C. Wyld (cond.) 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Staples 4, L. Garroway 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: W. Garner 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, B. Johnson 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 19th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: same band. For Evensong.

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This unfortunate mishap is very much regretted and we apologise to our readers, and in particular to the Surrey Association, who were hoping to take advantage of this picture to push "Ringing World" sales.

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Saxilby (6) .. 10.30-11.30 a.m.
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Lea (6) .. 12.30-1.30 p.m.

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Belton (6) .. 2.00-3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6) .. 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8) .. 3.15-4.15 p.m.
Haxey (6) .. 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8) .. 6.15-7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6) .. 7.00-8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6) .. 7.30-8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6) .. 8.00-9.00 p.m.

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Programme for Saturday, June 29th.
10 a.m.—Opening of an exhibition of old church and village documents and photographs, etc., under the title "Frampton's Heritage."

2.30 until 4.30 p.m.—Handbell ringing in the church interspersed with ringing in the tower.

4.30 p.m.—Ringers' tea. (Names, please, to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell.)

5.15 until 6.30 p.m. All being well, the following towers available for general ringing: Yate (6), Chipping Sodbury (6), Wapley (5), Westerleigh (6) and Coalpit Heath (6).

7 p.m.—Handbell ringing competition followed by a social evening with roast lamb barbecue, skittles, etc.

CANNOCK PARISH CHURCH, Staffordshire.—Festival of Flowers. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14th, 15th and 16th. Friday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Festival Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells available: Friday 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, normal Sunday service times and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. 4104

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—Surprise Major practice, Friday, June 14th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS will take place at Halesowen Parish Church from June 13th to 15th. The tower will be open from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th. 4100

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Hawley (8) on Friday, June 14th, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. 4133

HAMPRESTON, DORSET. — A ringing meeting will be held on June 29th to celebrate Mr. W. C. Shute's 60 years of ringing. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea Service 4.30 followed by tea in school. Names by Wednesday, June 26th, to Mrs. R. Vatcher, 24, Grove Road, Wimborne. 3975

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — St. Peter's Church restored ring of 8 will be rededicated at Evensong, Sunday, June 30th, 6 p.m., by the Rural Dean of Higham Ferrers.—A. Bigley. 4093

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4096

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 2, Eridge Road, Guisborough, Yorkshire. 4102

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise Minor and Stedman Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4087

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Leverington, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4092

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Striking competition and meeting at Ashted, June 15th, 2.15 p.m. Tea in village. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. Regret late notice.—J. P. O. 4097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8). June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Scout Hut only for those who notify Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (Tel. 4621.) Special method: Double Bob.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4021

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Picnic tea; please bring your own food.—H. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4067

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Cotton (8) on Saturday, June 15th, 6.30–9 p.m.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 4071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Ringmer (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4, 6PJ. 4094

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upper Arley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. N. King, Chestnut Cottage, Upper Arley, near Bewdley.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge. 4065

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanley Swan, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 5.15 p.m. Hanley Castle bells (6) also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Rinkwood, Worcester. 4076

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on June 18th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 18th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 25th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 2nd, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 9th, St. Giles'. Cripplegate.—J. G. A. Prior. 4106

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Harington, Thursday, June 20th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4125

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes on Friday, June 21st at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4123

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. 4101

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Arley (6) on Saturday, June 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton, by Thursday, please. 4098

WETHERSFIELD FESTIVAL

JUNE 29th and 30th AT WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX

Exhibitions, organ music, fair, fete and many other attractions to suit all tastes
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Sat., 29th 2.30–4.00 p.m.
4.00–5.00 p.m.
5.00–6.00 p.m.
6.00–7.00 p.m.
7.00–9.00 p.m.
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KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FINAL RINGING OF THE BELLS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1968

Southern Routes

Packwood	9.00–9.45	Leek Wootton	9.15–10.00
Shirley	10.15–11.00	Honiley	10.15–11.00
Solihull	11.15–12.15	Barston	11.15–12.00
Knowle	12.45–1.30	Berkswell	12.15–1.00
Hampton-in-Arden	1.45–2.30	Meriden	1.30–2.15
Bickenhill	2.30–3.15	Keresley	2.45–3.30
Colehill	3.30–4.30	Corley	3.45–4.30
Yardley	4.45–5.30	Shustoke	4.45–5.30

Northern Routes

Rushall	9.15–10.00	Elford	9.15–10.00
Aldridge	10.15–11.00	Tamworth	10.15–11.15
Little Aston	11.15–12.00	Drayton Bassett	11.00–11.45
Shenstone	12.15–1.00	Polesworth	11.45–12.30
Sutton Coldfield	2.00–3.00	Grendon	12.45–1.30
Erdington (St. Barnabas')	3.15–4.15	Atherstone	2.30–3.30
Castle Bromwich	4.30–5.15	Mancetter	3.45–4.30
		Witherley	4.45–5.30

KINGSBURY 5.30 onwards.

Colehill, Shustoke, Grendon, Polesworth, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Tea available.

Please notify G. H. Lane, 7, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich.
Proceeds of the day to Tower Fund

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Acton: Meeting will be held on June 22nd, not 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 19th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Port Sunlight, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 4135

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Almondsbury (8). Saturday, June 22nd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Rickards, Lynrica, Tockington Lane, Almondsbury, Bristol, by Thursday, June 20th. 4112

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Normal ringing after tea, Pirbright, until 8 p.m. Worplesdon (8) 7.45 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Little Otford, Sandhurst Lane, Darby Green, Camberley. (Tel. Cricket Hill 4351).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4134

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8). Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. F. Millers, 1, Granville Gardens, Hall Lane, Ullesthorpe, Rugby, Warwicks (Tel. Leire 450) by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 4113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Lyneham (6), June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 4131

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES

Summer Meeting

SHEFFIELD, SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Route 1

Wath (8)	1130–1215
Conisbrough (8)	1245–1345
Thrybergh (6)	1430–1515
Rotherham (10)	1530–1645
Handsworth (8)	1745–1845

Routes 2 and 3

Ashford (8)	1000–1100
Pleasley (5)	1115–1200
Dore (8)	1700–1800

Other towers are being arranged.

Evening Ringing in Sheffield:

Ranmoor (10)	1830–2000
St. Marie's (8)	1930–2130
Walkley (6)	1930–2030

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chesham, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hoar, 50, Ridgeway Road, Chesham, Bucks, by June 18th.—J. Muller. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Moulton, Saturday, June 22nd, 7.30 p.m. 4126

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 4124

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30-4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.45-4.15; all available after meeting. St. Mary's (8) available 7 p.m. NO ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 19th. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4080

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Enfield, Monday, June 24th. Bells available 7.15 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 4129

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton, Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrove; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishon, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), June 29th. Bells from 3.30-4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Please bring picnic tea. 4132

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Betchworth (8), Saturday, June 29th. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Bylett, 5, The Street, Betchworth, by June 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4095

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Bingley (8) on Saturday, June 29th, 6-8.30 p.m. Methods: D.N.C.B., Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott. 3907

LADIES' GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.). St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30-10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15-11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15-11.30 and 1 p.m.-2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45-3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45-3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45-4.30; Bengoe (8), 4.15-5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and s.a.e. 4111

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m.

Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

A LANCASHIRE OUTING

Weeks of thorough planning and hard work on the part of Betty Omrod and Alan Ward preceded the annual outing of the ringers of St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, and Manchester Cathedral on May 18th. Thus it came as no surprise when we left our last picking-up point in Manchester for Yorkshire exactly at the prearranged time, replete with our full complement of about 30 ringers and friends.

The first tower, at Holy Trinity, Skipton, was reached in good time. Here the ringing included rounds and call changes and a plain course (?) of Double Norwich, which collapsed after an unexpected "bob" call. A good 144 of Stedman Triples, however, concluded our ringing and set us on our way to Ripon Cathedral with restored confidence. While Little Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, non-ringers took the opportunity of viewing the inside of the Cathedral.

Then occurred the only mishap of the outing. Confused by the narrow and tortuous streets of Ripon, we set out for York in a westerly direction and after a three-mile excursion towards Fountains Abbey we doubled back to Ripon and thence to York Minster. The bells were promptly raised. Ringing included a course of Grandsire Cinques and majestic two courses of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

The weather continued to be kind, and a leisurely walk through the ancient and attractive streets of York brought us to an eagerly-awaited mixed grill tea. Half-an-hour remained before leaving York and a group of us walked round part of the city walls under the able direction of Ian Goldthorpe, who drew our attention to architecture of note.

Our last tower was at St. John the Baptist's, Knaresborough. Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob crowned our ringing here. Before setting off for Manchester, plans were being made for next year's ringing outing, being proof of the successful conclusion of this one.

Many thanks are due to the organisers, incumbents and tower captains for making this enjoyable day possible. P. G. B-K.

SALISBURY STRIKING CONTEST

The annual striking competition of the Salisbury Branch was held at Broadchalke on May 25th. The six bells are very pleasant to listen to inside and out of the tower. Six teams entered including two from the local tower. The result was a narrow victory for Enford with 30 faults, over last year's winners, Fittleton, with 33 faults, followed by Broadchalke "A" 45, Wilton 49, Sarum St. Thomas 57 and Broadchalke "B" 74. We thank Messrs. R. G. Robertson and H. Pitman for judging the ringing, and the Broadchalke ladies for an excellent tea. G. A. T.

STEDMAN MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—In answer to your readers' questions on Stedman Minimus, the method rung at Newtown, Hants, is as follows.

STEDMAN MINIMUS

1234	1342	1423
2134	3142	4123
2314	3412	4213
3241	4321	2431
2341	3421	4231
2431	3241	4321
4231	2341	3421
4321	2431	3241
3421	4231	2341
4312	2413	3214
4132	2143	3124
1432	1243	1324
1342	1423	1234

Consists of 36 changes; all bells ring the Stedman Slow Work except the treble, which sticks to a plain hunt.

This is an ideal method for teaching the basic principles of Stedman, and it was with this in mind that we rang it, intending to attempt a peal of Doubles the following week.

Whether it will conform to Central Council rules and regulations remains to be seen. The following, given to me by an eminent London ringer as a more true extension of Stedman, may be of interest to readers Johnson and Bedford. The London ringer's claim is that the 48 changes will be accepted under Central Council rules, as each change is repeated once and all the bells work quick and slow; however, the 12 blows behind may deter ringers from using it, but I publish it in the hope that it may be of some assistance in teaching Stedman.

1234

2134	3241	4312	1423
2314	3421	4132	1243
3241	4312	1423	2134
2341	3412	4123	1234
2431	3142	4213	1324
4231	1342	2413	3124
4321	1432	2143	3214
3421	4132	1243	2314
4321	1432	2143	3214
4231	1342	2413	3124
2431	3142	4213	1324
2341	3412	4123	1234

Most methods can be worked out on four bells; there is even a form of Grandsire without a hunt bell that I have worked out and, as far as I know, has no name. This is a true 24, whilst the hunt bell version consists of only two leads. As a matter of interest I have set this out:—

1234	1342	1423
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1432	1243	1324
1342	1423	1234

It is interesting to note that both this method and Stedman Minimus has Plain Bob lead-ends as lined; I hope they will prove of interest to your readers, especially those who ring on four bells, to give them some variety.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD B.R.F. CONTEST

GAMSTON, SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

RULES.—Entrance fee 30/- per team; teams need not belong to specific towers nor to the Guild; practice piece of 3 leads of Oxford Treble Bob; test of 360 given changes in a given T.B. method, possibly irregular, disclosed 30 minutes before entering the belfry. Contest judged on basis of (a) correct ringing of the set 360, (b) good striking (in that order). Certificate awarded to winning team.

Organisation.—Entries to be sent to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, by Monday, 24th. Names for tea by Thursday, 27th. Ringing will start at 3 p.m. Draw for order of ringing will take place on Tuesday, 25th, and teams will be notified when to be present. 4136

SALISBURY DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

THE Annual Festival of the Guild was held at Wimborne Minster on May 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, and the address given by the Rev. R. Keeley, Ruling Master of the Marlborough Branch. The singing was led by the Minster choir, whose rendering of Purcell's "Bell" anthem will long be remembered. Mr. E. C. Shepherd and ringers from Lyme Regis sang a course of Grandsire Caters during the service.

The meeting and tea, attended by 180 members, were held in the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Among those present were Mr. W. C. West (president), Mr. G. H. Harding (vice-president) and Councillor H. V. Purchase, chairman of Wimborne U.D.C. Mr. Purchase, in welcoming the Guild to Wimborne, spoke of his appreciation of bells. Mr. West thanked him for his welcome and said the Guild extended from Marlborough in the north to Poole and Lyme Regis in the south.

The Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, then read the names of Guild members lost by death during the year: R. Dennett, W. Paull, J. Gardner, G. Whitmore, B. Elsworth, W. Hiscock, H. A. Roles, W. Roberts, A. G. Freegard, H. T. Cornick, C. Pretty, E. Marlow, F. Rummig, D. Hughes, J. Hayne, J. Walter, Mrs. W. Hiscock and Mrs. C. Carew Cox. The meeting stood in silent tribute.

WASTAGE OF RECRUITS

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The general secretary in his report referred to the high wastage of new recruits and expressed the hope that the extension of striking competitions and instruction in method ringing might help to stop this. He congratulated Mr. G. H. Harding upon completing 60 years' membership of the Guild and referred to the several offices he had held during this time. Mr. A. Palmer was thanked for his efforts over the past 30 years as secretary of the Marlborough Branch. He also informed the meeting that some 12 belfry inspections had been carried out during the year and that work had been done in several towers.

Turning to the accounts, which showed an increased balance of £25, the secretary pointed

out that the annual subscriptions fell short of the expenses by £10.

The Master prefaced his address by thanks to the Vicar for the service and to the choir. He referred with regret to the death of Mr. H. A. Roles, chairman of the Salisbury Branch, and welcomed Mr. N. Skeiton as the new chairman and librarian. In adding his congratulations to Mr. Harding, he reminded the meeting that both Mr. W. Snute and Mr. B. Ridout had been ringers for 60 years, but they had a very remarkable example of longevity as a ringer in Mr. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 93rd birthday. At the other end of the scale the Guild had young ringers of seven years of age. It was a great pleasure to note that Beaminster bells were ringing again and that Yeminster bells had been rehung.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Knee. The Guild Committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. T. Barrett. The Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. G. S. Morris, J. T. Barrett and E. Hitchins were elected as Central Council representatives. Mrs. W. C. West, Mrs. I. Macey and G. Smith were elected hon. life ringing members.

Grants of £15 15s. were given to Milborne St. Andrew and Edington, where it is hoped to add another ring or ten to the Guild before the end of the year.

HIGHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. Newman (Marlborough Branch), referring to the accounts, said his Branch was having difficulty in balancing the books, and was it not time to increase the subscription? He gave formal notice that this be placed on next year's agenda, when a subscription of 5s. for senior and 3s. 6d. for junior members be discussed. Mrs. Robertson (Wimborne Branch) supported this.

The secretary announced that badges were once again for sale at 6s. from the assistant secretary, Mr. N. Knee, in a slightly new design. He gave notice that the next Festival would be held at Wootton Bassett on May 10th, 1969.

The meeting closed, ringers dispersing to some 12 towers in the area before making for home.

THE DEVON GUILD AT BIDEFORD

THE Devon Guild held its annual general meeting at Bideford on May 25th, when the event attracted about 130 members and friends, there being 16 towers open for ringing throughout the day.

The service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. T. Derwent Davies (Vicar), assisted by Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, the Guild's president, who gave the address.

After a splendid tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting followed with Preb. Andrews in the chair, when six apologies for absence were received. There had been three deaths during the past year and the meeting stood in silent tribute.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed, and the reports of the secretary, treasurer, librarian and adviser of bells were all adopted. The officers were re-elected en bloc, these being Preb. Andrews (president), Messrs. D. J. Roberts (general secretary), G. J. L. Read (general treasurer), W. Simmonds (peal secretary), J. Perkins (auditor) and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (librarian and adviser of bells).

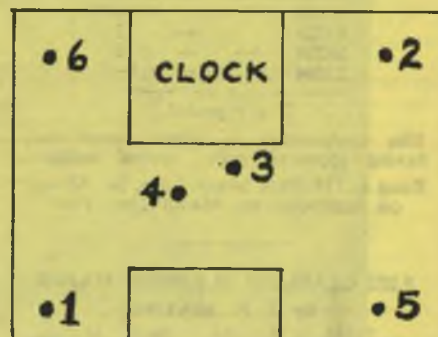
Messrs. N. Mallett, D. R. Bould and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott were re-elected to the C.C. for the next three years, whilst Fr. Paulinus Angold, of Buckfast Abbey, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Miss B. M. Boyle leaving the county. For her services Miss Boyle was made an honorary life member.

SOLUTION TO URANGWOT No. 5

This puzzle did not attract as many entries as earlier ones. Males and females were represented equally in the 12 entries, of which eight were regarded as acceptable. In spite of a five to three ratio for the ladies among the correct entries, it was a man who came first out of the hat, to give the prize to Michael C. E. Hodge, 56, Bath Street, Abingdon, Berks.

Consideration of the data readily establishes that Lesley and Carol are not ringing the treble or the third. Duncan and Ann are working bells and so are not on treble or tenor. This leaves Alan or Harry for the treble, but as Alan can see only the fifth and the treble can see three bells, it must be Harry on the treble. By similar reasoning the rest of the band can be worked out to obtain the result: Harry 1, Alan 2, Ann 3, Lesley 4, Duncan 5 and Carol 6.

The sketch of this unique tower fulfilling the requirements is somewhat like this:



T. SURR.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

Saturday, May 18th, saw the District visiting Wheathampstead (six fine bells), but the 60 feet of unguided rope kept some of the more nervous members in the background! Methods including London and Norwich were rung during the afternoon, and newer members and visitors had plenty of rounds and coped very well with the ropes. The Rev. G. T. Roe led a short service and then joined us for tea in the hall.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville was elected to the chair at the meeting.

The Ringing Master said he was disappointed at the number of people who had put their names down as wanting peals organised. Anyone wanting a peal should write to Gerald Penney.

The Wheathampstead ringers thanked everyone for the support for their sponsored walk. It proved to be a profitable day, although the final amount is still not known.

Mr. Fred Ellis, tower captain at Wheathampstead, said he was sorry that ringing time had been shorter than normal; architects were rather worried by a crack in the tower, so ringing did not start until 3.30 p.m. and was just from 7 until 8 in the evening.

Mrs. Hardy said that she would make and sell large paper flowers, the proceeds to go to the "Central Council Visit" fund. Orders should be given to her.

After the meeting a few stayed to ring handbells in the hall—meanwhile the treble stay was broken back in the tower! Ringing carried on until 8 p.m., the other five stays surviving!

Forthcoming events.—Next meeting, Welwyn (8) June 15th; barbecue, St. Michael's, St. Albans. September 7th; dinner, December 7th.

J. A. F.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE T. G. MYERS

Four suggestions were discussed for a proposed memorial to the late Mr. T. G. Myers. These were a trophy for a Guild striking competition; a piece of church plate for St. Andrew's, Plymouth; a memorial chain of office for the Guild Master; a trophy for a Guild tower proficiency competition. After discussion, the meeting favoured a Master's chain of office.

The joint service with the Devon Association is to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th. The 1969 annual general meeting is to be held in the Torbay area.

Six Guild certificates were presented and it was decided to place on record a vote of thanks to Miss Whitford for writing up the peal books. Votes of thanks for the service, use of the bells, the ladies' committee for the excellent tea and the president for presiding concluded the meeting.

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