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By MICHAEL SCOTT

DURING the Civil War the parishioners of Tynemouth, Northumberland, could not attend their Parish Church of St. Mary as it stood within the garrisoned walls of Tynemouth Castle. St. Mary's, founded by the Normans in 1110, was part of Tynemouth Priory and stood on a bold headland surrounded on three sides by the North Sea. Driven from their church, the parishioners made use of a local brewery in the nearby port of North Shields. In 1654, as a result of a recommendation by Cromwell's commissioners, a site for a new church was given by the Earl of Northumberland, and a tax of 2s. in the pound levied throughout the county to finance the building.

Fourteen years later, on July 6th, 1668, Christ Church, North Shields, was consecrated by the distinguished prelate Bishop Cosin. It was a simple sandstone building, roughly cruciform in shape, and lacked any unnecessary display of ornamentation. In 1753, due to the shortage of space, the north-west corner was enlarged and a gallery erected in it. No sooner had this been completed than in 1786 the south-east and south-west corners had to be enlarged to accommodate the swelling population of this Tyneside port.

The pews in these new extensions were sold by public auction and the proceeds, together with generous public donations, enabled the massive square tower illustrated on the cover to be erected. In 1792 the north-east corner was enlarged, making the main body of the church a perfect square. Major alterations also took place in this year, including raising the walls 10 feet, a new roof and chancel.

The reign of Queen Victoria also saw many architectural changes, mainly concerned with the increase and later the decrease in seating accommodation.

Recently decorated, the church interior is light, spacious and ready to receive the visitors who will be attending special services and recitals during the tercentenary celebrations.

It is said that the first ring of bells was lost on its passage seaward from London and that the second ring came by a ship called the "Happy Return". Cast by Mears and Son, Whitechapel Foundry, London, in 1787, the original ring of six bells which was given by James Storey, one of the principal inhabitants of the parish, was rung for the first time for the birthday of Queen Charlotte, wife of George III.

In 1807 the tenor bell was cracked and had to be recast. In 1874 the ring was increased to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor, and on October 1st, 1878, the first peal by the Durham and Newcastle Association (Grandsire Triples) was rung here. In 1878 Christ Church became the first tower in the area to have ten bells; even today there are only two other towers in the county which have ten or more, these being All Saints', Gosforth, and Newcastle Cathedral.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

These are the inscriptions and weights after retuning in 1938:—

Treble.—In memory of William Wheatley, erected by his daughter Maria Wheatley, Christmas 1878. Rev. Thomas Brutton. 4 cwt. 4 lb.

2nd.—In memory of Mary Wheatley, erected by her daughter, Maria Wheatley, Christmas 1878. Rev. Thomas Brutton. 4 cwt. 20 lb.

3rd.—Given by John Joicey of Newton Hall, 1874. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

4th:—W & T Mears Late Lester, Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1787. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

5th.—Ditto. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

6th.—Ditto. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

7th.—Ditto. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

8th.—Ditto. 8 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

9th.—Rev. Charles Charleton Vicar; Robert Laing Esq.; Shallett Dale Esq.; Church Wardens 1807. 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—This peal of bells was completed by the addition of a new tenor presented by John Straker and a new treble raised by subscription. Henry William Fawcus and William Reed got it done, 1873. 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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Comment—The Half-Lead Unit

A speaker at the recent Central Council meeting expressed doubts about the future ringing of methods constructed of two different half-leads; and the probable growth of this irregularity, fostered by regarding (and treating) the half-lead as the "Unit of Method Structure."

He is, of course, right—almost but not quite!

The compound word "half-lead" needs careful qualification for a proper understanding of its unity. By "Unit of Method Structure" is meant the smallest exposition of changes that will identify the particular method under consideration. What is this minimum?

To begin at the beginning, a method's design can be regarded as consisting of hunting and place-making, as indicated by the grid pattern. (Sometimes called the "trellis-work.") This is formed by joining up the positions of each bell individually in successive rows, by lines running across the intervals **between** the rows. To the student of method structure, what is important is not so much the numerals **in** the rows as how the join-up lines run **between** those rows. This may be put another way, when we say that the important issue is what happens in the row intervals, i.e. the arrangement of "transits" (exchange of neighbouring positions) and place-makings; or, if you prefer it, the form of permutation thus shown in the row-interval.

There are, of course, certain conventions of method structure confirmed as acceptable by the Central Council. (See Central Council's "Handbook.") To some of these we may now refer.

The group of change-rows obtained by repeating the method pattern for each and every "working" bell is called the plain course, and is divisible into "leads"—(more properly "divisions") and with one of these divisions for each working bell. (The C.C. term "divisions" is preferable for general reference, since it includes methods with and without "leads," i.e. both hunt-controlled and "omni-working" types of method.)

Each division (lead) is to be reflective about its half-way row-interval. That is to say, the grid pattern of the lower half is to be a mirror image of the upper half. From this it follows that the second half of a division is joined to its first or upper half by a row-interval, containing a permutation which is particular to the method. In any technological discussion it is convenient to speak of this particular permutation as the "Junction."

Similarly, each division is linked to its adjacent (preceding or succeeding) divisions, by a form of row-interval permutation particular to the method. It is convenient to speak of this as the "Link."

We can now designate the method. Since the second half-division is always the reflection (or reversal) of the first, then only the first half is necessary to delineate the whole. But with it must go the two particular permutations just described, i.e. the Link and the Junction. These three elements are conveniently spoken of together as the method's "Frame." (See the back page of the Central Council's pamphlet on "Method Extension" for some forms of frame. But for a detailed discussion of the subject see the advertised publication—"Method Structure in Change Ringing.") The complete frame is the minimum identification or Unit of the method. So:—

"FRAME equals LINK plus ½ DIVISION plus JUNCTION plus reflectivity."

Due observance of the requirements of this formula prevents the occurrence of what the aforementioned speaker fears, i.e. non-reflective divisions. (Sometimes referred to as irregular" or "asymmetrical"; but these terms have other connotations.)

As indicated in the Central Council's "Handbook," "the call is not part of the method"; and it is "splicing" and not "bobbing" at the half-lead (or junction) that is open to criticism and non-recognition, as requirements now stand.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued

DEFINING HALF-LEAD PEALS

AN interesting discussion followed the introduction of the Methods Committee's report at the Central Council meeting at Worcester on Whit Tuesday. It had particular reference to the question of whether half-lead peals could be regarded as spliced.

The committee's report, signed by the convener, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, was published on May 24th and reads:

"The decisions on peals must cover both Regular and Irregular methods, therefore the leads must remain intact since Irregular methods can be rung which are asymmetric. We recommend that the decisions on spliced peals remain unaltered and the peal be accepted as published."

Mr. C. K. Lewis moved the adoption of the report. He said the question of spliced peals was referred to the committee and their decision was published on May 24th. It covered both regular and irregular methods. It was the unanimous decision of the Records Committee.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex) seconded.

Mr. I. H. Oram said there was a long discussion at the last Council meeting on peals with half-leads. At the end of the discussion the matter was referred to the Methods Committee for its decision and report. They had had no formal report and until that day no reasons for supporting it. It did not seem very satisfactory for a report to be published in "The Ringing World" without reasons for the decisions come to. Why could not peals of spliced be recognised with no bobs or singles? He felt they should recognise this as a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and for that reason moved that the report be not accepted.

Mr. J. M. Jelley (Leicester Guild) thought that there was a simple way out. It was being done with Minor records—that a peal should contain a full lead of each method and if the method was symmetrical he could not see how any complaint could be made.

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County) said the motion last year completely reversed the decision on spliced peals in that three leads of Spliced Royal methods be not allowed, bearing in mind that three leads of Spliced Royal methods were irregular. It was wrong to consider half-leads containing all the work should be called spliced.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite (Lancashire Association): Would this be recognised as a peal?

LEAD AS UNIT

Mr. C. K. Lewis: It would be recognised as a peal and could be made into a peal of spliced. The decision relates to one peal but the thing is much wider. You are introducing a new unit and a half-lead that contains all that is necessary. I think this is very dangerous. We have come to the conclusion that we should not tamper with a decision with the lead as a unit. It is 30 years since I spliced on the half-lead, but I would hesitate to say at this stage that the unit of ringing is half a lead.

Mr. S. Jenner (Kent) made two points: "Kent and Oxford Spliced should not be allowed to stand as spliced. Secondly, Mr. Lewis thinks there is a danger in splitting methods at half-leads. We have done this by saying the peal is a peal. As to what it should be called, if the Council will not accept it as spliced what should it be called?"

Mr. N. J. Diserens (Oxford Diocesan Guild): I feel the Methods Committee has not done what we required; we wanted something positive.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: We are not asked to give it a name.

Mr. H. L. Roper: It was I who proposed at the last meeting that it should be referred to the Methods Committee. It seems that they have dealt with it. They say it is not a peal of spliced and it is not, according to the Council's rules, a peal of Surprise. I am satisfied that they have done their work.

Mr. Crossthwaite disagreed; they still did not know what to call it.

Mr. Blagrove: This change at the half-lead has been done for many years in peals of Doubles. It is called mixed Doubles.

Mr. J. Seager: Why not call it plain spliced at the lead-end; reverse spliced at the half-lead; and double spliced at both?

Mr. Oram seconded this suggestion and Mr. E. A. Barnett remarked that it sounded attractive. Could they think this over between now and the next meeting?

Mr. P. A. Corby: If this or some other name is to be adopted, should it not be considered with the proposal by Mr. Oram last year?.

Mr. Barnett: The Standing Committee has been charged with revising the Council's decisions and this is one of the things that might be taken into consideration. We are charged with putting something in "The Ringing World" by next January.

Mr. Moreton: It strikes me that Mr. Lewis has something up his sleeve and that there is an easy solution. Perhaps he will tell us something now?

Mr. Lewis: Mr Moreton is right. Half-lead methods are irregular methods which are asymmetrical.

Upon the recommendation of the vice-president, seconded by Mr. H. O. Baker (Chester) the meeting took note of the Committee's decision, and that the decision as to what other types of peals be called be referred to them. And so ended the debate.

ANOTHER 1,000 PEALER

Mr. Tom Lock, secretary of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 59th birthday on June 23rd. On the Thursday previous he rang his 1,000th peal at Willesden in which Tom Goodyer from Sydney participated. Tom is the 30th ringer to reach the 1,000 mark.

NEW PUBLISHERS FOR "THE RINGING WORLD"

The Rolls House Publishing Co. Ltd., who have been publishers of "The Ringing World" since its inception in 1911, have closed down their business owing to the expiration of their lease and their inability to find other accommodation at a reasonable figure.

The association between the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers over the years with Mr. E. E. Peers and his directors has been most friendly and we wish them well in the future

"The Ringing World" in future will be its own publisher, and deliveries to London wholesalers and the railway terminii will be carried out by arrangement with "The Surrey Advertiser," Guildford.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5. Rung in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Records Committee Report

A.—New Methods and Performances on Tower Bells

January
5 5040 Newgate Sur. Max., St. Martin's.
7 5088 Effingham Del. Maj., Middlesex.
28 5056 Kenwyn Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.

February
2 5040 Eldon Sur. Max., St. Martin's.
11 5056 Pendeen Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
25 5040 Elthorne Del. Roy., Middlesex.

March
4 5184 Eastwood Sur. Maj., Derby D.A.
4 5056 Wight Sur. Maj., Surrey.
9 5056 Witney Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.

April
1 5056 Xenophon Sur. Maj., Win. & Ports.
8 5088 Malmesbury Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.
8 5120 Norwich Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
23 5040 Single Oxford Bob Royal, Middlesex.
27 5056 Hadlegh Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
29 5024 Long Eaton Sur. Maj., Derby D.A.

May
6 5056 Aquitania Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
11 5120 Mablethorpe Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
14 5040 Jugsholme Sur. Roy., Peterborough.
18 5184 Nempnett Bob Caters, Yorkshire.

June
3 5024 Urchfont Sur. Maj., Salisbury D.G.
23 5037 Nobottle Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

July
9 5040 Dodford Sur. Roy., Peterborough.
27 5184 Heathcote Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
29 5152 Yatton Sur. Maj., Bath and Wells.

August
5 5040 Single Isleworth Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
12 5280 Winchester Sur. Max., Win. & Ports.
17 5024 Eversfield Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
21 5024 Hertford Sur. Maj., R. Cumberland.
26 5056 Verney Sur. Maj., Peterborough.
31 5056 Hastings Sur. Maj., Sussex.

September
15 5002 Kegworth Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

October
5 5088 Piccadilly Sur. Maj., Hertford.
12 5024 Kew Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
14 5088 Lydney Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bristol.
28 5088 Keynsham Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
29 5038 Vintry Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

November
4 5056 Guiseley Sur. Maj., Yorkshire.
11 5184 Belfast Sur. Maj., Hertford.
16 5024 Grimsdyke Sur. Maj., Middlesex.

December
2 5040 Heckington Imp. Bob Royal. Oxford D.G.
7 5088 Knightsbridge Sur. Maj., Hertford.
16 5088 Otford Sur. Maj., Kent.
16 5088 Keystone Sur. Maj., Peterborough.
22 5184 Brislington Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.
26 5040 Wexham Sur. Roy., Oxford D.G

January
21 5120 160 Spliced Sur. Maj., Bath & Wells.

February
11 5280 165 Spliced Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.

April
15 5040 30 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.
30 5040 6 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

June
4 5040 33 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

July
16 5040 8 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

September
3 5280 10 Spliced Sur. Max (all the work). Lancashire.
9 5040 35 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

December
17 5040 10 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

November
11 12480 Pudsey Sur. Maj., Universities Assn.
25 11872 Glasgow Sur. Maj., St. Martin's.

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B.—New Methods and Performances on Handbells

January
23 5280 Westminster Sur. Max., Hertford.
March
9 5040 Westminster Sur. Roy., Hertford.
September
4 5040 London No. 3 Sur. Roy., Middlesex.
May
4 5016 27 Spliced Plain Maj., Glouc & Bris.
December
23 19620 Plain Bob Royal, Chester.

C. A comprehensive card index of some 800 Minor methods has been built up. Several people have helped with this work, and in particular thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Whiting, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, for a tremendous amount of work done and help freely given. The loan of pre-1900 Reports would be greatly appreciated by Mr. C. A. Wratten.

D. Work is proceeding on the Edith Fletcher Memorial volumes. A list of required compositions will be published in "The Ringing World."

E. The committee feels that the tape-recording of rings of bells and of record peals would provide a valuable addition to the Council's archives. The work should be undertaken by interested and competent persons.

J. A. AINSWORTH.
F. T. BLAGROVE
D. E. SIBSON.
C. A. WRATTEN.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. T. Blagrove said the conclusions of the committee had been sent to "The Ringing World." In section (d) the committee would like the Council to take action. Mr. Ainsworth was staying on the committee and they would like Mr. John Mayne and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds to be members of the committee.

Mr. D. E. Sibson seconded.

Mr. Clive Smith said he would be prepared to help in the recording of long-length peals. If the committee provided the equipment he would undertake the work.

The General Secretary: I feel we could be going into heavy expenditure. The affiliation fee to the Council is very low and it might be necessary to increase it.

Mr. Smith said that all he would require was the tape and out-of-pocket expenses if records were not made.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved that reasonable out-of-pocket expenses be allowed, and the Rev. John Scott, in seconding, suggested £10 for the first year.

The report was adopted, financial assistance approved, and Mr. Clive Smith was added to the committee.

METHOD EXTENSION 9

Like an ugly duckling, Pulham Surprise Minor is one of a group of "65's at back" methods rung in a peal in 1966. It extends to all other stages as an acceptable method (Expanding B/X). Method group (a).

Minor.—lh2.34—56.14—12—36—34 5hl.

Major.—lh2.34—58.14—12—36—34—58—56—7hl.

Royal.—lh2.34—50.14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—9hl.

Maximus.—lh2.34—5t.14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—9t—90—Ehl.

G. DODDS.

Analysis of Peals Rung During 1967

Handbells in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 6, Cinques 7, Royal 6, Caters 3, Major 8, Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 34.

A.N.Z.A.B.—Minor (3). Total 3.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 7, Minor 34, Doubles 38. Total 109.

Bedfordshire.—Caters 2, Major 4, Triples 4, Minor 6. Total 16.

Beverley and District.—Major 1, Minor 3, Total 4.

B.R.S.A. (Railway Guild).—Royal (1).

Cambridge University.—Cinques 2, Royal 1 (1), Caters 1, Major 11 (8), Triples 2, Minor 3. Total 20 (9).

Chester Guild.—Maximus 3 (6), Cinques 1 (2), Royal 11 (10), Caters 1 (1), Major 46 (17), Triples 5 (1) Minor 50, Doubles 20 (1). Total 137 (38)

Cleveland and N. Yorks.—No peals.

Coventry Guild.—Royal 3, Major 30, Triples 2, Minor 27 (3), Doubles 3. Total 65 (3).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland.—Major 1.

Derby Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 6, Major 30 (4), Triples 7, Minor 30, Doubles 1 (1). Total 84 (5).

Guild of Devonshire.—Cinques 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 7, Doubles 3. Total 25.

Devonshire Association.—Triples 2.

Dudley and District.—Minor (1).

Durham and Newcastle.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 17 (2), Minor 6 (1). Total 27 (3).

East Derby and West Notts.—Minor 1.

East Grinstead and District.—No peals.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 18, Triples 1, Minor 9. Total 29.

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 39 (1), Triples 4, Minor 45, Doubles 3. Total 98 (1).

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 7, Major 12 (23), Triples 5, Minor 23 (1), Doubles 4. Total 53 (24).

Guildford Diocesan.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 20, Triples 3, Minor 8, Doubles 2. Total 36.

Hereford Guild. — Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 19, Triples 4, Minor 33, Doubles 12. Total 71.

Hertford County.—Maximus 2 (2), Royal 4 (2), Major 35 (7), Triples 1, Minor 17 (2), Doubles 1. Total 60 (13).

Irish Association.—Royal 1, Major 6, Triples 2, Minor 1. Total 10.

Kent County.—Fourteen (1), Maximus 4 (6), Cinques (3), Royal 5 (4), Caters 5 (3), Major 104 (3), Triples 19 (1), Minor 62, Doubles 16, Minimus 1. Total 216 (21).

Ladies' Guild.—No peals.

Lancashire Association. — Maximus 11, Cinques 2, Royal 23, Caters 1, Major 83 (2), Triples 10, Minor 33 (16), Doubles 6, Minimus 1. Total 170 (18).

Leicester Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 10 (3), Caters 2, Major 38 (3), Triples 6 (1), Minor 24 (3), Doubles 12. Total 97 (10).

Lincoln Guild. — Maximus 1, Cinques 5, Royal (4), Caters 1, Major 18 (14), Triples 8 (1), Minor 40, Doubles 7. Total 80 (19).

Llandaff and Monmouth. — Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 16, Triples 6, Minor 6, Doubles 11. Total 51.

London County. — Maximus 1, Caters 2, Major 2, Minimus 1 Total 6.

Middlesex County.—Royal 2 (1), Caters 3, Major 43 (2), Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 57 (3).

Midland Counties. — Royal 6, Major 24, Triples 5, Minor 1. Total 36.

North Staffordshire.— Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 22, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 2. Total 28.

North Wales.—Major 1.

Norwich Diocesan.— Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 27, Triples 6, Minor 54, Doubles 15. Total 108.

Oxford Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 10, Caters 3, Major 73 (3), Triples 19, Minor 59 (19), Doubles 23, Minimus 1. Total 192 (22).

Oxford Society. — Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 3. Total 6.

Oxford University. — Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 1, Minor 4 (1). Total 8 (1).

Peterborough Guild.—Royal 18, Caters 2, Major 49 (3), Triples 1, Minor 34 (1), Doubles 14. Total 117 (4).

Police Guild.—No peals.

St. David's Guild. — Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 2. Total 12.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 15, Cinques 3, Royal 12, Caters 1, Major 26, Triples 2, Minor (1), Doubles 1. Total 60 (1).

Scottish Association.—No peals.

Sheffield and District.—No peals.

Salisbury Guild.—Royal 1, Major 23 (1), Triples 2, Minor 15, Doubles 17. Total 58 (1).

Shropshire Association.—Caters 1, Major 2, Doubles 3. Total 6.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 22, Triples 1, Minor 1. Total 26.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 3, Minor 1 (3). Total 7 (3).

S. Derby and N. Leicester.—Doubles 1.

Southwell Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 4, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 3, Minor 24 (6), Doubles 20. Total 69 (6).

Staffordshire Archdeaconry. — Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 16 (2), Triples 7, Minor 13 (1), Doubles 4. Total 46 (3).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 10, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 2, Minor 26, Doubles 9. Total 63.

Surrey Association.—Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 5, Major 25 (1), Triples 4, Minor 7 (1). Total 46 (2).

Sussex County.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 30, Triples 6, Minor 11, Doubles 4. Total 55.

Swansea and Brecon.—Maximus (1), Major 1 (1), Doubles 3. Total 4 (2).

Truro Guild.—Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 3, Minor 8, Doubles 2. Total 15.

Universities Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 7 (2), Minor 3. Total 12 (2).

University of Bristol.—Cinques 2, Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 1. Total 7.

University of London.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 7, Doubles 1. Total 14.

Winchester and Portsmouth. — Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 16, Triples 6, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 11, Minimus 1. Total 57 (1).

Worcestershire and Districts.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 3, Major 31, Triples 10, Minor 4 (1), Doubles 2. Total 55 (1).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 5, Cinques 2, Royal 22, Caters 7, Major 96 (1), Triples 2, Minor 67 (2), Doubles 11 (10). Total 212 (13).

Other Societies, etc.—Maximus 1, Royal 4 (1), Caters 2, Major 30 (7), Triples 10, Minor 10 (8). Total 57 (16).

Tower 2,923, Handbells 250. Grand total 3,173.

These totals include the "laggard" peals of 1966.

Six Associations/Guilds, etc., did not join our lists this year.

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A Welsh Village Gets its Bells Ringing Again

By the Rev. A. W. McADAM

IT is not easy to give an adequate account of the six bells in Grosmont Church, near Abergavenny, Mon, because there are no written records which have come down from the early days.

However, the unusual tower and spire belong to the 14th century and the old frame, recently replaced, to the middle of the 17th. The treble and the second bell are the earliest of the present ring and were cast in 1707 by Abraham Rudhall I of Gloucester. Nos. 3 and 4 were originally Rudhall bells but were recast in 1914 by Llewellyn and James of Bristol. No. 5 is a John Rudhall bell and its date is 1807. The tenor, which was cracked through the rusting of its staples, was recast as part of the recent restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1967.

The former bell frame was probably built about 1660 by local craftsmen and must therefore once have contained an earlier set of bells. Certainly the present bells were not designed for it because the frame had to be cut about to accommodate them. During its 300-odd years of life the old oak frame was repaired many times with straps of iron and extra supports here and there. Most of this work must have been done in the last 100 years, when the effects of age and weather begun to tell. One big supporting oak beam was replaced in 1932 by Mr. Vine Godding, of Grosmont, and some work on the frame in the area of No. 6 was done by Mr. Harry Jones, the village blacksmith, and myself in 1954-1955.

These repairs, however, did not give to the old frame its original rigidity. It was loose at the joints and when the bells began to move it moved as well, both sideways and upwards, hammering against the tower walls and giving to the bells an eccentricity of performance which we took for granted, but which caused visiting ringers to wonder just what it was that lay in the tower above their heads.

TASTED FREEDOM

The crunch came in November, 1966, when one evening the treble fell out of the frame. It did not get very far and we were able with a pulley block to slip it back again. Having, however, tasted freedom, it was not willing permanently again to stay put and a fortnight later slipped out once more, this time breaking its wheel.

This set us a problem. Not much use simply putting the errant treble back in its stall. With the consent, therefore, of the P.C.C., we called in experts—Mr. Blundell, an architect who lives in the village, and representatives of the bellfounders They all told us the same story: "No more ringing or you will have the lot down round your ears."

We soon discovered that the total cost of a new frame, new wheels, ropes and other fittings, along with the recasting of the tenor and the retuning of the whole ring plus a new ceiling and floor would cost us more than £2,000 if the whole work were put out to contract.

With a parish population of roughly 400, people felt at the time that this was more than they could manage. It was a question therefore either of putting off the evil day or reducing the bill in cash by some means or other.

The local ringers and the committee which they drew together to help them at the end of 1966 determined to undertake this challenge, to appeal for outside aid and to do what work they could themselves.

The appeal for outside aid was eventually to prove fruitful. The Diocese of Monmouth found £500, the Barron Bell Trust £150 and the Llandaff and Monmouth Bell Ringers' Association £50. Numerous other donations came in, too.

The bell frame in the church, with the Rector (the Rev. A. W. McAdam) and Mr. W. Meyers, who accepted responsibility for its construction.

"DO IT YOURSELF"

In respect of "Do it yourself," it was possible to reach an amicable understanding with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank that the local boys strip out the tower, taking down the bells and dismantling the old frame and fittings. It was further agreed that when the time came they would take the bells to London for expert attention, that they would bring back the timber for the new frame and the girders to support it and, having erected the girders in position, make the frame itself and put it in place.

Work started in the autumn of last year. We were roughly 12 altogether and with the exception of myself were all engaged in agriculture in one way or another—farmers, farm workers, a market gardener and two haulage contractors. One of our company, Mr. Bill Meyers, was a trained carpenter in addition to his farm work and we were destined to depend largely upon him for making the frame and doing woodwork repairs in the ringing chamber and bell room.

We first took out the bells and lowered them 50 feet to the church floor. The frame followed section by section. We had one anxious moment when the section which had supported one side of No. 6 disintegrated in mid-air and crashed to the floor in three pieces. Fortunately it raised a dust but no more.

We built the new frame in the old nave completely and eventually took it to pieces again. It took a surprisingly long time to dig out the holes in the tower walls to accommodate the five big H-section joists that we to carry the frame. Whoever had originally built those old walls knew his job.

After that it was relatively simple to pull the joists up although they weighed upwards of half a ton each, to put them in place and set the frame upon them.

For the erection of the bells and fittings we were joined by Mr. Trevor Bailey from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and within eight days we had the new ring in action.

There is still some work to be done but the crisis is over. Mrs. Sheila Parry, who is a farmer's wife and one of our ringers, made a cine film of the whole work so that we can refresh our memories and laugh at our devices to get round awkward corners.

We enjoyed ourselves and, what was more important to us, cut the bill by perhaps £700.

The dedication of the new ring by the Bishop of Monmouth took place on Sunday, June 30th.

SALISBURY GUILD'S POLICY

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the criticisms at the Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual general meeting by Mr. D. R. Fuller in your issue of May 24th. They are largely similar to those made by myself in 1965. Why has no officer of the Guild yet replied to Mr. Fuller's letter? I think it is not because of inefficiency but due to a policy of "turning the blind eye" and hoping it will all blow over as in the past.

In 1965 I was so disgusted with the way the meeting was conducted that I wrote a brief note to "The Ringing World" and proposed two motions of censure at our Branch (Wimborne Branch) annual general meeting. These concerned the running of the meeting and the unexplained postponement of the election of a president. They were carried unanimously, a move I believe to be unprecedented in the Guild's history.

The censures were duly forwarded to the Guild Committee and never heard of again. As by this time I was in London and the anger of the Branch members had died with time, I suppose we were partially to blame for it not being pursued further. However, it seems that the Guild Committee has chosen to forget this warning privately as well as publicly, hence Mr. Fuller's letter.

It can be argued that the basic fault is the large territory covered by the Guild: ringers in Dorset know very few in Wiltshire, and vice-versa. Therefore one would expect the officers to be particularly careful to announce vacant offices before the meeting and to prepare a list of candidates, if necessary, in order that no one should feel there was a lack of democracy. How can members be expected to consider possible candidates for an office if the vacancy (that is if a satisfactory officer does not wish to stand again) is not known prior to the meeting? Especially if the committee immediately propose someone they have previously decided upon.

I suggest to the "powers that be" in the Guild that they take serious note of the murmurings in the backwoods and make an effort to satisfy some of the complaints or else the Guild may be heading for fragmentation. — Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

London, E.

Letters to the Editor

HALF-LEAD SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. G. A. Dawson's letter of June 7th. I made a similar statement at Worcester, that method changes at the half-lead are mixtures and not spliced. By the absence of any correction, everyone else there appeared to agree with this, but a glance at the Council's Decisions in the Handbook will show that we were all wrong.

In a peal of spliced the change of method can take place at either the lead-end **or at the half-lead**, but not both. With half-lead splicing the last half-lead must be the same method as the first half-lead, since peals are round blocks. This does not affect the Methods Committee's statement that the Frindsbury peal was not spliced since that had changes of method at both half- and full-lead end. Thus April Day is Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and peals of Kent and Oxford in which the method is effectively changed at the half-lead only are also peals of spliced. — Yours sincerely, F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

A MUSICAL ANALOGY FOR THE PROFESSOR

Dear Sir,—Doubtless when the "campanological equivalents of Schonberg, Bouley (sic) of Stockhausen" arrive the erstwhile Professor Dodge will be among the first to attack their innovations.

His recent outburst rather puts one in mind of the countess who walked out of the first performance of Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" announcing that she "attended concerts to listen to music, not to be insulted."

If one wished to make a musical analogy it might be more appropriate to identify the innovations mentioned with the works of Mozart or Haydn, which display many brilliant and original features, although conforming closely to contemporary musical form.—Yours faithfully, KENNETH A. C. JONES.

Luton, Beds.

THE NAME

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the method named as Whatton-in-the-Vale in the peal at Holme Pierrepont ("Ringing World," page 489) is in fact Ely Thirds Place Delight (Collection of Minor Methods, page 20).—Yours sincerely,

A. KEITH P. POOLE.

Abingdon, Berks.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY 1969

We are again being asked by the binders of the Diary to have all sheets ready for them by September, and to enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of **all** Association secretaries, asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by **July 12th latest.**

Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 4184

"ATTACK FROM WITHIN"

Dear Sir,—I am sure you will be anxious to rectify an obvious piece of mis-reporting in your issue of June 21st. Taking the penultimate paragraph of column 3 on page 480 as it stands, readers must wonder why you applied the headline "Attack from Within." Obviously I was blaming the committee but I said I did not blame the committee for the navigational errors in the Birmingham area which caused me to arrive about 10 to 15 minutes late for the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

TECHNICAL ACCURACY

Dear Sir,—Comment has already been made in your columns concerning the number of peals which have had to be withdrawn on account of false compositions. I was, however, most disturbed to read that Mr. Price has had to withdraw nine peals because, in all good faith, he conducted a method published in our official journal.

Surely the answer to this problem, in part at any rate, lies in the setting up of a panel of experts from the Central Council who can vet both methods and compositions. These could then be published in "The Ringing World," after which they would become acceptable for peal ringing. This would, I am sure, save a lot of inconvenience and acute disappointment.—Yours faithfully.

Markfield, Leics. ALEC R. JONES.

Note.—We do consult experts, and one is the writer of the article from which Mr. Price took his composition. See his letter.—Ed.

NON-STANDARD MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to learn ("Ringing World," page 494) that my Index of Minor Methods had been instrumental into leading ringers to ring false peals.

The Index was an attempt to list **all** Minor methods, good, bad or indifferent, and made little effort to discriminate between them, although where falseness was known this was usually stated

To anyone intending ringing a non-standard Minor method I would suggest they view it with grave suspicion and only include it in a peal if they were capable themselves of proving its truth, or having it tested by a competent person.

I must, however, point out that the method Windsor Single (II), which caused all the trouble, was listed as "asymmetrical" (as are all other asymmetrical methods in the Index), and that **on the same page** on which it appeared was issued the warning in bold type: **"It may be as well to stress that all asymmetrical Minor methods are, under ordinary circumstances, false."**

What a pity the warning was not heeded! —Yours sincerely, HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Recently whilst on holiday in Cornwall I was interested to see hanging at the entrance to the Animal Sanctuary at Murraytown, near Looe, a bell complete with canons, of about one foot in diameter and of very good tone. The bell is inscribed "Blania Works, 1824," and I wonder whether any of your readers can give me any information regarding this "foundry."—Yours sincerely, E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

QUESTIONS ON SINGLE CHANGES AND SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Although I agree with some of Mr. Chant's recent article, especially about compositions, most of it seemed to be a bit pointless. For example, why does he object to single changes? Do they prevent a true 720 from being obtained, or perhaps make methods too easy to ring?

The same might be said about 5–6 places in Minor methods, or perhaps Mr. Chant thinks that because it has not been done before this is a good enough reason not to do it now. Also, a man who is so fond of irregular methods should be pleased that Major ringers have at last seen the light.

As for spliced, it seems to me that if it so easy to "stuff more and more methods into peals," then there would be a few more peals of Spliced Surprise Major with Mr. Chant's name at the bottom, or perhaps he is too busy trying to get another method into a 720 of Spliced Minor.

It would be very nice if people with unusual views would tell us a few of their reasons for holding them, instead of just stating them. — Yours truly, HENRY K. BIRCH.

Potters Bar, Herts.

IS IT WOLF, WOLF?

Dear Sir,—The article "Commentary— the Price of Privilege" by K. H. Fleming (May 24th, page 399) and the letter by P. I. Chapman, "The Ratio of Peals at Daventry" (June 7th, page 443) need reading side by side.

We ring for services as a duty. All other ringing is a privilege to which we, as ringers, have no "right," unless it be on practice evenings. Of course there is no such thing as the average tower, and ringing occasions in each tower differ. The Daventry tower is at present the only one for which we have figures. My analysis of those figures shows that for service ringing the time spent was 81.2 hours. Seventy-five hours were spent in practice and 111.8 hours devoted to all other ringing. (Tied practice is not ringing.) This means that the Daventry bells were used more than twice as much for the pleasure of the ringers than for church service.

It is my belief that there is not one Guild or Association in the whole of England which could afford to supply its own ring of bells. We are all totally dependent on the provision made by the Church. The question now has to be asked: "Does the Church need bells?" There is no bell at all in the new Coventry Cathedral but attendance there does not appear to suffer, nor does it appear to be enhanced in those churches which have a full ring of bells when compared with those with only one single ding dong.

We need to ask ourselves if so much non-service ringing detracts from the real message which the bells should send out.—Yours faithfully, HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa, Warwicks.

Note.—Reader Allen overlooks that peal ringing is also an aid to better ringing in the service of the Church.—Ed.

CLARIFYING DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your report on the above debate at the recent meeting of the Central Council ("Ringing World" of June 21st, page 482).

The final paragraph begins: "After further discussion the Council unanimously decided to adopt the amended motion . . ."

I would point out that there were others in addition to myself who opposed the motion.— Yours sincerely, W. L. EXTON.

Whatton, Nottingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

MIDLAND'S RINGERS PUT "BOBS INTO BANKING"

Midland Bank ringers at St. Olave's, Hart Street. From left to right: Miss G. Armstrong (Swansea), F. C. A. Bennett (Managerial Relief Staff), Miss G. Mitchell (Gloucester), C. F. Loke (Leighton Buzzard), C. Cook (Central Croydon), Mrs. S. Cook, R. Danby (Coventry High Street), Miss A. Lawrenson (Newbury), G. Wight (Chesham), M. Hughes (Bennett's Hill, Birmingham) and C. D. Baugh (Bull Ring Centre, Birmingham).

FOLLOWING an appeal in their monthly journal, a group of bellringers on the staff of the Midland Bank met in London on June 15th to ring at six towers during the day. They had travelled from as far afield as Swansea, Bridgnorth and Gloucester. The first tower was St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, where touches of Kent, Stedman and London Surprise were successful on the melodious six. We were most grateful for the assistance of some friends of Maurice Hughes from Birmingham, who joined us during the day and enabled us to progress beyond Grandsire and Plain Bob.

With the full complement of Bank ringers present at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, we were able to ring, unassisted, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. By now the heat of the day was affecting us and the welcome sanctuary of St. Olave's belfry cooled our brains. Here we were met by the P.R.O. from H.O., who brought with him a Press Association photographer to picture us in action. The flashing of the camera, however, was a little off-putting and attempts at Stedman and Kent were unsuccessful. After they had left, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major started better but came to an unsatisfactory conclusion.

After lunch we were welcomed by the Vicar of St. Clement Danes'. Touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were successful. At St Luke's, Chelsea, John Lott warned us about a broken stay on the second, and after ringing rounds and Grandsire Caters on the ten we confined ourselves to the back eight. Once more we had to forge our way through the London traffic to St. Mary's, Putney (a very enjoyable eight), where we competed with the noise of cars and buses crossing Putney Bridge.

Then we drove to the Bank's Sports Ground at Beckenham, where the annual sports day was in full swing, and feasted on sandwiches and a strawberries and cream tea. The remaining ringers congregated at St. George's, Beckenham, where we had a final ring of the day on the 14 cwt. ten. Back to the Sports Ground for entertainment, fireworks and, of course, plenty of shop talk outside the beer tent.

Our grateful thanks must go to tower captains and incumbents, not forgetting Corrall Spiller and George Fry, who joined us in the morning. George called a touch for us, after which he said "This is the first time I've put bobs into Banking . . ." C. H. C.

MR. JACK A. WAUGH

An Appreciation

I was saddened by the news of the death of Mr. Jack Waugh, as it came as a complete shock; I was not aware of his illness. Apart from a brief meeting last year, when the College Youths visited Daventry, I had not seen him since the war.

I was one of several taught by Jack and the late Mr. Charles Morss at our home tower of St. Mary's, Woodford, E., and was privileged to ring with him in the first peal on the bells after augmentation to eight. This was to celebrate the silver jubilee of King George V on May 25th, 1935. If my memory serves me right, Jack conducted the peal which was rung by the local band, and the peal board marking the occasion should still hang in the belfry.

Jack would always help the beginner as much as he could and was one of the stalwarts of the College Youths in his generation.

For myself it was one thing to know that he was active among us but it leaves me with an empty feeling hard to explain now that he is no longer with us. He will be greatly missed.

STANLEY F. WEBB.

REVIEW

METHOD SPLICING—PART II

It is just 300 years since the first ringing textbook was published. Many more have followed in the years since, but few have dealt in any detail with the science of composition. Recently, however, a few such handbooks have begun to appear, thanks to the enterprise of one or two individuals. Giles B. Thompson is to be congratulated on his latest addition to this list—"Method Splicing (Part II): Major Methods" (87 pages, obtainable from the author, 32, Egerton Road North, Manchester 21, price 8s.).

The book starts by dealing with the various forms of splicing available with plain methods, and then goes on to the more complex problems involved in splicing methods with a Treble Bob hunt. Mr. Thompson explains his system for extracting the falseness from one or more methods—it seems that every worker in this field has his own way of doing this, and Mr. Thompson is no exception—and shows how the results are used in the construction of touches and peals of Spliced Surprise. Two useful appendices contain concise tables of the falseness between the commonest Surprise methods.

A particularly useful feature throughout is the wealth of examples, enabling the reader to follow clearly the various processes involved. There is also plenty of scope for pencil and paper; indeed, such homework is essential for a full understanding of the subject.

Finally there is a brief and interesting survey of the evolution of spliced composition since the early work of the 1920's. This covers not only peals of Surprise Major but also the various "hybrids" that have appeared, such as Plain and Treble Bob and odd-and-even splicing.

In short, a useful and instructive book, and a welcome addition to the technical literature of ringing. C. A. W.

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CALL CHANGES

TURN-UP FOR THE BOOK

Devon Six-Bell Goes to South Devon

THE dominance of North Devon in six-bell ringing had become such a permanent feature of the call change ringing landscape that most people would have been very confident to predict that the Ross Shield would go to West Down or Down St. Mary, with Swymbridge or Talaton as possible outsiders; but South Devon ringing has always been keen, with possibly more towers in the field than the North. The widespread enthusiasm in the South was certainly evident at the South Devon six-bell competition at Modbury, for no fewer than 19 bands were there to ring on the magnificent Bilbie six on a perfect May afternoon.

Such a long succession of entries is a great strain on any set of judges, and there were some who remarked on the fact that Kenn, ringing last, were marked as low as 16½ faults, but as they had a clear margin over Stoke Gabriel's 21½ there was no doubt about the placing. Kenn bells have a 13½ cwt. tenor and go perhaps a little heavier than that; and it was noticeable that the first five teams all all the more credit, then, to the Meavy band, who came from a very light home six to take sixth place on Modbury's 19 cwt. ring. The other leaders who went on to the final were Plymstock (24½), West Alvington "A" (31½) and West Alvington "B", who ran their seniors to a quarter-fault with 31½. East Portlemouth, Widecombe, Thurlestone and Dunsford didn't quite make it into the first five, and Meavy, who tied with West Alvington "B," just failed in a ring-off.

A fortnight later the North Devon bands, eleven of them, met at South Tawton to ring out their half on a much less easy six. The result was entirely predictable, except that Swymbridge (who are never quite predictable) sneaked into second place with 37½, ahead of Down St. Mary's 39½. West Down had a clear win with 29½, and Talaton (41½) and Kentisbeare (63½) made up the six for the final.

One feature of the North Devon competition is worth recording, and that is that one of the Morchard Bishop band was probably the oldest ringer ever to take part in a competition of this calibre. Ringing to D.A. standards is not light work, but Mr. Harry Bowden is still at it, at the age of 81. Mr. Bowden, who looks as if he might have been drawing an old-age pension for three or four years instead of 16, has been ringing at Morchard for 69 years.

THE FINAL

On June 8th the ten bands met on the light six at Bishopsteignton for the final. A reshuffle in the Southern bands was to be expected with the big difference in weight between Modbury and the final, and so it came about; but what was far from predictable was a clear win for John Hine's Plymstock band with 21½ faults, followed by West Alvington with 26½! Once again West Down and Down St. Mary fought it out closely, but this time it was for third place, and once again West Down just had the edge with 28½ against Down St. Mary 29½. Swymbridge came a good way behind with 41½, followed by Kentisbeare, and Kenn. West Alvington "B." Stoke Gabriel and Talaton brought up the rear.

Nobody, I think, will grudge Plymstock their victory. They have been working very hard for several years to get up the last and most difficult step which separates the good bands from the champions, and John Hine has become one of the keenest, hard-working call change ringers in the county; the North v. South competition which he organised at Clawton some years ago didn't become the regular event which we'd hoped, but it's still remembered as a delightful afternoon and a feast of good ringing. As for West Alvington, they have been in the final of the six-bell competition for longer than most, and were the last South Devon band to have won it before this year, while holiday visitors to Kingbridge can testify to the fine music which they make in their tower on Sundays with unfailing regularity. But if I know the two Downs, South Devon will have to do some extra-special ringing next year to keep their silver. J. G. M. S.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY REUNION

THIS year's U.B.S.C.R. reunion was held during the week-end June 7th to 9th and was very well supported. Five peals were arranged but only two were scored, Pudsey Surprise Major at Longney and Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol, both on Sunday afternoon. The peal attempt of Minor at St. Michael's was lost in the last extent, two courses from the end, when a rope broke.

The coach outing on Saturday afternoon was most enjoyable and included ringing in three counties—Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. About 35 people were present. Batheaston was the first tower, with its re-hung bells, and the highlight here was a good course of London. Arriving at Colerne, we first visited the coal hole down which the ex-secretary of the Society fell two years ago on a similar outing. Ringing here was very varied, and included the secretary-elect's first-ever touch of Double Norwich to come round! We moved on to Malmesbury, where a touch of spliced did not come round. Before ringing here the non-residents were seen taking tea and cakes, while the residents tucked into sausage, eggs and chips!

Final ringing of the day was at Wotton-under-Edge. A touch of Oxford Bob Triples here made the people outside wonder if we were going for the Society long length record! The annual skittles match was held at the Swan at Tytherington, which left many of us with no voices, through cheering and booing. This year the residents lost by only 16 pins, a considerable improvement on last year's performance!

On Sunday about 30 people attended the Corporate Communion at St. Michael's, followed by breakfast (rumour has it that the food was better than at the last dinner—perhaps we could try catering for 200 next January!). After ringing we gathered at the Verrecchia for coffee and those who were not participating in the afternoon peals made their farewells.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to make Reunion 1968 such a success. E. M. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

It was a very wet day for the meeting with the Ladies' Guild, held at Tenterden on May 18th. Nevertheless 64 ringers representing 28 towers were present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. F. Hough, assisted by the Rev. J. Elson. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Spree, of Bethersden, and Mr. B. Longman was the organist. During the service a peal board was dedicated by the Vicar and the offertory was donated to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

A short business meeting followed tea, when 11 new members were elected. Mr. D. Manger reported on the county annual general meeting and also proposed the vote of thanks. Miss E. Todd added the thanks of the Ladies' Guild.

Despite the encouragement and persuasion of the Ringing Master a ladies' touch of Major did not materialise. A. B.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A.G.M.

FOR the first time Hope ringers were hosts for the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, held on June 14th, with representatives from nine towers present.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. on the delightful ring of six installed as a war memorial ring after the 1914-18 war. The service was conducted by the president, the Rev. A. L. Cooke, who also gave a very interesting address.

Following the service, over 50 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Hope ringers in the Church Hall. The president opened the meeting by welcoming the members, and remarked on the good number of young faces present.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of over £43 was considered satisfactory.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Rev. A. L. Cooke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall; District secretaries: Bangor and Rhyll, Rev. Trevor Evans; Wrexham: Dr. E. V. Woodcock; ringing instructor, Mr. D. H. B. Millward; auditor, Mr. H. Price; Central Council representative, Dr. E. V. Woodcock; peal recorder, Mr. G. H. Randles.

Beaumaris was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held on September 6th, and the annual meeting in 1969 at Buckley on June 7th.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock presented her report of the Central Council meeting at Worcester and was congratulated by the Ringing Master and Mrs. G. H. Randles for her very interesting account of the meeting.

New members elected were Alma Cooper (Hope), Josephine Bradley, Doreen Pritchard and John Whitehead (Llandudno).

Mr. A. Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and Hope ringers for providing a most enjoyable tea, and Mr. Millward expressed thanks to the chairman and the organist.

Further ringing took place under the direction of the Ringing Master.

New recruits to handbell ringing in the ranks of the University of London Society are Maureen Carruthers and John Pladdys. They rang their first quarter "in hand" on January 21st and their first peal "in hand" the following day. Chris Easton was also ringing his first peal "in hand."

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Weather favoured the 40-odd members at the meeting at Northrepps for the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association on June 15th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Clifford's Pleasure, under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Martin Cubitt.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. L. Ainsworth, the lesson was read by the Rev. P. N. Bond and Martin Cubitt played the organ. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer), Mr. F. N. Golden proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. D. L. Ainsworth, and for tea arrangements, etc., to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. M. Ainsworth, Mrs. V. and Susanna Hayward, J. Hayward and Gillian Smith.

Mrs. J. Steadman (Holt), Geoffrey D. Watts (Intwood), James Dumolo and Paul Pumphrey (Aylsham), Steven Billin, Ian B. Lowther (Wymondham), David Leeder, Richard E. Neale and Simon R. Purslow (Cromer) were elected members; the belfry elections of Graham Duke, David MacClean and Sybil Tonkin as non-resident members and Thomas Roast as ringing member were ratified.

The Association Ringing Master (Mr. P. Adcock) said it was hoped to hold a striking competition on October 19th.

The sum of £2 2s. 9d. was collected for the Bell Repair Fund, plus an anonymous gift of £5.

88th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
HALF PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Oakshott 1, N. Thomson 2, Miss J. Stoy 3, J. P. Hull 4, Miss L. Hawes 5, J. Davidge 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. J. Cook 8, C. M. Foster 9, B. J. Stone 10. A peal attempt called round at half way.

QUARTER PEALS
RUNG ON SUNDAY, MAY 19th

ADDINGTON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks 1, N. Bennett 2, C. H. Macve 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Reyfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

ASHTEAD.—1,260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Gillian Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6. First of Minor in two methods for all except 6th.

BATTERSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Dodds 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, D. R. Tipler 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, J. C. Bird (first quarter) 6.

BEDDINGTON.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jean L. Kimber 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 3, N. Thomson (cond.) 4, R. J. Cook 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, L. Bance 7, D. G. Spittle 8, F. D. Jennings 9, S. F. Kimber 10.

CLAPHAM PARK.—1,287 Grandsire Triples: Rachel M. J. Atack 1, Irene E. Shanks 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Deborah Bishop 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, N. Thomson (cond.) 6, G. W. Shanks 7, A. Bishop 8.

CROYDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,308 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, C. M. Foster 3, E. W. Razzell 4, J. Wimram (first Stedman) 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, C. Fisher 7, N. S. Brown 8, I. M. Parry 9, K. Taber 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, A. J. C. Brown 12.

EGHAM.—1,260 Stedman Triples: S. R. Elliott (first as cond.) 1, A. D. Flood 2, C. A. Elliott (first Stedman) 3, J. P. Ladd (first Stedman Triples) 4, D. Parsons 5, R. Parsons 6, C. M. White 7, W. Peck 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley Hawes 4, Anthea Bruce 5, J. P. Hull 6.

PUTNEY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Swain (first quarter) 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Alison M. Mann 3, L. W. Allen 4, Rev. A. Clayton 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Rachel Atack 2, Caroline Madge 3, A. Bagworth 4, E. J. Adams 5, D. C. Brookes 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. H. Budd (first quarter) 8.

HALF PEALS

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 2,520 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Edwards 1-2, J. R. Scott 3-4, B. Harris (cond.) 5-6, F. R. Morton 7-8. First of Major by all except conductor.

FOREST, GUERNSEY.—On May 26th, 2,520 Minimus (Double and Reverse Canterbury): A. G. Kent 1, G. R. Marchant 2, O. Nabb 3, R. D. Short 4.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: M. Myers 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Mutton 3, R. Andrew 4, D. Vincent 5, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 6, M. J. Pryor 7, B. Vince 8, W. Myers 9, R. B. Smith 10. First on ten bells 1, 3, 4, 8. A peal attempt called round

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, H. A. Mitson 2, F. Hunt 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, R. Chambers 6. For Confirmation service.

BOBBING, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, R. Bushell 2, Miss P. Thomsett (25th quarter) 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except treble. Rung after the wedding of Miss R. I. Jordan to Mr. L. E. J. Adams.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marion Kemp 1, B. J. Read 2, R. I. West 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, D. L. Nibbs 5, A. W. Bond 6, J. M. Hills 7, R. H. Newton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Rung as a farewell to the third year of the University Guild.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Bagshaw (first on treble) 1, D. W. Mountford 2, Mrs. A. Boyd 3, A. Boyd (cond.) 4, B. Elliott 5, Mrs. O. Howes (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. J. Deayer.

QUARTER PEALS

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Little and Plain Bob Minor: C. Banks 1, Miss M. Hill 2, G. F. Oliver ("circled the tower") 3, A. K. Oliver 4, G. Davis 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Ball, of Casotr.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Harris 1, E. H. Jefferies 2, H. L. Cooke 3, H. Bennett 4, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 5, P. Law 6, M. Rose 7, H. Telling 8. For evening service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Ivings 1, L. J. Malings 2, W. F. Cowley 3, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 4, W. Ivings 5. For the Ordination of Michael Palmer at Oxford Cathedral on June 9th.

DOWNE, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. A. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jenner 2, O. C. R. Webster 3, Marion Kemp 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Lebon 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): N. Herschell (first quarter) 1, B. Hawkins 2, Barbara Minnion 3, D. Oakshott 4, J. Munton (first in two methods as cond.) 5. First in two methods, 2 and 3.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Carnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, J. Coates 5, H. Denman (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3, and to Mr. R. Ashforth, local captain, after a peal attempt.

GOOSNARGH, LANCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clayton 1, L. Walmsley 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 3, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 4, A. Gardner 5. For the dedication and opening of the Church School extensions.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Cecilie Forgan (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Saker (first "inside") 2, C. Anne Agg 3, P. Cranfield 4, W. L. Gates 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, A. F. Horton 7, W. F. Todd 8. For Evensong by the local band, in memory of Michael D. Trigg, former Ringing Master of the tower.

KENILWORTH, WARKS.—On May 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pam Whitfield 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, D. P. Crawley 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, H. C. Bennet 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (two methods): C. Sangwin 1, H. Stacey 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, R. Andrew (first in two methods) 4, M. J. Pryor 5, R. B. Smith (cond.) 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For the Patronal Festival.

LECKFORD, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. M. Donaldson 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, R. J. Latham (most methods to a quarter "inside") 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. 25th quarter together 4 and 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

MARK, SOM.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jones 1, B. Miles (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 2, J. Coombs 3, J. Burroughs 4, S. Lewis 5, J. S. Walton (cond.) 6, J. Greber 7, J. R. Lee 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Court Triples: Valerie Nash 1, R. Tomlin 2, Janet Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First in method 1, 3, 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 16th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: A. W. R. Wilby 1, F. W. Ellis 2, Katherine S. Hardy 3, Julia A. Fellows 4, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. R. Mayne 7, R. F. Ewer 8, W. Little 9, R. E. Hardy 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, W. Nicholls 12. Rung prior to the Magna Carta commemoration service in the Cathedral.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Rice 1, D. R. McLean 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, R. M. Day 4, I. Smith 5, P. N. Mackley (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): C. W. Linnington 1, E. H. Langley 2, T. R. Hart 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, P. J. Gardner 5, W. S. Pryor 6. For Feast of Corpus Christi, also a welcome to J. Ashcroft, of Leigh, Lancs, on his first visit to Cornwall.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on June 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Naomi Hales 1, Marion Richards 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, D. Neal 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. C. Grove 7. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Father Robert Gould. Also congratulations to Marion Richards and David Grove on their engagement.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, D. J. Attley 3, A. E. Briggs 4, A. J. Marks (first "inside") 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosalind Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, V. Bull 3, L. Hawkins 4, A. Bull 5, A. Payne 6, N. Knee (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. For Civic Service.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Beasley (first Minor) 1, V. A. Headland 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, H. Richardson 4, H. Idle 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6. Rung simultaneously with Wadenhoe quarter.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Newell (first on eight) 1, Diana Reeves 2, Jean Marlow 3, R. A. Reeves 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, P. J. Heritage 6, B. J. Davis 7, W. W. Franklin 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Walt Franklin.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For their 88th anniversary the Surrey Association rang one half peal and ten quarter peals. Merton made two attempts at Plain Bob with their own band but were unsuccessful. Better luck next time!

The band who rang the peal at Lenham, Kent, wish to associate the attempt with Mr. Colin J. E. Wyld, of Wye, as a compliment to him on gaining second prize in the Fabian Stedman competition.

Uckfield ringers are entering a decorated float for the local carnival early in September. The subject is "The Ringing World." Suggestions would be welcome by Mrs. Joan C. McLean, 42, The Drive, Church Coombe, Uckfield, Sussex.

From Friezland J. B. writes that he has helped to win first places in competitions with over 25 different ringers. He has a tape recording of "My Life Amongst Bells and Ringers." (Address: West Lodge, 62, Manchester Road, Greenfield, Oldham.)

All who rang in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at North Mymms on June 22nd for the Australian and New Zealand Association had connections with "Down Under." Two were from New South Wales, another had spent some time in Adelaide and five were members of Great Adventure II party.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Corsley, Wilts, Mr. Norman G. N. Knee has "circled the tower" to peals.

The peal of Wye Surprise Major rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford (see page 488), was composed by Norman Smith and conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association has been presented with a number of volumes of "The Ringing World" by Mr. Frank Ponting of Minchinhampton, Glos. They are stored in St. Bartholomew's Church, Chosen Hill.

The peal of 101 Treble Bob Minor methods rung at Holme Pierrepont for the Southwell Guild is a record. We understand that the previous best in Treble Bob Minor was about 73 methods and was first rung some 30 years ago.

Miss Anne Cope, a keen young ringer from Hovingham, Yorks, where her father is Vicar, is on her way to New Zealand. Her address there will be 299, Grove Road, Kelburn, Wellington. Any assistance from ringers would be welcome.

There is a close bond of friendship between the U.L.S.C.R. and Southampton University Guild. Five members of the London Society rang in a half-muffled peal at Deptford to the memory of Michael D. Trigg, former Master of Southampton University Guild.

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RED LETTER DAY FOR TWO DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Derek Jewell and Roy Bould made the long trek from Devonshire to High Wycombe, Bucks, on June 15th, to partake in a peal attempt of Stedman Cinques, which, fortunately was successful.

Both gained immense satisfaction from their efforts, Roy Bould ringing his first peal for the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Derek Jewell ringing his first peal of Cinques and also completing the Stedman family.

This shows guts and determination from one living in the heart of a hotbed of call change ringing; in fact Derek rings in competitions with a famous six-bell band. Roy is a little more fortunate; although doing a fair share of call change ringing, he is attached to St. St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and therefore gets his quota of "Scientific."

They stayed the week-end at Basingstoke, and to show their appreciation gave the C.O.S. a very happy couple of days.

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

The major part of the business at the Ashford (K.C.A.) District at Warehorne on June 13th was discussing the form of the John Willis memorial. Two suggestions were made—to add a treble to the five bells being rehung at Newchurch, and to provide one of the two bells required to augment the six at Charing. (The other bell and frame to be supplied from sources as yet unknown.)

The following resolution was passed: "That the John Willis Memorial be a bell to be hung in a tower within the District and that a signwritten tablet be displayed in the ringing chamber regarding this fact."

The Rector (the Rev. G. V. Davies) conducted the service and tea was served and prepared by ladies of the District on the Rectory lawn.

Ringing continued at Orlestone (3), where the very long draught and the tendency of the tenor to drop provided an entertaining hour for spectators and a hair-raising experience for the ringers. Ringing concluded at Ruckinge (5), where extraordinary Doubles methods were rung A. P. S. B.

PRESTBURY BELLS RECAST

The recasting and rehanging of Prestbury (Cheshire) bells in a new metal frame has now been completed by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Chester on June 29th at the Patronal Festival service.

Due to various activities taking place in the village on that day, ringing was limited to a quarter peal by a chosen band, but the Vicar has kindly invited the Macclesfield Branch to hold its next meeting at Prestbury on July 27th, and a notice to this effect will be appearing in "The Ringing World."

CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE, CANTERBURY

A number of friends from Lympne, Canterbury, Petham and Oxford joined Christ Church College, Canterbury, for an outing to London, South of the Thames, on May 25th.

Towers visited were Hayes, Beckenham and Lewisham and, after lunch, Rotherhithe, St. Alphege's, Greenwich (the highlight of the day), Woolwich, Christ Church, Erith, and St. John's, Erith. Ringing included Stedman and Grandsire up to Caters, London, Yorkshire, Plain Bob, rounds and call changes.

MR. LEN STILWELL'S CANADIAN TOUR

Writing from Saskatoon, Mr. Len Stilwell sends us a beautiful picture of the 168 ft. tower at Westminster Abbey, Mission City, B.C. Len states that he is having a grand time and stayed three weeks near Vancouver and at Victoria. He rang several times at both churches and also at Mission City.

He stayed a few days at Edmonton before going to his headquarters at Saskatoon and is going to Regina and Calgary (where he hopes to ring). Len returns to this country on July 22nd.

EARTHQUAKE STOPS RINGING

Ringing at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, has been suspended since the recent earthquake. While there was no damage of any consequence to the structure of the tower, the cross was dislodged and damaged, necessitating repair and thus scaffolding.

In the meantime the members of the Cathedral Society are overhauling the front six bells (the heavy four were hung in 1947) under the direction of Peter Whitehead. Self-aligning bearings are being fitted, wheels repaired, and minor maintenance work carried out.

Mr. Peter J. Perry, the Master, concludes his letter: "We hope to complete the work in the next few weeks, and we have plans for pigeon-proofing (Kiwi-proofing is fortunately unnecessary!) and a new floor—and, more important, far more peals and quarters.

"At Papauni the bells are rung regularly—14 Doubles methods at a recent practice. This is quite an achievement for an isolated tower and a band which has been ringing together for barely a year."

A TOWER FORGOTTEN

The old grey stone church tower stands
A silhouette 'gainst the dawn,
A lark sings from the topmost spire
In welcoming the morn.
The great grey bells within there still
Hang silent and forlorn:
Remembering with sadness days gone by.

The tower is cloaked in ivy now,
The bells with clinging rust.
There are some words upon the wall—
I write them in the dust;
But they are quickly borne away
Before a sudden gust;
I watch them disappear with a sigh.

I climb the trodden stairway to
The ancient belfry door.
Thinking of the men who must have
Walked here years before—
Who stepping from the topmost stair
On to the panelled floor,
Had rung the mighty bells for Mass at ten.

This, then, was the story more than
Seven years ago;
The villagers, who loved the bells, would
Listen from below.
But now the bells are still and quiet—
It is as if they know
Their iron tongues will never speak again.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are attempting the following peals:

July 9th.—Drayton (Som). Double Norwich.
" 9th.—Curry Rivel, Stedman Triples.
" 10th.—Lyme Regis, Lincolnshire S.M.

PEAL RINGING & THE LOCAL RINGER

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone. . . ."

A Story by "Clapper"

Once, two men went up into the belfry at a Branch meeting. One of them was a peal ringer of great total and the other was a local ringer. The local ringer lived strictly by the rules of the Guild and never missed ringing for service or the weekly practice. He made sure everyone knew it and he was honoured for being so good. He liked that and was very proud of his reputation. He always rang the tenor bell and called touches in a very loud voice so all could see he was there.

During the service that particular afternoon the local ringer, sitting in the front pew, prayed thus: "God I thank you that I am better than other ringers; I do not miss service ringing, ring peals in a selfish fashion or go tower-grabbing—like that peal ringer over there."

The peal ringer hung his head during prayers "Have mercy on me, Lord," he whispered, "forgive me the many sins I have committed against You. Forgive me if I have been selfish and unchristian in my ringing activities, and help me to be more mindful of my duty to You in the coming week."

They both looked up as the lesson was read: "The reading is taken from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, beginning at verse 10: 'Once, said Jesus, two men went up into the . . .'"

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CONDITIONS IN NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

Writing in the June issue of the Northampton Branch's Newsletter, B. R. C. writes in his "Foreword":—

"Every ringer of this Branch could well undertake a frank 'look' at the 'ringing' of the District. It will reveal many glaring shortcomings which for the most part are ignored or complacently tolerated.

"A fine ten like St. Giles' without a band! A toleration of bad striking in some towers to a point where the ringing becomes a mad scramble at all times! Meetings attended by 20 per cent. of the Branch membership! And . . . well, that's a start! The answers? These will be found when we are all less complacent; when we refuse to accept second best, and willingly give our maximum efforts ungrudgingly to the art of ringing—yes, you too!"

CREWE TENOR WHEEL COLLAPSES

The eight ringers who took part in the peal of London Surprise Major at Marple on June 15th should have been ringing in a peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Royal at Crewe that afternoon. The band assembled at Crewe but after less than three leads had been rung the tenor wheel collapsed! It was decided that the band, minus Richard Starkie and Alan McFall, should drive to Marple for a peal of Major starting at 5 p.m.

PUTNEY WIN

The Surrey Association striking competition held at Battersea on June 8th attracted four entries. Set pieces of Grandsire Doubles or Triples or Plain Bob Minor were rung by the bands, and the judge (Mr. E. A. Barnett), marking out of ten, placed the bands as follows: Putney (Bob Minor) 6¼, Battersea (Grandsire Doubles) 4½, Wimbledon (Grandsire Doubles) 4, Kingston (Grandsire Triples) 3.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

William Hibbert	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	7
Roger F. Overington	2	D. Roy Bould	8
Brian R. White	3	Stephen J. Ivin	9
William T. Cook	4	James Phillips	10
John W. T. Hibbert	5	David P. Hilling	11
*Derek Jewell	6	Frank C. White	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 16.) Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
(Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand)
CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—At The Cathedral.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

R. G. T. Bennett	Treble	*N. F. E. Reeve	5
Katharine Whitehead	2	J. H. G. Gardner	6
*P. J. Perry	3	A. Peter Whitehead	7
*Colin H. Ward	4	R. H. Idle	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by R. H. Idle.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells and by a local band.
Rung for Pan-Pacific Arts Festival.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Walter G. Knight	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 100th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
VALE, Guernsey.—At the Church of St. Michel du Valle.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents of Grandsire and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Geoffrey R. Marchant	Treble	Ronald D. Short	4
Graham Nabb	2	Alan G. Kent	5
Cecil T. Clarke	3	Edwin T. Dibble	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.
Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung on Ascension Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Michael Thompson	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	5
*Robert B. Smith	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Lawrence J. Haines	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Ian M. Holland	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 26th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Childwall Bob, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Frank R. Morton	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	4
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*Rosemary E. White	3	Brian Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Scott.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	*Edwin A. Barnett	5
*Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*Olive D. Barnett	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
C. Martin Press	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Glasgow Surprise Major.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EASTWOOD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

Alec Humphrey	Treble	David W. Parkin	5
*John Harrison	2	Clive Thrower	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Jack Chadwick	4	Gordon A. Halls	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

George S. Deas	Treble	*Michael Poppleston	6
Kenneth Arthur	2	James Crowther	7
Denis A. Bayles	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
*C. W. Ottaway	4	Michael Maughan	9
*Malcolm E. Johnson	5	*Peter Bruce	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George S. Deas.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb

SOUTH SHIELDS, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	Colin C. Monson	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	James Crowther	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	George S. Deas	7
Jean M. Berriman	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	John W. Stephenson	6
*Heather M. McArthur	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
David Sloman	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Dennis A. Hewitt	4	James L. Towler	9
Kenneth Warner	5	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Caters "inside."
Rung to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. P. Harford, married at this church. Tenor 24¼ cwt

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	*David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	George E. Thoday	8
John H. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Norman V. Harding	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 200th peal. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D
Rung as a compliment to Lesley Weeks, chorister and Sunday School teacher, and R. Barnfield, crucifer, both of St. Mary's, who were married in this church immediately prior to the peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 89 lb.

*Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	John F. M. Maybrey	4
Jill M. May	2	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*†Tony Skilton	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in seven methods. † First on six bells.
Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

*Peter C. Worthington	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*Michael R. Worthington	6
Alick Cutler	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to mark 20 years of service as parish lay reader by Mr. E. C. Overton in Aston with Benington.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

*Elizabeth A. Todd	Treble	*Brian G. Butcher	5
James Hedgcock	2	†Cranford T. Hillis	6
Mrs. Rose Wratten	3	Colin J. E. Wyld	7
Rachel J. Sinden	4	P. Charles Sinden	Tenor

Arranged by Colin E. J. Wyld. Conducted by Cranford T. Hillis.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Marion Bennett	Treble	Donald G. Clift	6
Jacquenline S. King	2	George E. Feirn	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Norman V. Harding	8
Peter S. Bennett	4	Albert M. Tyler	9
Arthur D. Cook	5	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by A. Hudson. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to David and Jacqueline King. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Alexander D. Marsh	6
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Philip J. Rothera	7
Ellis N. Thomas	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Peter G. Brown	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
George E. Feirn	2	David E. Rothera	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	David J. King	7
Ronald Ducker	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 Rutland and London, 640 Bristol, 576 Superlative, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Susan Rothera	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	David E. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*William T. Petty	Treble	‡Dr. Lynn-Jones	5
*Thomas T. Yeomans	2	William Dare	6
†Trevor M. Roderick	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Alwyn R. Lewis	4	‡Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Morgan.

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Paul S. Reading	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	5
*Paul A. Williams	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Alexander E. Marsh	3	*David S. Bishop	7
*Charles P. Quartley	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	*Anne Horsford	6
John R. Mayne	2	A Patrick Cannon	7
William S. Deason	3	†Thomas W. Goodyer	8
Thomas J. Lock	4	Frank C. Price	9
Wilfrid G. Wilson	5	Walter G. Knight	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman on tower bells.

HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Patricia A. Copas	Treble	*Roger A. Gage	4
*Mary G. Gage	2	Michael J. Palmer	5
*Joan Hooton	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Miss C. Johnston, lady verger of this church for many years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
Dan S. Pont	2	Frank I. Chambers	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 QUAINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David C. Brown	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Alan R. Pink	3	William Birmingham	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. (Wratten No. 53.) Conducted by A. R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (H. and M. Collection No. 2866.)
Rung in connection with the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Incorporated Church Building Society.

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MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods: Grandsire, Antelope, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints', Minster, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury and 90 variations. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Howard Page	Treble	Alec Gammon	3
Roy H. Jones	2	Noel D. Deam	4

Leonard R. Porter .. Tenor
Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Barry R. Care	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Kennedy.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Rosalind M. Payne	Treble	†Eric J. Hitchins	4
Norman G. N. Knee	2	Frederick S. Slatford	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Philip Roynon	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles, completes "family" of Stedman on tower bells from Doubles to Cinques.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr.

Howard J. Payne	Treble	David H. Stone	4
Susan E. M. Davis	2	Jeremy D. Cheesman	5
Roger W. Price	3	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

Rung, half-muffled, by a resident band, in memoriam Michael D. Trigg, Master of the Guild 1964-66.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls, Bulwell. On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Andrew L. B. King	Treble	Simon Humphrey	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	David W. Friend	6
Denis A. Frith	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon and St. Martin, eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*F. William Midwinter	Treble	R. Brian Mills	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice Harrison	4
†Simon Humphrey	Tenor		

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 75th peal in Nottinghamshire.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Margaret Chilton and Stanley Snyder.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's College Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Victor E. T. Holland	Treble	†A. Paul Sheldon	4
Lucy Smith	2	Cyril T. Collins	5
Angela Bagnall	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal at first attempt † First peal of Minor.

Rung to mark the centenary of the first-ever Diocesan Conference, which was held at Lichfield on June 17th, 1868.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Ruth K. Woodman	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Vernon Bedford	6
*Katharine M. Thorley	3	Stephen Bedford	7
Adrian Knights	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 EASTBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Betty Percy	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Alison M. Mann	2	John S. Barnes	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Alan R. Baldock	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

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

Rung as a compliment to Christine and Alan Baldock on the birth of a daughter, Rachel.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	Derek Slater	5
*Timothy Banner	2	John A. Howard	6
Geoffrey C. Rix	3	David D. Smith	7
Roger Osbon	4	*†Ian Wickens	Tenor

Arranged by H. Johnson. Conducted by Ian Wickens.

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

Rung for Trinity Sunday.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues., June 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*David D. Smith	6
*Roger Osbon	3	*Ian Wickens	7
Derek Slater	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal in the method.

(Southern Universities Association)

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Peta Ollen	Treble	David L. Nibbs	5
Susan E. M. Davis	2	Brian J. Read	6
†Marion Kemp	3	James M. Hills	7
*R. Ian West	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor. 25th peal on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 6.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Robin A. Funnell	Treble	*Jane A. Mason	4
*Jane Woodward	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
Susan M. Harrison	3	*David J. Woodward	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal. First ever rung by a Westham Sunday service band.

Rung for the Parish Flower Festival.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

WENDRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., June 15th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A.

*Valerie C. Allen	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
†T. Roy Hart	2	§Timothy J. Bell	5
‡David Vincent	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." ‡ 350th peal. § First peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Stephen T. Kirby	Treble	Derek C. Jackson	5
*Susan E. M. Davis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
Susan E. Smith	4	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

(The Winchester College Society)

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

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

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.

* First peal of Minor. † First away from cover. First of Minor as conductor. First tower bell peal of Minor by an all-school band.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
John H. Fielden	3	Rodney B Meadows	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
David E. Rothera	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Christopher H. Rogers	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church aof St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond Smith	Treble	Richard Tibbetts	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

ELMLEY CASTLE, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents with no 65's at backstroke.

Ronald J. Stephens	Treble	Peter S. Robertson	4
*Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal of Bob Minor.
Rung on the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	*Geoffrey Randles	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Geoffrey Bridges	7
J. Henry Fielden	3	*Ronald Ducker	8
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
*Ian G. Campbell	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of London Royal.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, Norfolk Row.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

David Nichols	Tenor	Neil Donovan	5
Ruth Foreman	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Richard E. Price	3	Gerald Penney	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Tom J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Tom J. Lock.

HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., June 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Alan Neal	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Richard E. Price	3	David Nichols	7
Roger Harper	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett sen. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt

Alan Clifton	Treble	Ian North	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	*Ronald R. Warford	6
Frederick J. Jackson	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

(Huntington Guild)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Morris's 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 5 cwt. in B flat.

Christopher Milner	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
Simon P. D. Burnett	2	A. Colin Banton	5
Susan E. Thompson	3	*Bevan J. Seymour	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal attempt.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the life and work of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, 1925–1968.

NIDD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Paul and Margaret.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHREPPS DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor 6 cwt. in C.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	3
*Suzanne J. Withers	2	Ronald R. Warford	4

Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. First of Doubles in the method by all the band and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*Christopher M. Movley	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.
* First peal on handbells. First in the method as conductor and first as conductor for 48 years. Tenor size 15 in C.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 1 Hour and 35¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/ variations.
Being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Seighford. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Major in the method on handbells by all.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 21 methods, comprising 640 each of Eastcote and London, 480 of Bristol, 320 each of Ealing, Elford and Superlative, and 160 each of Aldenham, Cambridge, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 154 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Gerald Penney	7–8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., June 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Thomas J. Lock	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Thomas W. Goodyer	7–8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The ringer of 7–8 is the first Australian to ring a peal of Surprise Major on handbells. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., June 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of College Bob, St. Clement's College, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed. June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Richard C. Inglis	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	David F. Moore	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Root.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, E.C.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Maureen J Carruthers	1–2	*Christopher J. Easton	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Doubles. First peal "in hand" by all. 25th peal as conductor. Tenor size 14 in D.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On June 9th, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALDGATE, LONDON, E. — At St. Botolph's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Stephenson 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Fowler 3, Ann Gardner (from Washington, U.S.A.) 4, W. Theobald 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. Rung to mark the visitation of Archbishop Appleton, of Perth, Australia, one-time rector of this parish.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. J. Luckhurst (first quarter) 1, Ann Harris (cond.) 2, D. J. Winchester 3, B. R. Forster 4, G. A. Masters 5, I. S. Holland 6. For Matins, and as a 17th birthday compliment to D. J. Winchester.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Manns (first Doubles) 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Patricia Stocken (first "inside") Pamela Joan Spicer and Eric Jefferies.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Porter 1, G. Dodd 2, P. Dodd 3, Mrs. M. Moore 4, H. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, R. Fuller 7, G. Saunders 8. In honour of the Feast of the Ascension. Also on June 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Dodd 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, R. Fuller 6, Miss J. Spurgeon 7, M. Dodd (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of Whitsun, and a birthday compliment to Miss J. Spurgeon.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, C. J. Bennett 2, C. T. Collins 3, S. G. Pick 4, G. Reynolds 5, R. M. Hodister 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, P. R. Johnson (first on eight as cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — On June 18th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peta Ollen 1, B. J. Read (25th quarter) 2, Marion Kemp 3, R. I. West 4, Caroline Mackie 5, J. M. Hills 6, R. H. Newton (first in method as cond.) 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. First in method 2, 4. A compliment to Brian Read on gaining a First Class Degree. By U.S.G.C.R.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON. — On June 8th, 1,280 Doubles (four methods): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6. For the wedding of 3. E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT. — On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion Kemp 1, O. C. R. Webster 2, Margaret Jenner 3, R. Lebon 4, J. A. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First "inside" in method 2, 3 and 5.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mavis J. Fielder 1, M. D. Fuller 2, J. H. Payton 3, Elizabeth W. Struckett 4, P. Payne 5, D. W. Struckett 6, T. J. Wellen 7, T. G. Tyers (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 4, 5. For Festival of Flowers Evensong.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins 2, A. G. Richards 3, R. S. Lyons 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. By the local band.

COLCHESTER (SHRUB END), ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, M. Bushell (first "inside") 2, D. Whent 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, P. Schafle 5, G. Lamb 6. For Evensong, and to mark the birth of Desmond Clayton, nephew of the second ringer.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Holloway 1, Shirley Harris 2, W. Kerr 3, G. A. Packer 4, I. R. Nichols 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6, S. Carter 7. For Evensong.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On June 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: V. Bottomley 1, A. Thompson 2, I. Ineson 3, R. Richardson 4, J. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson (first quarter) 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, W. Moreton 8. For Sunday School anniversary.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.—On June 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, F. Stamp 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Haines 6. Rung half-muffled for the annual memorial service to the men of the U.S. Air Force who lost their lives in an aircraft accident while stationed at Dunkeswell during the war. During the service special prayers were offered for Senator Robert Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy's brother, Joseph, was one of the victims of the accident.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B. Bell 1, J. A. Ellis (first quarter) 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

HAYES, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Margaret Jenner 1, Marion Kemp 2, O. C. R. Webster 3, R. Lebon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. A. Hemsley 6. First in five methods 1, 2, 3, 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): K. Mary Lambert (first attempt) 1, H. W. Brown 2, J. R. Norris 3, P. D. Hepburn (first as cond.) 4, S. W. Brown 5, R. H. Tribe 6. A 24th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor. Also on Whitsunday, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: H. M. McNaughton (first attempt) 1, H. W. Brown 2, R. I. West (first on six) 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, J. R. Norris (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Mary Lambert (first Minor) 1, Sheila A. Harfield 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. D. Hepburn (first Minor as cond.) 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, B. J. Harfield 6. A 70th birthday compliment to G. Mansbridge.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. J. Wallett 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. To congratulate Rev. David Cook on his Ordination to the Priesthood.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Howells (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, I. Desborough 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. V. Harding 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, D. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, L. W. Houghton 6, P. Brown (Dublin, cond.) 7, C. Tovell 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. J. Green 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, G. D. Collin 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion and as a birthday compliment to ringers 3, 4 and 5. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Bryony P. Moorby 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For H.C. and as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. John Martin). Also with best wishes to David and Elizabeth Wilkins on the birth of a son, Geoffrey David, a brother for Jeanette. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lesley A. Hawes (25th quarter) 1, J. P. Hull 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For H.C.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright (first in method) 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (first in method as cond.) 5, F. Keen first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Karen Janette, to Gillian and Roger Hazell on May 28th. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, R. Hazell 5, C. Meakes (first in method as cond.) 6. Rung for Feast of Title.

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LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 1, H. Corney 2, Miss E. M. Ottaway 3, Miss G. E. Perry 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, C. A. Ottaway 6, D. Riley 7, E. J. Retter 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Arthur C. White.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp (aged 12) 1, F. Stamp 2, C. Summers 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb 5, B. Hayes (first quarter) 6. For 2nd ringer's birthday.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, P. R. Brotherson 2, G. J. Neilson 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldob (first quarter) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,316 Plain and Little Bob Minor: M. J. Taylor 1, J. Hedgecock 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Birchall 1, H. Birchall 2, I. E. Margaret Manby 3, M. Murphy 4, A. Ward 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6, D. Manby 7. Rung on the back seven bells for the Whitsuntide procession.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Robinson 1, W. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, S. E. Denby 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. Adcock, the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fossey and also 40 years of bellringing by F. Adcock.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Clayton 1, W. Clamp 2, R. Looker 3, O. Homewood (first as cond.) 4, R. E. Manton 5, A. French 6. For Evensong.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, Miss P. Thomsett 2, Miss W. R. Austin 3, R. Bushell 4, F. J. Dadson 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except treble ringer.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On June 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Childs 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Strong (mother of 1).

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Roden (first quarter) 1, D. L. Gullick 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, R. J. Pettit 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On June 1st, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Parry (cond.) 1, A. Watkin 2, H. Hughes 3, J. Parry 4, K. Morgan 5, R. Hotchkiss (first quarter) 6. Rung at wedding of Society's secretary, Mr. S. Evans. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Watkin 1, F. Dickinson 2, J. Parry 3, K. Morgan 4, H. Hughes 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6, S. Evans 7, R. Hotchkiss 8. First Triples for 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8. Rung on Mayor's Sunday.

PUTNEY, S.W. — On June 9th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Julie S. Armstrong 1, Josephine Patterson (first "inside") 2, Rev. M. S. Hart 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Derek Stainsby 1, Miss R. Willey 2, Mrs. J. M. Bull 3, H. Hanson 4, E. Buxton 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. C. Lygo 7, A. L. B. King (first Major as cond.) 8. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Derek Stainsby on the birth of Richard Peter. Also to welcome Brian and Janet Bull to Radcliffe-on-Trent.

RIPON, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Caters: Anne Dalton (first quarter) 1, P. Town 2, Jennifer Dunning 3, Marion Town 4, J. A. Brown 5, A. G. Dalton 6, E. Metcalfe 7, D. Town 8, E. Hudson (cond.) 9, F. G. Payne 10. First in the method for all. Rung for the installation of Canon F. E. Le Grice as Dean of Ripon.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain and Single Oxford): Mrs. J. Bull 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, B. Bull 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 16th, 1,440 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. G. East 1, Mrs. P. Crosby 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, H. W. Cox 6. For the Patronal Festival.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX. — On May 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. House 1, D. Sloman 2, G. Lucas 3, B. Sadler 4, M. Hallett 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,320 Doubles (18 meth./var.): G. Bickerton 1, J. S. Baker 2, G. A. Edwards 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. K. Green 6. First in 18 meth./var. by all. For Evensong.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

FAULKES—ASHWORTH. — The wedding of Dill and Helen will take place at Shepperton, Middlesex, on August 3rd, 1968, at 1430 hours. All friends welcome at the service. 4257

DEATH

COXILL.—On June 20th, 1968, Elsie Sarah, in hospital, devoted and faithful sister of C. W. Cooper and grandmother of Martin D. and Michael J. Fellows, Stourbridge. Interment Borough Cemetery. 4262

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CLUN (8), SHROPSHIRE

Festival of Flowers

Ringing will take place on Saturday, July 6th, from 4 p.m. onwards under the direction of the Shropshire Association. Teas will be available at the Festival for anybody requiring these. 4241

GNOSALL, STAFFORD. — Bellringers' Sunday, July 7th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells 5.30 p.m. Preacher Bishop of Shrewsbury. Social hour after service. Last opportunity to see and hear Junior Handbell Orchestra. 4108

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting
SATURDAY, JULY 13th.

Wye (8) 3-4.30 p.m. Tea in Ashford Parish Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ashford (8) 6.45-8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kerafield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, July 11th. 4204

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET

All Saints' Church, Festival of Flowers.

July 12, 13 and 14. 10.30 a.m.– 9 p.m. Bells available: 12th, 7.30–9 p.m. 13th, 3–6.30 p.m. for Special Evensong (6.30). Refreshments available at Village Hall. 4235

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Sat., July 13th.
Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.30 p.m.
St. Chad's (12) 7.15– 9 p.m.

Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall.

Names for tea, without fail, please, by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. F. G. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Gardens, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. 4242

WYMONDHAM ABBEY

The Annual Ringing Day will be resumed on the new ring of ten on

Saturday, July 27th

Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends—especially those from over the Borders.

A short service will be held at 41.5 p.m., after which tea will be provided and served by the local ringers, their wives and friends. Arrangements will be made for complete bands (on request) to ring in afternoon or evening.

Names and numbers in good time, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4260

HENFIELD, SUSSEX. — There will be no practice ringing during July and August. Next practice night, Wednesday, September 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—R. M. Leadley. 4266

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—Ringing Sunday this year September 22nd. Start 7 a.m., finish 10 p.m. Everyone welcome. Make a note in your diary. Particulars nearer the day.—F. B. Lufkin. 4264

ST. MICHAEL'S, TEIGNMOUTH. — The holidaymakers' service on Sundays has restarted. Ringing, numbers permitting, 8.15 p.m. till 9 p.m. Visiting ringers most welcome. 4263

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual outing on July 6th. Ringing at Walkington (6) 12.30–1.15; Market Weighton (6) 2–2.45; Nunburnholme (6) 3.15–4; Hutton Cranswick (6) 4.30–5.15; St. Mary's, Beverley (10) 6.30–8. Bring own lunch. A restaurant will be recommended for tea. So that an idea of numbers may be obtained, will members intending going please notify the secretary.—R. Fletcher, 34, Dronsfield Road, Sheffield, S.10, 5RN. 4226

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Due to Expo 68, the following changes have been made to the meeting programme: July meeting is cancelled; August, learners' meeting at Buxted; September, Barcombe (unchanged); October, Henfield; November, Wivelsfield and Keymer.—J. M. Hills, Hon. Div. Sec. 4276

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Stoolball match at West Grinstead on Saturday, July 6th at 3 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. E.G.23815. 4232

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Practice meeting at Burgh (6) on Friday, July 5th, 7-9 p.m.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4228

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, July 6th, will take the form of a striking competition. All towers in the diocese have been notified. Will members not competing send in names for tea to the undersigned. Ringing will commence as soon after 2 p.m. as possible. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's after tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4223

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please. — B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1EF. 4189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Burwell, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise. 4210

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton. Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tirley (6), July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Ball, New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos. 4220

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffculme on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 4255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), July 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4240

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District — Quarterly meeting at Benington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, Buckhurst, Town Lane, Benington, Stevenage, Herts.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4149

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3-5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2-5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing.. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

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; Bengeo (8), 4.15-5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1968

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, 1968. The timetable is as follows:

Executive Committee Meeting in St. Maurice's Hall	1.30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting	2.30 p.m.
Service in St. Lawrence's Church	4.45 p.m.
Tea in St. Maurice's Hall	5.30 p.m.

Ringing Arrangements:

East Tytherley (8). Old Alresford (6)	10.30-11.30 p.m.
New Alresford (8)	11.00-12.00 noon
Stockbridge (6), Cheriton (6), Owslebury (6)	11.30-12.30 p.m.
Crawley (5), Sparsholt (5), Twyford (8)	12.00- 1.00 p.m.
Winchester Cathedral (12) ..	1.30-2.30 p.m. and 6.30- 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. L. Tremeer, 9, Perin's Close, Alresford, Hants. D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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, Berkshire. 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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 4286

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's (10), Epsom, on July 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom. (Tel. 23087).—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Cookham, Tuesday, July 9th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4243

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening practice at Wroughton (6) on Wednesday, July 10th, 7.30-9 p.m. 4291

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Hemington, near Bath, Friday, July 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. 4265

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Overseale (8) on Friday, July 12th, 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 4292

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 4288

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business and tea (own arrangements). Ringing will cease at 7.30 p.m. 4290

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington (8), July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, by previous Thursday. 4213

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Winlaton, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Jenkins, 35, California, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham. 4259

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Balcombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.—B. E.-J. 4236

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden and Litlington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells: Guilden Morton (6) 3 p.m.-4.15 p.m.. Service, Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Litlington Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, and Litlington (6) from 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Little Horkesley (5), July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to D. E. Culham, 3, Gardenfield Cottages, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 4268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Wednesday, July 10th. 4269

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Sheepstor (6) on Saturday, July 13th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 4254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday, please. 4277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Meeting at Datchworth (6), July 13th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4295

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Crosthwaite (near Kendal) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Please note: No cars to be parked in hotel car park.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4275

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 4249

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch striking competition, Chipping, July 13th. Cups of tea provided: please bring own food.—Walmsley.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Quarterly meeting, July 13th. Bells: Gaulby 1.15–2 p.m., King's Norton 2–2.45, Foxton 2–3, Gt. Bowden 2.30–3.30, Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.30. Tea in the Old Grammar School 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Bingley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, not later than July 10th. Annual dinner, September 28th, at Stanford Hall, University Hall of Residence, Leicester. Tickets later.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 4293

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Leadenham, Saturday, July 13th Bells (6) from 6.—G. R. P.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by July 11th. 4247

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.——Meeting at Grosmont, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Skenfrith bells (6) also available Names for tea, please, to Rev. A. W. M'Adam, The Rectory, Grosmont, Abergavenny, Mon. 4227

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30–4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30–6 St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30–7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30–8.30. — Miss V. E. Duore. Hon. Sec. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — A.G.M., Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Reeves, Belle Vue, Tanners Lane, Adderbury, near Banbury, by July 10th. 4273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beenham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 4294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting at Whilton (6), Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Townley, Martin's Farm, Whilton, by Monday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4271

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Yatesbury (5), July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne. 4296

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting St. Peter's, Dorchester, July 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Fordington (6) also from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4190

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting. July 13th, Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3–4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4164

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, July 9th. 4221

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Striking Contest will be held at St. Mary's, Thakeham, on Sat., July 13th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30. Bells (6) available for general ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to the Divisional Secretary or to Mr. B. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough.—R. Wake. Hon. Sec. 4279

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Wimbledon on Wednesday, July 17th, at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4284

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Atherstone on Saturday, July 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Other towers open notified in the next notice. Names for tea, very important, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Pentlow, July 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Belchamp St. Paul bells available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Finch, School House, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Cranham (6), July 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by July 16th. 4229

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbeare Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells, Heavitree, 2.30. Service, Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6–8. 4161

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Bredgar, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. S. M. Evans, Bredgar Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. J. Birch, 5, St. Nicholas Road, Hythe, by Thursday, July 18th. 4215

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—By invitation meeting at Mitcheldean, Glos, on July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. Gentlemen and children welcome. 4272

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at King's Bromley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4287

Bridgwater Ringers

WITH the hope that the weather would brighten, a party of bellringers from the Bridgwater area left Bristol Airport on Wednesday, May 22nd, for a ringing tour and holiday in Guernsey. Our hopes were soon realised, for the following day, true to peal-ringing form, was a glorious one. After a morning's sunbathing session at L'Ancresse Bay, a band successfully attempted a peal of Doubles at St. Michel du Valle, and this is believed to be the first peal of Doubles on these bells.

On Friday we were up at 5 a.m. to catch the cargo passenger ship to Alderney an hour later. Arriving in Alderney at approximately 8.30 a.m., we made our way to St. Anne's to ring for the 10 a.m. Communion service. Afterwards an attempt for a quarter of Plain Bob Minor had to be abandoned due to lack of time, but a nice 720 was scored on these melodious but little-rung bells. We were delayed an hour on the journey back when the propeller broke and we had to be towed into St. Peter Port by pilot boat.

On Saturday, after visiting the famous Little Chapel at Les Vauxbelets, which is a marvellous example of patience and skill, being decorated throughout with fragments of broken china and pottery, we went on to see the chime of three bells at St. Martin de la Bellieuse These bells are unique in that they are in the "up" position and are chimed by the clappers being lifted and dropped on to the bells by an apparatus similar to that of a barrel organ.

The following day, after joining the local bellringers at St. Michel du Valle and ringing for morning service, we moved on to St. Marguerite de la Forêt to attempt the first-ever peal on the four bells. Unfortunately after a while the bearings ran dry and it was decided to abandon the peal in favour of a half peal of 2,520 changes. After an extremely welcome tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar and his wife, the rest of the group joined the pealers to ring for Evensong, a service which was enjoyed by all.

Visit Channel Isles

On the last day of our holiday we visited three three-bell towers, all of which proved extremely interesting. At Torteval two bells only could be chimed, and one of the parishioners gave us a demonstration of his special technique. The tenor, though on a full wheel, had no stay and is usually only tolled, but one of our party saw fit to make an exception to this rule!

ALARMING INCIDENT

After eating our packed lunches at Petit Bot Bay, we went on to St. Pierre du Bois, where a serious accident was only narrowly averted. These bells are on half wheels so therefore can only be rung partially up. At the first attempt to ring them there was a terrific noise from above and the clapper from the treble came flying through the trap-door, hitting the steps of the ladder and brushing the arms of one of our party. Thanks to the help of the local garage, we purchased bolts, borrowed spanners and replaced the offending clapper and also secured the other two. After this incident the ladies of the party decided not to ring!

Our visit to St. Saviour's was disappointing. The top of the tower is the highest point on the island, and during the last war, when the Germans occupied Guernsey, it was used as a look-out tower. A platform had been built near the bells and consequently there was insufficient room for the bells to be rung up, and the Vicar has resorted to clocking just the tenor bell.

At 1205 the following day we left Guernsey for Bristol and rang at three six-bell towers on the way home—Butcombe, Loxton and Weare.

So ended a very enjoyable trip, duly recorded on tape and in an excellent report in the "Guernsey Evening Press," and we are much indebted to the clergy and ringers for their warm welcomes and abundant kindnesses. At their invitation we hope to make another visit in two years' time, when several of the rings are due to have been restored. E. M. K.

New Ring of Eight in American Girls' College

Smith College, Massachusetts

SET in the beautiful little New England town of Northampton, Smith College is an American Girls' College of University status.

There are some 2,500 girls all housed and taught in a various mixture of buildings ranging from the typical New England wooden type mansions to modern science buildings. To this in recent years has been added a new centre for the performing arts.

This composite building consists of a large modern theatre, a studio theatre, television studio, a vast music library with modern listening rooms, ballet studios, a student lounge, and last but not least a bell tower housing a ring of eight with a tenor of 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Originally the tower was not designed for bells, but during a staff conference, when the question arose as to what to put into the tower, Mrs. Dickinson, who learned to ring whilst at Cambridge, suggested a ring of bells. The suggestion was accepted and a subsequent order placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

THE BELLS

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: In Honour of Marjorie Resnikov Botwinik '37.
2: I am Grace.
3: To the Joy of Music, Mathematics and Memory.
4: I am Equity.
5: I am Diligence.
6: I am Courage.
7: I am Blessed.
Tenor: Gaudeamus igitur juvenes dum sumus.

The tenor inscription is the first line of a mediæval student hymn, "Now let us rejoice while we are young," and is in memory of the late Margaret Shurcliff, of Boston. The five are in memory of Florence Jeffrey Carlile and the class of 1893. The 3rd bell was donated by Edward P. Hutchinson and his daughter, Joan, and the treble by Norman Botwinik, of New Haven, Conn., in honour of his wife.

Joan Hutchinson is a graduate of Smith, who has a peal and several quarter peals on handbells to her credit. This year she will be coming to England to Warwick University, where she hopes to continue an active ringing career as well as studying for a master's degree in mathematics.

The consignment of bells and frame arrived at Boston on April 4th, followed by the arrival of Bill Theobald, who had already travelled many thousand miles in the U.S. and Canada with a small trade mission.

Unloading was due to begin on the following Monday followed by delivery at Northampton, some 97 miles away, on the Tuesday. Unfortunately the week-end coincided with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, with certain side effects in the area which included a dock strike on the Monday and a day off for the dockers on Tuesday to pay respects.

So the load arrived on the Tuesday, but, horror of horrors, due to gross mishandling at the docks, part of the consignment was damaged (not the bells, thank goodness). Rectification of this was speedily put in hand and in the meantime certain modifications to the tower were carried out; these were necessary before any installation could be started.

Work commenced on the hanging and then certain doubts occurred as to the stability of the tower, which had certainly not been built to the specification of the founders. This having been finally settled, on Saturday, May 11th, a band was duly assembled to ring for the first time.

FIRST CAMPUS RIOT

In the early evening further ringing took place in reverse, finishing with a course of Bob Major on fully open bells. This latter produced the first campus riot, which was quickly quelled and later the "rebels" won over. Lesson for English towers with similar

GIANT CRANE PLACES BELL IN TOWER

difficulties: If you can't beat them enlist them; they seem to change sides rapidly when they get a bell rope in their hands.

Just a few pulls and the old familiar glazed expression common to ringers comes on to their faces and then it is plain sailing. Seriously, the bells were obviously very good for their weight, and went well, as Bill hoped it would be after all that trouble.

During the day many ringers took part from Smith and Groton Schools (was Russ the first man ever to break a stay while lowering a bell, to the cheers of the boys? and English ringers from Crowthorne, Kent, South Wales and Birmingham. Anyhow, a most enjoyable time was had by all, and a traditional English social meeting was held by those who could stay in the Northampton inn.

The following week-end the tower was visited by the outing party, whose activities have already been reported, when ringing up to Cambridge Major was enjoyed. The Tuesday after saw a visit from the boys of Kent School in Connecticut, under Bill Howard.

Immediately after the first ringing, began Bill Theobald's second task—to teach the girls to handle a bell. The College were extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Dickinson as a member of the faculty, who, with David, Kitty Miller and Rhoda Micocci, made things a little easier.

Altogether upwards of 50 people were taught to handle. Some were able to ring rounds and, with a little verbal encouragement from Bill, one group managed to ring a 120 of Bob Doubles. (Not bad in three weeks.)

LESSONS

There were several lessons to be learned. There is quite a vast interest in change ringing in the U.S.A. On top of this it is obvious that the mental approach to ringing there is different. Where else will learners learn to handle a bell in about an average of 15 minutes? Whether our methods in England are wrong for the instruction of beginners, or whether the Americans are easier to teach, or the "Smithies" are extra bright girls is debatable (or is it?). The fact remains that there is a large potential interest in ringing in general and it is to be hoped that in the future this interest will grow.

Already there are signs that this will not be the last peal of ringing bells installed there and before very long I feel that, with a little assistance, American ringing could easily surpass English standards.

Bill had the experience of being in a peal attempt where the conductor, calling his first peal, had the courage to stop halfway because he felt that the ringing was not up to peal standard. It was not that the ringing in question was too bad. Plenty worse ringing is accepted as peal standard in this country. However, the English ringers in this attempt will know that a future peal recorded from this tower will be of a high standard.

It is possible that in the months to come several American ringers will be visiting U.K.

Before long it is to be hoped that the bells at Northampton will feature in our peal and quarter peal columns, as is happening in other U.S. towers. Some need help, and any ringer visiting or thinking of visiting the U.S. is asked to co-operate to the full. So after a slightly longer stay than anticipated, Bill flew home, perhaps a bit tired, but proud and happy at perhaps having added a little history to American ringing. He will be glad to pass on any information about ringing over there that is needed, having been in every tower with a ringing peal except one.

BRIGHTON RINGERS VISIT ISLE OF WIGHT

Brighton's three towers combined for a summer outing to the Isle of Wight on June 8th. At Portsmouth we found H.M.S. "Victory" and other naval ships beflagged for the Sovereign's birthday. On board the ferry, Bob, Malcolm and Peter sought to mark the occasion by a quarter peal "in hand" at sea, but a fly-past of five hovercraft put paid to the attempt.

The first tower was at Carisbrooke, where the Master of the Sussex Guild directed some fast, rhythmic Stedman on the excellent eight. Westwards, in brighter weather, to Freshwater for lunch, embarrassing the "local" with 30 thirsts, consequently it was difficult to round up drinking ringers and process them through the very small belfry. Eventually everyone had a ring on the ground-floor six.

Our route led us through some lovely country to the small church at Niton, where the five loud bells are rung from an even smaller belfry. Here we noticed the Braille Bible used by the blind Vicar. We had been looking forward to Godshill's bells, and what a capital six they are! The regulation half-hour was not nearly long enough to appreciate these little beauties. Reluctantly we left for Brading (8) where the tower spans the church porch and our ladies were understandably apprehensive about mounting the almost vertical ladder that leads up from the street pavement. The rather loud bells were rung to standard methods. Finally came a Taylor eight at Ryde. The full-toned, full-volumed bells are best enjoyed with ear plugs, and the first ringer to complain was told to stuff his beard in his ears! A final touch of Bristol set the seal on our day's ringing.

Back in England we stopped at a hostelry where a stranger asked if the handbells would be played. When it was suggested that they went better if lubricated she promptly bought drinks for the ringers, thereafter campanological confusion reigned. Traditional songs, led from the back of the coach, sped us on the homeward way and as we reflected on a good day's outing we remembered with gratitude the island ringers, the incumbents who had permitted us the use of their bells, and Ian, who had organised the whole thing.

N. P. S.

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5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By F. DENCH

23456	M	B	W	H
35264		—		
62453	—		—	
347526			—	4th
45362		In		3
56423		—		3
62534		—		
36245		—		2
64352		—		
372465	5th —			
276435	—			
23564	—			4th
23645		—		—
34256		—		
24653	—			
45236		—		3
25634	—			
36452	—		—	
65324		—		
23456	—		—	

5,120 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

By S. J. IVIN

23456	B	M	W	H	
64352		—		—	
45623	x			3	
52436	x				
34625		—	—		
36245			—	2	
26543		—			
64235	x				
23645			—	—	
42635			—		
36524		—	—		
35264			—	2	"A"
25463		—			
56234	x				
23564			—	—	
23456			"A"		

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2	2		36245
—		x	36524
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3	—		23564
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3	—		52436
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