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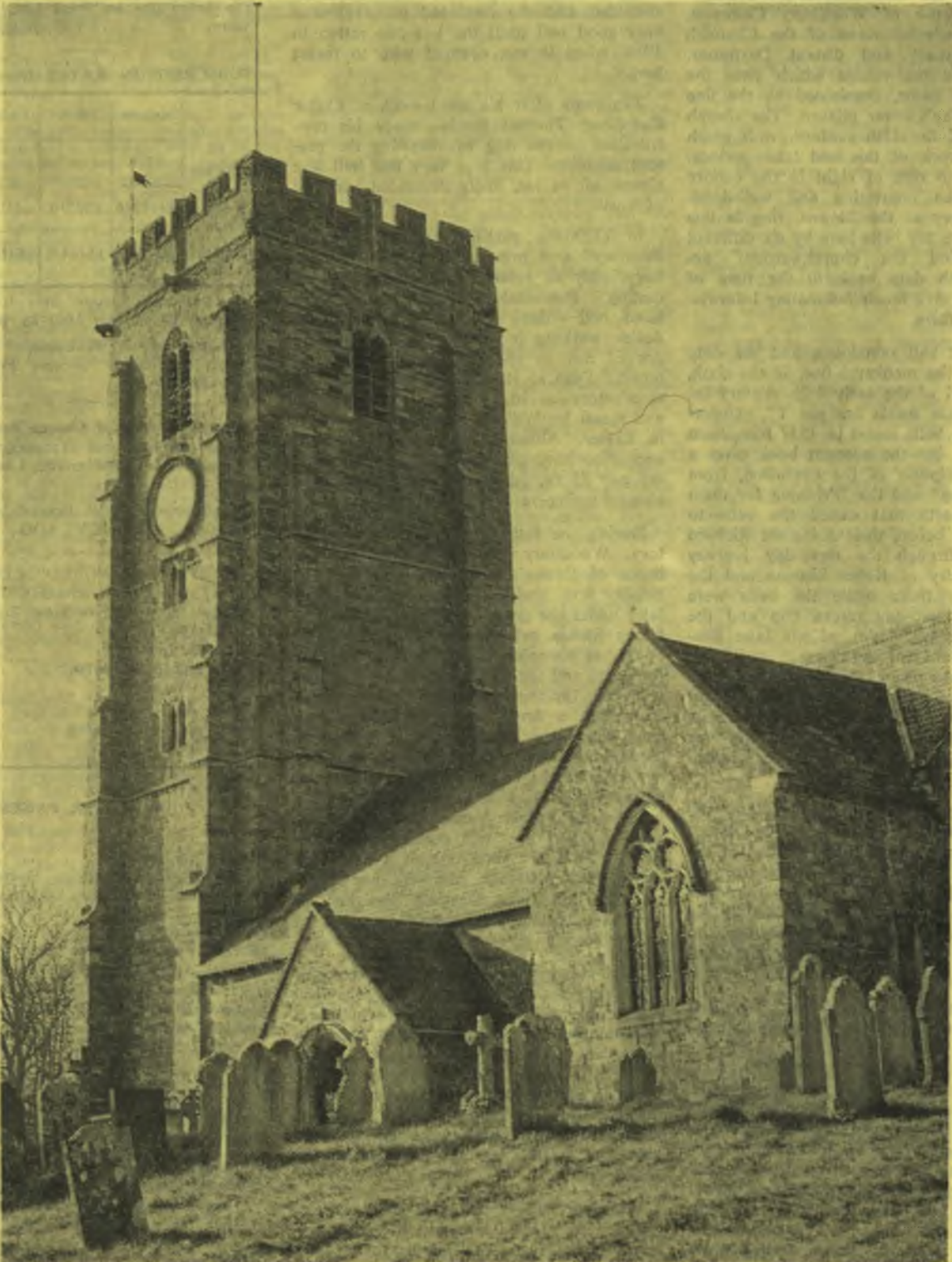
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The Church of St. Swithin, Woodbury, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Swithin's Church, Woodbury, Devon

SUMMER visitors to the corner of Devon between Exeter and Sidmouth well know the fine heather-and-bracken-covered expanse of Woodbury Common, with its wonderful views of the Channel, the Exe estuary and distant Dartmoor. Below it lies the village which gives the Common its name, dominated by the fine tower in today's cover picture. The church is mostly of the 15th century, with much good woodwork of this and later periods.

There is no ring of eight in the county with such an interesting and well-documented history as the 24 cwt. ring in this tower. There are bells here by six different founders, and the churchwardens' accounts, which date back to the time of Henry VIII, give much fascinating information about them.

The oldest bell remaining, and the only survivor of the mediæval five, is the sixth, a Bristol bell of the early 16th century inscribed "Sancta maria ora pro T". Unfortunately two bells recast in 1557 have been again recast, but the account book gives a graphic description of the operation, from their "striking" and the "drinking for them that went forth that caried the bells to Aishe Priors before their going att Richard Bussell's", through the three-day journey to the foundry of Roger Semson and the five-day stay there while the bells were cast, to the two-day return trip and the triumphant entry, "It'm pd att Jane Bussell's homework for drynkyng . . . iij d." Fourteen oxen drew the bells there and back, and five men went with them. Roger Semson, some of whose bells survive at Talaton, Plymtree and Luppitt not far away, was paid £23 18s. 2d., in four instalments.

In 1605 the second of the five (now the fifth) was recast by Thomas Byrdall II, of Exeter; Thomas's son, John, the last of the old line of Exeter founders, recast the present fourth in 1624, the year of his death. The earlier of these two is inscribed in the foundry's old black-letter with big capitals; John put his initials on his bell in his usual very ornate letters.

The parish was kept very busy with bell repairs all through the 17th century: in addition to these two another bell, the fourth of the old five, was recast in 1611, and in 1629 the tenor also needed recasting. By this time Thomas Pennington II was working in Exeter, and the accounts give us a clue to the site of his foundry—"for putting open the gates to goe downe over Northen Hey, 4d." When the bellfounder came to see the bells, when they took the tenor down, when they loaded her, and at every other stage of the operation there was an item for beer and bread—mainly beer. The total comes to 10s. 2d., a formidable gallonage in 1629.

This tenor became crazed during the late 19th century, but at the rehanging in 1897 Harry Stokes shrank an iron band over her shoulder, and she remained in use and a very good bell until the last restoration in 1956, when it was deemed wise to recast her.

Ten years after his great work at Exeter Cathedral, Thomas Purdue made his contribution to the ring by recasting the present seventh. This is a very fine bell like almost all of his, finely decorated and full of music.

In 1720 the parish bought a bell "at Bonehay" and brought it back to Woodbury, only to return it to Exeter for recasting. Presumably this was a second-hand bell—there is still a scrap metal dealer working in Bonhay in Exeter—and proved not to splice with the ring until recast. Even so it seems to have been unsatisfactory, as in 1737 the treble (of six) was recast by William Evans, of Chepstow, in Exeter. Although the wardens do not appear to have paid for the recasting, they did pay £2 6s. 7d. "for expence in 4 days about tuneing ye tribble Bell."

During the latter part of the 19th century, Woodbury became famous as the home of Devon's finest bell-hanging businesses, first under William Hooper and later under the great Harry Stokes. In 1897 Harry Stokes rehung the Woodbury bells in one of his splendid oak frames with pits for eight, and the following year two trebles were cast for the empty pits by Mears and Stainbank, a firm with which Stokes had long been associated and with which he was to form a family connection, when his son married the daughter of A. A. Hughes. Harry Stokes had very few equals in the building of timber frames, and for many generations ringers will continue to know that "a Stokes frame" means a frame in which neither timber, ironwork nor workmanship was ever skimped, designed as well as any, and far better than most, of its period.

That being so, it is surprising that the Woodbury frame lasted only 60 years, but the trouble was that the foundation timbers were allowed to become infected with rot, and when the frame needed repair it was decided to bring the bells lower in the tower to reduce the tower-sway which made this sizable eight somewhat heavy to ring. In 1956, therefore, they were rehung in an iron and steel frame by the Whitechapel foundry.

Woodbury has a good tradition of change-ringing, and although the band suffered a severe loss on the death of John Glanvill the bells are still kept going, while touring bands always find them well worth a visit.

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OXFORD FESTIVAL

Rival Offers for St. Peter's-in-the-East Bells

DECISION DEFERRED

INTEREST was added to the annual meeting and festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on July 6th by two applications for the bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, for which the Guild had paid £500, with another £400 outstanding. Letters of application had been received from Stanford-in-the-Vale and Bodicote. The rival merits provided an interesting discussion, but it was felt that the proper procedure was to refer the matter to the General Committee with representatives of the two towers present. Perhaps a decision will be reached at the autumn meeting at Bletchley.

The Master (Canon C. E. Wigg) presided and the meeting was attended by the Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was asked to give details of the two towers. Stanford-in-the-Vale, he said, had a heavy six with an 18 cwt. tenor hanging in a very shaky tower. The bells had been removed and the tower repaired. The parish had to raise money for recasting the bells as two were hopelessly cracked, and the third also had to be recast. There was now a good tower to put the bells in, with plenty of room. They had a band of ringers in the Vale—a good call change Sunday service band. Recently they had recruits.

The claim of Bodicote was that they had a young and enthusiastic band who would like their bells augmented from five to eight. The present bells would make any added to them sound mediocre. The tower was very low and the sound was projected down by sound louvres hung very steeply.

Concluding, Mr. Sharpe said they had in one a desirable place to put the bells, and in the other a tower that would require drastic alteration. If they let Bodicote have the bells they ought to get some understanding that they would do something to the tower.

Mr. A. J. N. Rance thought that as each of these applicants had a ring of bells the Guild ought to wait for somebody who had no bells and wanted a ring.

In reply to a question Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) said that £1,000 would be required from whoever had the bells.

VALUE OF METAL

Mr. Sharpe said the total weight of bell metal at Stanford-in-the-Vale was 54 cwt., which at to-day's price would bring in £1,350. Bodicote's bells weighed 31 cwt. and would be worth £775. It would seem that Stanford was in the better position. Permission had to be obtained from the Chancellor to sell these bells, and he would have the final say.

Mr. W. H. Coles said, as ringers, they hoped to hear of new churches being built with provision for a tower. He wondered if, with the London overspill coming to Bletchley, there would be a large congregation of people without any bells.

The Master (Canon C. E. Wigg) did not think there would be any towers capable of holding the bells.

Mr. C. R. Mills (Faringdon) moved that the bells be offered to Stanford-in-the-Vale.

Mr. W. G. Wilson suggested that it be referred to the committee to talk about it.

Mr. W. Hunt commented that the Vale of the White Horse could do with a fill-up. There were only two other rings of eight in the Branch and these bells would give it a real boost.

Mr. C. F. Herbert (Banbury) thought that meeting was not the place to make a decision, and that both towers should be given an opportunity of expressing their opinions.

Mrs. Rance then moved that the matter be referred to the General Committee for a complete discussion. Mr. Hunt seconded, and this was agreed to.

TROPHY FOR STRIKING

At the annual meeting it was suggested that a trophy should be purchased for the striking competition. Mr. Butler said he had made inquiries about cups and it was suggested that one suitable could be purchased for £15.

The Master, the treasurer and Mr. Butler were appointed to report.

Mrs. Rance, however, felt unhappy. "Is there any point in going forward with this when the diocese is going to be divided?" she asked.

The Master: We cannot tell what is going to be in the future.

Mrs. Rance: Would it not be wiser to wait until we know?

Mr. A. Diserens suggested that the decision be left to the autumn meeting. This was agreed to, but it was understood that the committee would meet in the meantime.

UNSEEN REPORTS.

The printed reports had not been distributed before the meeting, and Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that they were taken as read. While the meeting agreed to this, a point made by Mr. Butler that the right to comment on any of the reports be allowed at the autumn meeting was accepted.

The treasurer, however, was called upon to report on the finances and he said they were £20 better off in the General Fund, and the reserve fund was about £80 better off. Since then they had paid £500 for the bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East and small amounts for insurance, dismantling and conveying the bells to a place of safety. If he did not get any money back for these bells he would have to pay another £400.

The report showed that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,200, of which £1,835 was in the Restoration Fund. The St. Peter's-in-the-East Fund now stood at £238, but this had not been included in the Guild General Fund.

SAME TEAM OF OFFICERS

The officers were re-elected as follows:—Master, Canon C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general secretary, Miss R. M. Cross; hon. librarian, Rev. E. P. Wood; stewards, J. Baldwin (Wantage), W. Hunt (Newbury) and H. Oglesby (Burnham); report editor, Mr. P. Walker; Central Council representatives, Messrs. P. Walker, F. C. Price, H. J. Diserens and W. Butler.

The meeting confirmed the election of 287 new members during the year. "A very good haul," commented the Master. "My hope is that the fish will not slip out of the net. We welcome them into the fellowship of the Guild."

A recommendation before the meeting was that the annual subscription be raised to 5s. in 1969. The hon. general secretary reported that she had received a letter from the Central Bucks Branch objecting, and asking that the subscription be retained at the present figure of 3s. 6d.

The matter was referred to the autumn meeting.

STATISTICS

Branches	15
Ringling members	1,762
New members in 1967	287
Peals rung	212
Total General Funds	£2,200
Restoration Fund	£1,835

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

The Master, who had travelled 1,600 miles in attending 22 Guild meetings, called attention to the desire to revise the rules, but pointedly added: "Rules in themselves cannot, however, produce the kind of fellowship and mutual helpfulness which we should expect to find in an Association such as ours. I am convinced that the heart of the matter must be in the unselfish co-operation of individual ringers. The more we can meet together and get to know each other, the better will the professed objects of the Guild be served."

The Deputy Master, who visited six Guild branches and attended seven meetings, said he had been asked to report on bells and their gear in 20 churches in the diocese. Eight were in Berkshire, four in Buckinghamshire and eight in Oxfordshire. There were three instances of tower oscillation and four of major structural damage to masonry by defective bell gear. Nine towers sought advice on rehanging their bells, two on recasting, three on augmentation and 12 on sound control.

The hon. general secretary's report of the varied activities of the Guild stated that the division of the diocese and its effect on the Guild was discussed at the Branch secretaries' meeting. The reports from the Branches indicated that it was generally felt at that time that it would weaken the efficiency of the Guild if it were divided into three to correspond with the proposed new diocese.

Another matter discussed was the charge made by some P.C.C.'s for peal attempts in their towers. The officers of the Guild said they would do what they could about the fees but that it was a question for the parishes concerned to decide. It was pointed out that if the fees were imposed in an effort to limit the ringing then a simple "No" by the incumbent would be just as effective, or, alternatively, the limitations of the number of attempts allowed per year.

The membership of the Guild was given as: Life 32, honorary 59, ringing 1,762. During the year 31 non-resident life members had been elected and there had been 17 losses by death.

THE SERVICE

The service in the Cathedral had the traditional dignity. It was an imposing procession of robed ringers who formed the choir headed by the Deputy Master, who acted as crucifer. In front of the clergy the Guild banner was carried. Mr. Kemsley, from Winslow, was the organist, but the number of boys from his choir attending was depleted through an outbreak of chickenpox. The service was conducted by the Master, the Deputy Master read the lesson and the preacher was from the North Berks Branch, the Rev. Sidney Alliso, of Radley. The singing was full-throated—a glad-some noise—and the service started with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, who livest."

The Vicar of Radley, in his address, said that he was not going to talk about bells, as they knew far more about that subject than he did, but what he was going to do as a parish priest was to express the appreciation of all parish priests in the diocese for what bellringers had been doing for many years and were continuing to do. It was a source of real encouragement and inspiration to see a group

(Continued overleaf)

HANDBELLS

RANDWICK FESTIVAL ATTRACTS DISTANT TEAMS

THE Stroud meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Randwick on June 15th combined with the fourth annual Randwick Handbell Festival, and after a service at the Parish Church proceedings were transferred to the Archway School, Paganhill.

Among the guests of honour was Miss E. Harper, of Stockport, who had recently given the 2nd bell of the Randwick ring of six, recently augmented by two trebles.

Other guests included Mr. John Slater, from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Mr. Charles Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. John Partington, the secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, who explained the work of that Association. The secretary and main organiser of the Festival was Mr. Edward Cribley, who is also Ringing Master of the Stroud Branch. He also arranged for the tape recording of the afternoon's music.

Many of the handbell teams had come from a considerable distance. In previous meetings at Randwick Village Hall each team had come up to the stage to play its repertoire for the day, but with the increased space available at the Archway School each team was able to

remain by its own table, for which foam rubber covers had been kindly given by Mr. Gibbard, the leader of the High Wycombe team.

Altogether nearly 100 handbell ringers were present and at least as many non-ringers were in the audience, so that well over 200 persons, more than expected, were present on this sunny and warm afternoon. The teams included the Leigh Sinton Handbell Ringers directed by Frank Barnett, from near Worcester; St. Andrew's, Shrivvenham, near Swindon, who brought some interesting and melodious Dutch bells; two teams from Breton, Worcestershire (the Junior team and the "Old Crocks"); Stokesay Handbell Ringers, from near Craven Arms, Shropshire; a team from High Wycombe, directed by Mr. Gibbard; and the Charnwood Handbell Ringers, from near Loughborough. The other teams were of more local origin, namely the Bisley Handbell Ringers, two teams from Whitminster Primary School, Mr. Cyril Wratten's team from Cheltenham, who demonstrated advanced change ringing, Tewkesbury C. of E. Primary School, who gave an interesting demonstration of plain hunting with the ringers themselves moving positions, Mr. Alec Howell, of Stonehouse,

with his home-made carillon, Rich's Ringers, from Haresfield, and the Amberly W.I. Ringers.

The music, as might be expected, produced a considerable variety of entertainment. The most frequently submitted piece this year was "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music," though not all the teams had a chance to play it!

The Festival is non-competitive, and next year's Festival has also been arranged for the Archway School on July 5th. However, as the Stroud Branch meeting at Randwick and the Handbell Festival are now both capable of standing on their own feet, they will be held on separate days so that handbell ringing can start much earlier in the afternoon, without the need for a church service as well.

Tea was also served at the school, the catering arrangements being made by Mr. P. Blanch, of Paganhill Bakery, and the tea was served by a number of ladies under the direction of Mrs. J. Cribley.

Inquiries from teams who would like to join up with next year's Festival will be welcomed at any time. Information can be obtained from Mr. E. Cribley, Winter's Fold, France Lynch, Stroud, or from Randwick Vicarage. N. R. M.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL — continued

of people give their time and to discipline themselves to enjoy themselves as a team, especially today, when they found that many of their ringers were young people.

Opinions had changed over the past 20 years. When he then went to his first incumbency it was his first contact with bells and ringers. Then all their ringers were elderly people and that applied to the majority in the Diocese of Lincoln. Today in his own parish there was a preponderance of young people who imposed upon themselves self-discipline to work as a team. This was the same as existed among people who played chamber music together or in an orchestra—self-discipline and hard work.

Another reason was that bells made a joyful noise, and Sunday by Sunday they were making known in the parish that there was not merely a meeting but a group of people had met to ring and praise God together. The bells rang out and made a joyful noise and incumbents were very grateful to bellringers who turned out Sunday by Sunday. "Thank you very much."

CARE FOR OTHERS

"Now I want to refer to a danger that faces all of us. I don't want to see your ringing just as an end in itself. Go on being keen ringers and try to be more and more proficient, but remember it is just one department of your life as a Christian. What the world needs today among all Christians is to recapture what Our Lord said, to care for other people. You remember those two great commandments—duty to God and to other people. It means not only to see all the problems of life, but all the people in this world as God's people and then try and care for them as God cares for you. Although we give a proportion of our time to worship, remember this is a small part of our lives as followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What people need is this world today is to be treated as individuals. There are many more people with troubles and anxieties than ever before, and it is sad to see that the Church is not a unit of people in which they can unburden themselves and get rid of their worries. I regard as the most important people in the world today those who care.

"Enjoy your ringing; give your time to it so that you can be disciplined to give your

time, your prayers and your worship, but above all don't forget to give some of your time to other people."

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon in Christ Church Hall was preceded by a social gathering. The toast of "The Queen, the Visitor of Christ Church" was honoured on the call of the Master. Mr. Noel Diserens submitted the toast of "The Visitors." This was responded to by Mr. Philip Gray, who said it was a very great pleasure to come to Oxford because one had the opportunity of seeing a Diocesan Guild very well run and also seeing how a festival should be run. He did not know anywhere in the county where it was done better. It was also his privilege to thank the Guild for the welcome to the visitors and for the ringing opportunities given at the Festival. This was not the only Guild Festival—there would be one at Bristol on October 28th, when they would have more ringing bells than Oxford.

Mr. Gray said he would like to say a few words about the future. What did a Guild like this expect to achieve in 25 years' time, because it was 25 years since he became a member of the Guild. The thing about ringing was that it was a basic art which went on for 52 Sundays in a year. The hardest thing in ringing was not to ring complicated methods but to ring on 52 Sundays a year.

ENDED RURAL ISOLATION

During the past 25 years the world about them had changed and ringing had changed and made a great advance. Two things that had affected ringing were higher education and the motor car. Probably why Oxford last year was a leading Association was its pioneering path in higher education, and the motor car had enabled more people to learn with less difficulty. What was more, the motor car had ended that dreadful isolation from which so many rural towers had suffered.

Higher education had had its influence by the development of improved teaching methods of ringing and by the holding of ringing courses. He thought the first course was held in Somerset ten years ago, and now they had heard from the Central Council that there was an offer to provide films, records and film strips.

A change in recent times had been the advance of the affluent society and whatever they might think, there was now a much higher standard of life. He did not think this had happened in the belfry; one must admit that there were a great many ringing rooms which were not much better than pig sties, and if the ringing room was dirty, what was it like higher up in the tower? Their belfries should be very much better and their bells maintained at a standard of engineering that they required in other walks of life.

There had also been the development of management technique and he expected some of them had been on courses. They should run their belfries and Branches in a business-like manner.

HELPFUL PUBLICITY

The Master, in reply, called attention to the series of articles in the "Oxford Times" about bellringing that had been a great help to the Guild. He thanked their hard-working editor (Mr. P. Walker) for a very good report and congratulated Mr. Alan Pink on conducting his 500th peal for the Guild.

Proposing the vote of thanks, the Deputy Master said first and foremost were the Dean and Chapter for the free use of the Cathedral and that hall; then there was the steward (Mr. Lewington) and his staff and the Cathedral staff (Mr. Holloway, head verger); the Oxford clergy and the captains of ringers for the use of bells, and Mr. P. Walker, who made the ringing arrangements; Mrs. Kemsley (from Winslow), the organist; Miss Daphne Pollard for sale of tickets; and finally the general secretary and the general treasurer.

Continuing, Mr. Sharpe said for the past 12 months there had appeared in "The Oxford Times" a series of articles by Keith Robinson on bells and their ringers and he had emphasised the part young people paid in their ringing and church life. This had brought about a tremendous amount of interest in bells and had resulted in his book, "Church Bells of Oxford," being sold out except for Parts II and IV. He advised ringers wanting to read the book to borrow either from the Guild Library or the Central Council Library.

THE 30th RINGER TO SCORE 1,000 PEALS

Mr. T. J. LOCK COMPLETES IN 40½ YEARS

WIDESPREAD congratulations have been extended to Mr. T. J. Lock, of North Mymms, on ringing his 1,000th peal. The happy event took place at Willesden, and in the band was his great friend from "down under," Mr. T. W. Goodyer, and his assistant secretary of many years standing in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Miss Ruth Foreman.

Tom learned to ring at Woolton Hill, Hants, in 1924 and was taught by Mr. H. Ballam, who now lives at Basingstoke. About this time he was attending Newbury Grammar School but in 1927 he moved to London and was articled to a quantity surveyor. He was fortunate to become attached to the Willesden tower and it was here that he rang his first and his 1,000th peal; the actual date of his first peal was December 20th, 1927.

He moved among a distinguished coterie of ringers and Tom acknowledges with gratitude that he benefited early on through such ringers as the Kilby brothers, William and George Pye, C. T. Coles, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, G. W. Fletcher and C. W. Roberts and, more recently, A. Cutler and J. R. Mayne.

His record of service to the Middlesex County Association is conspicuous and the offices he has held are: N. and E. District Ringing Master 1935-1939, N. and E. District secretary 1939-1958, general secretary 1957 to date. He is a member of 38 ringing bodies.

So far he has rung in 978 towers and these are situated in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and America. In all but three of the counties in England he has rung peals which have been rung in 350 different towers and he has "circled" four eight-bell towers, one ten-bell and one 12-bell tower to peals.

Tom organised the Great Adventure II tour and proved to be a popular leader, unholding



the best traditions of English ringing in a modest and dignified way.

His membership of the Central Council dates back to 1946, when he served for three years. He was re-elected as a representative of the Middlesex County Association in 1951 and has served continuously ever since. Upon the death of Mr. A. C. Hazelden he was appointed convener of the Biographies Committee, a position he still holds.

Tom and Kathleen Lock celebrated their silver wedding in 1966 and they have two sons. Mrs. Lock is a past president of the Ladies' Guild.

THE SELECT BAND

With Mr. T. J. Lock completing his 1,000 peals there are now 30 ringers who have rung 1,000 peals. Of these, 12 are alive.

Alive: H. E. Audsley, P. J. Border, J. Bennett, A. P. Cannon, W. J. Cotton, G. E. Fearn, N. Golden, E. Jenkins, T. J. Lock, J. L. Millhouse, W. F. Moreton and C. W. Roberts.

Deceased: F. Bennett, J. H. Cheeseman, C. T. Coles, J. E. Davies, W. H. Fussell, J. George, K. Hart, E. Morris, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, Rev. F. E. Robinson, I. G. Shade, J. Thomas, G. Williams and J. Worth.

TRURO GUILD FESTIVAL

The idyllic surroundings of St. Winnow Church, on the east bank of the Fowey River, provided a perfect setting for the Summer Festival of the Truro Guild on July 6th. Throughout the afternoon and early evening the sound of the bells echoed through the valley to rounds, call changes, Doubles Cambridge and London Minor.

St. Winnow, in common with others towers in this rather isolated part of Cornwall, is not affiliated to the Guild, having strong association with the South East Cornwall Association, with its traditions of competitive ringing. The welcome accorded to the Guild was indicative of the more unified thinking of the two bodies, and this provided the theme for a fine address from the Vicar, Canon H. Miles Brown. Himself a ringer, he recalled learning to ring at St. Nicholas', Saltash, which was originally a stronghold of prize-ringing, and he also learned half-pull change ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, under the guidance of the late Tom Myers. Canon Miles Brown explained, therefore, that he had experience on both sides and was able to draw a parallel of the growing tolerance between the two types of ringing and the modern movement towards unity between all branches of the Christian Church.

The perfect summer weather enabled Mrs. Brown and her helpers to serve tea on the Vicarage lawn. The 70 Guild members attending immensely enjoyed a social hour in these beautiful surroundings, with a magnificent view over the church to the river beyond at full tide.

Other towers were open for ringing and the bells of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, St. Veep, Bradoc, Lostwithiel and Lanlivery were all sounded by the Guild members attending, those members being representative of all the six Branches of the Guild.

101 T.B. METHODS

Dear Sir.—It is a pity that Mr. Poole did not check his figures before writing to "The Ringing World" (see letter, page 522). If he had done so he would have found that the half-lead change of Ely Delight is 16, and that of Whatton-in-the-Vale 36. Also, of course, with a lead-head of 65324 the method would not appear in the C.C. Collection.

A small point about the peal in question is that it was rung on the 31st and not May 3rd, as published.—Yours faithfully,

R. BRIAN MILLS.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The half-annual meeting and striking competition of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Willersey (6) on June 29th. This was the first time the Cheltenham Branch had held a striking competition and six bands entered, but unfortunately Prestbury had to withdraw on the day due to one of their band having been injured in an accident.

The test piece was 240 Minor or Doubles with at least 20 whole pulls of rounds either before or after. The bands were allowed a few minutes of rounds before the test piece to get the feel of the bells and to adjust the ropes if necessary. The Willersey bells went well although they caused some difficulty to the bands ringing Minor.

The St. Mary's, Cheltenham, team, captained by Mr. W. Farmer (Branch chairman), ringing Kent Treble Bob Minor, won the competition with 103 faults and will now represent the Branch in the Association competition to be held in September. The second team, also from St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and ringing Kent Treble Bob, captained by Mr. C. Wratten (Association treasurer), had 161 faults. Leckhampton (Stedman Doubles) were an unlucky third after a bad trip towards the end of their test piece spoilt some excellent striking (176). Charlton Kings (Grandsire

Doubles) came fourth with 262 faults. The Willersey band did not picture in the judges' results owing to a calling error.

During the afternoon ringers not competing went on to Childswyckham (6) to ring or listen to the competition in the churchyard. The Willersey church fete was also held on the same afternoon and a band of young ringers from Bishop's Cleeve entertained the visitors with tunes on handbells.

The competition ringing was followed by a service taken by the Rev. Peter Newing, with Mr. Barnaby Bell as organist. Afterwards an enjoyable tea, prepared by ladies of the village, was served in the Vicarage garden.

Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman) took the chair for the half-yearly meeting. Mr. H. Schofield, who was assisted in the judging by Mr. G. Drew, then gave the results and commented on the striking of the various teams. The meeting decided to accept a challenge from the Cirencester Branch to play them at skittles and, as the Association Ringing Master was going to captain the Cirencester Branch, Miss E. M. Bliss was asked to captain the Cheltenham Branch.

Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies who had prepared the tea and also to the judges. M. L. M.

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Letters to the Editor

AN 80-YEAR-OLD IN WASHINGTON'S PEAL OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have only just returned from my visit to America and Canada and have seen the report of the peal rung at Washington (page 470) Having met Rick Dirksen. I am not surprised at the very factual way the peal was reported. He gave me the impression of being a very friendly person but of a rather retiring disposition.

In the first place, there were seven "firsts," all by local ringers. Secondly, even here in England with all the assistance that is available it is considered quite an accomplishment to conduct a peal of Major for the first time, and Rick called this with all the assurance of a veteran. Thirdly, all seven are to be congratulated on the way they handled their ropes and sustained concentration during the whole of the peal—evidence of the standard their various instructors inculcated, especially the value of knowing their course bells.

There were three occasions on which the peal might have been lost. One when a Cathedral guide opened a door, followed by a party of very talkative visiting clerics behind him; this brought a sharp exclamation from the conductor. (The gate at the bottom of the lift had previously been carefully locked.) Another when the clock boomed the hour of four. The peal was rung with the bells muffled, only the small hammers being in operation. Another when the ringer of the seventh in a split second replied "Yes" to a query.

At my time of life (80) one is not supposed to be bashful, but on the call "Stand" to see six young ladies waving their arms and kicking their legs in the air, full of ecstatic excitement and using their lungs to some purpose, was a pleasing scene I had not previously experienced. I must admit I myself felt very elated. A red-letter day for all.

Congratulations—a good peal well rung.—
Yours faithfully,

G. R. GOODSHIP.

SAFETY IN TOWERS

Dear Sir.—A most unfortunate accident happened recently on a visit to a Somerset tower by members of the Exeter Cathedral band of ringers. The rope used to suspend the ropes used for ringing, in the centre of the tower, slipped off its hook and the heavy weight attached to it fell on the head of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Wreford), causing injury which necessitated a hospital visit for five stitches to be inserted in the skull, an accident which might have killed a child.

On visiting the next tower a similar arrangement was found, and in addition to the rope hooks suspended some 15 feet above the ringing chamber floor was an iron marling spike (point downwards) with a thin piece of wire supporting this and the eight ropes.

The accident could well have been avoided, and I sincerely hope that all towers with this type of rope arrangement will without delay make sure that the end of the suspending rope is permanently fixed to a wall fitting so that in the event of the rope not being properly hooked into position the centre rope hooks can drop no further than, say, seven feet from floor level.—Yours sincerely,

N, MALLETT.

A BIRSTALL EPISODE

Dear Sir,—After a disgusting episode in the belfry of our church on Sunday evening, July 7th, I feel that I must point out this behaviour.

On the Sunday in question a group of ringers came into our church and practically took over the evening's ringing whilst my own band had to stand on one side. They did not

- (a) Introduce themselves;
- (b) Ask permission to ring;
- (c) Stay to the service (which seems the common practice today anyway);
- (d) Thank us for the privilege of being able to ring.

I have no idea who these people are or where they come from; all that I know about them, by overhearing their talk, is that they were an organised group of ringers who were ringing in various towers in Leicestershire.

It might be asked why I said nothing to them regarding this matter, but in a downstairs ring in full view of the church congregation and the church dignitaries one does not start an argument. This certainly would not have happened had it been our practice night.

Prior to this incident I have never had sympathy with towers who do not allow visitors to have a ring, but if this happens to be the conduct of some visiting ringers one can not entirely blame them. However, may I assure all future visitors to Birstall that, as in the past, there will always be a warm welcome.

—Your faithfully,

J. M. MORLEY,
Tower Captain.

St. James the Great, Birstall, Leics.

DEDICATION DATES

Dear Sir.—I was most surprised to see in your report that the Prestbury (Cheshire) bells had been dedicated on June 29th. I was rather disappointed as I fully intended to go to this service. Surely the local band or the church authorities could have published the dedication date! The open day fixed for July 27th does not suit me and probably will not suit others; however, the fact remains that I would have liked to have been at the dedication. The presence of the Bishop of Chester alone demanded a good gathering and I sincerely hope this was achieved! May I appeal to all ringers to publish the dates of the dedication or re-dedication of their bells?—Yours faithfully,

JOE THORNLEY.

Bolton.

APOLOGIES OVER BENINGTON

Dear Sir.—I wish to apologise to those ringers who travelled to Benington on July 6th for their disappointment at finding no meeting in progress. It was found necessary to cancel the meeting after submitting the advertisements to "The Ringing World." Despite clear instructions asking for the first notice to be withheld it appeared in the issue of June 28th.

Further instructions were hastily dispatched to prevent publication of the second notice a week later. These were evidently delayed in the post by the work-to-rule on the railways.—
Yours faithfully,

C. ANNE AGG,
Secretary, Northern District,
Hertford County Association.

A STAPLEFORD ECHO

Dear Sir,—The appearance of a further letter concerning the Stapleford incident is surprising, particularly as the author claims to be against further publicity for the matter. However, since he has seen fit to raise it again, may I make one or two further observations.

While, of course, the opinions of bell-hangers' representatives will generally be accepted, nobody imagines that they have a monopoly of expertise in these matters. Certainly cases such as Stapleford, where professional recommendations apparently appear to some ringers, rightly or wrongly, to be, so to speak, ill-founded, cannot lend strength to the apparent claim for a "divine right" to pronounce finally on the desirability of ringing at certain towers.

The damage to the chime hammers is obviously to be deplored but it is nothing to do with the condition of the tower or bells, only the carelessness, under some stress one suspects, of those ringing them. It would have been more to the point and far more interesting if, instead of this seeming attempt to cloud the issue with an item which should have been included in the original and obviously hasty report, we could have been told just what might be the effect of ringing on the bells and their tower.

That the parish has so few people that it cannot afford the "restoration"—whatever that entails—is a familiar story. One would have thought that in ten years, even if they have not managed a startling increase in population, they might have saved enough cash to get some work under way. Edington, not so very far away on the other side of the Plain, has a population of only 500 or so greater!

Fund-raising is, nevertheless, a problem and one wonders if it is not time that ringing Associations and Guilds—one hesitates to suggest the Central Council, who seem to have enough problems!—got down to some constructive work in this field to assist the Church's responsibility to some of its less fortunate rings. Their present purpose seems, with few exceptions, to be primarily bodies for whom peals may be rung, which to some might appear to have little connection with the purpose of church bells or the work of the church.

In conclusion, sir, may I echo your correspondent's appeal for common sense, congratulate him on having rung at this tower and look forward to the time when others may emulate him—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Holt, Trowbridge.

RINGING ON THE IRISH SEA

Dear Sir.—The reference to handbell ringing on the Irish Sea (page 485) is interesting but is not a "first." I regret I know little of what earlier ringing was done but I recollect the late William Short, of Clent, Worcs, telling me that he once went over to Ireland and that he and some others rang handbells on the ship. He told me this in about 1935 but I do not know how many years before that the ringing took place.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL CHAMBERS.

Durban, S.A.

P.S.—If my memory serves me correctly, the method was Stedman Caters, and a full peal was rung.—C.C.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

OAKHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter in "The Ringing World" of July 12th on "Diameter No Guide to Tenor's Weight," I was particularly interested in the remarks made by Mr. P. Amos concerning the weight of Oakham tenor. I am afraid he has not got all his facts straight concerning this ring. Having been acquainted with it for over 50 years, I think there is a misunderstanding as regards the weight of the tenor.

In 1910, from the information I have, the old ring of eight was in a poor condition, as also were the frame and fittings. This resulted in a complete restoration, which was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. The eight bells were recast in December, 1910, and rehung in a new iron frame and dedicated on February 24th, 1911, the tenor weighing 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

In the early 1920's a very unfortunate incident occurred which necessitated the recasting of the tenor by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the new bell being 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., the weight of the present day tenor, and not 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb, as Mr. Amos claims. At this time the founders were not too happy about the 7th bell and decided to recast her at the same time. The bells are a magnificent eight, and I was privileged to ring on them when a schoolboy at Oakham, although the opportunities were limited. Often I had my thoughts diverted from my late evening studies on practice nights by the lovely music of Stedman Triples coming from the spire some 100 yards away.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reported on page 549 of "The Ringing World" issue of July 12th, 1968, is a peal of 5,056 Vectis Surprise Major, the first peal in the method. Using the place notation accompanying the peal report I confirmed that the false course heads quoted as b, d and o, are correct. However, the composition used has confused me. We are told the composition was one by Richard F. B. Speed. We are also told it is composition "Wratten No. 30." On looking through Cyril Wratten's "Collection of Surprise Compositions" I find that composition No. 30, although suitable for certain B Group methods, is neither suitable for b, d, o combination of false course heads nor is it composed by Richard Speed! Wratten No. 30 is in fact composed by the late A. J. Pitman and is suitable for the combination b, d, k false course heads.

Perhaps Mr. Pink will enlighten us as to which composition he really used for the peal and also publish the figures for those interested, particularly since the Wratten Collection does not appear to contain a composition suitable for the b, d, o combination of f.c.h.'s.—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Bishop's list (page 542), all the 2nds place methods listed are at present unpealed and unnamed. I should like to hear, too, further details of the 4ths place methods, especially as I believe that from each one can be evolved two methods (variations?) one with 2nds place bob and one with a 6ths place bob.—Yours faithfully,

D. C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

Unusual Accident
on Exeter Cathedral Outing

THE Exeter Cathedral ringers held their annual outing on July 6th. Normally this is quite routine and the usual practice of assembly at a point and being conveyed from tower to tower with the usual enjoyable ringing is followed. This year we started to follow this pattern and we duly arrived at Bridgwater to ring at the church, but although the door was open there was no one to meet us. We waited patiently for 20 minutes but no one arrived and so we assumed that because the door was open we were expected but that they were unable to meet us. Accordingly, we carefully made sure that the chimes were free and prepared to lower the ropes, which were connected to the ceiling on a hook, as is the custom in many towers. We were collected, of course, in the tower and the coil was released to lower the ropes, but what we did not know was that the hook was heavily weighted with a core of iron two inches thick and about three inches long. This came as such a surprise to the man handling the rope that it was pulled way from his hand and unfortunately our Ringing Master, Fred Wreford, was immediately under the spot and the weighted hook crashed on his head. This necessitated hospital treatment and the insertion of five stitches in his scalp.

This raised two morals in my mind: first of all, one should never interfere in a tower without the local representative being there to supervise the safety precautions, and secondly, great care should be taken by the people who install these collecting devices that they are not a hazard to people in the tower. In this particular case we had written to the Ringing Master of the tower, who had given permission properly. He had also been reminded that we would be arriving on this day but, unfortunately, he had not noted the engagement in his diary and did not appear at the tower until ten minutes before we had finished ringing.

This unfortunate incident made us examine very carefully the rope collecting systems in the subsequent towers at Cheddar, Congresbury, Chew Magna and Yeovil. At Congresbury (unless it has been changed since we were there) we found that the weight used to bring down the hook from the ceiling was in fact an iron marling spike. Without a shadow of doubt if this incident had happened at Congresbury Fred Wreford would not be alive today. It makes you shudder when you think of the damage it could do.

We are happy to say, in this case, that although Fred must have had a very severe headache he recovered sufficiently to enjoy the ringing at the next four towers and did full justice to the very good lunch at the Bath Arms Hotel in Cheddar and the wonderful tea provided at the Blue Boar Hotel at West Harptree.

All the towers visited had heavy rings and in general we rang the standard methods of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. The ringing was of quite a good standard and we were particularly pleased with the three leads of Bristol at Chew Magna and the Stedman Caters at Yeovil. We joined the party of ringers from Wrington and Cambridge Royal was attempted but could not be got under way.

We had quite a few youngsters in the party and it was a very pleasing thought that they enjoyed their day so very much without causing an annoyance to anyone, compared with the group of young people outside the Yeovil church who were making a nuisance of themselves to all and sundry because they had nothing better to do.

It was jointly agreed that the outing had been a great success and we are very grateful to the incumbents for their permission to ring the bells.

C. P. Y.

MALVERN LINK'S
NEAR-NORMAN
ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Five cars containing ringers from Malvern Link, Worcestershire, and their friends had a half-day's outing in neighbouring Herefordshire on July 13th.

The aim of the outing was not only to ring in a number of new towers but also to admire the architectural beauty of some of the Herefordshire churches.

The first church visited was at Abbey Dore—a magnificent Early English building. This was a Cistercian abbey—dissolved in 1535—and all that remains are the crossing, transepts, chancel and adjoining chapels. The interior fittings date from the 17th century, when the church was restored, and the whole is a perfect example of Early English architecture and 17th century fittings. The small south-east tower contains a light ring of six by Rudhall. Not so far away is the famous small Norman church at Kilpeck—known to all students of architecture. Unfortunately it has no tower or ringable bells.

From Abbey Dore the party wound its way along the beautiful Golden Valley to Peterchurch to ring on the very good Taylor six. This church, in what is a rather unattractive linear-like village, is almost pure Norman, with double chancel, an apse, but no aisles to the nave. Here the local Vicar met the party and the offertory from the ringers was received by him. The next tower (again a ring of six) was at Madley. This is a superb 13th and 14th century sandstone church which, like the other churches, was very well kept. The bells did not do justice to the church and the bell frame moved rather alarmingly when the bells were rung. There is a local band though, and they are to be congratulated in keeping the bells ringing.

Most members of the party then had a picnic tea, in spite of rather inclement weather, and then met again at Hereford Cathedral with its Norman and Early English architecture and its unfortunate West Front by Wyatt in 1786. In spite of the long climb to the ringing chamber, one baby was carried up there in her carry-cot and slept quite peacefully for nearly an hour! Here the touring band were met by some of the local Cathedral band, which meant that Grandsire and Stedman Caters could be rung.

Incumbents and local ringers are thanked for allowing the Link ringers the privilege of ringing their bells, and the next half-day architectural-cum-ringing venture is anticipated with pleasure.

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OUTINGS

SPALDING RINGERS AT YORK MINSTER

Ringers and their friends from Spalding district had a very pleasant outing on July 6th. Leaving Spalding at 7 a.m., at 10.15 39 people alighted at St. Nicholas' Church, Thorne, near Doncaster. Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on the eight bells with Bernard Tyrrell as captain. Our next stop was at St. Stephen's, Acomb, where Derek Jones conducted London, Cambridge and Kent on the light six.

Members made their own arrangements for lunch in York and then journeyed to Huntington for various touches on the six bells at All Saints' under the guidance of Cyril Burrell.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity to ring for an hour at York Minster before the Diocesan Choirs Festival at 6 p.m. Ron Noon conducted courses of Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus; beginners and less experienced ringers had their opportunity to ring rounds on the 12.

On the return journey a stop was made at St. John's, Scunthorpe (8), where Frank Taylor conducted. Supper was much appreciated in Lincoln at 9.30, and the tired but happy party reached Spalding just before midnight.

Our thanks go to those who met us, and Ron and Joy Noon, who with help from Derek Jones made all the arrangements.

LIVERPOOL'S POST-EXAMS OUTING

Liverpool University Society went into Flintshire for their annual post-examination outing. Hawarden's was the first tower, where Martin Snape and the veteran Merseyside ringer, Joe Ridyard, joined the party.

At Flint a course of Bristol was successfully completed on the tiny eight. Permission had been granted to ring at Halkyn but the key could not be found, so the lunch hour was spent befriending farmyard animals.

Before ringing at Northop the Society watched the village cricket team and later, during the lowering of the bells, no less than three batsmen were out. We hope this was not a reflection on the standard of our striking!

Other towers visited were Hope (6) and Buckley (8), where methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to a number of Surprise Major. The party then made its way back to Liverpool. Thanks are due to the secretary for his organisation of the towers and weather. No one else had such faith in the sun. P. J.

READING UNIVERSITY AT LOUGHBOROUGH

R.U.S.C.R. regard their outing to Loughborough and Leicester on June 19th as the most successful for a long time. An early start was made at 7.45 a.m. and morning ringing was at St. Edmund's, Northampton.

After lunch came a conducted tour of the bell foundry with an opportunity to ring the bells. We failed to ring a half-course of Cambridge Royal (the *pièce de résistance* of the outing); Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples were successful.

All Saints', Loughborough, was regarded as the highlight of the outing. Although members of the local band said we rang the bells well, we ourselves felt that full justice was not done to them, even though touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung quite well.

Gill's home tower, at Great Birstall, was then visited. Here the select band rang their Spiced Surprise (Quedgeley, Cambridge and Yorkshire) while the rest had to be content with Grandsire and Plain Bob. Our final tower was St. Margaret's, Leicester, and the outing ended with a sit-down meal in Leicester before the coach trip back to Reading and work!

L. M. G.

KNOWLEDGE TEST

A METHODS QUIZ

Here are 20 questions to test your knowledge of methods. All questions can be answered from information contained in appropriate Central Council publications. Answers will be published in the issue of August 30th.

1. What Principle is named after the first known publisher of works on change ringing?
2. Name a method for odd numbers which has St. Simon below the treble and a Grandsire extreme above.
3. In Kent Treble Bob Maximus, how many times is seconds place made during the slow work?
4. Which internal place is common to all legitimate Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise Minor methods?
5. In Little Bob, how many ways are there of coming down to the front?
6. Name the seconds place lead-end variation of a method which has Kent Treble Bob work above the treble and Cambridge below at all stages from Minor upwards.
7. Gainsborough is to Little Bob what ? is to Crayford Little.
8. Name the first Double Surprise Major method to be pealed.
9. How many consecutive dodges are there on the front in St. Clement's College Bob Royal?
10. A lead of Plain Bob Major and a lead of Bastow Little produces a course of how many changes?
11. Premier is to Bristol what ? is to Double Norwich.
12. Yorkshire has Cambridge work above the treble and Pudsey has Cambridge below, so Cambridge could be described as Yorkshire above and Pudsey below the treble. What method has Pudsey above and Yorkshire below? (Its basic stage is Royal.)
13. Primrose is to Cambridge what ? is to Superlative.

14. What is the maximum number of consecutive dodges on the front (or the back) of a Surprise Major method?
15. St. Lawrence Bob is a method which extends through all stages from its basic stage—Minor. It can be described as all wrong hunting above the treble and plain hunting below with an internal half-lead pivot place. The Minor stage is called by a different name (undoubtedly older). what is this?
16. Yorkshire Surprise Major could be described as Cambridge Major above the treble and Cambridge Minor below. What Surprise Royal method could be described as Cambridge Royal above and Cambridge Minor below?
17. London Surprise Minor is often described as having the maximum amount of wrong hunting for a Treble Bob type method. Could this property be ascribed to London Surprise Major?
18. What is the name of the Plain Minor method with the maximum amount of wrong hunting?
19. Right place plain even-bell methods may be converted to the next odd number by adding a bell in the hunt. Usually the new method so formed bears the same, or similar, name as its parent, e.g. Single Oxford Bob Minor—Oxford Bob Triples; Double Norwich Court Major—Double Norwich Caters. There is one notable and historic exception to this naming system—what?
20. A Surprise Minor method, which has London below the treble and Cambridge above, unfortunately does not retain either London below or Cambridge above in its extensions. It has been pealed on tower- and handbells from Minor to Maximus. What method is this?

D. W. S.

USK OUTING

On a glorious summer's day, Saturday, June 29th, a coachload of ringers and friends left Usk on their annual outing, which this year was in Somerset.

Our first stop was at Chew Magna, where we found it a little difficult to get the true music from the heavy ring. At Midsomer Norton we were met by friends and thoroughly enjoyed our ring. After a leisurely lunch we went on to Warminster. Here the bells are immediately above the ringing chamber, so there is no excuse for even the slightest trip.

Following a cream tea our first stop for the evening was at Beckington. The Rev. H. T. Davies took a break from his gardening to greet us and lead the Belfry Office. The weight of these pleasant bells being much like our own brought the ringing back to standard. The day finished at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, and thence across the road to the Castle. We had a very enjoyable day and our thanks are due to all those who made us so welcome at their towers.

"HANGER-ON."

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT OUTING

Some 13 parishes were represented at the annual coach outing of Framsdens ringers on June 29th. Towers visited were Croydon (12), St. Peter's, Croydon (10), Westerham, Wrotham and Rochester Cathedral. Some of the party had their first ring on 12 bells. Methods rung included Bob Maximus, Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major, Bob Major and rounds. Special thanks to Mr. Richard Stevens, who arranged practically the whole outing.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, RINGERS' OUTING

The St. Michael's, Heavitree, ringers recently held their annual outing and visited the towers at Revelstoke, St. Mary's, Plympton, Emanuel, Plymouth, and St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea at Plymouth was provided by the Church Council and the ringers were met there by the Vicar of Heavitree, Preb. F. Coyle.

N. M.

OBITUARY

REV. W. FAYLE PARR

Ringers from the Saxmundham district were grieved by the death on June 29th of the Rev. W. Fayle Parr, Rector of Benhall-with-Sternfield, aged 63 years. He was a most friendly man and was active as Rector of the two parishes.

Mr. Fayle Parr earned a first-class reputation: it was a privilege and pleasure for him to meet many ringers and to hear the bells he loved.

The funeral service took place on July 5th at Sternfield Church, when the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Rt. Rev. Leslie Brown, officiated. Neighbouring ringers honoured his memory with half-muffled ringing at St. Mary's, Benhall, on July 6th, when a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung by Saxmundham ringers. A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on July 8th by the Aldeburgh company. The Rev. W. Fayle Parr will be remembered with affection and respect by those who knew him.

H. A.

DATE TOUCH

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: E. Pimlott 1, B. Schofield 2, G. Cooper 3, R. Andrew 4, A. Whiting 5, G. Moorhouse 6, A. McFall (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. On the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to Marple.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 9th, 1,320 Minor (Pl. Bob and St. Clem.): D. Evans 1, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 3, P. Jones 4, D. L. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, D. R. Scott 8. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): D. C. Dabb (most methods) 3, D. L. Kerley 4, D. Evans 5, G. E. Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (25th quarter as cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6, For Matins.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, F. Sismey 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. S. Maris.

ASPENDEAN, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Barnes 1, Miss G. James 2, V. Tubby 3, A. Stracey 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6.

ASTON, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,500 Doubles (six meth./var.): W. Butler 1, B. Coggins 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. A wedding compliment to Terence Gregory and Elizabeth Long.

ASTON INGHAM, GLOS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Christine Manns 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Smith 4, Joy Tyler (cond.) 5, Patricia Stocken 6. A birthday compliment to Susan Tyler, daughter of the conductor and grand-daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. R. Flagg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss S. A. Mayell (first in five methods "inside") 3, F. J. White 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, A. J. Callow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Atwell, of Barton St. David.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Law (first quarter) 1, Ann Collins (first "inside") 2, Judith Collins 3, R. Collins 4, R. Corke (cond.) 5, L. Noakes 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Dodd 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Martin 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. First Bob Triples 1, 2, 5, 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Jordan, priest, one-time Curate of Bocking and Braintree, 29 years Vicar of Finchingfield and for the last 15 years a member of the congregation at Bocking.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, R. Peckham 3, B. Martin 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, C. I. Jeffries (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On July 4th, 1,344 Six-Spliced Surprise Major (all the work): Judith M. Geiringer 1, Mandi McCallion 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, A. J. Cox 4, R. O. Humphries 5, M. J. Platt (comp.) 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, S. C. Walters (cond.) 8. First Spliced Surprise Major 2, 3, 6, 7. Rung on the U.B.S.C.R. tour.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on June 30th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. Rennolds 1, S. J. Bateman 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, N. Dawson 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. Goss 8. First of Erin for all except conductor.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. R. Pantou (cond.) 1, Maureen P. Colley 2, Linda M. Groves 3, M. P. Inskip 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, B. G. Brinkley 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURTON, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Maureen Tipper (first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Carol Stacey 4, K. Tipper 5, Sally Stacey 6. For the St. Mary's Church garden party.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On June 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: G. Miller (first quarter) 1, C. Grandidge 2, Jane Lawrence 3, Margaret Warford 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5, D. J. Baker 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Reed (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Chennell-White 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, A. Kersey 6. First Doubles 2, 4, 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss R. A. Wykeham, daughter of Lt-Col. P. G. Wykeham (churchwarden) and Mrs. Wykeham, to Mr. A. Ryder.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Dye 1, Miss A. M. Ayres 2, W. W. Rich 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, J. N. Money 5, G. K. Cook 6, F. W. Lewis (cond.) 7, T. Palmer 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Hawkins 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jean Henderson 3, D. Boniface 4, J. Wenban 5, S. Darvill (cond.) 6, L. Goodall 7, T. Polding (first quarter) 8.

CLUN, SALOP.—On July 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, F. G. Beddow 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, E. F. Wilcox 4, N. Holland 5, P. R. Johnson 6, R. H. Newton 7, P. J. Evans (cond.) 8. For the Clun Flower Festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on June 16th, 1,649 Grandsire Cinques: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, G. Bosworth-Smith 2, C. Slater 3, E. W. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, M. Harrison 6, I. M. Parry 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, N. S. Brown 9, K. Taber 10, N. Steere 11, A. J. C. Brown 12. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Razzell on their silver wedding anniversary.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Glenda M. Beckett 1, Hilary Thick 2, Valerie M. Howard 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard 5, M. P. Howard 6, D. Slater 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

FYNSHAM, OXON.—On June 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Bennett (first Minor) 1, B. Coggins 2, Miss M. Bird 3, W. Butler 4, A. E. Hicks 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. C. Bennett.

FAWLBY, HANTS.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (66 meth./var.): R. H. Roberts 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Susan V. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. Rung by Totton G.S.R.S.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Writes "Oad Bater" (but not old-fashioned): "The Ringing World" does not want mini-skirts, mini-minds or mini Miss Bellringers."

We regret the error in the heading on page 544. It should be "Colegate Society in Derbyshire."

The peal by a local band at All Saints', Stranton, Co. Durham, on July 6th, almost qualifies for the 60th anniversary of the first peal. This was rung on July 11th, 1908.

Mr. W. F. Stenson informs us that the article on St. Mary's, Nantwich, featured in the issue of July 12th, should bear the signature of Mr. Jack Bough, the towerkeeper, who has been ill most of this year.

The fourth bell in the quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major at Orton, Westmorland, on June 22nd (page 531) was rung by Mr. J. E. Burles. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

For a flower festival at Hordle, Lymington, Hants, on June 26th, ten flower variations of Doubles were rung. These were Columbine, Snowdrop, Narcissus, Anemone, Ranuncula, Forget-me-not, Evening Primrose, Daffodil, Bluebell and Pinks. (From Dodd—Jones' Doubles Collection.)

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Gosfield on July 2nd to celebrate the marriage of Miss Susan Spinks to Mr. Raymond Brooker. Susan has been a faithful ringer at Gosfield since the bells were dedicated in 1963, and before the quarter peal Miss H. G. Snowden presented her with a coffee table from the Guild of Ringers.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): R. Fonge 1, Miss J. Ashby 2, G. Cooper 3, B. Danby 4, E. Garrett 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. N. L. McLeod (first quarter) 1, E. W. Wycherly (first "inside") 2, P. Hughes 3, P. D. Sell 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, T. P. Sell 6. For Burma Star Association service.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 7th, 1,283 Erin Triples: Deborah Bishop 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, M. J. Uphill 4, K. J. Rider 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Cotton.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Laura M. Grindrod 1, R. M. Luxon 2, Glynis E. Perry (cond.) 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, J. E. Murfit (first Minor) 5, P. M. Cuckson 6.

GORING, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, Mary Trent 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung for the wedding of M. Napper, a member of the local band.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Sudbury 1, G. Trendell 2, Susan Burdon 3, H. Moore 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Susan Spinks.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On July 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Valerie Haywood (first Major) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, A. H. Long 4, K. Burgess 5, C. H. Mave 6, R. A. Grant 7, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kenney 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Mary White 3, G. Noakes 4, L. Noakes 5, A. Ellmore 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8. For Evensong by St. Lawrence's, Alton, band.

HARLAXTON, LINCS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Pinchbeck 1, T. Relf 2, Miss A. Read (first "inside") 3, V. Evans 4, B. Hill (cond.) 5, J. Sharpe (first quarter) 6.

We learn that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, Wales, has died. He was 87.

Mr. F. W. Lewis is compiling a list of peals rung at St. Mary's, Reading. He is anxious to find details of the band who took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 27th, 1742.

We hear that Miss Jennifer Murphy is returning to her native Australia this month. We feel certain that she has many happy recollections of her visit. Mr. Philip M. J. Gray conducted her farewell peal at Cromhall, Glos.

The band who rang in the peal at Eastchurch on July 13th would like to associate with it the name of David Hunt, who was to have taken part in the attempt. His absence was due to a serious motor accident. Best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Norman Mallett, tower captain at Heavitree, Ringing Master for the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and Assistant Ringing Master at Exeter Cathedral, is leaving Exeter to take up a new appointment in the Plymouth area.

We were pleased to receive a note with his added subscription from Mr. Tower R. Taylor, who has been a "Ringing World" subscriber since the first issue and took his first ringing paper in 1909. Now living at Copnor, Portsmouth, Mr. Taylor started ringing at St. Nicholas', Harwich, in 1908, with A. J. Morris. A fine record!

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CREWE TENOR WHEEL

The ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, consider that the paragraph heading on page 526, in the issue of July 5th, reading "Crewe Tenor Wheel Collapses" to be outrageous, a deliberate distortion of the truth and an attempt at sensationalism which should never have been submitted for publication.

It is true that the peal attempt came to grief after only a short period of ringing with the tenor wheel partly broken, but to say that the wheel "collapsed" is to imply that the wheel was in a condition where it would give way at any time. From the appearance of the wood and the nature of the breaks it was obvious that the wheel was pulled apart; it did not fail—it was smashed!

In all probability the rope was allowed to slip the wheel at some point and the effort to recover control caused the damage. To say that a perfectly sound wheel collapsed is ridiculous; it throws unfounded suspicion on the stability of the other fittings in the tower and is an insult to the people who have maintained the bells over the years.

CREWE RINGERS.

"WRATTEN'S WRINGERS" 1968 TOUR

This year's tour promoted by Mr. Cyril Wratten resulted in 12 peals being scored and two failures. The intention was to ring a peal in each of the Surprise Major methods in the Ringers' Diary, with Melbourne being substituted for Cambridge in honour of Tom Goodyer.

Unfortunately, Bristol was lost at Congleton after three-quarters of an hour. The other failure was Cambridge Royal at Macclesfield. As a result 11 tower-bell peals were successfully rung of the 13 on the programme. A "bonus" peal of Kent T.B. Royal "in hand" (thanks to Bob Smith) helped to make up for the two losses.

SOUND CONTROL AT HEAVITREE

A successful experiment in sound control has recently been carried out at Heavitree, Exeter, Parish Church tower. The work has been necessary because of increasing complaints from residents of recently constructed houses in close proximity to the church. A form of permanent blocking was found to be impracticable and excessive in cost.

Screens made to fit into each of the louvre openings, comprising 1 1/2 inch thick polystyrene glued between half-inch thick marine railway on the weather side and half-inch blackboard on the tower side have been fitted. One side of the tower has been completely blocked, two sides at two-thirds the height of louvres, and the fourth half-way.

The total cost was £22 and involved an hour's work to fit. The effect is equal to permanent blocking, with the advantage that the screens can be reduced in size if required, or removed for maintenance work to the tower.
 N. M.

ROSE OF ENGLAND T.B.

Fawley ringers like to keep abreast of the times. For the conferring of the accolade on Sir Alec Rose of Portsmouth, the method Rose of England Treble Bob was discovered in the four-way table of Treble Bob methods and was successfully attempted by the Fawley band without previous practice.

A SUSSEX WEDDING



The wedding took place at St. Mary the Virgin's, Felpham, on July 6th, between Miss Susan Marie Main, only daughter of Mrs. D. S. Main, and Mr. Patrick Martin Wills, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wills. Both bride and bridegroom have been regular ringers at Felpham for five years.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Donald Manners and the best man was Mr. Philip Stevens, Ringing Master of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, who was also married at this church 18 months ago.

At the reception, handbells were rung by Chichester ringers, and on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter peal of Minor was rung by the local band.

[Photo by Devereux, Bognor Regis.]

ASSESSMENT REDUCED THOUGH BELLS

A Surrey Valuation Court has reduced the rates assessment of Mr. Harold Bennett through the proximity of the church to his house.

His complaint is that the bellringers practise every Monday between 8 and 9 p.m. The church is opposite his house and when the windows are open it is impossible to hear the television programme.

Another complaint: "Marriages, christenings and other activities, with cars coming and going and the litter of confetti, all amount to a diminishing of amenities."

LAVENHAM RINGERS IN BEDFORDSHIRE

Lavenham ringers had a very enjoyable day in Bedfordshire on July 13th. There was a good selection of towers—Woburn and Husbome Crawley in the morning and, after lunch at Goldington, Bromham and Kempston. We returned to Goldington for tea and a ring on the light six there before finishing the ringing programme at Biggleswade. Our thanks list includes the incumbents and the friends who met us, Mr. Jim Edwards, our guide for most of the day, and the organiser, Mr. Arthur Haynes.
 M. T. S.

A SILENT IPSWICH TOWER

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Frank E. Wiseman a peal was rung at Tud-denham, Suffolk, on July 6th. Mr. Wiseman has been captain at Rushmere for the last 40 years, and all the ringers taking part in the peal, with the exception of Mr. Alan Bridges, were from Rushmere.

St. Andrew's Church, Rushmere, is just outside Ipswich and caters for a large population, so much so that the seating capacity has been doubled and more money is still required to pay for the work. Whilst this was being done the bells and the tower were inspected professionally and it was found that major work was necessary to the bells and considerable work on the tower. In view of the money due on the church extension it is impossible to put this latter work in hand in the immediate future and unfortunately ringing has had to cease.

LOOSE HEADSTOCKS AT HAVERFORDWEST

The attempt for the first peal of Major on the bells at Haverfordwest, Pembro, on July 6th was unsuccessful. After the quarter mark the seventh and, to a lesser degree, the tenor became increasingly difficult to ring and strike correctly and the bells were called round.

An inspection revealed the headstocks to be slightly loose and the seventh was also affected by woodworm. It is hoped that something may be done soon to remedy the situation and make these bells a joy to ring.

AN AMERICAN TOUR

In another column we publish Mr. G. R. Goodship's (of Grundisburgh) impression of the peal of Major at Washington Cathedral. At Washington Mr. Goodship had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Tom Goodyer and Mr. Frank Price. He also went to British Columbia and spent a pleasant evening with Mr. E. E. Lee at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and a very interesting hour or two at Arundel Avenue with Mr. Izard after ringing at Victoria Cathedral, B.C.

"GO SLOW" COUNTERED BY ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE

The British Railways' "Go Slow" operating on July 6th necessitated the Farnham District finding an alternative to its Isle of Wight tour. The energetic hon. secretary, Mrs. B. R. Simpson, was able to provide a trip along the Hampshire coast and into the New Forest.

Our first call was to the ancient Abbey at Romsey, with the added attraction of the birdseye view of the interior from the triforium gallery. Our next tower was at Lymington, which has a musical octave and maritime associations, and then on to Milford-on-Sea. Then Bournemouth for lunch and ringing on the eight at St. Peter's before visiting Christchurch Priory. An attraction to the uninitiated and ringers alike was to see through a glass panel in the door the great 12 bells turning in their massive wooden frame. Tea was then taken before a short journey to Sopley (with its light six) and then on to Ringwood, where ringing for the day ceased with the falling daylight. One more call—to revive those flagging energies and loosen human, other than iron, tongues; then homeward, tired but happy.

Thank you, Beryl,

R. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.
 Andrew N. Stubbs Treble | Ian M. Holland 7
 Alan J. Frost 2 | Rodney B. Meadows 8
 Bernard F. L. Groves 3 | Martin C. Faulkes 9
 Richard S. Starkie 4 | Michael P. Moreton 10
 Brian Bladon 5 | Alan R. Patterson 11
 Thomas J. Southam 6 | David P. Hilling Tenor
 Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19½ cwt.
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble | Allan Tubbs 5
 Cecil T. Clarke 2 | Patrick J. Bird 6
 Arthur H. Reed 3 | Frank D. Mack 7
 Derek Jewell 4 | *R. George Fisher Tenor
 Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
 * First peal of Stedman. 50th peal as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
 Christopher W. Woolley .. Treble | Jeffrey L. Claughton 5
 Linda Ellison 2 | Robert L. Piron 6
 Sandra L. Goodship 3 | Dennis Knox 7
 Ronald J. Sharp 4 | John W. Sinfield Tenor
 Composed by J. S. Wyld. Conducted by John W. Sinfield.
 Rung as a compliment to Jeffrey L. Claughton and Sandra Goodship on their engagement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
 On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
 In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London (No. 3) and Rutland, 720 Clifton, 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 102 changes of method.
 Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
 *Rosemary Tailby Treble | Bernard F. L. Groves 6
 †Lawrence J. Haines 2 | ‡Alan F. Scholfield 7
 Robert B. Smith 3 | §Alan McFall 8
 Basil Jones 4 | †Richard A. G. Inglis 9
 C. Kenneth Lewis 5 | Jeffrey Brannan Tenor
 Composed by L. J. Haines. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal on ten bells. † First of Spliced. ‡ First of Spliced Surprise Royal. § First of Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells. First of 6-Spliced Surprise Royal for Bernard F. L. Groves, on the bells and for the Guild.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.
 Tenor 22 cwt. 2 or. 2 lb. in E flat.
 Christopher J. Jones .. Treble | Keith Walpole 5
 Pamela Key 2 | Ian Friend 6
 Michael Thomson 3 | Barnabas G. Key 7
 Roy Worrall 4 | John Scott Tenor
 Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
 Rung as a compliment to Ian Friend and Margaret J. Gwilt on the occasion of their engagement.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
 On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 *John Moore Treble | Edward V. Rodenhurst 4
 Frank R. Morton 2 | Geoffrey A. Edwards 5
 David A. Godfrey 3 | Harry W. Howard Tenor
 Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
 * First peal on the treble.
 Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Simon, to Ruth and Tom Smith on July 2nd, 1968.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
 On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Janet Warwick Treble	Jack Roach 6
Ann Lawson 2	George S. Deas 7
Enid Lawson 3	Michael Maughan 8
Denis A. Bayles 4	Philip H. Tockock 9
Roland Park 5	Kenneth Lawson Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
 First peal of Lincolnshire Royal by all the band and for the Association.

STAINDROP, Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.
 Peter Town Treble | George S. Deas 5
 *Ann Lawson 2 | Kenneth Lawson 6
 Enid Lawson 3 | James Crowther 7
 *David Town 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
 * First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Hazel, infant daughter of Jack and Iris Anderson, and Christopher John, infant son of Mary and Graham Hall, both born on Tuesday, June 25th, 1968.

HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.
 Margery Maughan .. Treble | Dennis G. Blows 5
 Robert Webster 2 | *Edward J. Trundley 6
 Janet Payne 3 | John Pladdys 7
 James Burton 4 | William Maughan Tenor
 Composed by Geoffrey Baulcomb. Conducted by John Pladdys.
 * First peal. 25th peal on tower bells as conductor.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
 John G. Gipson Treble | Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 5
 Hilary Muirhead 2 | Brian D. Threfall 6
 Donald F. Murfet 3 | Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
 Geoffrey Pearson 4 | Peter Border Tenor
 Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

STANWICK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.
 *Michael F. Stallard .. Treble | Robert D. Bellamy 4
 Christopher D. Corby .. 2 | Phillip S. George 5
 Jeremy D. Tarrant 3 | George E. Bonham Tenor
 Conducted by George E. Bonham.
 * First peal at first attempt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 27-course block reduced. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 Mary Roast Treble | Peter J. Eves 5
 Josephine A. Quilter 2 | Joe E. G. Roast 6
 Yvonne A. Murray 3 | Keith W. Brown 7
 Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4 | James L. Towler Tenor
 Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Fri., July 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.
 *Rosemary Myers .. Treble | †Jonathan G. Rose 4
 *Rosemary Snawdon .. 2 | †John G. Riley 5
 †Jennifer Murphy 3 | Philip M. J. Gray Tenor
 Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
 * First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor in three methods.
 Rung as a farewell to Miss Jennifer Murphy, a regular member of the Stoke Bishop Sunday service band, who is returning to her native Australia during July.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Frederick W. Ellis Treble	Geoffrey Dodds 7
Harold V. Frost 2	Eric Edmondson 8
†Katherine S. Hardy 3	Anthony R. Carter 9
†Elizabeth M. Barber 4	Robert E. Hardy 10
†Christopher Forster 5	Gerald Penney 11
†John E. Ewer 6	†David Redfearn Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First of Cinques as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*John Clark Treble	Leonard Manning 5
*Richard J. Birch 2	Peter D. J. Beal 6
Nicholas J. Chesson 3	Peter M. Wilkinson 7
*Philip Jackson 4	Brian E. Jemmett Tenor

Arranged by Robert E. J. Dennis. Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal of Major.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Peter D. J. Beal Treble	David P. Leworthy 4
Susan Rayner 2	†Howard Gardner 5
*Christopher Roberts 3	Nicholas J. Chesson .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.
Rung by a local band for the induction this day of the Rev. Peter E. Blagdon-Gamlin as Rector of this parish.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., June 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Margaret Crosswaite .. Treble	Stanley Anderton 5
Cyril Crosswaite 2	Christopher Watson 6
Richard Palmer 3	Denis H. McCormick .. 7
Bernard Moss 4	Alan Gardner Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crosswaite.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Margaret Anderton, daughter of the ringer of the 5th. and Harry Murphy, which took place at this church on the previous day.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe .. Treble	John Bagnall 4
Joseph Whalley 2	G. Alan Metters 5
James E. Burles 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price
* First peal in two methods.
Rung to mark the Flower Festival in the church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Four extents of Plain Bob and one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Oxford and Kent Spliced. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Arnold S. Goad Treble	John Hunt 4
*Ann Gardner 2	Raymond H. Martin .. 5
Hazel J. Nichols 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 or. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher Venn Treble	Michael W. Seymour .. 6
G. William Critchley .. 2	Frederick W. Goodfellow 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Albert R. G. Twinn .. 8
†Ruby M. Myllys 4	Michael J. Palmer 9
‡Patricia A. Copas 5	†Jeffrey Brichford Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd. Conducted by Michael J. Palmer.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First on ten bells "inside."
First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
Terence J. Hester 2	Bertram J. Coggins .. 5
Peter Pearce 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

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

On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller 4
Peter J. Heritage 2	Brian W. Hall 5
Peter Pearce 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Annette J. List Treble	Hilary Osbourne 4
Susan M. Holden 2	Peter G. Holden 5
Edward N. Patching .. 3	*James F. List Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung to welcome Sir Alec Rose on his return to Portsmouth.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Roger W. Smith 2	Kilby R. Holtom 7
Richard F. B. Speed .. 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 8
Barry E. Saunders 4	Alan A. Paul 9
Hugh M. Johnson 5	David J. Marshall Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Edith Pinfold, grandmother of Malcolm Chown.

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

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom Treble	*Roger W. Smith 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
Christopher C. Stokes .. 3	*Alan A. Paul 7
Raymond A. Vickers .. 4	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* 200th peal together.

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

On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell and 107 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

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

Composed by Albert I. Pitman. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

WADENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and

All Angels.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Ronald Russell Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
*Stephen B. Bell 2	Barry E. Saunders 5
Roger W. Smith 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

WANSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 19 lb.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Ronald Russell 4
Alan A. Paul 2	Barry E. Saunders 5
Stephen B. Bell 3	Roger W. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Roger W. Smith.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Oswald's Society, Oswestry)
CHIRK, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.	
Alan Watkin Treble	David F. Parry 4
Keith A Morgan 2	R. Stuart Evans 5
J. C. Parry 3	Richard C. Hotchkiss .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David F. Parry.
 First peal for all six ringers.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WYMSWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.	
*John Housden Treble	†Neil Handley 4
Arthur Newell 2	‡Reginald J. Stretton .. 5
†Trevor Kirkman 3	David Oliver Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.
 * First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ 25th peal together.

LAXTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Fri., July 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.	
*John C. Chambers Treble	Thelma E. Staples 4
Katherine Burchnall 2	David R. Chambers 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
 * First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. Nield (whose induction took place on July 3rd, 1968), his wife and daughter.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 13 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden Delight, (2) London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Sandal T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Killamarsh T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Norwich Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
*Mary C. Poyner Treble	*Linda M. Wilkinson 4
*Harry Poyner 2	†S. Geoffrey Pick 5
William L. Exton 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
 * Have now "circled the tower" and are the first to do so.
 † First peal in 13 methods.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.	
Sidney Carnall Treble	F. William Midwinter 4
Katherine Burchnall 2	Harold Stevenson 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung for the birth of Carol Margaret Holmes, granddaughter of the conductor, on June 29th, 1968.

GOTHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
 On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being five extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Martin, St. Simon, eight extents of Plain Bob and nine extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.	
John Housden Treble	Trevor Kirkman 3
Arthur Newell 2	Neil Handley 4
David Oliver Tenor	

Conducted by David Oliver.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Martin.
 On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.	
Clive M. Smith Treble	‡Elizabeth Timmins 5
Christopher J. Bennett 2	Richard B. Dorrington 6
*Alan J. Fletcher 3	§Philip G. K. Davies 7
†Stephen T. Yates 4	Richard C. Stevens .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
 * First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal. § 25th peal together.
 Rung to commemorate the centenary of St. Martin's Church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.	
Alan R. Andrews Treble	Alan R. Bridges 5
Edward E. Davey 2	W. Keith Whittell 6
Harry D. Lister 3	William E. E. Pye 7
John L. Girt 4	Ernest W. Pye Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Barbara Jean Steward and Michael John Ward.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.
 On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
W. Keith Whittell Treble	Alan R. Bridges 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Cecil W. Pipe 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

TUDDENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.
 On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.	
Robert Crooks Treble	Ronald W. Steward 4
Dudley H. P. Buxton 2	John L. Girt 5
Alan R. Bridges 3	John W. Blythe Tenor

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank E. Wiseman to mark his 80th birthday.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire, nine extents of St. Simon, eight extents of St. Martin and 13 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
Jack Pilgrim Treble	Adrian Knights 4
Ruth Woodman 2	Vernon Bedford 5
Stephen Bedford 3	Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.
 Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the Rev. W. Fayle-Parr, Rector of this parish, who died suddenly on Saturday, June 29th, 1968.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Mary at the Quay).
 On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinchurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.	
W. Keith Whittell Treble	Alan R. Bridges 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
James L. Towler 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Symonds on his 94th birthday.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

(The Reigate Society)

REIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)	Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.
*Amanda Hughes .. Treble	Wilfred Dunn 5
Ambrose T. Shelton .. 2	Terry T. Jones 6
Keith G. Game 3	†A. Patrick Cannon 7
†Carol Martin 4	*Geoffrey Knipe Tenor

Conducted by Keith G. Game.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ Honorary member of Reigate Society. First in the method as conductor. First peal by the Reigate Society for 40 years. First on the bells since 1945.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATTENDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Three different callings.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
Jack C. Wimlett .. Treble	Robert J. Crocker 4
Peter L. Furniss 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Michael Goss 3	Philip G. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHILTON FOLIAT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OLD HUDIBRAS BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.	
*Charles Taylor .. Treble	Robert J. Crocker 3
Peter L. Furniss 2	*Robin L. Collis 4
Philip G. Taylor Tenor	

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.

* First peal in method/variation.

AMPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods. Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire, and 18 variations. Old, Kennington, St. Swithin, St. Cross St. Valentine, St. Margaret, Freeland, Jacobstow, Gresford, Harbury, Allestree, St. Quintin, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, Longparish, Keysoe, Ladbrooke and Pink's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Philippa M. Tubbs .. Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd 4
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	Richard H. Youdale 5
Barry R. M. Johnson .. 3	Alistair M. Donaldson .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome Alec Rose home.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

Margaret White .. Treble	*Alan Clifton 6
*David S. Lockwood .. 2	*Michael Johnson 7
Anne P. Leigh 3	*Ian North 8
W. Eric Critchley 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton 9
*Patricia Lockwood .. 5	Eric Robinson Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David G. Clarke and Sheila Law.

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Richard J. Chantler .. Treble	Ronald R. Warford 5
John J. Durham 2	H David Holland 6
Robert A. Beresford .. 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Roger G. Green 4	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.
C. Barrie Dove .. Treble	David C. Baker 4
*Rachel M. J. Atack .. 2	†Suzanne Withers 5
Margaret Warford 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Cambridge Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" four times, and three times as conductor.

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

On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Richard J. Chantler .. Treble	John J. Durham 4
*Roger G. Green 2	*Michael G. Dodson 5
*Robert A. Beresford .. 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

(Beverley and District Society)

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents St. Clement's and four extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Alan Spivey .. Treble	*†Ross A. Bradley 4
†John L. Birdsall 2	C. L. Digby Munday 5
Roderick R. Horton .. 3	Robert H. Jordan Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Jordan.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor.

First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ann Jordan.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Tues., July 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frances Fairbank .. 1-2	*Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4	Thomas W. Goodyer .. 7-8
Cyril A. Wratten 9-10	

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Royal "in hand." First of Royal "in hand" as conductor. First peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., July 5th, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

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

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 2, Church Street.

On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
John Morris 3-4	Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Richard A. G. Inglis .. 1-2	Peter J. Staniforth 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	Alfred Ballard 7-8
Terence A. Thornber .. 9-10	

Composed by Charles F. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to David F. Moore on being awarded his Degree at Liverpool University.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.

On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Two extents of Norfolk, 10 of Old and 30 of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

First peal in more than one method "in hand" by all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.

On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations: Four extents of April Day, six each of Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, four of Norfolk, eight each of Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

QUARTER PEALS

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBES.—On July 6th, 1,408 Pl. Bob Major: A. R. Trickett 1, S. P. Rogers 2, Rev. R. W. Thomas 3, J. Prytherch 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. C. Rogers 6, A. C. Boorman 7, P. A. Williams 8. First of Major on the bells. A peal attempt called round.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. J. Hawkins 1, Miss J. M. Durston 2, H. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, Rev. A. Durston 6. An engagement compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. W. Price 1, H. J. Payne 2, J. D. Cheesman 3, D. H. Stone 4, J. M. Britchford 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Angela Ayres.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (ten "flower variations"): Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Faith Riley 2, Rosemary Simpson 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, M. Williamson (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. W. Pinchbeck 1, W. A. Holmes 2, C. F. Baxter 3, J. R. Holmes 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. Rung in memory of Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., father of the ringer of 3rd and grandfather of the conductor.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On July 7th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Carol Thompson 1, Ann H. Whaley 2, A. C. Walker 3, R. Young (first attempt) 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. E. B. Reed 6. For Evensong.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mears, jun. (first away from tenor) 1, R. Mears, sen. 2, P. F. Romney 3, P. R. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey 6. By Chaminister St. Mary's ringers.

LOCKING, SOM.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): P. Kelby 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Elizabeth A. Todd 5, R. G. Baldock 6.

MARKEBSURY, SOM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, J. E. Newman 3, A. C. Perry 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, P. Blacker 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Leggett (first quarter) 1, I. Read 2, D. Irwin 3, G. W. Parkin (first "inside") 4, G. W. Rendell (cond.) 5, A. Woodhouse 6. To congratulate the 3rd ringer on his 21st birthday.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sear (first quarter) 1, Linda Cozier (first "inside") 2, P. Lucas 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6.

PEMBROKE.—On July 7th, 1,296 Pembroke De-light Minor: Betty M. Rogers 1, S. P. Rogers 2, A. R. Trickett 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers 5, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 6, P. A. Williams cover. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Ann Smith 1, Joan Parker 2, M. Parker 3, W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: W. Smith 1, Ann Smith 2, B. Branston 3, M. Parker 4, R. Rogers 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. A welcome to Peterborough for Robin and Janet Rogers. Also on July 7th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: G. Davis 1, W. Smith 2, Sara Woolley 3, F. Sismey 4, Ann Smith 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong and a farewell to Sara Woolley who is returning home.

PITMINSTER, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (21 meth./var.): M. A. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. F. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Most meth./var. by all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Valerie Nash 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, A. Faulkner 6, J. Laker 7, W. Ward 8. To welcome the birth of Julian Daniel Bedford and to mark the 59th birthday of Frank May.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, S. Adams 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, N. Handley 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, J. Eborall 7, L. Butler 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Thelma-Lynn Willis 1, S. Taylor 2, C. Forster 3, A. Carter 4, F. W. Ellis 5, A. Wilby 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sarah Pickles (first quarter) 1, Thelma-Lynn Willis 2, J. T. Davey 3, Monica Shelley 4, C. Forster 5, G. H. Foster (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Polly Pickles and Alec Rose home from foreign parts.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: M. E. Lewis 1, J. Prytherch 2, Rev. R. W. Thomas 3, A. R. Trickett 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. A. Williams 6. For Parish Communion.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis (first as cond.) 3, A. Ellis 4, J. Rampley 5, M. Baldry 6. Rung for the Youth Service. Average age 14 years 10 months.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Beach 1, Ruth Horwood 2, P. Mary Beach 3, H. Parker 4, D. J. Beach 5, S. Wright 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Harley (first quarter) 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rhoda Housden 1, Jill M. May 2, F. W. Housden 3, S. G. Ponting 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, D. J. Tubbs 6. A welcome to Rev. Denis Dugdale on his appointment as curate at this church.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On June 9th, 1,380 Ship-way's Place Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on June 16th, 1,260 St. Hilary's Bob Doubles: same band. Also on June 23rd, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: A. Lazzerini 1, R. Mills 2, D. Lazzerini 3, B. Mills 4. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Huntspill Bob Doubles: same band. Also on July 7th, 1,280 Coxwell Place Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

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SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On July 7th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STEPPINGLY, BEDS.—On June 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. F. Olney 1, D. A. Eddy 2, T. P. Harris 3, R. A. Ward 4. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. For the dedication of the new pulpit.

SWINDERBY, LINCS.—On June 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Proctor (first quarter) 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, W. G. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4.

SWINTON, LANCs.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Gwyneth Pritchard (first quarter) 1, N. T. E. Burnett (first Doubles in method) 2, J. E. Andrews (first Doubles as cond.) 3, D. C. Makin-Taylor 4, A. J. Illingworth (first Doubles) 5, G. A. Wells (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary of St. Peter's School, Swinton.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5, D. Kingston 6.

TRING, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Theresa Wright 1, R. G. Ouston 2, H. Collings 3, R. Gerbardi 4, C. J. Badrick 5, A. E. Archer 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Erica Pankhurst 1, J. H. Thompson 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd as he starts a career in the Royal Navy.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Lynda A. Carr (first in more than one method) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, P. J. Franklin (first in more than one method) 4, D. R. McLean (25th quarter as cond. for the Association) 5, Joan C. McLean 6. First in two methods by all except the conductor. For Confirmation service.

UPTON, Wirral, CHESHIRE.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Green (first quarter) 1, T. E. Howarth (cond.) 2, E. Houghton 3, J. K. Ratnett 4, J. J. Fox 5. A birthday compliment to Jeffrey J. Fox.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Hunt 1, Gail Cater 2, Anne Johnson 3, R. Cater 4, G. Hancock 5, Rev. N. Webb 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, J. Wackett 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Hoath 1, Susan Thomas 2, Jane Darby 3, June Whitcher 4, Sally Cobb 5, G. Walker (first on ten bells) 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, J. Murfit 10. For Matins.

WELTON, LINCS.—On July 7th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: 1. M. Minns 1, Julie Radley 2, Kathleen Fox 3, D. W. Bee 4, C. V. Cade 5, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 6. First of Kent by all except 5th ringer. For children's service.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilary F. Hinde 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. C. Manger 5, C. A. Tester 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8. Rung to mark the christening of Catherine Joan, daughter of Sue and Robin Lee.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Large 1, H. Heard 2, Valerie J. Howard 3, W. C. Shute 4, M. F. D. Burton 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6. A compliment to Margaret and Ray Large on their first wedding anniversary.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Mrs. J. M. Bull 1, Miss G. Radley 2, H. Radley 3, B. J. Bull 4, J. F. Underwood 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. To mark the 150th anniversary of Willingham School.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARKS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Chapman 1, Jill Riley 2, G. E. Ingram 3, C. R. Steed 4, F. C. Lyne 5, A. G. Foster 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. For the wedding of Hazel Arrowsmith (a local ringer) to John Mackenzie.

WYE, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

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BUTTERWORTH.—At Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, on July 8th, 1968, to Derek and Judith, a daughter, Gillian Judith. 4392

NEWMAN.—To Sue and Ken, on July 9th, 1968, at St. Albans City Hospital, a son, Michael Geoffrey, a brother for Joanna and Richard. 4388

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IRIGG.—The address of Josephine, widow of Michael, is now 327, Jessop Road, Stevenage, Herts. All friends are thanked for the ringing tributes and kind messages of sympathy after Michael's sudden death in Spain. 4400

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Prestbury (rehung 8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (at nominal charge) to G. Moorhouse, The Hillock, Dale Brow, Prestbury. 4329

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch—Summer meeting, Holsworthy, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mr. R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Bishop's Stortford District).—Joint meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—G. Blake, K. Westwood, Hon. Secs. 4335

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice, Albury, July 27th, 6-9 p.m. No notification necessary, but it is hoped ringers will turn up in good numbers.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4377

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs. Special method: Superlative.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4371

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Burnham, July 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 4416

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SUFFOLK GUILD — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Worlingworth (8) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4359

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, July 27th, at Ripe (5), 3–4.30 p.m. Chiddingly (6) 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh. 4373

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Soberton, July 27th. Bells 3 till 9. Tea 4.40 in the White Lion. Service 5.30, followed by the business meeting in the church. 4382

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN.—Ichester Branch.—Practice meeting, Ash-in-Martock (6), August 3rd, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Leggett, Hon. Sec. 4403

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, by July 31st. 4393

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Kineton bells will also be open from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. only. All welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, by July 31st, please. 4405

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Willingham on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Lightfoot Surprise. 4406

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Evening meeting, Eaton (6), Leics, August 3rd. 4409

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8) on Saturday, August 3rd, 5.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4380

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m. (cups of tea provided). Business meeting follows and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4402

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting at Parbold on Saturday, August 3rd, 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4394

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Newtown Linford, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards in Church Rooms, followed by meeting. Plenty of support required. All welcome. Pleasant setting, Bradgate Park. Names for tea essential to Miss J. Howitt, Johnsliffie Hotel, Newtown Linford, Leicester (Telephone Markfield 2228) by Wednesday, July 31st, please.—Ron Hughes. 4351

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting at Bury St. Edmunds and district, Saturday, August 3rd. Meet at the Cathedral Church at 2 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent, before July 29th. 4401

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth (6) on August 3rd. Ringing 3 to 4.20 and after tea till 8.30. Tea in Mechanics Institute (near church). Names for tea to M. King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4407

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Old Coulsdon, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Saysell, 13, Hartley Old Road, Purley, by July 31st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4353

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rusper (not Lindfield), August 3rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. Moore, The Old Farmhouse, Morris Farm, Holbrook, Horsham, Sussex (Tel. Horsham 62937) as early as possible, please. — Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 4410

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Rotherfield (8), Saturday, August 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Morris, Rotherfield Post Office, Crowborough, Sussex, by August 9th. Names for the annual outing on October 12th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 4411

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Saturday, August 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Raymond Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, by previous Wednesday. 4342

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at the Cathedral on July 6th with members present from Bury Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llan-deilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. The Dean, the Very Rev. T. E. Jenkins, presided at the business meeting, which took place in the Cathedral Hall. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, officers gave their reports and several new members were proposed.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Percy Griffiths (auditor) on becoming Mayor of Cardigan and to Mr. Richard Underwood on being elected secretary of the Cambridge University Guild.

Mr. John Prytherch was elected Guild secretary in place of Mr. Richard Warburton, who was not seeking re-election after seven years' loyal service in this office. All the other officers were re-elected. The next quarterly meeting has been brought forward one week to September 7th.

Then followed an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Jenkins and her helpers, who were warmly thanked by Mr. M. E. Lewis, after which members attended Evensong in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, before returning to the belfry to resume ringing until 9 p.m. B. M. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

There was a good attendance at an evening meeting of the Ichester Branch on the good-going and musical eight at Huish Episcopi on July 5th. Ringing under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendall (Branch Ringing Master) included rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent T.B. Major. A touch of Grandsire by an all-ladies band was also rung. The Rev. W. W. Mee (Vicar) conducted the Belfry Office and is thanked for a successful and enjoyable evening.

ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH, BANK HOLIDAY

SPRING Bank Holiday was a busy day for St. Mary's, Peterborough, ringers and their friends who joined them for their annual outing.

Arrangements for what has now become a very popular annual event were again in the hands of Geoff Davis, who made his usual thorough preparations to ensure that our visit to West Suffolk went without a hitch.

By rising at the crack of dawn a surprising number of ringers reached St. Martin's, Fornham, for a 9 a.m. start. The 6½ cwt. six were ideal starters for a long day's ringing and they sounded well to a good touch of Cambridge. Our second tower was a complete contrast, and the heavy five at Pakenham soon sorted us out and we managed nothing better than Plain Bob. The bells are anti-clockwise, although "Dove" does not list them as such. On then to Rougham, where the ringing chamber showed evidence of an active band and where Frank Sismey, our Ringing Master for the day, kept things moving in his calm and capable manner.

Bury St. Edmunds was our next stop, and after several laps of the local one-way system most of us reached the Norman tower. As almost all of us are from six-bell towers we were a little apprehensive, but the bells were easy to manage and with plenty of rounds and some Plain Royal and Kent Major our hour was quickly over. The ringing chamber had been recently refloored with linoleum and looked very fine. We were delighted to find Ann and Bill Smith waiting for us at Bury.

An excellent lunch was served to over 30 at the Everard Arms and at the end Alf Waller donned his presidential hat and thanked Geoff Davis in a few well-chosen words which won approval from all present.

During the afternoon we visited three eights, finding Horringer's a pleasant light ring, which we tapped along to Plain and Kent, and Long Melford, a little heavier, and again going well to these methods and Grandsire; Lavenham bells are so famous we almost dared not ring them and we did not do them justice.

After tea a nice light six at Cavendish went well to Norwich, and although Clare's eight were disappointing, the last tower of the day was at Haverhill, and these went nicely and the day ended as it began with some good ringing.

For several of us the ringing was continued the following evening, when we were allowed to ring at St. Peter's, Walpole, during the world-famous flower festival. A very high standard of ringing was maintained in this beautiful marshland church and this was appreciated by the many visitors.

Our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains and local ringers who gave up their time to meet us and make our visit so enjoyable. R. S.

OBITUARY**MR. B. T. DAVIES**

The death is announced of Mr. Benjamin T. Davies, parish organist and a bellringer for 60 years at Llangywyd, Glam. His son, D. Walford Davies, took part in an in memoriam peal on July 15th.

MR. WILLIAM A. WOODS

The Suffolk Guild regrets to report the passing of another of its members, Mr. W. A. Woods, on July 13th, at Woodbridge. Billy Woods was a contemporary and friend of Charles E. Fisher, whose death was recorded earlier this year.

A six- and eight-bell ringer of no mean ability and a very precise striker, he did not score many peals. His name, though, was respected as a fine gentleman, both in Norfolk and in Suffolk, and we are the poorer for his passing. Our sympathy is extended to his family and the Woodbridge ringers. G. W. P.

REFLECTIONS BY AN AMATEUR BELL-HANGER

By G. K. DODD

"A LITTLE knowledge is a dangerous thing." We are constantly reminded of this in our daily lives, and in the case of amateurs attempting to rehang bells that have been derelict for many years a nasty accident could happen.

This is in fact the professional bellhangers' advice; they seldom attempt what we amateurs admit is only a "bodge up," but prefer to remove the frame and bells and start afresh. The result is usually a first-class job, and we ringers have the pleasure of ringing on bells that go well and when a recasting takes place also sound well.

But what of the many rings of bells that will never receive this attention? Already they must be near the 1,000 mark. Counting the four-bell towers, there are ten towers in Hampshire that are classified as unringable—whether genuinely so is a matter of doubt, but the only unringable tower to receive attention in the last few years has been Upper Clatford, a four-bell tower now augmented to a first-class six.

The others remain silent, but in most cases they can produce bellhangers' estimates. In one case there were two different estimates—to rehang the bells or to hang them dead for chiming. The difference is large and I think they would favour hanging them dead. No attempt has been made to raise the money and the present stalemate is likely to continue for many years.

As one of these so-called amateurs I have visited and tried these bells. They could be rung, but not with safety. I have advised them to have a professional job, but it is the usual story of more urgent needs.

LONDON EXAMPLES

Mr. Dennis Beresford, in his speech at the Cumberlands' dinner, urged his members to do something towards keeping these silent towers going in London, and let us face the fact that many of these towers are silent but not unringable.

I have visited an eight-bell tower in London with a year's silence through lack of oil and one rope missing. Another only required repairs to two wheels. I am glad to see that there are some enthusiasts who are taking Mr. Beresford's words literally and getting on and doing the job. It is pleasing to note that in both these towers the enthusiasts have been back with bands to ring for service.

But this does not only apply to London. I visited two towers recently in Wiltshire, and it was quite apparent that the bells required oil. At the second one the verger told us that the bells had not been rung for over a year and this became apparent when rubbish fell on our heads when we raised this good-

toned 16 cwt. six. It is a pity that the tower grabbers are not more active around here as they are mainly responsible for keeping the bells in country areas ringing, if only on odd occasions.

The bellhangers obviously frown, and in fact go further than that on occasions with the amateur bellhangers. If these so-called experts open a tower up after some years of silence and an accident happens, who is responsible? Therefore, if the founders are asked to make an inspection and there is the slightest element of doubt, it is only in their interest to condemn the bells as unsafe until something is done, and the only way to guarantee complete safety is to rehang the bells, as any frame movement could endanger the tower, and in some cases it has done so.

A HAMPSHIRE INCIDENT

This is one side of the picture. Now, to quote the other side, this is what happened. An 18 cwt. Hampshire six were not going after 45 years' silence. They were on occasions rung for service by a Guild band and the Rector was keen for them to be rung as often as possible. Many visitors tried them and they were available at most Guild functions, Guild members rectifying faults as they developed. The "go" was not good; they were as is termed men's bells. Several quarter peals, however, were rung on them.

On the retirement of the Rector arrangements were under way to ring for the induction of his successor. The captain of the light six at the Rector's other tower advised against this on the grounds that as long as the bells were rung nothing would be done, but if we did not ring them he would raise the matter of rehangng before the P.C.C. and guaranteed to get them rehung.

We bowed to this request and for five years the bells remained silent, the new Rector firmly believing that they were unringable. He openly stated that he could never see the parish affording the cost. The District secretary took the matter up and a meeting with the architect was arranged. The bells were rung with the architect among them and then he asked "Why is it that you have been unable to ring them?"

Explanations were forthcoming and he said "Carry on as before," and he would, when the parish could afford it, advise rehangng. He added that it was better to ring them occasionally as they were than not at all. This applies to many rings of bells. There have been failures, as was the case of an Oxford Guild tower, where three ladies were in a band that rang a bob course of Cambridge Minor on easy-going bells. When the expert was called in he said they had square bearings and two missing stays.

Two other towers were investigated and passed over to the bellfounders; we hope that in years to come something will be done.

What is the action to take? I think this depends on the person who is making the survey and the condition of the bells. Most of my doubtful jobs have been with the church architect present at my request. (By doubtful I mean long years of silence.) I could quote cases but most of these have been published in "The Ringing World."

THOSE WITH NO KNOWLEDGE

I strongly advise that ringers with no knowledge of bellhanging should not attempt to restore bells that have been out of action for a long time. Rather they should try to find out why and then contact their Guild and bellfry inspector, but always at the invitation of the incumbent or churchwarden. Many of these are afraid to spend money on bells because of more urgent needs, but would welcome a bellfry inspector if they knew that his services were free.

There is another true saying, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and this rings true on many things. By all means make inquiries, stir up interest, but don't try to do anything unless you know what you are at. There is also the fear of stirring up local antagonism, so easily done with ringers who can be temperamental. The attitude in many cases seems to be, "I don't want to do anything; you stick to your own area and keep away from here."

Lack of ropes is also a disadvantage, but probably in most cases local captains or, in the case of Chute Forest where it became nationwide, offer their spares. In the majority of towers I have restored, ropes have been given by more fortunate towers and no expense has fallen on the church.

And so I feel that it is a good thing for the Exercise that ringers take an interest in getting bells into full use again. It benefits everybody—the church, the Guild and, over a period of years, the bellhangers—as often complete restoration is the final answer after the initial enthusiasm is raised.

There are cases—about half a dozen in my experience—where there is nothing wrong, and oil and fitting ropes are all that is required. Sometimes it is the ringers' fault: they have allowed such a situation to develop without fighting it tooth and nail. The closing of two Hampshire towers came through an indifferent incumbent and in the other a difficult P.C.C. In both cases the authorities, under pressure from local District officers, have relented, and we are pleased to know that both towers are now functioning.

OUTING REVIVED

After a lapse of over ten years, the band of Milton-next-Gravesend arranged an outing on July 13th. Almost all the local band went, accompanied by ringers from Ash, Gravesend and Northfleet. Starting at 8.30 a.m., the party went to Southminster in Essex, thence to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Debenham in Suffolk, and to Great Dunmow in Essex. Gravesend was reached at 9.30 p.m. after a coach journey of over 230 miles, with lunch at Ipswich, tea at Great Dunmow, and ringing in the four towers. A welcome member of the party was Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, who started the band off on ringing after the tower at Milton had been silent for some years.

The local band is now composed entirely of teenagers, who have cleaned up the bellfry and fitted the bells with new ropes in the last six months and who ring every Sunday.

Great credit is due to Edward Stuart, who, at the age of 14, made all the arrangements for the tour, and also to the coach driver, who

kept to time on an incredibly tight schedule. Already next year's outing is being planned.

K. C. G.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS

Thirty ringers and friends from St. Ippolyts had a half-day tour in North Bucks, extending from 1.30 until midnight on July 6th.

A surprise at the first tower, at Stagsden, was to have to remove a wheelbarrow before ringing could start. Good use was made of Chicheley bells before a salad tea at Newport Pagnell. It was unfortunate that such a pleasant ring as that at Bradwell should have a cracked and welded fourth. The effect was most entertaining as the bell thudded its way through the first few touches. From here we went to Loughton. The journey home was broken for refreshments at Husborne Crawley. Our thanks to Mr. Louis Runnads for the arrangements and to the donor of the coach for his generosity.

ANON.

ODE TO A RINGER

He who rings changes has an ear attuned
To depth and timbre, resonance and time.
The grandeur of his toil can ease the wound
Of death and loss.

When Easter morning peals dispel the grey
Of Lenten fasts and Passiontide despair,
His artistry of sound declares the day
Of life and hope.

And when the changes he alone defines
Pour on the air new symphonies of joy,
Then craft with creativity combines
To praise and pray.

I did not know the meaning of "a tower."
Of "Grandsire," "Treble"—"Captain of
a band"

I did not know a ringer had such power
To give and to command.

A NON-RINGER.

Appendix to Central Council Doubles Collection

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APPENDIX TO THE C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

(i) Using an Old Hudibras single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

Plain Course	Variation
161 Plain Bob	Old Hudibras
162 Shipway	
163 R. Canterbury	
164 New Bob	
165 St. Vedast	
166 Huntspill	
167 Blaisdon	
168 Westminster II	
169 St. Hilary	
170 Blackburn	
171 Dragon	
172 St. Nicholas	
173 St. Remigius	
174 Winchendon	
175 Huntley	
176 R. Union	
177 R. St. Julian	
178 R. St. Faith	
179 St. Owen	
180 St. Simon	
181 St. Osmund	
182 St. Martin	
183 Eynesbury	

(j) Using a Ready Money single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

Plain Course	Variation
191 Plain Bob	Ready Money
192 Shipway	
193 Rev. Canterbury	Woodhay
194 New Bob	
195 St. Vedast	
196 Huntspill	
197 Blaisdon	
198 Westminster II	
199 St. Hilary	
200 Blackburn	
201 Dragon	
202 St. Nicholas	
203 St. Remigius	
204 Winchendon	
205 Huntley	
206 R. Union	
207 R. St. Julian	
208 R. St. Faith	
209 St. Owen	
210 St. Simon	
211 St. Osmund	
212 St. Martin	
213 Eynesbury	

(k) Using a London single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

Plain Course	Variation
221 R. St. Bartholomew	St. Blaise
222 R. St. Sebastian	St. Perpetua
223 All Saints'	St. Bede
224 Minster Bob	Abberley
225 New Bob	Stockingfield
226 St. Vedast	Ledgemoor
227 Huntspill	Wootton
228 Blaisdon	
229 R. Union	
230 R. St. Julian	
231 R. St. Faith	
232 St. Owen	

(l) Using a Thurlby single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

Plain Course	Variation
241 R. St. Bartholomew	Thurlby
242 R. St. Sebastian	
243 All Saints'	Sturdy Hill
244 Minster Bob	St. Elwan
245 New Bob	
246 St. Vedast	
247 Huntspill	
248 Blaisdon	
249 R. Union	
250 R. St. Julian	
251 R. St. Faith	
252 St. Owen	

(m) Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Newark, New Newark, Wallaton, New Wallaton, using their own single, and bob as indicated by G—Grandsire, A—Antelope, W—Wallflower, P—Pink. Call BPPSP or BPSBP or SPBPBP twice.

Plain Course	Bob	Variation
261 Grandsire	A	St. Quintin
262 "	W	Daffodil
263 "	P	Ladbroke
264 New Grandsire	A	Fulmer
265 "	W	Eastleigh
266 "	P	Cowley
267 Antelope	G	St. Valentine
268 "	W	Ray
269 "	P	Jacobstowe
270 New Antelope	G	Woodborough
271 "	W	Porchester
272 "	P	Stowe
273 Newark	A	Saxondale
274 "	W	Pinxton
275 "	P	Waxham
276 New Newark	A	
277 "	W	
278 "	P	
279 Wollaton	A	Foxhill
280 "	W	Coxmoor
281 "	P	Jevington
282 New Wollaton	A	
283 "	W	
284 "	P	

(n) Using a Plain Bob bob and "all plain hunt" for an extreme. Call EBEP three times.

Plain Course
291 St. Simon
292 St. Osmund
293 St. Martin
294 Eynesbury
295 St. Nicholas
296 St. Remigius
297 Winchendon
298 Huntley

(o) Using a Rev. Canterbury bob and an extreme indicated by G—Grandsire bob, A—Antelope bob, W—Wallflower bob, P—Pink bob. Call EBEP three times.

Plain Course	Extreme
301 Plain Bob	G
302 "	A
303 "	W
304 "	P
305 R. Canterbury	G
306 "	A
307 "	W
308 "	P

(p) Using a Shipway bob and an extreme as indicated in (o).

Shipway	Extreme
311	G
312	A
313	W
314	P

(q) Using a Rev. Canterbury bob and a single indicated thus: G—Grandsire single, A—Antelope single, W—Wallflower single, P—Pink single. Call SPBP or BPSBP or BPSBP three times.

Plain Course	Single	Variation
321 St. Nicholas	G	Lonsdale
322 "	A	St. Nicolas
323 "	W	Hinton
324 "	P	Brockenhurst
325 St. Remigius	G	Rye
326 "	A	Stoneham
327 "	W	Lydd
328 "	P	Uphill
329 Winchendon	G	Lockerley
330 "	A	Hordle
331 "	W	Wessex
332 "	P	Lyndhurst
333 Huntley	G	Over Wallop
334 "	A	Bishop's Sutton
335 "	W	Nether Wallop
336 "	P	Mottisfont
337 St. Simon	G	St. Wilfred
338 "	A	Southampton
339 "	W	St. Katherine
340 "	P	Winchester

341 St. Osmond	G	Sussex
342 "	A	Hampshire
343 "	W	Kent
344 "	P	Vectis
345 St. Martin	G	St. Oswald
346 "	A	Romsey
347 "	W	St. Magnus
348 "	P	Wykeham
349 Eynesbury	G	Septuagesima
350 "	A	Ember
351 "	W	Sexagesima
352 "	P	Quinquagesima

Variations 321 to 352, together with 12, 16, 35, 72, 80, 102, 110, 132, 140 were rung in the peal at Upham on June 1st, 1968.

Also Alpha, which is spliced Huntley and St. Owen, and Candelmas, which is spliced Eynesbury and St. Owen.

(To be continued)

MAULDEN OUTING

An important annual event in Bedfordshire is the Maulden ringers' outing, and it is treated as seriously and gone about as earnestly as a day's work.

So on June 22nd those 45 happy souls who were privileged to partake in this year's trip to Wiltshire were up at around 5 a.m. (4 a.m. G.M.T.!) and at 6.30, as planned, a start was made. Steeple Ashton, some 105 miles distant, was reached almost exactly on schedule, and the exquisite beauty of this noble parish church thrilled the non-ringers as much as the excellent heavy ring of six bells did the ringers.

At Melksham the pleasant octave was just sufficiently difficult to handle to offer a challenge, and some good ringing was enjoyed. Lunch was taken at Trowbridge, after which the two splendid but vastly different eights at Bradford-on-Avon gave great satisfaction.

Perhaps the Church of St. Nicholas, North Bradley, is a little difficult to locate, and when several attempts to get near it, one of which almost resulted in the rear end of the coach knocking a corner off the tower, our driver finally pulled up at a point which offered an excellent view of the church across a quarter mile or so of pleasantly undulating country! The only snag was that the rain, which had been falling steadily for about two hours, now started to come down in torrents, and anyone who knows the size of a Wiltshire torrent will appreciate what this means!

However, the enthusiasm of the ringers was not to be so easily repressed, and after a quick look around for boats, rafts or any other sort of craft (all unfortunately unavailable) they boldly splashed their way towards the tower, whilst the driver watched their sorry progress with eyes that expressed all the malevolence but not the intelligence of the better-looking cod-fish!

An excellent tea at Westbury restored our spirits, and then followed the highlight of the day, for the 35 cwt. eight at All Saints', Westbury, were a real delight to ring.

Altogether a highly satisfactory outing with good ringing, splendid bells, good fellowship, fine organisation and a warm welcome everywhere. The weather? Well, who cares!

Sincere thanks to incumbents and local ringers for all their kindness, and to Ron Sharp and Keith Fleming for their excellent arrangements. A. E. R.

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1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By TIMOTHY G. PETT

W	Stns/S4tns	M	H	23456
				42356
x			3	63245
x			3	52364
x			3	43256
x			3	62345
x			3	53264
S			S	62354
		S	2	23456

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Composed by A. D. MACFADYEN

2345678	W	B	VI	M	H
46235					S
3426578					6
3467285		1			
63247					
26734					
3246587					6
45326					S
2435687					6
2458376		1			
52348					
35824					
2345678					2

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