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The Church of St. Leonard, Clent, Worcestershire

Architecturally this church has much to offer, parts being late 12th century, with trumpet-scalloped capitals of the round piers. To ringers it will be honoured as the home tower of the late W. H. Barber, his father and grandfather.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Leonard's Church, Clent, Worcs.

THE Domesday Book records that the Manor of Clent in Worcestershire was assessed at "nine hides"—quite a large manor.

St. Leonard's Church stands at the foot of Clent and Walton Hills and although the date of its building is not known it is considered to be around 1150. One, Master Herbert, was the Rector in 1199 and was then involved in litigation with the neighbouring parish of Broome and also with the Nuns of Brewood in Staffordshire. From Master Herbert's time the list of incumbents is complete.

The tower, the Late Norman pillars between the nave and the south aisle and the foundations are all that remain of the original building. The chancel, which has a beautiful barrel roof, is 14th century.

Prior to 1681 there were four bells in the tower and in that year a fifth was added and the old four recast by Henry Bagley, who set up his furnace, etc., in front of the church, near the present lych gate. A sixth bell was added in 1701, but according to records this bell was most unsatisfactory and it was recast in 1718 by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston. In 1743 the tenor became cracked and was recast by Matthew Bagley in the same year.

By the end of last century the bells were going very badly and in 1902 were retuned and rehung in a cast iron "H"-section frame on steel joists and augmented to eight by Taylors. They were put on ball-bearings in September,

1963. They are a lively little eight with tenor of 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

This was the home tower of the late William H. Barber, who moved to Newcastle upon Tyne from Clent around 1904. His grandfather and father rang here, also his brother John. It was also the home tower of the late William Short who, with William H. and John Barber, took part in many peals in the Midlands.

These three took part in the famous 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on Thursday, December 26th, 1901, in 8 hours and 2 minutes. William Short rang the treble and conducted the peal, William H. Barber rang the fifth, Gabriel Lindoff, the composer, rang the sixth and John Barber rang the tenor. It was the composer's first peal of Cinques. Also in that band were the three Pye brothers, James E. Groves, Thomas Reynolds, Charles Dickens, Harry Middleton and Arthur E. Pegler.

The first recorded peal at Clent was 5,040 Minor in seven methods, conducted by William Short, in which John Barber took part. It was rung on Monday, December 23rd, 1889, and 98 peals have been rung upon the bells to date.

The first recorded length was 2,160 Minor, being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, on Monday, October 5th, 1868, in 1 hour and 17 minutes, conducted by William H. Barber's grandfather, who rang the tenor.
B. C. A.

A RINGERS' STORY

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

ONCE upon a time there lived a young man of 15 who aspired to become a ringer. But the band were good and they did not have much time for learners, and consequently Albert, for he is our hero, lost his keenness and left the tower.

The years rolled by and Albert grew up, married and worked at his trade as the driver of a steam engine, watched admiringly by the small lads of the villages around, for in those days they were a common sight on the roads.

Two world wars came and left their mark, and the time came when a nearby tower lost several ringers at the same time and the tower captain started looking out for recruits. It also happened that the band between this and the neighbouring six-bell tower was strong and it was not unusual to find members of each tower helping each other out both on practice nights and on Sundays.

And so it was that one evening Albert was introduced to the tower. Much older now, and a little hard of hearing, but with a desire to take up again the hobby which he had pursued for a time all those years ago. It wasn't easy, and it involved many hours of endeavour and patience, but the consideration and encouragement of both tower captains, who had known him all their lives, was rewarded when he slowly mastered rounds on six and then on eight respectively.

There followed an even longer period when Albert struggled with hunting the treble; it wasn't easy, but in due course he managed this as well.

The six-bell tower was noted for its many quarter peals in which ringers rang their "firsts," more often than not in a humble Doubles method, and the tower captain, although he would not admit it, had started

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many ringers on the road to achievement through the medium of his fortnightly "quarters." And so the time came when Albert was invited to ring the treble to Grandsire Doubles. With a cast iron band, I need hardly tell you that the quarter was successful and Albert, though pretty well tired out, was elated, even if he didn't ring again at the practice which followed.

On the following Sunday the band at the eight-bell tower were sitting around after a touch of Triples when Albert beckoned to the tower captain. "Tom," he said, "I was 15 when I left ringing because they were not interested in me, and now, at my age, I've rung a quarter!" "And how old are you now, then?" said Tom. "Seventy-eight," replied the old man, "and I'll bet there aren't many ringers who have given it up for over 60 years and then come back and rung a quarter peal! It just shows you are never too old."

I suppose that, as in all good fables, it should close with the usual stock phrase "and they all lived happily ever after," but on this occasion I can go one better. This is a perfectly true story and Albert is very much on our tower's books today as a performing member.

It is true to say that peals and quarter peals all look the same in print, but it is very nice occasionally to go behind the headlines to report one man's Everest, especially when its achievement is marked by that happiest of combinations, namely one man's will to succeed and the encouragement of the local ringers to see that he does.

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DISTURBED BY BELLS

"The Times" has had an interesting series of letters under the heading "Disturbed by Bells."

Mr. Ronald Warson, of Blackheath, asks if the ringing of church bells constitutes public or private nuisance. He writes: "Like many other people, I have to be an early riser on week-days and therefore hope to achieve an extra hour's rest on a Sunday morning. Unfortunately in my area church bells peal before eight o'clock for several minutes. The purpose of this exercise seems pointless—surely the faithful (whose right to attend religious services I will defend to the death) possess alarm clocks. Alternatively, may I recommend the very efficient 'alarm call' service provided by the G.P.O.?"

An answer comes from Finland from Mr. A. F. T. Lurcock, reader in English at Abo Akademi. He writes: "It seems strange that formal legal defence should be necessary for bell ringing which Dorothy Sayers calls 'the one loud noise made to the glory of God.' The real answer to Mr. Warson is very simple, whatever the legal position may be. Church bells are rung not only to call the faithful (who no doubt set their alarm clocks for half-past seven) but also to remind others. As an act of Christian witness, the bells no doubt embarrass some people because, like the Word of God, they do not 'call the righteous but sinners to repent.'"

Mr. P. R. K. Prescott, Islington.—"Although constantly ringing bells may constitute both a private and public nuisance, parish churches are privileged in this respect. Soltau v. De Held (1851). However, Mr. Warson might yet have a cause of action if the ringing is quite unreasonable, because the above authority, being an obiter dictum, is not binding on the courts. On the whole, though, I recommend earplugs as being cheaper and more certain than litigation."

Mr. Scott Hill-Read, Chantry Place, Marden, Kent.—"The late J. A. Spender, when he lived in this house, which is immediately opposite the 12th century church that possesses a full ring of bells, was disturbed on one occasion when writing his leader for the old 'Westminster Gazette.' Accordingly he sent his butler over one sunny week-day afternoon with the promise that if the ringers would stop and go to a neighbouring village he would pay the cost of a bus and give them a gratuity into the bargain. Strange as it may appear in the light of social relations today, these dedicated campanologists agreed."

THE PLEASURE OF BELLS

From the "Western Gazette", Yeovil, of September 13th, we cull the following editorial, "The Sound of Bells", which we feel all ringers will appreciate. Such publicity is most helpful to the Exercise.

For how much longer will the ringing of church bells continue to be one of the traditional sounds of the countryside?

Already many towers from which bells once rang out are now silent, because there is no one to ring them or because the ring, or tower which houses it, is no longer safe and there are insufficient funds to pay for the repairs.

But the ringing of the church bells is also receiving increased attention from some of those who campaign for noise abatement. So far the question of whether the ringing of church bells constitutes a public or private nuisance has never been tested in the courts, although the Noise Abatement Act of 1960 appears to afford church bells no special privilege.

While those who live in close proximity to a church tower may from time to time have good cause for complaint, it is to be hoped that good sense and a spirit of compromise may prevail without recourse to law, thus preserving a sound which still gives pleasure to so many, whether they be churchgoers or not.

MARSTON RINGERS' WEDDING



On September 7th Noel Deam, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Deam, of 71, Oxford Road, Marston, and Avril Walton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton, of 3, Ripplington Drive, Marston, were married at the Church of St. Nicholas, Marston, Oxford. The Vicar, the Rev. Paul N. Rimmer, officiated.

After the ceremony Avril and Noel were greeted by handbell ringing. While photographs were taken a quarter peal was rung on the five bells by members of the St. Nicholas' Society.

The wedding reception was held at the picturesque Victoria Arms, which is situated on the east bank of the Cherwell at Marston Ferry, and the honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

Noel was recently elected captain of Marston ringers and has been a ringer there for 13 years. In addition, he is a member of the choir and a cross-bearer. Avril has been ringing here for four years and is a Tawny Owl.

CHANCELLOR RULES IN FAVOUR OF RECORDED BELLS

AFTER hearing evidence at a Consistory Court, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells (the Worshipful W. S. Wigglesworth) granted the churchwardens and parishioners of Christ Church, Clevedon, permission to play the recorded sound of church bells from the church tower.

The court was informed that it would have cost the parishioners an estimated £6,000 to strengthen the tower and install a ring of bells. Now they would be able to enjoy a perfect reproduction for less than £100.

The Vicar (the Rev. Michael Rees) said that apart from financial reasons, they made the application because many people had complained that the church's two bells produced single mournful notes which were more in keeping with a death knell than a joyous message of welcome.

"Our contention," explained the Vicar, "is that to install actual bells to provide a ring would be a vanity, a misuse of a large sum of money and a cause of offence when it is known that the same effect can be obtained at a fraction of the cost."

"A BOGUS FALSEHOOD"

The Dean of Wells, the Very Rev. I. D. Edwards, chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, spoke against the proposal. Whilst he was much in sympathy with Christ Church, his committee considered the scheme to be a "bogus falsehood".

The Dean said it could be argued that the noise of the recorded bells were in the same category as the sound made by ice-cream peddlers. He told the court of the sound of the bells of Westminster Abbey heard coming from a small country church in Hampshire.

There was a danger, he said, of the equipment being used for the wrong purpose at some time in the future. If the pretence was carried to its extremity, the church choir and even the preacher could be replaced by recording equipment.

In his summing-up the Chancellor said that after hearing the wealth of support for the recorded bells, he did not consider the dangers of falsehood were so great as to deny the

church its request. He did, however, impose restrictions to cover the size of the ring, the quality of the sound produced, and a clause which would allow his permission to be withdrawn if the equipment was used for the wrong purpose.

In an interview with the "North Somerset Mercury" the Rev. Roger Fry, a former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, said: "I would rather have a good recording properly reproduced than the dismal tolling of a single bell."

"In my view the cost of installing a modern ring of bells can put a great burden on a church council. Apart from that we have to ask ourselves if this expenditure is morally justified, having regard to the need of the Church overseas and the need to provide churches on new housing estates."

NO ONE TOOK ANY NOTICE

A delightful story is told in the September issue of "Sentinel," the magazine of the Ely Diocesan Association. The ringing of one bell at St. Peter's, March, to attract people at a garden fete was attributed to amateur ringing. As the ringing went on they became rather annoyed, but not so annoyed as the man who was doing the ringing.

The clockwinder, having carried out his duty, found the turret door had been locked behind him—and he was imprisoned. He started to ring the bell to attract someone's attention to his plight, but no one came. Eventually he had to remove objects in the clock chamber and lower himself through the trapdoor to the floor below.

He had justification to feel "peevish" as he was expecting a long-distance phone call at that time, which would have resulted in a valuable order for presentation gifts. The "prisoner" thought it was a put-up job, and is anxious to find out who the jailer is!

This is a very good number, with St. Mary's Church, Ely, providing the cover picture. Copies, net from T. A. Bevis, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs.

A SUMMER OF BELLS

By ANN GARDNER, of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.

THE summer is over now. And what a summer it was! I had been planning for it for over two years and dreaming of it even before that. To go to England, where the nearest tower is not 500 miles away, where you can ring open whenever you like, where there are people who know Yorkshire and Bristol and London in their sleep—in short, where all the dreams of a frustrated American ringer come true.

I came to England, and I began to learn an atmosphere and a ritual. What I knew at home was taking the two elevators (or lifts) to the ringing chamber, a palatial room with armchairs, desk and carpet, with the temperature averaging about 95 degrees in the summer; I knew our purple sallies and our well-behaved bells.

In England, there was first the spiral staircase, generally dark and without sufficient clearance for the head, up which I crept or crawled to the ringing chamber. Here the Ringing Master would welcome me. I found that nobody made too much fuss about the fact that I was from Washington; the main fact was that I was a ringer. I was asked what I could ring (and it was taken for granted that I could in fact do so) and always offered a chance to ring, no matter how exalted the ringers.

My friend, Ellen Hinterman, who had never touched a bell rope before coming to England, was also always given a chance, and rang rounds and call changes all over England, with helping hands always ready and advice by the bucketful. So I would grab a blue and white or red, white and blue sally and launch into the unknown, for I was learning to cope with heavy, unwieldy bells, and with light bells that it was impossible to set, and with bells that, as the local ringers casually remarked, "went oddly." After the beautiful bells at home, some of them seemed to go very oddly indeed, just at first, and I raised a crop of blisters before I learned to adjust myself.

THE PUB

After the ringing, as inevitable a part of the ritual as the spiral staircase came the pub, an institution unknown to America, and one which I would heartily recommend to it. Here I learned to play shove-ha'penny and skittles and harvested a crop of shocked expressions every time I ordered a lemon and lime. The fact is that I don't like the taste of beer, but this is obviously against the spirit of the Exercise, so I put away several shandies before I left. At the pub I heard political discussions (from which the main point to be gleaned that nobody in the entire length and breadth of the British Isles is fond of Mr. Wilson) and professional shop ("When you've got them into Handstroke Home"). I also learned a standard reaction when I mentioned well-known ringers in another part of the country. "Oh, old So-and-so!" (A knowing laugh.) "Well, he'll give you a time, he will." (The ringers exchange meaningful glances.) "The old villain! Don't believe a word he says."

My tour began, of course, in London, where Mr. William Theobald welcomed us and took care of us constantly and efficiently. Here we saw the Whitechapel Foundry. Ellen experienced her first tower, and I my first English tower, our first (and second and third . . .) pubs, my first English quarter peal and a ring at St Paul's, to my great joy and terror—only rounds, but it was all I wanted. After ringing there we went to a pub (of course) and sat downstairs while Mr. Theobald nominated Rick Dirksen to membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths upstairs. Then Ellen and I had our first try at handbell ringing with the experts. We rapidly discovered that what we considered normal speed would send most English ringers to sleep. I found the proper handbell speed very exciting, if ex-

hausting, and resolved to train my handbell band more rigorously (if I could get one—we consist of two people at the moment) when I got home.

OLD BELL MASTER

Our next ringing stop was at Bournemouth, for of course no visit to England would be complete without seeing our old bell master, Mr. Fred Price, without whom my ringing and all the ringing in Washington would be in very sad shape indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Price and their two sons treated us royally, and we had a comfortable, well-fed and delightful stay. Mr. Price gave Ellen a lesson that brought back memories of the hours of careful training at Washington, when we were all learners together, and a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at Poole. It was lost, but I learned a good deal about Stedman, particularly on the merits of course bells. At Bournemouth we tried our hands (and feet) at cricket and football, both invigorating exercises.

After a stay in Cheltenham, where I spent three years of my childhood, and some enjoyable ringing at St. Mary's, Charlton Kings, we went on to Great Bowden, a little town in Leicestershire, where a correspondent of mine, Mr. Edward Martin, had invited me to stay for a week of ringing and relaxation. He had not anticipated a railway "go slow" or a general exodus of ringers on holiday, so not all went as planned, but Ellen and I took the opportunity to "go slow" ourselves, wander the countryside, rest and study Q sets and other esoteric phenomena.

We also worked away on handbells and played skittles and dominoes. I learned some of the sorrows as well as the joys of peal ringing: I made my first English peal but lost two more in as many days. Here I joined my first English Guild—the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I met Mr. and Mrs. Peter Staniforth at a dedicatory ring at Stoney Stanton, where, after some moderately disastrous Cambridge, I got through Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells (at the proper speed!) for the first time, and had practically to be carried to bed afterwards, a complete mental wreck. Mr. Staniforth kindly offered to set up a handbell peal for later in the month.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

Ellen and I next decided to take to our feet, and learned a good bit about walking on the way to Oxford. We gave up near the end and got a bus, as it was pouring with rain. Indeed it rained almost continuously while we were at Oxford, our only spell of really bad weather, but we didn't let it damp our enthusiasm for viewing colleges or for ringing (at St. Martin's and All Saints' and at Old Marston). Then, just to be fair, we went on to Cambridge (via London—English trains are very odd!), where the weather was glorious. Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, when finally located, took care of us, and we experienced our first tower grab (a rather mixed blessing, I would say), and my first plain course of Yorkshire, the reward of weeks of fervent study. We also went punting and got very warm and happy.

The next stop was back in Leicester for a handbell peal with Mr. Staniforth. The peal, after several false starts, was getting along nicely until the second hour, when I began to be hypnotised by the tenors and to have the definite sensation that I was in the middle of a nightmare and couldn't wake up. I held on till the end, and was very glad indeed for this (to me) rare opportunity, but it was a far more gruelling experience than any tower bell peal I have rung.

Leeds came next, under the direction of Father Giles Galley. Here I was lucky enough to get two peals—Stedman Triples (a first for me) and Plain Bob Major—without any major disaster. I also got through my first Bob Maximus, which I found quite a shock and



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requiring fierce concentration; rang my first Little Bob; and saw my first (and last) Yorkshire tail-ends, which I thought it wisest to leave to others to manage.

IN SCOTLAND

A quick excursion back to Leicestershire for a peal, which turned into a quarter peal of Double Norwich, marked nearly the end of our ringing travels. From here Ellen and I set out for Scotland (spoken of with a certain amount of scorn by many ringers) with the intention of walking and thinking, not ringing. And walk we did, till our feet ached and our backs ached, and we lived on bread and cheese and breathed deeply.

And then we came to the very end of all things—London, and Mr. Theobald again, and one last try for a peal. Two other Washington ringers, Martha Windrom and Judy Andrews, were in the attempt as well, so that it seemed that we were nearing home again. The peal was lost, but I am glad we tried for it, at any rate. At last came the last ring of all, at St Botolph's—Stedman, Double Norwich and Yorkshire, in which I got a chance to see if I had learned anything, and found that I actually had.

For I had not only stored up an inexhaustible supply of memories and friends and places, but I had done what I had set out to do. When I came to England I had rung at one tower, rung one peal, and I knew Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford. When I went back home I had rung at 30 towers, rung five peals and knew (or had at least rung) Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Little Bob. And I had learned from those who knew best how to approach a new method or an unfamiliar tower without terror. None the less I was glad to come home to my own dear Cathedral, my own bells, my own high tower—always hoping to return again.

BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

This year's Bristol Ringing Festival on October 26th, with 29 towers open, provides something for everyone. For 12-bell ringers there are the fine bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. Eight-bell enthusiasts have a choice between the Cathedral, the heavy eight at Long Ashton and various lighter eights such as those at St. Ambrose's and Knowle. For those who care to pit their skill against heavy sixes there will be Westbury and Westerleigh.

All are invited to the social gathering at no admission charge. This is one of the highlights of this year's ringing calendar.

Cambridge University Guild Week, 1968

LOVELY countryside, Norman towers and a larger attendance than for many years—if not the largest ever—marked this year's Guild week in Hampshire. We stayed at the superb 18th century Old Alresford Place, once the rectory, now the Winchester Diocesan Retreat House and run by a detachment of Sisters of Bethany. They regarded us in general with indulgent amusement, left the door open trustingly for our late-night returns, and fed us very well.

Officially, the week began on the Sunday, but the organiser had invited a select band to join him for a peal attempt the day before at Winchester Cathedral. To our delight, this was successful—again, the first time for some years that the "first day peal" has come round—and we were able to meet the others at Newbury the next day with some pride. After Newbury, we went to Highclere before ringing for service at Old Alresford.

MASTERLY SILENT CAMBRIDGE

Monday saw us setting off southwards, starting with Cheriton and going on to Curdridge and Fareham, where we were able to open the double doors of the tower and ring almost in the open air. The "Good Food Guide" came in useful to find a suitable lunch establishment for many of us before we split into two camps for our afternoon ringing. A very high-powered gathering went to Soberton for a peal attempt: the Master, the president (himself an ex-Master) and seven ex-Masters were to attempt silent Cambridge Major. The president, as umpire, folded eight little bits of paper and put them in his cap and lots were drawn for the bells. The system was "bent" a little to avoid the only lady being left with the tenor, but in the event she drew the treble. The president said "Go", and 2 hours and 40 minutes later "Stand", the peal was rung—despite the monkey faces of some non-pealers pressed against the glass. These legitimately visited Shedfield, the now solitary church at Warnford, and West Meon, where the two parties reunited.

Our longest day was Tuesday, and the large mileage was further bedevilled by heavy traffic. Bournemouth was the objective, and we began by travelling to Fordingbridge through part of the New Forest. From there we went to Ringwood, and here the peal band split off to attempt Stedman Cinques at Christchurch Priory, after a hearty lunch in Ringwood. One carload of non-pealers followed their example. This was the day, too, that one of the cars seemed fated—after curing fan-belt trouble before starting, it had a puncture at Fordingbridge and a broken windscreen at Sopley. However, all was mended later and its owner only missed one tower. As St. John's, Bournemouth, bells were unfortunately not available,

there was time to spare until we met at St. Peter's. A mad rush through the Forest followed, but we were still regrettably half-an-hour late at Lyndhurst. Finally we called at Twyford, where Gilbert Thurlow left us to rededicate Overton bells later in the evening. The peal at Christchurch was successful and the two parties rejoined in the local before supper.

DURHAM NEXT YEAR

The business meeting, held on the return of the Overton party, was concerned mainly with peal cards: for the future, it was left to the wishes of each band, with the stipulation that if they decided to have cards they should donate one to the Guild. Future weeks were also discussed: next year's is to be in County Durham (August 23rd–30th, 1969): it is hoped 1970's will be in the Peak area; the next Cambridge week is to be in 1972, and seven-yearly thereafter, and thus the centenary year week in 1979 will also be in Cambridge.

We began Wednesday with Corporate Communion in the house chapel, our three clergy and the president all taking part in the service. The morning's ringing was an easy programme: Ropley, East Meon and Hambledon. Most people had lunch in Portsmouth and a band went off to attempt Rutland at Portsea. They rejoined the rest at Portsmouth Cathedral very quickly; unfortunately they were not successful. The non-pealers, making a bob in the programme coursing order, visited St. Mary's, Liss, Hawley and Petersfield, where they were rejoined once more by the peal band. Four of the party, suitably refreshed, were able to assist a damsel in distress here by push-starting her car. She disappeared in a large cloud of blue smoke, only to reappear very shortly as she had been pushed in the wrong direction! After a rather hasty supper, most of the party adjourned to an ad hoc practice at the Cathedral.

Another long day faced us on Thursday, this time to Salisbury, with a start at Andover. Here it wasn't until the majority had been up and down the terrifying timber staircase suspended in mid-air that we found the notice of an appeal—for combating the ravages of woodworm in this very staircase! St. Thomas's, Salisbury, completed the morning, and here the peal band departed to attempt Stedman Triples at Romsey Abbey. They lunched in Romsey—as one member remarked, the first time he had ever had a meal in a Trust House for half-a-crown: but it didn't do any good: a bob was missed after two hours. The rest had their lunch in Salisbury before calling at St. Martin's there and continuing to Sherfield English. Here a three-way split took place: some (not enough, as it turned out) went to the next tower, Bishop's Waltham, some took

advantage of a "beer and sandwiches on the lawn" offer by one member's uncle, a local vicar, and the rest went to listen to the peal. All were eventually reunited in Winchester College before returning to Alresford for supper.

TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES

On Friday we turned south once more and were again in some trouble with the traffic. The morning was spent at Bishopstoke and the small ten at North Stoneham. Here the "peasants' revolt" in the afternoon's peal band gathered force, and a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, instead of the Double Norwich Caters decreed by the establishment. After a rather scattered lunch, non-pealers met at Eling before attacking the traffic again to reach Bitterne Park. The journey on to Alverstoke proved more difficult, and we were a little late, but delighted to find J. B. well enough to meet us here. By the time the delightful little village church of Tichborne was reached, again rather late, energies were beginning to flag, and a shorter stay than it merited was made there before returning to supper.

Quite a number had departed by Saturday, so a rather depleted band set off northwards, calling at Micheldever, Wonston and Kingsclere before lunch and going on thence via Bramley to the nine at Basingstoke. Here the last peal band of the week left to attempt London at the 8-bell tower down the road, but they were not successful. Most of the rest went on to Preston Candover and to Bentworth.

This was the end of our formal ringing programme, though it was suggested that any who were left should join in service ringing at New Alresford and the Cathedral on the Sunday. We had had a good week—though just a little strenuous in parts—and we are all very grateful to our organiser Richard Youdale for all his hard work, and admire his complete sang-froid in the face of all eventualities. Finally, a special word of appreciation to Canon Maundrell, of Winchester, through whose good offices we were enabled to stay at Old Alresford Place.

Members attending the week were:—D. Andrews, A. Bainbridge, D. S. Bishop, Mrs. C. G. Bott, P. A. F. Chalk, W. T. Cook, J. B. Cooke, R. M. Damerell, K. J. Darvill, Miss J. Field, J. H. Fielden, J. H. R. Freeborn, G. C. Galley, J. A. Harrison, Mrs. J. A. Harrison, R. W. H. Hayes, F. E. Haynes, T. P. Hearn, J. J. Hill, Miss M. Hutchings, R. A. G. Inglis, Miss M. S. Jackson, C. M. P. Johnson, R. Leigh, A. S. Marland, F. Moor, Miss H. Muirhead, Miss C. Northeast, V. Nutton, C. Price, W. J. Ridgman, C. H. Rogers, A. F. Scholfield, R. S. Bradley, B. D. Threlfall, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall, A. G. G. Thurlow, R. L. Underwood, S. C. Walters, J. B. Williamson, A. T. Winter, C. W. Woolley, R. H. Youdale.

520 Miles for a Quarter Peal — by Sally Luttrell

IT was a beautifully clear late afternoon over British Columbia when four adventurous ringers from Vancouver took to the air in a rented light plane for a ringing visit to Calgary, Alberta. The flying ringers included Miss Margaret Wheat, pilot Jeff White, John Hallett and myself.

The trip took nearly five hours to cover the 520 air miles (a car trip takes 14 hours) over some of B.C.'s spectacular scenery—Okanagan Valley, a stop at Castlegar for fuel, Kootenay Lake and the Rocky Mountains—some towering well above our 9,000 feet altitude; through Crow's Nest Pass and on over foothill country. We were met in Calgary by Miss Judy Midgeley, who graciously opened her home to us and put us up for two nights, arranged sightseeing and generally made the whole week-end a tremendous success.

Saturday evening, after an excellent barbecue dinner, ably cooked by Mike Simpson, we drove to Christ Church for a quarter peal of Bob Major. Later, back at Judy's home, we listened to the Washington Cathedral recording. Sunday morning we rang again for service.

Preparations were made for the return journey and, amid threatening thunder clouds and showers, we took off at 3.30 p.m. Our pilot flew us expertly under and around the thunder clouds and shortly we reached lovely sunny weather over the mountains again. We put down at Castlegar again for fuel in searing valley temperature of 98°.

AIR EXCITEMENT

At last we were on the final leg of our trip, but clouds ahead put a damper on our carefree spirits. As they thickened the atmosphere inside our little Cessna 172 changed to worried concern. Our pilot decided we must follow the main highway pass through 8,000-ft. mountains. We continued, carefully following the twisting highway towards Hope, a town at the head of the Fraser Valley. Alas, the highway disappeared under cloud. Our pilot quickly reversed our course and climbed out of the narrowing valley. We landed at an emergency airstrip adjacent to the highway. The ground felt pretty good at that moment.

As it was darkening we found overnight accommodation at a nearby motel. Unfortunately, due to an electrical power failure, we

were provided with candles, which added to the novelties of this trip.

Next morning presented another problem—the field at which we landed was very short, and after some discussion Jeff decided it was unwise to carry four people out of this airstrip. It turned out he was absolutely right as Margaret and I sadly watched the airplane take off without us—and clear some trees by a very few feet!

As we had 2½ hours to bus time, we thought we'd try "thumbing", and to our surprise we were on our way within a few minutes by car to Vancouver. The boys' next attempt through the pass was unsuccessful and they returned to Princeton Airport for fuel. Later in the day the weather improved and they were able to get through to Vancouver—two hours after we had returned!

I believe our flight to Calgary may have started a new trend. The Calgary ringers are already talking of attempting the same thing next year. Don't let our experiences coming home dampen your enthusiasm in the slightest—it was exciting and we'd do it again, tomorrow!

Letters to the Editor

WANTS RECORDINGS FOR CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Sir,—I have given much thought to this matter and have come to the conclusion that an entirely new approach should be considered to the proposed new ring at Chester Cathedral.

The sketches that have been published in your paper seem to me to show a building quite out of place in the precincts of the Cathedral. The question of noise will certainly meet with very considerable opposition.

Now what I suggest will, I have no doubt, fairly "put the cat among the pigeons"—but I hope you will all consider my proposal carefully, and quietly.

I suggest that a really good modern system of recorded bells be installed in the tower itself. The loudness of the sound broadcast could be easily controlled. One could have loud amplification for festivals or civic occasions, but the volume could be reduced for the more personal everyday services, which really only need to be heard in the immediate precincts of the Cathedral.

Now let us consider what recordings should be used.

There are seven Branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild and these represent about 88 towers, most of which have fine rings. Surely it would stimulate ringing in the diocese if the ringers in these towers could say: "Our bells will be heard ringing from the tower of our Cathedral next week!"

The methods rung would not be of very great importance so long as the striking was good and the bells were rung by members of the Guild, if possible by the local band.

Please think this over very carefully, not forgetting the financial side.

Any money not needed for the new installation could be held in reserve to help in restoring bells in those towers which are in need of help.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crews

FRENCH FOUNDRIES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see Mr. Armistage's letter, requesting information on rings abroad. While on holiday recently I was able to go to the Fonderie Paccard at Annecy in the French Alps. Their casting and tuning methods appeared to be similar to English methods—technical terms in a foreign language are not easy to understand even when one is armed with a dictionary. They concentrated mainly on carillons and swinging bells. They were very proud of "la Savoyarde" in Sacré Cœur (about 20 tons) and of the carillons they had made for the States—we were treated to a recording of one of the latter. The guide also said when demonstrating simple hanging that there were places in the "Midi" where bells were rung full circle, as in England, but I was not able to find out any details as to the location or nature of such rings. I would presume that there are at least three bells in these towers, as there are no advantages, to a continental ear at any rate, of any lesser number rung full circle.

Unless the foundries are able to provide any information—there is another one somewhere in Normandy—the only way of finding these places would seem to be by trial and error.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Tenby, Pembs.

LIMERICK CATHEDRAL'S 800th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—My wife and I have just returned home from seven very happy days in Ireland. Some pleasant hours were spent in Dublin and Bray with Peter Brown, Charles Reede, Fred Dukes and others from Dublin.

The highlight of our visit was when, in company with Mr. J. Bluff, of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of London, we, together with some hundred-odd Irish ringers, took part in the two-day celebrations at Limerick for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral.

On behalf of the English representatives of this great and memorable gathering, I would like through "The Ringing World" to express our sincere thanks to the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and members of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Limerick, for the very warm welcome and kind hospitality which they extended to us. I would also like to congratulate all those who were responsible for the excellent arrangements, both ringing and socially, thus making our visit such a happy one.—Yours sincerely,

King's Lynn NORMAN V. HARDING.

DOVE'S "GUIDE" QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Again I think that thanks and congratulations are due to Ronald Dove for producing the excellent fourth edition of the "Guide."

In comparing this with my self-amended copy of the third edition I find very few discrepancies, but as I realise that my own amending might very well be "up the creek" I would be grateful if someone could verify the following points:—

(1) Eaton, Socon is, I believe, in Bedfordshire (as in third edition), but is over the border, in Huntingdonshire, in the fourth edition.

(2) Manuden, Essex. Isn't this a ring of six, not 5, as printed?

(3) Newton, Old, Suffolk. Are these really unringable? I seem to recollect that a band rang on them recently.

(4) Tenby, Pembroke. Is there not a ring of six in the town in addition to the eight which is listed?—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

Liverpool

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Bishop's inquiry concerning methods on the Treble Bob principle ("Ringing World" No. 2993, page 680), I submit the following information:—

—34—16—12—36.12—34.16. 2nds.

Unnamed.

—36—16—12—36.12—14.56. 2nds.

Conisbrough 3rds place Delight.

—34—34.16—12—36—14—16. 6ths.

Unnamed.

36—34.16—12—36—14—16. 2nds.

Harley 3rds place Delight.

36—34.16—12—36—14—56. 2nds.

Attempted twice as Eling 3rds place Delight, so far without success.

36—34.16—12—36.14—12.56. 2nds.

Unnamed.

36—34.16—12—36.14—14.36. 2nds.

Unnamed.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON

Southampton.

RINGERS' PARSIMONY

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Paul Oxtoby, is to be congratulated upon his expertise in manipulating his red herrings. Whether or not the prices I quoted agree with his is quite immaterial since they do not make us any the less parsimonious or more generous. They were given to me by a local newsagent and I had no reason to doubt their veracity.

Comparison of our journal with others is certainly not ludicrous. Such a sentiment must be in the mind, and 30,000 ringers is under, rather than over. Church statistics give the number as in excess of 40,000. Doubtless, if your correspondent replies, this will provide him with yet another red herring, but it will not make us any less parsimonious or more generous.

So far as reader proportions are concerned, since other pursuits have more than one journal apiece, it is very doubtful if Mr. Oxtoby can support his assumptions with facts and figures, but even if he could it would not make us any less parsimonious or more generous and he does not appear to have grasped the fact that the theme of the article was our undeniable parsimony, or lack of generosity.

We know that ringers are from all ranges of income as also are pigeon fanciers, dog fanciers, gardeners and all the others who Mr. Oxtoby mentions, and we also know that some ringers prefer to have their beer, but at the same time they endeavour to get a sight of someone else's copy of "The Ringing World" in order to have the best of both worlds.

Summing up, Mr. Oxtoby's letter adds nothing beneficial to the subject matter of the article, which, I repeat, is our undeniable parsimony. It is like a B.B.C. weather bulletin, which uses around 250 words where two would be sufficient. Your readers can no doubt supply these two words for themselves. No prizes are offered for correct guesses.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Pedmore, Worcs.

40-SPICED AT LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—Here we go again—40-spiced at Liverpool. Again, of course, we all admire the performance; but when we come down to it, what are we admiring?—a few words on the printed page. (Oh, boy! if it proves to be a hoax.)

We do not expect an orchestra to perform in private; rehearse, yes, but not perform. (Do not tell me it is because they are paid.) They want to share their music, and the world is better for it.

Come, peal ringers, move into the '60's—soon the '70's—advertise your peals; give the 90 per cent. non-pealers the chance to hear good, especially historic, bell music. We know all peals begin with attempts and will not mind when one folds up.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

Chalford, Glos.

WHERE HELP IS NEEDED

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, appeal to ringers in the Amersham-High Wycombe area of Buckinghamshire. The pleasant six at Little Missenden are in danger of being silent due to a sudden loss of ringers.

The band, which is mainly a very young one, would greatly appreciate some help from rather more experienced ringers. Progress is at a standstill as numbers are rapidly decreasing. We practise on Monday evenings and one or two extra people would be most welcome.—Yours sincerely,

LOUISE EVANS.

Gt. Missenden, Bucks

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Letters—continued

LONG LENGTHS AND RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to trouble your columns again, but should be glad if you would kindly allow me to follow up my letter of August 23rd relating to long lengths, for it is obvious from your correspondence that there is much that is obscure in the motives of the Records Committee and much that is difficult for the ordinary person to follow.

To me, and probably to a great many more, the longest length rung in any method is indeed the longest length (provided, of course, that it is true and truly rung), and as such it should be recorded. To most of us the difference between a "longest length" and a "progressive longest length" may seem a use-less distinction.

Your footnote to my letter evidently intended to make clear the selection of the number 6,720 as the point at which to begin to recognise record performances. I fear that the statement "... so 30 courses (of Surprise Major) is the obvious number from which to start 'official records'" does nothing to answer the point I was trying to make.

Let me beg your indulgence to pose three questions

(1) A band rings a peal of 6,496 of Surprise Major in a method that has up till then had no peal rung but the usual 5,000-odd. All the conditions required by the Council have been complied with. Is this a record peal or is it not? Common sense says that it is.

(2) A band rings a peal of 6,137 of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, again complying with the conditions laid down by the Council. Is this a record peal or is it not? Again we surely must say that it is.

(3) A band rings 6,000 of Carter's Doubles (no mean feat, by the way, especially rung double-handed). The intention and the proposed six-scores are publicly announced before the peal. Is this a record peal or is it not?

It may be that performances such as the above are unlikely, but that consideration should not affect the argument. If we are to legislate then the legislation must be clear and must cover all foreseeable contingencies.

I would not wish to try to detract from the work of the members of the Records Committee or to doubt their sincerity. Such work is laborious and exacting and we should be grateful for their willingness to tackle the difficult tasks that confront them. It may be wondered, perhaps, if we are not requiring them to attempt the impossible, and if we, as Council members, are not demanding that they should put into effect legislation that is not defined clearly enough to be operative.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

ONLY SILLY TO US

Dear Sir.—Members of our fraternity occasionally get asked silly questions. A lady once asked me: "What are these peal tablets: do you swallow one before you ring?" I suppose she thought it aided concentration. Another, "Who is the Rev. Canterbury Pleasure: is he the Vicar?"

Chatting to a friend one day about Thursans' Four-Part, an uncouth fellow nearby remarked: "You've talked about his fore part, what about his aft part?"

Oh dear, excuse me, I'll dry up before I get kicked out.—Yours, etc.,

YORICK.

Limerick's 800th Anniversary Celebrations

THE 800th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, occurred earlier this year. Last month the Irish Government issued a commemorative stamp in two denominations—5d. and 10d. During the week-end of September 7th and 8th a ringers' festival was held, which drew bellringers from King's Lynn, Isleworth and Stamford in the U.K., and from Belfast, Carrickfergus, Cork, Doneraile, Drogheda, Dublin, Holywood and Limerick.

The bells of Mount St. Alphonsus' (10) and the Cathedral (8) were available for the use of the visitors throughout Saturday and Sunday, when various methods from plain hunting up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters were rung.

The Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot) opened the Deanery for a garden party on Saturday afternoon and provided tea. Handbells were rung on the lawn. Later in the evening a supper and social evening was held in the Villiers School at which over 100 ringers and others attended. The entertainment took the form of songs by choirs and soloists.

The president of the Irish Association, who presided at the supper, expressed his delight at being able to be present and thanked the Dean for his kind words of welcome to the visitors.

LEAVING FOR DUBLIN

A sad note of the evening and yet one of pleasure was the presentation of a Lyre coffee table to the very popular Cyril and Ann Galbraith on their departure to Dublin. Cyril, taken by complete surprise, was literally dumb-founded, nevertheless he managed to say that he took up bellringing in 1938 and that Ann was also a ringer in the tower. The attraction resulted in his finding a wife through bellringing. They now have six children, three of whom are ringers. One is an accomplished 15-year-old conductor of quarter peals. Cyril expressed heartfelt thanks to his friends who subscribed to the presentation.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing and some open ringing at both towers during the afternoon until 4.40 p.m., when the ringers' service was held in the Cathedral. It was conducted by the Dean and Canon J. S. Frazer, Dean's Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. Harry Ellis, Ringing Master, St. Mary's Cathedral, and by Mr. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth. Some of the musical ringers present swelled the choir and were presented with the Bell Anthem by Purcell to sing at sight. Mr. F. Brislane showed that he now had a master-

EUROPEAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Rivoli Veronese, the village which is the subject of the inquiry made by G. D. Armitage, is in the Province of Veneto between the towns of Trient and Verona.

Taking the road from Trient, and after 38½ miles (19 miles from Verona) he will find the village. It stands on a prominence and is clearly distinguished on the left.

The village's only claim to fame, apart from being one with English-type bells, is that it was twice stormed by the French, in 1796 and 1797.—Yours faithfully, B. S. GAMBRILL.

Liss, Hampshire.

Miss Beryl E. Cawser recalls passing through Rivoli in a coach and noting that the bells were in the "up" position.

Mr. John David, of Peterborough, defines the position of Rivoli as about 12 miles north-west of Verona and about four miles from the Lake of Garda. (Murray's "Handbook for Travellers in Northern Italy.")

piece of an organ since it was restored and enlarged.

The attendance included the members of the R.C. tower of Mount St Alphonsus', Limerick.

CANON THURLOW'S MESSAGE

A message from the president of the Central Council (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow) was presented to the congregation. This stated:

"We thank God for the ministry of the Cathedral during 800 years. This long period has seen many changes, times 'of trouble and of joy,' in Ireland as elsewhere. The presence of the Lord Jesus Christ amongst us is unchanging. He continues to set before us the ideal of a world united under God 'our Father.' He continues to rely on men and women, boys and girls, to live by this ideal. He looks to us to proclaim it, by the spirit of peace we show amongst each other, by our personal humility, and by our desire to serve one another as fellow members of the world-wide and age-long Christian family.

"Our celebration inspires people to look back with thanksgiving, over a long period of achievement, to thank God for those who in ages past brought the Faith to Ireland, and for those who have brought it from Ireland to England and other lands. The ancient Irish handbells, in their glorious shrines, vividly remind us of the value placed on the call to worship in early times.

"This is also a time for looking around with thanksgiving and for looking ahead with hope. The Church, and the bells which proclaim its message, have spread over lands undreamed of when Limerick Cathedral was begun. As you ring in celebration this year, you can feel kinship with fellow ringers in America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and in Africa as well as in Britain. We who live outside Ireland look to you to continue to maintain your great ringing traditions and to see to it that each year others are initiated into the art. Be sure you never allow the living art to be replaced by any form of electronic or other substitute. Christ looks for people's living service. Let Him not look in vain, in Limerick or anywhere else."

The Dean of Cork (the Very Rev. T. Johnson, M.A.) preached the sermon. The Dean is also a bellringer and gave some good advice to the ringers on serving God and attendance at worship after calling the parishioners to prayer.

After the second lesson a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mrs. J. Jeffery 1-2, J. Lindsay 3-4, J. T. Dunwoody 5-6, and Mrs. J. Lindsay 7-8.

Prior to the Benediction the Dean of Limerick read the charge to all ringers:

"Go ye forth into the land: whosoever ye shall ring let the music of your bells proclaim the Gospel to all people. Sound your rounds and changes unto the Glory of the Lord and not unto men. Know ye that at all times ye exercise your art only in the service of God."

The festival concluded with tea in Villiers School at which the Dean of Limerick welcomed the visitors, thanked the ladies for arranging the tea, and supper on the previous night.

On behalf of the visitors Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Limerick, Mr. Harry Ellis and his ringers, the authorities of both towers for the use of bells and omnibus thanks to all who had anything to do with making the festival week-end such a glad and happy occasion.

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WEDDING OF THEALE RINGERS



The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Berks, on September 7th, between Miss Frances C. Smith, a ringer for the past three years, and Mr. Terence E. J. Adams, tower foreman since 1963.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Rev. Stanley Young, of Aldermaston, and the best man was another Theale ringer, Mr. John Blackall.

In addition to their ringing interests, the bride is a member of the choir, the bridegroom is a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C., and both take an active interest in the Church Fellowship Organisation.

The photograph shows a group of Theale ringers at the reception in the Railway Hall. Left to right: Mr. Brian Gatward, Mrs. Pamela Golding and daughter, Mr. John Blackall (best man), Mr. and Mrs. T. E. J. Adams, Mr. Michael Golding, Mr. Keith Robinson

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Beaumaris, Anglesey, on September 7th. Despite the long distance some members had to travel, the meeting was well attended with representatives from eight towers being present. The visitors included Mr. Ronald Dove, Canon E. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Professor Marshall, of Bangor University, and ringers from Nottingham and Cheshire. Also present were the Association president (Rev. E. L. Cooke) and Mrs. Cooke.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. E. Ramage, and the lesson read by Canon E. S. Roberts. In a short but interesting address the Vicar welcomed the members and gave some historical facts about the bells and the church. The church was erected in the early part of the 14th century to serve the English immigrants who settled in the borough. Beaumaris Castle and town were founded by Edward I in 1295. A feature of the service was the fine singing, led by eight members of the local ladies' choir.

Following the service 60 members and friends were entertained to an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies. At the business meeting the president called on the members to stand in silence as a tribute to two founder members—the late Mr. J. Albert Hughes, of Bangor, and Mr. Owen Evans, of Abergele.

Following the success of one-day schools held at Llangollen and Portmadoc, it was decided to arrange a similar course at Bangor.

Mr. G. H. Randles proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies for the tea, and to the organist and choir.

Some very good touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, etc., were rung at St. David's, Bangor, and the local tower, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans.

The peal rung at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on September 13th, is believed to be the first ever on the bells by a local band. It enabled the tenor man to ring his first peal at first attempt and the tower captain (Mr. R. J. Bullock) to ring his first away from the tenor: another ringer rang her first "inside". The ringing was of a high standard throughout, and these three ringers in particular are to be congratulated on their performances.

AN APOLOGY

An unfortunate and much regretted mistake occurred in the issue of September 20th concerning the passing of the late Mr. James Taylor, of Healey, Lancs. Four lines from the article written by "A Pilgrim" were inadvertently transposed in place of the last four lines of the obituary notice. The report should conclude: "His dedication to his home tower was a fine example to all ringers. A quarter peal was rung half-muffled at Healey in his memory on September 3rd, the day of his funeral."

The Editor, who was away on holiday that week, and the printers express to relatives and friends of the deceased gentleman their deep regrets for the pain and sorrow inadvertently caused.

OBITUARY

EVELYN HALL

Early this month the soul of Evelyn Hall passed to eternal rest. For over 40 years she was a faithful and devoted member of the band at All Saints' Church, Leamington. Almost without fail she was in her place twice every Sunday promptly. Ever cheerful and helpful, we shall miss her presence very much.

On September 16th the ringers met and with the bells half-muffled rang 720 of Bob Minor (her favourite method) on the front six and touches of Grandsire Triples. This enabled all the band to pay their last tribute to her memory.

She was also for many years a member of Coventry Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

F. C. E. B.

M. A. R. KING

The death took place recently in the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital of Mr. Alfred Robert King, of Brome, near Eye, Suffolk, at the age of 77 years.

Mr. King was chauffeur to the Bishop of Norwich in the early years of the century and later to a High Sheriff of Suffolk, Sir Thomas Tacon. For 40 years he had lived at Brome, where he was a ringer, chorister and church councillor in the twin villages of Brome and Oakley.

FISHING AND RINGING IN HEREFORD

IT all started one Sunday evening when two ringers from Emmanuel, Southport, and a non-ringing husband started discussing the possibility of arranging a ringing-cum-fishing weekend. A couple of weeks later the date and place were fixed, and on September 6th 14 ringers and non-ringers from Emmanuel, Aughton and Liverpool congregated at the Castle Pool Hotel, Hereford, between 5.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

On Saturday we were joined at breakfast by Roger and Mary, who had got up at 5 a.m. to drive over from Harrow, and we set off in four cars for Burghill (a pleasant light eight), where we were particularly impressed by the beautifully-kept churchyard. Here we were joined by Keith, who had had a breakfast appointment in Liverpool. The next tower was at Lugwardine (another nice eight), where we were made very welcome and invited back to ring for service on Sunday morning. On to Bromyard, where there was time for a quick cup of coffee before ringing for a wedding on the recently-augmented eight. What a coincidence that the bride's mother came from Southport! For some of us this tower was the highlight of the day and a good course of Oswald Delight was rung. We were joined here by Henry, a native of the area, to whom we owe thanks for recommending such a fine collection of towers.

After lunch we made our way to Leominster, where we rang on the fine ten in the 1,300-year-old priory church. Here we managed a fair course of Cambridge Royal. We then hurried on to Eardisland, afraid of being late for the first time during the day, and enjoyed a welcome rest in the churchyard and some handbells before ringing on the beautiful eight. We rang a near-perfect course of Superlative and an excellent touch of Double Norwich, and wished we could have stayed longer. At Staunton-on-Arrow we enjoyed the very light six (tenor 6 cwt.) and at Presteigne (a pleasant-sounding eight) we were fascinated by the inscription on the tombstone of Mary Morgan who—no, I won't spoil it; go and read it yourself some day.

And so back to Hereford, where we climbed wearily up the thousands of steps to ring on the 33 cwt. ring of ten. We found these bells rather tricky but an experience not to be missed, although Cambridge Royal wouldn't go. We met the two non-ringing wives who had been shopping and sightseeing, and Mike who had been fishing, but as he hadn't caught enough to feed us all the party split into two for dinner, some going Chinese, others steak, meeting again afterwards for drinks and walks before returning to the hotel.

On Sunday we ended a most successful weekend by ringing for service at Lugwardine, after which we split up and went our separate ways, everyone saying: "Let's do it again next year". Once again we would like to thank all the incumbents and those who made us feel so welcome everywhere. C. F. H. D. and M. E. S.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Florence on September 7th, with members from Barry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby attending.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. W. Thomas, who is the Rector of St. Florence. This was followed by an excellent tea served by local ladies, who were warmly thanked by Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Lyme Regis, who were on holiday in the district. Mr. Morris is a brother of the late Mr. Ernest Morris, whose name is so well known to all bellringers.

It was proposed that the Guild becomes a "Friend of St. David's Cathedral". Three new probationary members and eight life ringing members were elected. After the meeting ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. B. M. R.

HALF PEAL

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first half peal) 2, K. Sansom 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Rung to mark the centenary of St. Mary's Church, Sheet.

ALDGALE, LONDON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, J. W. Euston 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, R. M. Heyworth 7, J. G. A. Prior 8. For morning service. Also at St. Botolph's Without, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Peacock 1, F. G. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Fowler 4, W. Theobald 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For Matins on Battle of Britain Sunday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Istace (first treble) 1, Mrs. M. J. Hope 2, F. N. Istace 3, W. J. Clayton 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, D. Istace (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled before memorial service for Mr. G. J. Gurmin, former chorister.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples (composed by J. Topp): Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell 5, D. J. Orledge 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. J. Groome (cond.) 1, J. A. Ellis 2, L. Atton 3, J. G. Beadman 4. Last quarter on the old four before the dedication of two new trebles.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, G. McGowan (first quarter) 6, R. J. Mayle 7, J. Edmunds 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire; 4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, R. J. Mayle 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, C. Phillips 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. Bryant 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. F. Oliver 1, C. Banks 2, Miss M. R. Hill 3, K. Oliver 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Cooper 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to L. Sharpe. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Hill 1, K. Oliver 2, C. Banks 3, F. Sismey (cond.) 4, J. Cooper 5, G. F. Oliver 6. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Case, of Castor, and Mr. I. Crauford-Larrington, of Yaxley. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Same band. A wedding compliment to Miss A. Wright, of Castor, and Capt. I. C. Martin, of Dalkeith, Scotland.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Warford 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandridge 4, G. S. Miller 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Cowley 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Brenda Ivings 3, M. W. Coleman 4, H. N. Pratley 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, W. H. Minnear 8. Rung with best wishes to Brenda Ivings who is starting at Chichester Teachers' Training College.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Jennifer Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, M. Sprackling 3, P. N. Felton 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, N. F. Felton (cover). For morning service.

ECLESHELL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Purslow 1, A. S. Whittall 2, W. Buckley 3, E. Young 4, W. J. Griffiths 5, P. R. Harris (cond.) 6, E. Lees 8. For the Festival of Flowers.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Hall 1, Miss L. Roper 2, E. Jones 3, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. F. Gibbons 5, D. Hall 6. Rung for Choir Sunday Evensong.

GREAT EASTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. Naylor 2, G. Norris 3, R. Russell 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Heather Claypole and Mr. Brian Johnson, who were married at this church this day.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Harris 1, Miss M. Christopher 2, V. G. Wood 3, G. Taysom (cond.) 4, R. Woolbridge 5, J. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Wood, former tower captain and ringer for 81 years.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Willis 1, E. Baker 2, J. Pople 3, R. Luxton (cond.) 4, T. Baker (first "inside") 5, W. Neath 6. Rung for the christening of the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. B. Norton.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, J. Foster (first "inside") 2, K. Lucas 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott 5, L. Foster 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: P. J. Spice 1, D. D. Smith 2, K. J. Rider 3, R. L. Jones 4, J. R. Pratt 5, M. H. O'Callaghan 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Buck and H. Page 1, L. Porter 2, M. Bolton (first quarter) 3, R. Jones 4, I. Ross 5.

MIDDLESBROUGH, TEESIDE.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam, on Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. B. Tuffnell (first quarter) 1-2, Miss A. Lawson 3-4, K. Lawson (cond.) 5-6.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mollie Care 1, T. Deacon 2, W. Care 3, S. Elliot 4, R. Coley 5, S. Eady 6, B. Care (cond.) 7, Dr. de L. H. Davies 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Terry and Christine Deacon on the birth of a son (David).

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Booth (first quarter) 1, H. Jeffery 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, G. Parker (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, L. Lawrence (first quarter) 6.

PEMBROKE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Old Kennington and Plain Bob): N. C. Rogers 1, A. Lingard 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. To welcome the second son of Tony and Margaret Trickett, born on September 7th.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: E. Prout 1, G. Young 2, M. Chandler 3, J. Arnall 4, D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCs.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. Rung at Evensong as a tribute to Mr. Alfred N. Clayton, verger, who died on August 12th.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. G. East 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 5, H. Burrell 6. Rung following the wedding of H. Alwyn Cox a ringer at this church, and Miss J. A. Thompson.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: Brenda Binden 1, L. H. Arscott 2, M. A. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

TAUNTON, SOM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Little Aston Doubles: D. L. Adams 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, M. A. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Marshall, sister of the conductor.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. J. Verity (first quarter) 1, D. Robinson (cond.) 2, J. P. Sale 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For St. James' Day.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith (cond.) 1, B. Dennett 2, Miss M. Hill 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Bailey, churchwarden.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. R. A. Gilliver writes that the peal at Sapcote, Leics (page 694), was rung on August 6th and not August 13th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Minor at Stapleford, Cambs, on August 31st, was conspicuous by everybody taking part having a first. There were three first peals, two firsts of Plain Bob, one of Minor and the conductor called his first of Minor.

Arranged by Mr. Walter Izzard, Bromham, Beds, ringers had a half-day outing on September 12th, visiting four village towers—Wilden (5), Keysoe (5), Milton Ernest (6) and Bletsoe (6). A picnic tea was had in the churchyard at Keysoe and there were light refreshments in a cosy pub to finish the day.

Another Devon Ringers' Tour, arranged by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, took place on September 21st, when towers visited were at Ideford, Christow, Spreyton, Cheriton Bishop, Aylesbeare, Lymptone and Exeter Cathedral. The lunch interval was spent at Cheriton Bishop and the tea interval at Exmouth.

The third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain will be held at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield, on October 5th. Mr. W. C. Gregory, of 26, Lawsons Bank, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S30 3ZL, will arrange transport for those coming by train from Sheffield Midland Station.

Mr. T. J. Lock scored his 1,000 peals from 1,587 attempts. Other percentages of success from 1,000 peal ringers would be interesting.

Mr. Bryan Burrough, of Soho, London, has been posted to Saudi Arabia for two tours of one year with the Diplomatic Service.

Mr. Michael J. Uphill assures readers that the tour "Uphill in the Flatlands" (page 728) was not arranged by him but by Messrs. Sherwood, Sell and Hart.

The Rev. Fred Ross has rung his first peal in Derbyshire after being in residence for less than two weeks. It was Cambridge at West Hallam on September 21st, with Fred ringing the tenor.

British Legion branches from Lancashire and Westmorland were represented at the service of dedication of the new standard for the Burton and Holme Branch. In the quarter peal rung in honour of the event were ringers from Burton, Silverdale, Heversham and Morecambe.

At Twerton, Bath, the local company have rung their first quarter of Surprise Major. The band included the organist, five choristers, three servers, a Sunday School teacher and a Queen's Guide. Hopes are entertained of an eight-bell quarter from the choir. At present the belfry provides six sopranos, one alto, one tenor and two basses who ring methods.

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"FESTIVAL OF BELLS" AT WARMINSTER

Evensong at the Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on September 8th, took the form of a "Festival of Bells." The Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Johnson, told the large congregation that this had been arranged in order to assist the recognition of the work of the bellringers of the Minster tower. The lessons were read by members of the ringing band, and after the third Collect a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

The bellringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, Who livest," was accompanied on handbells by Mr. N. G. Knee, Miss M. Wynne, Mrs. D. Hutchins and Mr. E. Norris, and the address was given by Mr. Norman Pearson, of Haslemere, who is himself a ringer and who formerly belonged to the Minster company. In his address Mr. Pearson introduced the congregation to some features of bellringing and showed them the handbells used by ringers. Enlarging upon a passage from I Corinthians 12, "There are varieties of gifts but the same spirit" (which formed part of the second lesson), the speaker emphasised the peculiar offering the ringers made to the worship of the Church, and stressed the remarkable bonds of fellowship brought about by the devotion of ringers to their art.

After the service the tower was opened for visitors, and there was some considerable invasion of the ringing chamber by young men and maidens, old men and children! Some precautions had to be taken to prevent the guests from touching ropes, but everybody was very good and, despite the crowd, some good ringing was demonstrated. E. C. S.

MARSTON BIGOTT FIND A LUXURY RINGING CHAMBER

Ringers and friends from Marston Bigott, Somerset, visited Portsmouth for their outing on September 7th. The light six at SS. Mary and St. Nicholas, Wilton, Wilts, were the first bells and reasonable striking was achieved.

After lunch at Portsmouth, St. Mary's, Portsea, was visited. It was rewarding for climbing the 73 steps, as in a most luxurious ringing chamber comfort was the key-word and the bells an easy-going eight. The ladies were rejoined on the beach and after tea and a visit to gift shops we embarked on the home-ward journey, which was via Southampton. A stop was made at the pretty Church of St. Peter, Britford, with its beautiful floral decorations. Liquid refreshments followed at the nearest hostelry, and among joyful chords and discords we wended our way homewards, arriving tired but happy. C.

CRANBROOK'S FLOWER FESTIVAL RAISES £500

Towards the Bell Restoration Fund at Cranbrook, Kent, a net profit of £500 resulted from the Flower Festival which started on September 7th. The proceeds were greatly enhanced by the gift of copper candlesticks and bowls by Mr. G. Cousins, which raised over £200.

On the Sunday a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung before Matins, at which the Rev. H. B. Biddell, Vicar of Marden, preached. An organ recital was given by Mr. C. H. M. Irwin in the afternoon and there was further handbell ringing. The Festival concluded on Tuesday with a recital by St. Peter's Singers and handbell ringing. General ringing preceded the concert.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 4



MR. JOHN PRYTHERCH

At this year's annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild Mr. John Prytherch was elected secretary in succession to Mr. Richard Warburton, who did not wish to stand for reelection after holding the post for six years.

John was born and brought up at Croydon and attended University College, Swansea, from 1962 to 1966, learning to ring at St. Mary's in 1965.

After graduating he worked for I.C.I. Fibres at Pontypool, ringing at the Newport and Cardiff towers. His first peal was Bob Major at Swansea in 1967 for the Universities Association.

In March of this year John moved to Milford Haven to work at the Gulf Oil Refinery Ltd. and now rings at Pembroke. Since moving West he has rung four peals for the St. David's Guild out of a total of 15 peals to date.

John met his fiancée, Diane, at the University and was married on September 28th.

SUSSEX CAR RALLY

A very entertaining two hours searching for clues was spent by members of the Northern Division of the Sussex Association in a car rally held on September 7th. It was arranged by Mr. John Norris and finished at Hurstpierpoint. All were flummoxed by the last question: "How many faces has the clock?" A fine tea awaiting the competitors. Prizes were awarded and an enjoyable hour was spent on Hurstpierpoint bells before departing for home. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. Norris and the ringers responsible for the tea.

TEWIN GOLDEN WEDDING

The quarter peal rung at Tewin on September 14th was to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shire. Harry, who is 85, rang the fourth and he is an active member of the Tewin band. He rings every Sunday and on practice nights and also enjoys the many outings with the young ringers. Congratulations, Harry and Mrs. Shire; we hope you have many more happy years together.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S 1,000 PEALS

Rung in England, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and America.

The 1,000 peals were rung out of 1,587 attempts. The average length of each peal was 2 hours and 56 minutes, and the average length of each attempt 1 hour and 16 minutes.

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 8, Surprise 10.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 10, St. Clement's 1, Erin 1, Stedman 17.

Major.—Plain Bob 44, Little Bob 2, S.N.C. Bob 1, D.N.C. Bob 27, Duffield 1, St. Clement's 2, Crayford College 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 19, two, three and six Spliced Plain 3, Surprise (232 different methods) 552, Spliced Surprise (up to 30 methods in tower and 20 methods "in hand") 111.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, D.N.C. Bob 1, Stedman 17.

Royal.—Plain Bob 9, D.N.C. Bob 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 6, Little Bob 1, Gainsborough 1, Gainsborough Little 1, Isleworth Little 1, two and three Spliced Plain 2, Surprise (18 different methods) 77, Spliced Surprise (two methods) 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 24, Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3, Surprise (seven different methods) 26.

Included in the above are 66 rung on handbells, 85 as conductor and two non-conducted. 491 were rung for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and 106 for the Hertford County Association. Methods rung for the first time, Maximus 2, Royal 9, Major 134. Alphabet completed in Surprise Major methods, also in Surprise Major methods rung for the first time except one letter. Married couples peals of Grandsire Triples (handbells), Plain Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major, five-Spliced Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques. Fathers and sons peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Name peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S "STOOLBALL" MEETING

A stoolball match between Sussex and Kent was the main attraction at the East Grinstead and District Guild's meeting on September 17th at Hever. Each side was allowed to bat for three-quarters of an hour. Sussex scored 80 for seven and Kent were all out for 46. Members noticed that a College Youth had run out the chairman, himself a Cumberland. For those without picnic teas, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, parents of the local captain, provided tea without charge, but suggested a collection be taken for the Guild's rope fund.

Mrs. J. Osbon acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Large. A new member was elected and Mr. C. A. Bassett asked for names for the outing to Winchester Cathedral.

The November 9th meeting will be at Redhill. The votes of thanks were followed by Evensong, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Collins, and further ringing.

AUGMENTATION NEAR TAUNTON

The parish of St. Bartholomew, Lynn, Somerset, which at present has five bells—a badly cracked tenor of 17 cwt and four others which are out of tune—has embarked on a restoration and augmentation scheme.

The tender of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank has been accepted to recast the tenor, tune the four and provide a sixth bell. This will cost over £1,000, and over the past two years £700 has been collected for this purpose. It is hoped that the work can be completed before the Patronal Festival on August 24th, 1969.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin Treble	Arthur V. Pearson 5
Eric Speake 2	Robert Edwards 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
James W. Belshaw 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

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

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Morley P. Tobin Treble	Robert Edwards 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 6
James W. Belshaw 3	David W. Friend 7
Stephen W. Barton 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

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

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Arthur V. Pearson Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
Morley P. Tobin 2	Stephen W. Barton 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Robert Edwards 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	James W. Belshaw .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

John Masefield Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Arthur V. Pearson 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Stephen W. Barton 7
James W. Belshaw 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Robert Edwards Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Morley P. Tobin 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
James W. Belshaw 4	John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Christopher Lees Treble	Arthur C. Berry 5
Morley P. Tobin 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
James W. Belshaw 4	Robert Edwards Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert Edwards.
First peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	Morley P. Tobin 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Stephen W. Barton 6
A. Bryan Ellsmore 3	Robert Edwards 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B

Morley P. Tobin Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
Susan E. Smith 2	Arthur V. Pearson 6
Robert Edwards 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth.

A WEEK-END IN THE COTSWOLDS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
A. Robin Heppenstall 2	Alexander J. Martin 8
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Basil Jones 9
Peter A. Sharp 4	Alan F. Scholfield 10
Bernard F. L. Groves 5	Brian Harris 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.

On Sun., Sept. 1st, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
*Geoffrey R. Parker 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming 8
Bernard F. L. Groves 3	Alan F. Scholfield 9
Peter A. Sharp 4	*Richard A. G. Inglis .. 10
Gerald C. Hemming 5	Brian Harris 11
Alexander J. Martin 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Richard A. G. Inglis .. Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Alan F. Scholfield 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	D. John Hunt 9
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 4	Geoffrey R. Parker 10
Peter A. Sharp 5	Robert B. Smith 11
Alexander J. Martin 6	*Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 100th 12-bell peal.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Graham J. Jones Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ronald R. Warford 6
Suzanne J. Withers 3	†C. Barrie Dove 7
Ian North 4	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 75th peal in the tower. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the R.C. Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Patricia Lockwood Treble	*Graham J. Jones 5
C. Barrie Dove 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
Allan Sheppard 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
Suzanne J. Withers 4	Ian North Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

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

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Durham, York, Norwich, Wells, London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
*Jane P. Lawrence Treble	Ronald R. Warford 4
†Suzanne J. Withers 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
††Margaret Warford 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. †† First of seven Surprise and most methods to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

David J. Purnell Treble	Brian D. Threlfall 7
David P. Hilling 2	Rodney B. Meadows 8
David E. House 3	Alan R. Patterson 9
Martin D. Fellows 4	Frank C. Price 10
Christopher H. Rogers 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Michael J. Fellows 6	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Geoffrey Hebden Treble	Walter S. Rice 5
Michael G. Bartlett 2	Peter J. England 6
Roy W. Rice 3	Edgar T. Skipsey 7
*David G. Massey 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Spliced. † First of eight-Spliced Major "inside." First of Spliced on the bells, and first of eight-Spliced Surprise Major for the Association by an entirely resident band.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being four extents of Stedman, two each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon and St. Nicholas, six each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and six extents each of two spliced compositions—April Day and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble	John Cornelius 4
Brenda M. Bindon 2	Mervyn A. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Adrian F. Arscott (aged 15).

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. M. Arscott, mother, grandmother, great-aunt and aunt of the ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 6 respectively.

STANTON DREW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods: Coxwell Place, Union, Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. St. Faith and Rev. Union; 14 variations—St. Miles, St. John, St. Giles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Albans, Eynsham, Southrepps, St. Columb, Kennington, Old, Fortune, Norfolk and Lapey; eight spliced compositions—St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Thomas, Cassington, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, April Day and Dedworth. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Christine J. Mitchell .. Treble	Peter J. Devrell 3
Julian E. Newman 2	Alan F. Lee (cond.) .. 4

David A. Burt Tenor

* First five-bell peal. Most methods, etc., in a peal by all the band. First peal on the bells since restoration in 1962.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

No. 3 version.	
*Frank R. Morton Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 6
*Norman Sherratt 2	*Raymond J. Ballard 7
*Gerald Parson 3	*David J. Midgley 8
*Felicity T. Ashford 4	*Roy Worrall 9
Charles A. S. Webb 5	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Ronald F. Andrew Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
Frank Osbaldiston 2	Gerald Moorhouse 6
Richard H. Youdale 3	Alan F. Scholfield 7
Basil Jones 4	Richard A. G. Inglis Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the conductor and Jenny Alcock, who were married at St. George's, Hyde, the following day.

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary (Liscard).

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Donald Peers Treble	Robert Peers 5
Margarie E. Webster 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
Ernest T. Carvell 3	Eric J. Gilbert 7
F. Leslie Coventry 4	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.

Rung as a compliment to Robert Peers and Angela M. Fenlon on the eve of their wedding, and also as an 86th birthday compliment to Lester Gray.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, Warks.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

James Corbett Treble	Peter C. Randall 5
Elizabeth B. Mackie 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 6
Clare F. Dolphin 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
John K. Foot 4	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Howard Wagstaff and Miss Alison Walford-Jones

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Clare F. Dolphin Treble	Hubert E. Ashley 5
Geoffrey Pratt 2	Ian C. Maycock 6
Peter H. Mackie 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Ian D. Thompson 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Harold Thompson, father of the ringer of the 4th, after 29 years as organist at this church. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Hazel A. Mackenzie .. Treble	Hugh Baker 5
Christopher Baker 2	Fred C. Lyne 6
Jill Riley 3	Peter Randall 7
Dr. A. J. Collings 4	Alan G. Foster Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan G. Foster.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Peter C. Randall Treble	*Raymond A. Sheasby .. 4
Geoffrey W. Randall 2	John K. Foot 5
David R. Randall 3	Anthony J. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Alec Humphrey Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
*Frank Rogers 2	John S. Dean 7
Richard Wilcox 3	Peter B. Knight 8
Joseph C. Woolley 4	Alan H. Bridges 9
*Timothy Wylie 5	Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by G. E. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal on ten bells

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TAVISTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Eustachius.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Alan Carveth Treble	John N. Longridge 5
Derek Jewell 2	D. Roy Bould 6
Norman Mallett 3	Frank D. Mack 7
Frederick Wreford 4	Robert A. Southwood .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-WOOD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Jacqueline Whitnall .. Treble	A. Nicholas Hine 4
Gillian R. Cleaver 2	Christopher F. Longridge 5
Timothy C. Hine 3	John N. Longridge Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Co. Durham.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Ann Lawson Treble	Jack Roach 6
Enid Lawson 2	Eric N. Harrison 7
*Margaret Lawson 3	Michael Maughan 8
John Pladdys 4	Kenneth Lawson 9
James Crowther 5	James Burton Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Quentin Wilson and Jacqueline Gale, married this day at the Church of the Ascension, Blackheath, London.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Alan F. Scholfield Treble	Vivian Nutton 6
Donald F. Murfet 2	David E. Rothera 7
Janet House 3	John G. Gipson 8
Geoffrey Pearson 4	David E. House 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh 5	John H. Fielden Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Association.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Christopher M. P. Johnson Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley .. 5
Janet House 2	John G. Gipson 6
Ann E. Fellows 3	David E. House 7
Allen Twyman 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Pamela Mary Haynes and Eric Gordon Carveth, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*E. Broom Treble	R. Burberry 5
†Miss G. E. Perry 2	†C. W. Ottaway 6
†Miss C. I. Neville 3	†S. P. Ottaway 7
D. Riley 4	F. W. Tomlin Tenor

Composed by J. Vicars.

Conducted by C. W. Ottaway.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire "inside." Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. W. Alston.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LYDNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Jack A. Long Treble	Roger M. Day 5
*Graham J. Band 2	Geoffrey T. Horritt 6
†Kathryn R. Lloyd 3	Robert C. A. Philpott .. 7
J. Martin Rice 4	Donald Townsend Tenor

Composed by M. Hubbard.

Conducted by Robert C. A. Philpott.

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

CHURCHDOWN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Stewart Holtham Treble	†Peter Rowe 4
*Geoffrey Clarke 2	David Pobjoy 5
Ivor Goulter 3	Peter Gould Tenor

Conducted by Peter Gould.

* First peal "inside." † First in the method. First as conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival and for Simon John Brice, the church caretaker's grandson, christened during the peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS Peter & Paul.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

C. William Nutt Treble	†E. Charles Biggs 4
*John Lane 2	S. Barnaby Bell 5
Leonard J. Walters 3	Roy K. Williams Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.

* First peal "inside." † 25th for the Guild.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. W. Preece, aged 88, who has completed nearly 50 years' active Sunday service ringing at this tower. He has been ringing for 73 years.

EASTNOR, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods—Rev. Canterbury. Plain Bob. Grandsire; two variations—Kennington, Southrepps; and eight spliced compositions—Rev. St. Bartholomew. Northrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Salwarpe, April Day, Dedworth, Windrush.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Ralph J. Bullock Treble	S. Barnaby Bell 4
†Rosemary Collins 2	Patrick G. Hickey 5
Roy K. Williams 3	†W. David Cook Tenor

Conducted by Roy K. Williams.

* First peal on a working bell. † First "inside." ‡ First at first attempt. First by a local band.

Rung as a farewell to Roy Williams, who is leaving for college.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Joan Hooton Treble	Philip A. Mason 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	John M. Jelley 6
H. George Hart 3	John Bramley 7
Roger I. Kendrick 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

BRAY, Co. Wicklow.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

*William D. Sarsteiner .. Treble	Frederick Dukes 5
*Derek A. McEndoo 2	*Jonathan P. O. Barry .. 6
*Leslie R. Taylor 3	Norman V. Harding 7
†Peter W. Brown 4	Harold H. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

Rung in memoriam Henry V. Johnson, vice-president of the Irish Association, and Robert Curson, both were local ringers.

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Joan Hooton Treble	Philip A. Mason 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	John M. Jelley 6
*Roger I. Kendrick 3	John Bramley 7
H. George Hart 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt.

S. Arthur Read Treble	Eric Naylor 6
Gwilym G. Salmon 2	Ronald G. Beck 7
Adrian P. Beck 3	Trevor A. Cross 8
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Edward J. Chivers 9
Philip H. D. Jones 5	Victor Savage Tenor

Composed by G. R. Fardon.

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina, patron of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

S. Arthur Read Treble	Philip H. D. Jones 5
Eric Naylor 2	Ronald G. Beck 6
Gwilym G. Salmon 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
Victor Savage 4	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

S. Arthur Read Treble	Ronald G. Beck 5
Eric Naylor 2	Philip H. D. Jones 6
George A. Naylor 3	Gwilym G. Salmon 7
Victor Savage 4	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by E. Wit.

Conducted by Gwilym G. Salmon.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain T. C. Rayner, uncle of the Vicar of Rainham, the Rev. R. Allington-Smith.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.
*Kathryn Lawson Treble	Michael D. Fishwick 4
Janet Lawson 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
Wyn Pugh 3	Michael J. Platt Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Platt.

* First peal. First as conductor

ST. HELENS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

Rung on the front six.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.
Nigel P. L. Goulding .. Treble	James Hedgcock 4
Rachel J. Sinden 2	John R. Ridley 5
*David C. Simpson 3	Graham K. Austin Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.

* First peal "inside."

Rung for the centenary of the County Borough of St. Helens.

HEVERSHAM, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Margaret Crossthwaite .. 4
*Eileen Ellis 2	Peter Handley 5
Diana J. Handley 3	Stanley Anderton Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Handley, M.B.E. (grandfather of Peter Handley), who died on September 9th, 1968, aged 97 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
Malcolm D. Barsby .. Treble	*Philip G. Chambers 4
Cherrill L. Everard .. 2	B. Stedman Payne 5
Clive J. Mobbs 3	Alec R. Jones Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne

* First peal "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*Ian M. Minns Treble	*Aidan G. A. Hopkins .. 5
*Gillian Radley 2	*Phillip C. Pitchford .. 6
Margaret A. Parker .. 3	*Christopher J. Sharp .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Major. † First of Superlative Surprise Major.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Frank Chambers 5
John K. Smith 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
F. Frederick Gobey .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
Ron Hughes 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
John Dieppe Treble	William Birmingham .. 5
Ernest W. Eldridge .. 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson 6
Michael Hatchett 3	William H. Jackson 7
James R. A. Muller .. 4	Kenneth M. Tuck Tenor

Conducted by William H. Jackson.

First peal of Triples in the method as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to celebrate the wedding this day of Christina Phyllis Newman and Rodney John Davis, ringer at the tower

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 HUNSLT IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Peter Furness Treble	*Frank E. Godden 5
†Harold W. Dunsden .. 2	*Angela M. Ayres 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Reginald F. Crook 7
*Roy H. Jones 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble. First in the method for the Guild.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Marilyn Latchford and Robert Dowling, Jill Pike and Cliff Garlick, Avril Walton and Noel Deam, married on September 7th, 1968, and Susan Keen and Gordon Casbeard, married this day.

KIRKCLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*E. Dennis Poole .. Treble	*John R. Ketteringham .. 5
*Angela Newing 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Alan R. Pink 3	†Peter J. Heritage 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Nativity

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL

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

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

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung in memoriam George F. Hancock, Daventry Branch chairman for 20 years.

THE SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS.

KINGSTON (Isle of Purbeck), Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

Pittston's.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
Mary E. Elmes Treble	John W. Blackwood .. 5
William T. Perrins .. 2	Graham W. Elmes 6
Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 3	Ronald N. Marlow 7
David Wilson 4	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.

First peal in the method, in the county, for the Society and by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Elizabeth G. Cobb, wife of the conductor.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of four methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, three extents of six variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps and Wychbold, and three extents of four-spliced variations—April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Gordon K. Green .. Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 4
John R. Scott 2	Frank R. Morton 5
Philip C. Rogers 3	William H. Watkin Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

150th peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Catherine E. Thomas, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th, on leaving for a ballet school.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition	Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. in D.
Mrs. C. W. Powell Treble	Arthur J. Scott 5
Cuthbert W. Powell 2	Frank G. Knight 6
Harry G. Keeley 3	William E. Turner 7
Michael J. Medley 4	Joseph T. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. Powell.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, also as a wedding compliment to John Weaver and Brenda Pooley.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

William T. Perrins Treble	Martin J. Corry 5
I. Ann Abrahams 2	Timothy F. Collins 6
Neil O. Skelton 3	Richard H. Youdale 7
Christopher F. Longridge .. 4	John N. Longridge Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

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

Conducted by Derek J. Tysoe.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina.

First muffled peal on the bells.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Being one extent of Cambridge, Norwich, Killamarsh, London	
Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.	
Sidney Carnall Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft 4
Katherine Burchnall .. 2	John A. Coates 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung as a birthday peal for Susan Moxon, of Sutton-on-Trent.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt 3 lb. in A.

Arthur F. Ballam Treble	Alan G. Feaver 5
Charles R. Stannard 2	John W. Underwood .. 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
James B. Morley 4	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Composed by James Hunt.

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Mrs. Alan G. Payne .. Treble	*Vernon B. Bedford .. 4
*Katharine M. Thorley .. 2	*Alan G. Payne 5
Robert E. Lester 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Oxford Minor. Katharine M. Thorley (aged 12) has now rung peals of Minor in 1 to 7 methods, all "inside."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Caroline Madge Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 2	Christopher F. Mew .. 6
George A. Dawson 3	*Simon Humphrey 7
Alan A. Bagworth 4	†Christopher P. Starbuck Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* Last peal as a bachelor. † First in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Kay Styring and John Pratchett, who were married the previous day; a farewell to George A. Dawson, who is leaving the District for Hull; a birthday compliment to Elizabeth J. Foster; and a 21st birthday compliment to Simon Humphrey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Sept. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Timothy Banner Treble	Frank H. Hicks 5
*Valerie J. Howard 2	Ian Wicks 6
*Charlotte M. Harris .. 3	George Francis 7
*James M. Hills 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by John A. Howard.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Frank H. Hicks Treble	†Hilary A. Thick 3
*Felicity A. Benford .. 2	Roger Osbon 4
Charlotte M. Harris Tenor	

Conducted by Charlotte M. Harris.

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

The conductor has now "circled the tower."

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

KENWYN, Truro, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Susan Chew Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
Enid Lawson 2	Richard J. Tibbetts .. 6
Ann Lawson 3	James W. Belshaw .. 7
Anna K. Sadowska 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

Anna K. Sadowska Treble	Mark Androlia 5
Ann Lawson 2	Robert Ashman 6
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 3	James W. Belshaw .. 7
Maurice G. Ingram .. 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the College of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Tues., Sept. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*Robert W. T. Slack .. Treble	J. M. Hadley Hunter .. 4
Barry R. M. Johnson .. 2	Richard H. Youdale .. 5
Anthony J. Mason 3	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The conductor has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung by past and present members of the School to welcome Mr. J. L. Thorn as headmaster. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Ann Lawson Treble	†Richard J. Tibbetts .. 5
*Margaret Lawson .. 2	James W. Belshaw .. 6
*Peter Town 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
*David Town 4	Kenneth Lawson Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association. Rung as a compliment to Maurice G. Ingram and Anna K. Sadowska on their engagement.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

John Guest Treble	John S. Seager 5
Barry Holland 2	Leslie E. Smith 6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington .. 3	*Malcolm S. Turner .. 7
Tom W. Senior 4	John J. L. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal "inside."

Rung to celebrate the engagement this day of Caroline West and Michael Limb

KIPPAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Stephen Emmet Treble	Charles Maxfield 4
George Hancock 2	F. Guy Cox 5
*Michael Nunns 3	Robin Brown Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

* First peal. The conductor's 75th peal for the Association.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

JEFFREY.—On September 20th, 1968, at Pembury Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Tester) and Brian, God's gift of a son, Peter Robert.

LEWORTHY.—To Marianne and David, of 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, the gift of a daughter, Bridget Tracey, on September 17th, 1968, at Sheppey General Hospital. 4844

SMITH. — On September 16th, 1968, to Gwen (née Storer) and Peter, a son, Alun Peter. Address: 44, Woodbrook, Charing, Ashford, Kent. 4876

SPRACKLING.—On September 19th, 1968, to Brenda (née Riches) and Michael, a son, David Michael, a brother for Timothy and Geoffrey. 4837

MARRIAGE

WALTERS—PITMAN. — The marriage between David Kenvyn Walters, of Combe Martin, Devon, and Bernice Pitman, of Pontywin, Mon, took place at the Baptist Church, Cwm-carn, Mon, on September 28th, 1968.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KIPPIN—WALTERS.—Chris's and Heather's wedding will take place on Saturday, October 12th, 1968, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Harlington, Middlesex, at 3.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4884

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAPMAN.—Tom, Margaret, Christopher and Elizabeth now live at Plot 1, Stonewell Lane, Congresbury, Somerset. Old and new friends always very welcome. 4889

EISEL.—The address of John and Margaret Eisel is now 4, London Heights, Dudley. Ringing friends welcome. 4846

HILLS.—The address of P.C. 592 James M. Hills is Metropolitan Police Training College, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, London N.W.9. Tel. 01-205 3206 (after 6 p.m.).

JACKSON. — The address of Miss Susan Jackson is now Ashley, 11, Woodlands Terrace, Swansea. 4861

McLEAN.—David and Sybil are now living at 9, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, Suffolk. All friends welcome, but please give adequate notice of approximate time, size and duration of your invasion. 4854

WARE.—Valerie's address is now Officers' Mess, 4 Petroleum Depot, R.A.O.C., Nienburg, B.F.P.O. 48. 4833

PERSONAL

"Enter ye in at the strait gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."—St. Matthew vii, 13.

Will Miss G. M. Starkie, of The College, Chester, please contact the Editor, as her copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s. 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4736

BOLDMERE, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—The weekly practice nights will be held on Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m., instead of Thursdays from September 25th. 4850

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK. — Evening practice, Saturday, October 12th, 6.30–9 p.m. Churchyard Bob, Triples, Spliced Major. 4882

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, October 19th, at 2.15 p.m. Will all bands intending to compete please notify me by October 12th.—P. Adcock, 16, Hall's Drive, Gressenhall, Dereham. 4875

PUTNEY.—Prospective peal ringers please note: From January 1st, 1969, there will be a 2s. 6d. rope fee for all peal attempts.—Miss J. S. Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W.6. 4868

ST. MARGARET'S, DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—Ringers please note: Commencing October 3rd, 1968, practice nights will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. instead of Wednesdays. All visitors welcomed. 4848

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.

Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m. Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Striking Competition cancelled, instead practice meeting at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names to Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 2385.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

ST. MICHAEL'S, WARFIELD, BERKS

The dedication of two new treble bells by Mears and Stainbank to augment the present ring to 10 bells will take place on SATURDAY, OCT. 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead
will perform the dedication.

Binfield (6) bells also available in the evening. All welcome.

Names for tea as soon as possible to Mrs. Murrell, Church Lane, Warfield, near Bracknell, Berks. 4582

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral, Saturday, October 12th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead, before October 8th. 4719

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE on Saturday, October 19th, in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. S.A.E., please. 4839

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

83rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER. The Queens Hotel, Marine Parade, Eastbourne. Saturday, October 26th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (26/-) from Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, or from Hon. Div. Secs. S.A.E. 4855

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

on Saturday, October 26th, in the
Fresham Hall, Rothwell.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Dinner.
Tickets (£1 each and c.w.o.) from E.
Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northamp-
ton. Closing date Monday Oct. 14th.

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
4830

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on
Saturday, October 26th, 1968

at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity,
Worcester, at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets 15s. 6d. each.
Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10)
4.30-6; St. Swithun's (6) 5 to 6.

Tickets from General Secretary and
Branch Secretaries by October 21st.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea,
Hallow, Worcester. 4883

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held
on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for
6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant
(Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury
House, Wallbrook, City of London,
E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in
the chair. Reception room and bar
open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me;
Cheques and Postal Orders to be made
payable to the Society.

Ringling arrangements for those attend-
ing the dinner will be announced later.
—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Field-
house Road, London, S.W.12. 4733

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE, ringers are
holding a 15-mile sponsored walk on Friday,
October 25th, starting at 8 p.m. from church,
in aid of Bell Fund. Entries and sponsors
giving amount per mile write to R. A. Cobbe-
y, 84, Chester Road, Blaby, for particulars. 4892

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGERS coming up to the University
College, Cardiff, are invited to join in the
ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. Sundays:
10.15-11 a.m., 2.30-3.30, 5.30-6.30. Tuesdays:
7.15-9 p.m. 4734

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — All
freshmen are invited to attend Sunday ringing.
October 13th: St. Cross's, 9.30 a.m.; St. Mary
Magdalene's, 10 a.m. Business meeting, Tues-
day, Oct. 15th, 8.15 p.m., Stapledon Room,
Exeter College. — P. H. Mackie, Hertford. 4823

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bed-
ford District. — Quarterly meeting, Kempston,
Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) 4.15 p.m. Tea
5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Hutchings, Felstead,
Wootton Road, Kempston, Bedford. 4836

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — South-
ern District. — Monthly meeting, Brailes, Satur-
day, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5
p.m., followed by more ringing. Cherington,
2-2.45, and Sutton-under-Brailes, 2.45-3.30,
will also be open for ringing. All names for
tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Urdd, The Park,
Brailes, Banbury. Full support will be ap-
preciated as this is the heaviest ring in the di-
ocese. — R. W. S., Dis. Sec. 4831

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WEST MOR-
LAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. —
Half-yearly meeting of the above at Irton,
Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30.
Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names
for tea to Mrs. Craghill, 2, Mountain View,
Irton. — D. Gibson. 4881

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIO-
CESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at
Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing: New-
burn, 1-2; St. Stephen's, 2-3; Fenham, 2.30-
3.45; Cathedral, 7-9; Gateshead, 8-9. Busi-
ness meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral Library and
service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bain-
bridge's 6.15 p.m. Notification for tea essen-
tial to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue,
Chester-le-Street. 4802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. —
Evening meeting, South Weald (6), Saturday,
October 5th. Bells 6-9 p.m. 4835

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern
District. — A meeting will be held at Galleywood
on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3. Ser-
vice 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Fur-
ther ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for
tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road,
Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 4764

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-
TION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting,
Colerne (8), October 5th, 2 p.m., in conjunction
with church Flower Festival. Tea 4.30. Ring-
ing in evening at Marshfield. 4878

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farn-
ham District. — Quarterly meeting at Yorktown
(8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available
3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and
meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to
Mr. R. Bath, 1, Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road,
Camberley, (Camberley 3706). — Mrs. B. R.
Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4877

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIA-
TION. — Meeting and Contest at Liversedge on
Saturday, October 5th. Draw at 2.30. Names
for tea to Mr. E. Betts, 14, Eddercliff Cres-
cent, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks. 4796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Watford District. — Practice meeting, Abbot's
Langley (6), 6.30 p.m., Oct. 5th. — L. W. Sea-
man, Dis. Sec. 4829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Northern District. — Evening meeting, Stevenage
(8), on Saturday, October 5th, 5.30-8.30 p.m.
— Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4816

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ton-
bridge District. — A.D.M., Hawkhurst, October
5th. Ringing 2-3.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45.
Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Meadow Bank,
Hawkhurst. 4748

LADIES' GUILD. — Kent and Sussex Dis-
tricts. — Joint meeting at Rye (8) on Saturday,
October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.
Evening ringing 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea
to Mrs. R. Farley, 8, David's Heights, Kings
Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex. 4793

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —
Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting Geddington,
October 5th, 2.45-3.45. Weekly 3.30.
with service 4.15 and ringing after tea until
8.30. Special method: Double Oxford. 4849

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —
Meeting at Cuckney (6) on Saturday, October
5th, 2.30-4.45. Warsop (6) 6.30 to 9.30. Tea
at 5 p.m. at 9, Yorke Terrace, Warsop. Names
for tea to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 34, Dransfield
Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RN. — R.
Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4817

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. —
Half-yearly meeting, Buckminster (6), October
5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea
and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Blue Dog,
Sewstern, followed by ringing in evening.
Names for tea to Mrs. Norman Cooke, Moor
Leas Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton
Mowbray (Phone Waltham 808) by October
2nd. 4840

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Not-
tingham District. — Goose Fair meeting, Satur-
day, Oct. 5th: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St.
Peter's (12), 6 p.m. — S. Adams. 4828

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one
minute from Tottenham Court Road tube sta-
tion) on Monday, October 7th, at 7 p.m. 4864

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE
YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising
Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on October 8th at
8.15 p.m. Practices in October: 8th, St. Paul's
Cathedral; 15th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 22nd,
St. Lawrence Jewry; 29th, St. Giles, Cripple-
gate; all at 6.30 p.m. — J. G. A. Prior. 4869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North
Berks Branch. — Monthly practice at Hagbourne,
Tuesday, October 8th, 7.15 p.m. All welcome.
— C. Corderoy. 4866

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance
Branch. — Method ringing practice at Lelant
on Wednesday, October 9th, from 7.30 p.m. to
9 p.m. 4841

DEREHAM, Norfolk. — Surprise Major
practice, Friday, October 11th, 7-9 p.m.
Methods from: Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge,
Glasgow, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rut-
land, Superlative and Yorkshire. 4892

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Big-
gleswade District. — October meeting, 12th, at
Haynes (5) 3 to 4.30 p.m., then tea and ring-
ing at Maulden (8) 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. A
chance to sample good bells and friendly com-
pany. 4873

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —
Monthly meeting, North Cave (6), October 12th,
2.30 p.m.-4 p.m. Tea (own food) and meeting
at Holy Trinity Choir School, Hull. Ringing
afterwards until 9 p.m. Do not forget the
open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, October
14th. 4867

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester
Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tarvin, Saturday,
October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service
4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meet-
ing. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A.
Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9, Hockenhull Lane,
Tarvin, Chester C43 8LA, by Wednesday,
October 9th. 4865

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE
ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Ormesby on
Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) from 3
p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to
Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North
Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside. 4886

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely and
Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNI-
VERSITY GUILD. — Joint meeting at Long-
stanton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8)
3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening
ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. —
East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at
Seaton, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3
p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — R. C.
Woodley, Hon. Sec. 4888

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Eastern District. — Meeting, Little Mundon (6),
Saturday, October 12th, 3 to 6.30 p.m. Service
4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Ware (8),
7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lawrence,
1, Founcely Avenue, Dane End, Ware. — Peter
M. F. Seales, Dis. Sec. 4894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Western District. — Great Gaddesden (6), Octo-
ber 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End,
Hemel Hempstead. 4887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing at St. Michael's 3-4. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 4845

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lancaster, The Garage, Market Street, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. E. Metcalfe. 4872

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas's, St. Helens, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Hurst, 107, Peter Street, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G. K. A.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Royal Oak, 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Birstall, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing: Wanlip (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Birstall (8) 3 p.m. Service, Birstall, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing, Birstall, after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, October 9th. 4856

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mather, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. by Oct. 7th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 12th. St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace Road, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting and ringing till 8.30. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 4874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Enstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing: Enstone until 7.30, and Chipping from 7.45.—P. R. Coveeney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 4857

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tuesday, Oct. 8th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, 9th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting at Weedon (8), Saturday, October 12th. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Slack, 76, St. Andrews Crescent, Rugby, by Monday previous, certain. No names, no tea.—Mrs. I. Webb, Sec. 4859

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Bremhill (6), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 4806

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Leatherhead (10), 3-4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashted (8), 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 4832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk, by Wednesday, October 9th. 4838

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake (8) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall, Barnes (8) available in evening. Names for tea to J. Freeman, 11, Shrewsbury Avenue, S.W.14 (Tel. PRO 0199) by previous Wednesday. No names, no tea.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4773

FIFTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

October 26th, 1968

South Route In		North Route In	
Brislington (6)	9.30-10.30	Filton (6)	9.30-10.30
Knowle (8)	10.00-11.00	Horfield (5)	9.45-10.45
St. Philip's (8)	10.30-11.30	Henbury (8)	10.00-11.00
		Westbury (6)	10.15-11.15
		St. Mark's (6)	10.30-11.45

Ringers' service in the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's) at 12 noon.

Own lunch arrangements.

West		East	
Long Ashton (8)	2.15-3.15	St. George's (8)	2.15-3.15
Abbots Leigh (6)	2.45-3.45	St. Ambrose's (8)	2.30-3.45
Stoke Bishop (6)	3.15-4.15	Stapleton (6)	3.15-4.15
		St. Werburgh's (6)	3.45-4.45

Country Route		City Towers	
Mangotsfield (8)	2.30-3.30	Christ Church (10)	2.00-3.15
Pucklechurch (6)	3.00-4.00	St. Michael's (6)	2.30-3.45
Abson (6)	3.30-4.30	Redcliffe (12)	3.45-5.15
Westerleigh (6)	4.00-5.00	St. Stephen's (10)	4.15-5.30
Doynton (5)	4.30-5.30	Kingsdown (8)	4.30-5.45
Warmley (6)	5.00-6.00	Cathedral (8)	5.00-6.15
		St. John's (6)	5.30-6.45
		St. James' (10)	6.00-7.15

A room has been reserved upstairs in the Swan Hotel, Stokes Croft, Bristol 1, from 7.30 p.m., with an extension until 11.45 p.m. (access through Lounge Bar).

The University tower, which houses the 9½ ton bell "Great George," may be visited at 5.45 p.m. Please assemble at the porter's lodge inside the main door.

Maps of the city centre available from: M. J. Hobbs, 16, Charnwood Road, Whitechurch, Bristol BS14 0JR. Tel. Whitechurch 4874 (s.a.e., please). 4863

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene and West Tarring on Saturday, October 12th. Heene bells (8) 2.30. Service, West Tarring, 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the hall. Ringing at West Tarring (6) 6.30-8. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 42, Cedar Close, West Tarring, Worthing.—R. Wake, Div. Sec. 4885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by Wednesday, October 16th, please. 4871

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Wye, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, only for those who notify Mr. C. J. E. Wyld, 82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, by Thursday, October 17th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4890

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting between Manchester Branch and Rosendale Branch on Saturday, October 19th. Afternoon ringing at Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) from 2.30 to 4.45. Tea in Manchester Cathedral refectory at 5. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10). Names for tea to Miss I. E. M. Manby, 324, Abbey Hevs Road, Abbey Hevs, Manchester M18 8RP (Tel. 061-DRO 1478) by Wednesday, October 16th. No names, no tea.—A. Ward and H. Parkinson, Hon. Secs. 4853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Blechley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross,

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn Festival at Zennor, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 4834

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 15th, please. 4860

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Compton Abbas on September 14th. The service was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, who, as Rector of Compton Abbas, welcomed the Branch to St. Mary's Church in this its centenary year. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, and the collection was given to the church Centenary Appeal Fund. Ladies of the parish provided an excellent tea in the Village Hall to which 30 ringers did full justice.

At the business meeting the chairman welcomed visitors from Somerset and from the Dorchester Branch.

Since the June meeting the activities of the Branch have included the happy occasion at Hampreston celebrating the 60 years' ringing of Mr. W. C. Shute, and the Branch outing. This was held on September 7th and proved a great success. Everyone enjoyed their trip to the Honiton area, where seven towers were visited and a good standard of ringing achieved.

One new member was elected and thanks were expressed to Mr. Chaffey Moore and all who had helped to make the afternoon a success.

Mr. Ben Ridout was congratulated on having achieved 60 years of ringing.

After the meeting, ringing was resumed at Compton Abbas and Shroton.

LATE NEWS

FLOOD DELAY

The floods at Guildford, during which the machine room of our printers was flooded, resulted in some of the copies of last week's issue arriving late at the Post Office and possibly a day's delay to subscribers.

This unavoidable delay is regretted.

SUMMER QUARTERS AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

July 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Durfee 1, Janis Hensley 2, Martha Windrom 3, Quilla Roth 4, N. F. Bearne 5, A. Applewhite 6, Marjorie Batchelor 7, G. Davies 8, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 9, J. Fanfani 10. First Caters 1, 3, 5. For Independence Day.

July 5th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Durfee 1, R. S. Dirksen 2, Martha Windrom 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, G. Davies (cond.) 5, N. F. Bearne 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

August 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Gardner 1, Quilla Roth 2, C. Kelsey 3, R. S. Dirksen 4, M. B. Tyers 5, E. W. Martin 6, T. Tyers (cond.) 7, J. Fanfani 8. First Bob Triples for all except 5.

September 2nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Applewhite 1, Janis Hensley 2, Ann Gardner 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, Martha Windrom (first Bob Minor) 5, E. W. Martin (cond.) 6. Rung for Labour Day.

HALF PEAL

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor "in hand": C. F. Longridge 1-2, T. C. Hine 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorothy Cleaver.

LONG LENGTH

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,607 Stedman Triples: R. J. Corke 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. G. Tipper 3, D. M. Hughes 4, D. W. Struckett 5, K. Sansom 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, D. Fox 8. First Stedman Triples 2 and 3.

DATE TOUCH

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: R. Charlton 1, H. Goakes 2, Pam Blackth 3, W. Barker 4, F. Boyall 5, J. David 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS IN THE PEAK

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Davis 1, C. L. Bateman 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, C. M. Nevins (first quarter) 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6.

GT. LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Nevins 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, S. Davis 4, T. Wylie 5, G. A. Newman (first as cond.) 6.

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: S. Davis 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, J. D. Arkwell 4, G. A. Newman 5, C. L. Bateman 6, B. Bateman 7, T. Wylie (cond.) 8. First of Major 2 and 3.

EYAM, DERBYS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, C. M. Nevins 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, A. Noton 4, S. Davis 5, G. A. Newman 6. First of Treble Bob 2 and 4.

HATHERSAGE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Noton 1, C. M. Nevins (first as cond.) 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, T. Wylie 5, R. E. Rastall 6.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Wylie 1, A. M. Smith 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, A. Noton 4, S. Davis (cond.) 5, G. A. Newman 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Smith 1-2, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, T. Wylie (first "in hand") 5-6.

ASHOVER, DERBYS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Davis (first Major as cond.) 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, D. Davis 5, C. Bateman 6, B. Bateman 7, T. Wylie 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who is shortly leaving to attend college.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor "in hand": C. F. Longridge 1-2, T. C. Hine 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. V. A. Siedman 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, J. F. Oakshott 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, D. Barnes 6. For Patronal Festival.

BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, B. Ridout 3, C. F. Longridge 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Gerald Cross, captain of the tower.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, D. J. Knight 3, T. G. Bleatham 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. For Evensong.

EVERCRECH, SOM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: H. J. Sanger 1, Miss H. Walters 2, E. Naylor 3, R. G. Beck 4, Miss B. Boyce 5, D. McKay 6, P. H. D. Jones 7, G. Salmon 8, R. C. Kippin 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Jill Laver 1, Jill Oakshott 2, R. D. Mills 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, J. C. Davidge 5, J. A. Laver (first Surprise) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8. All members of Leatherhead District of Guildford Guild.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. K. Peck 1, M. F. Stallard 2, C. D. Corby 3, P. Prescott 4, G. E. Bonham 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of Hilda Sutton.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Russell 1, D. Andrews (first Surprise) 2, W. T. Perrins 3, G. W. Elmes (first in method) 4, D. Wilson 5, W. E. Cheater 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. Rung after a peal attempt. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Ronald Meysey Verity, M.A., who is retiring at the end of the month.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Mills (first quarter, aged 14) 1, H. Shilcock 2, P. Darby 3, E. Woodall 4, A. Pickering 5, Miss M. Tromana 6, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, M. Lashford 8. For Evensong; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown (née Ellsmore) and Mr. and Mrs. I. Shilcock, on the occasion of their weddings; also to Mr. J. Phillips, on his departure from the district.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. K. Wetherell (first quarter, aged 11) 1, W. Goringe 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, A. H. Kemp 4, P. D. Harrison 5, S. G. Waters (cond.) 6, E. R. G. West 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Graham Parsons (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, Janet Ashmore 3, Judy Edwards 4, R. Ashmore 5, M. A. Jackson 6, G. Spratt 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. McArthur 1, N. Mattingley 2, F. Harris 3, P. D. Sell 4, R. K. Williams 5, P. L. Hughes 6, T. E. Wood 7, W. Nash 8, A. G. Semken (cond.) 9, A. T. Wingate 10. First Caters 5, 6, 8. For Battle of Britain Service.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Ross 1, Patricia Gardiner 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, R. H. Jordan (25th quarter) 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond., 30th quarter) 6. 20th quarter together 4 and 6.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Tovell (first Bob Minor on treble) 1, Susan F. Thomas (25th quarter) 2, K. A. Hughes 3, M. Wareing 4, P. M. Cuckson 5, J. E. Murfitt (first as cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, Cynthia Elson (first "inside") 2, P. Nelson (first quarter) 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, Rosemary Tilling 5, R. Tickner 6, M. Reed 7, C. Denyer 8.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Novell (first Triples for 40 years) 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, F. Welch 3, I. Bowron (100th tower) 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Parker 6, R. J. Dean (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. 60th quarter together 3 and 5. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): Shelagh R. Colling (cond.) 1, D. Gagen 2, D. Wittchell 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, P. Gagen 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Anne V. Salvage 1, C. D. Collin ("circled tower" to quarter) 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, M. J. Green 5, J. P. Hull (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Bryony P. Moorby 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. C. Belcher 8. Rung prior to the opening of the Flower Festival by the Bishop of Kingston. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Hull 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F. and the Battle of Britain.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Walker 1, J. Whalley 2, H. W. Wootton 3, R. H. Brunton 4, W. S. Walker (first as cond.) 5, K. M. Price 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. Lucas 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Belcham 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods by all except 3. Also 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods by all and by a resident band. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Winchendon Place Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First in method by all. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas (first as cond., aged 9) 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney 5.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5. Ten different extents without any calls being made. Rung for Evensong.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cummins (first quarter) 1, N. Hill 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, P. G. Mayle (first quarter) 4, R. J. Mayle 5, R. J. Middleditch (firm quarter) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Sept. 8th, 1,152 Plain Bob Major: Hilda P. Oatway 1, Olive D. Barnett 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, Elsie M. Bagworth 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, W. F. Oatway 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, W. H. Dobbie 8. For the dedication of the Polish Air Force Memorial.

LYDD, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Bryony P. H. Moorby 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone 6, R. C. Stevens 7, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung on the All Saints', Kingston, outing.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Spliced Carisbrooke and Wath Delight Minor: A. Rogers 1, F. Linfoot 2, D. Williams 3, A. W. Bond 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. First quarter in these methods for all the band. For the wedding of Mr. G. Taylor and Miss S. Wilson. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,320 College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: D. Williams 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Before Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer 1, Rosemary Foster (first "inside") 2, Ann Smith 3, B. Branson 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, M. Spencer (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Foster 3, Joan Parker 4, B. Branson 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

PORLOCK, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): F. C. Anscott 1, M. A. Anscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. H. Anscott 4, R. F. Anscott 5, M. R. Anscott 6. First in 11 meth./var. 1 and 4, and as conductor.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, E. Treagus 3, A. F. W. Burbridge 4, J. F. E. Rolph (first Major "inside") 5, L. D. Duguid 6, G. Gammon 7, M. S. Bruce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry T. Macey, for many years a ringer at this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. Squires 1, D. Akers 2, Mrs. F. J. Muxlow 3, M. Goakes 4, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 5, P. Muxlow 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6, and first on restored bells. Rung in honour of the grandparents of ringers of 1 and 4.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Drayton 1, D. Everett 2, W. Marsh 3, H. Haynes 4, R. Turner (cond.) 5, G. Runham 6. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rector, the Rev. P. Beresford-Peirse, after his long illness and well-deserved holiday.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading in both the following): Anita Douglas 1, Jill E. Cannon (first quarter) 2, H. Clare McNeil (first treble) 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, E. Garman 5, Heather M. Craven 6, J. M. Hills (cond.) 7, A. A. Hoare 8. For St. John Ambulance Brigade enrolment service. Also H. Clare McNeil 1, A. P. Lee 2, T. Craven 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, E. Garman 5, Heather M. Craven 6, J. M. Hills (cond.) 7, A. A. Hoare 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Day Service.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Aug. 25th, 1,256 Kent T.B. Minor: Ruth Blackwood 1, Claire Brown (first Kent) 2, Frances Brown 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WELLESBOURNE, WARCS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Ariss 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, J. J. Green 3, L. Mackie 4, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 5, J. Ariss 6. Rung for the arrival of the Coventry Diocese Mission Torch in Wellesbourne.

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