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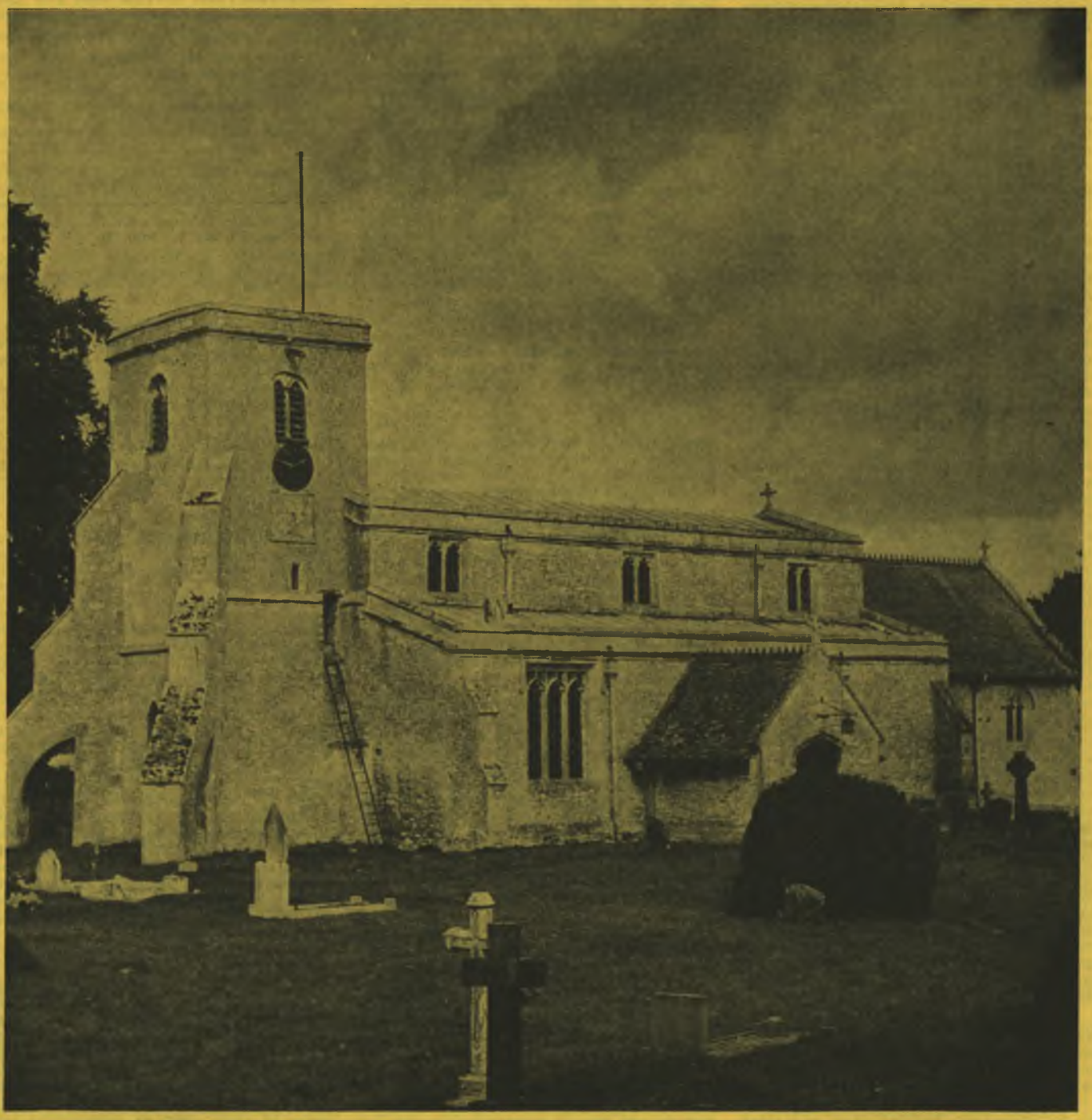

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Launton

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BEFORE REFORMING THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THESE POINTS

By the Rev. JOHN G. M. SCOTT

On October 11th you published a letter from Mr. Christopher F. Mew under the heading "Is the Central Council a White Elephant?" Expecting a spate of replies, I did not venture any comment on it, but as nobody else seems to have considered it worthy of notice perhaps a few comments are the least that Mr. Mew deserves, even if they do come from me, for he has raised a number of very interesting topics.

I think it better not to deal with his points in the order in which he takes them, as I think that the matter of the ringing and social activities must wait until we have decided just what it is the Council ought to be doing.

(1) The present Council *is* probably too big for "efficient debate". But is that all it's there for? There are two ways of bringing your point of view before the Council; either you get up and make a speech, in which you may ruin a good case or make a bad one look better than it is by eloquence or the lack of it. Or you can talk, before the meeting (perhaps even on the way to a tower during the week-end ringing beano) to someone who is involved in the matter and who will himself be speaking about it. The second method is often more effective than the first. It follows that there are a number of highly effective members of the Council who very seldom speak at all during a meeting.

The Council also functions quite apart from decision-making which affect its size: one of these is providing a trunk on which can grow the various committees which work for it. Some of these are not concerned with advising the Council but with taking the Council's work to the outside world; they meet but seldom, for what they require is a body of people scattered over the country to look after a department of the Council's work; they therefore have to be big enough to do it effectively. If these branches are to be sufficiently big, they must have a big enough trunk to carry them.

Another function is hard to define and evaluate but probably as important as any —acting as the central meeting-point for the Exercise. A representative may go two or three hundred miles, and spend four days away from home, and speak not a word in debate, but his contacts with other ringers, particularly with ringers of different backgrounds from associations from different areas, may be invaluable to his own society. We have seen societies for which affiliation to the C.C. has been the start of a new life, no less—and just think how much good it must do all those peal-ringers and tower-grabbers to spend a week-end in the company of right-minded people like Mr. Mew!

Now both these functions are probably as important as decision-making and debate; were the size of the Council to be dictated only by the needs of efficient debate it might impair them very seriously.

(2) What is more, if these functions are to be adequately fulfilled, then one thing that the Council *must* have is a good deal of time *not* spent in meetings. Members of the Towers and Belfries and Sunday Service Ringing Committees, for instance, may live four hundred miles apart and see one another only at the Council, yet their comparing of notes will often be of great value to themselves and the Exercise. If Mr. Mew is going to herd us all into meetings from the Saturday to the Tuesday and engage us in efficient debate for four days, when can this happen? Perhaps there is a little too much of a ringing beano at present, but in my experience much of this stems from the desire on the part of the host society to do the honours as well as possible and also to get some good ringing for its own members —certainly I waited in one tower this year for 45 minutes to ring a sixscore of Doubles in a crowd of whom C.C. members did not make up a tenth. Yet even then I don't think it was time wasted, for among that tenth were people whom I was glad to see and with whom I had things to discuss.

I do agree wholeheartedly, however, about the curtailment of meetings because of social functions. One doesn't like to be churlish when the civic authorities wish to do the Council honour, but one wonders whether the civic receptions couldn't be laid on at a time—say the Monday afternoon or even on the Saturday—when they cannot interfere with the business. Then, if we had really important work to do, we could stick at it till midnight and do it properly.

I know that the clergy are now a very small group on the Council, but their convenience is not the only reason for not carrying the meeting over the week-end. I for one would be profoundly unhappy if the Council were to arrange its meetings in such a way that members could not attend without abandoning their own towers on a Sunday. I know that many do make a week-end of it, but at present they don't have to, and it would be a sad day if they did, for it would make nonsense of the Council's claim to do everything possible to encourage service ringing if it demanded the absence of 150-odd ringers from their home towers every year.

(3) The demand for really fast decision-making by the Council doesn't really seem terribly realistic; the space age doesn't yet seem to have affected the Exercise very profoundly, and I can't for the life of me see how it's going to. I know that some pieces of business get left over from one year to another—and I know also that many of them need to be. It will not do the Exercise irreparable harm to wait for a final decision about Doubles Methods, and it may well be a better decision for having had a year's consideration. If the Council's methods had been streamlined for instant decision-making two years ago, I fancy Mr. Mew might not have had a "Ringing World" to publish his letter.

(4) Representatives are not delegates, and it would be a very difficult situation for them if they were. For one thing a representative would be in honour bound to resign if ever his association advanced a motion with which he didn't agree. For another thing every association would have to debate every piece of business on the agenda and give its representatives detailed instructions, or else they would be unable to speak or vote. Imagine a motion coming up which was not on the agenda: without instructions none of the representatives would be able to vote, and the matter would be decided entirely by the Honorary Members!

(5) As to cross-representation, I can't see any way out of this that would be workable and fair. After all, I may be a member of two societies and my membership may be counted for both; but the interests of the two may be quite different, and so may my interests as a member of each.

(6) Perhaps some of the non-territorial societies are over-represented; cutting them down to size would not do much to reduce the size of the Council, though. As to the rest, a reduction would result in unfairness. You can cut down the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by 25%, but you can't do the same for the East Grinstead and District Guild, can you?

Much of what I've said about the size of the Council and its programme applies to that other body which meets in the Palace of Westminster. Of late people have been making sure that it keeps up with the space age—its decision-making is very rapid indeed, as witness the Commonwealth Immigration Act which was not only shameful but proved to be unnecessary; its members are being made to devote more and more of their time to debate and leave behind the atmosphere of a gentlemanly club which once they enjoyed: and by an odd coincidence it has never in history been more out of touch with the people or in lower public repute.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Launton, Oxon.

By FREDERICK SHARPE

FOR mutual protection our Anglo-Saxon forefathers usually built their dwellings close together in settlements, or 'tuns'; but Launton was an exception, and from this peculiarity the village derived its original name. Here the ground forms a slight ridge, sloping towards two brooks; and, having cleared the higher ground, the settlers erected their buildings in a continuous line and called the place "Langetun"—the long "tun," or village.

The later Saxon kings had much to do with this neighbourhood. Dorchester was the cathedral city, first of Wessex, later of Mercia. There were royal palaces at Headington, Islip and Woodstock. In 1004 Edward the Confessor was born at Islip; and from the Domesday Survey we learn that in his day Launton was one of the 1422 manors which were the hereditary property of the Crown. Edward's chief interest was the founding and building of Westminster Abbey. To this he gave one-tenth of his estates, and among his gifts was Launton.

The Abbot of Westminster took possession of his newly-acquired property soon after the upheavals caused by the Norman Conquest, and one of his first acts was to cause a small church to be built here for the use of his dependants. It was dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, and consisted of a simple nave, with a semi-circular eastern apse, and bell-cote. To this the present tower was added about the middle of the 12th century. The work was done by a guild of masons employed by the Abbot, and the large stone quinquangle on the south side is their guild mark. The tower exhibits late Transitional-Norman details, and the belfry windows consist of double lancets of early character under semi-circular hood mouldings.

Of the original church the tower alone remains. The nave was rebuilt and aisles added towards the end of the 12th century, and when the enlarged church was reconsecrated in or about the year 1238 by Bishop Robert Grosseteste of Lincoln, in whose diocese Launton was then situated, the dedication was changed to that of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The earlier apse was replaced by the chancel in the 15th century and, with the addition of a porch, the church assumed its present form.

A bell weighing approximately 3½ cwt. was placed in the tower soon after its erection, and the only other one then in use was the saunce. Although the latter was recast in 1725 by Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Buckinghamshire, it is still used for its original purpose during the Consecration of the Elements during the Communion service. The writer's first introduction to campanology was the ringing of this small bell.

ITINERANT BELLFOUNDER

In the year 1416 an itinerant bellfounder recast the original tower bell and added two larger ones. In those days it was easier to erect a temporary furnace than to transport bells over country with no roads. The account recording the transaction is extant and gives many details, but omits the most interesting one—the founder's name. Most of the mediæval bells in the neighbourhood were cast at the Wokingham foundry, but considering the connection between Launton and Westminster Abbey it seems more likely that they would have employed a London founder. The new bells, weighing 3½, 5 and 7 cwt. respectively, were hung in a new oak frame, parts of which remained until 1907.

Soon after the erection of the ring of three bells the foundations of the tower subsided and it developed a considerable inclination westwards; with it also came the north aisle. In rural parishes it was then the custom to cast bells in a pit as near as possible to the tower in which they were to hang, and the foundations were weakened in this manner. The north aisle was rebuilt in the 15th century; the leaning tower remains At the Reformation we learn from the inventory made in 1552 that the church possessed: "Item, iij belles in the stepull and the saunce bell"

The three bells were recast and augmented to five early in the 18th century. The work was done by members of the Chandler family, either by Richard Chandler II and his nephews, Richard III and George, or by any one or two of them. Each of the four smaller bells was inscribed with the date: "1701." The tenor bore the inscription: "CHANDLER MADE ME 1712." The mediæval frame was extended to acccommodate the additional bells, and the bell chamber enlarged by the removal of the inner lining of the east wall The rope transom of the mediæval bell frame was converted into a lintel to support the wall above the portion removed, and still exists, revealing the holes worn by the friction of bell ropes in bygone days, and from it we may ascertain the sizes and positions of the bellpits of 1416.

Before 1851 the ringing chamber was situated inside the church at ground level. Now it occupies an upper floor, reached by an external ladder and a short flight of steps set in the thickness of the wall. The doorway measures only four feet ten inches by one foot two inches. To enter, you grab a safety chain, take a deep breath, and squeeze in sideways. Once inside you find yourself in a ringing chamber seven feet two inches by seven feet. One corner is occupied by the clock mechanism, another by clock weights, the third by the ladder to the bell chamber, and the fourth by the entrance door.

WATERLOO BROWN

The unusual form of approach to the ringing chamber was constructed to prevent the ringers celebrating each anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. A nephew of a former rector, Colonel Brown, had distinguished himself in the Army. He was mentioned in despatches by Wellington, after Waterloo, where, after being twice unhorsed and once ridden over by a troop of enemy cavalry, he rose to mount a runaway horse and lead his men to victory. Each year "Waterloo Brown," as he was known, had a barrel of beer taken into the belfry, and between and after ringing a glorious party would take place in honour of his exploits. While his uncle was rector, and knowing the Colonel's gallant record, no one complained, but the arrival of a new rector brought quick repressive measures. He quickly tried to make it impossible to take a barrel into the tower and to ensure that all future ringers were sober and slim

Towards the end of the 19th century fears were expressed that the tower was again moving westward, and as a precautionary measure the huge flying buttresses, shown in our cover photograph, were built in 1892.

In 1907 the bells were again recast, this time by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who rehung them in a metal frame. The frame is so carefully designed that all the bells are hung at one level. A treble to make six was added at the same time in memory of Richard Thomas Staples-Brown, and his wife, Ann, descendants of "Waterloo Brown." In 1938 self-aligning ball bearings were fitted, and other frictional parts renewed, by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

EARLY MEMORIES

The writer was taught the rudiments of our art in 1919 by the late Richard Castle, for many years verger, chorister and ringer At that time some of the ringers who had rung in the previous century were active members of the band, notably William Foster, another verger, chorister and ringer, who lived to the age of 91 and died in 1925. He rang regularly until within a year of his death. For excellence of rising and falling in peal and well-struck call changes the performances of these ringers were hard to equal

Change ringing was unknown in this part of Oxfordshire before the formation of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1913. Under the leadership of James Marriott the Launton ringers commenced learning Grandsire Doubles; they were all self-taught, and it is to their great credit that they scored their first peal in 1914. Peals on these bells have not been numerous, but one in 1924, in which Edward Hims, of Bicester, rang a pair of bells to Bob Minor deserves mention.

Following some parochial unpleasantness after a peal in 1932, the writer invented the practice device, now known as the "Launton silencer." This apparatus embodies a small striker, pivoted on a clapper bar, which enables the ringer to hear the bell, which cannot be heard 50 yards from the tower. It has been used with advantage in many places, and the initial instruction at Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., was given on it

LONG SERVICE

The ringers today are intimately connected with the church life of the parish. Among the twelve members are one lay reader, three servers, seven choristers, five members of the P.C.C. and four sidesmen. Besides holding four of these offices the vice-captain, Herbert A. Massey, is also verger and church treasurer. The writer has been churchwarden for 36 years and holds four other offices. His co-churchwarden has held office for nine years, but has been a chorister for 74 and a ringer for 70, and at the age of 82 regularly climbs the external ladder to the belfry and is seldom absent.

The church possesses many treasures, chief among which is the unique chalice, bequeathed, traditionally, by Archbishop Laud to Bishop Robert Skinner before the former's execution. Bishop Skinner's gallant conduct during the Commonwealth is commemorated in the stained glass of the east window. When the Puritans evicted the Anglican clergy and prohibited the use of the Liturgy the Bishop continued to reside at Launton Rectory and publicly used the Prayer Book. He secretly ordained between 400 and 500 priests unknown to the authorities. He was aided by Dr Ralph Bathurst, Fellow and afterwards President of Trinity College, Oxford. Bathurst was in priest's orders, but having also taken a degree in medicine, was then practising as a physician Candidates for ordination came to him secretly; he first examined them and then arranged for them to meet him at Launton Rectory. On the appointed day he went to Launton on the pretext of seeing patients, and officiated at the ordination as Archdeacon In Bishop Skinner's own words: "Launton during those dismal days was the fountainhead of the English Church."

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES WREXHAM

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT 331st DINNER

College Youths a Link with great City Companies

THE magnetism of the Ancient Society of College Youths is unabated. At the 331st annual feast, held at the Walbrook Restaurant, City, on November 2nd, there was a record attendance of 272 men and one lady—Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Today she is the only lady member, having been proposed more than 50 years ago by a famous London ringer and past master, Mr. Challis Winney. But there were others present that night with longer membership, the honour of oldest member to take wine with the Master being Mr. G. E. Symonds, a nonagenarian with over 70 years membership of the Society.

The Master this year, Mr. Philip A. Corby, is one of the best known ringers in the country by virtue of his peal ringing activities of more than 30 years and his work as general secretary of the Kent County Association and previously with the Leicester Guild. He took as the theme of his address the association of the Society with the City of London and how it had modelled its conduct on the rules of the great City Livery Companies, its contemporaries throughout the centuries.

The record which the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) presented of the activities of the Society during the past year was stimulating, with 41 peals. This last October saw the Society ringing peals on the three heaviest twelves—at Liverpool Cathedral, St. Paul's and Exeter Cathedral. The popularity of practices had presented accommodation problems, and 51 new members had been elected during the twelve months.

It was a very happy evening of renewed friendships—members being present from 29 counties.

In accordance with tradition, the Master proposed the toast of "The Church" and spoke of the great privilege of being the 331st in the long line of Masters. He was very conscious of the honour but knew it would never have been possible for him to carry out the duties without the assistance of the officers and, in particular, the secretary. It was impossible to pay too high a tribute to the tremendous work on behalf of the Society by Jim Prior. All the arrangements for that dinner and the seating of the 273 present were carried out by him

He took that opportunity of greeting his many friends present, especially those of long standing. It was a unique experience to have with them George Symonds, who had been a member for 70 years. Then there were Mr. and Mrs. Hairs with 51 years' and many with over 50 and 60 years'. It was also a great pleasure to take wine with the members of the Kent County Association, of which he happened to be the general secretary, and also with Mr. George Richardson, who taught him to handle a bell some 37½ years ago

The Society had a great privilege in being able to hold their dinner in the City of London, still the finest city in the world, with wide influence in banking, insurance, shipping and commerce. A city full of history and still having its narrow lanes and alleys amid its great new buildings. The Society had its link with celebrated churches within the famous square mile—St. Paul's, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Michael's, Cornhill, whose Rector, Canon Motley, was with them; he had dinner with him the previous Monday at the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, of which Canon Motley is chaplain.

GOVERNED LIKE A CITY COMPANY

After referring to the government of the City, the Master said the College Youths were governed on the same principles as the Livery Companies. He had just heard that the present Lord Mayor, Sir Gilbert Inglefield, had raised £100,000 for the "War on Want" and Canon Motley had suggested that the Society should contribute to that great cause, and if they did he would like to join them. The matter would be submitted to their next meeting.

Then there was the part the Church played in the life of the City. Originally there were too many churches. By the genius of Bishop Wand during his episcopate Guild churches were formed and there was a great use of churches during week-days, many being identified with a particular use, as for instance the fine music at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and the dialogues between famous people at St. Mary-le Bow. Before the Church there was a great task and everybody was getting terribly excited about St. Paul's, inspired by Dean Sullivan. They regretted his absence, but they realised it was Caribbean night at St. Paul's.

At another church, St. Edmund the King, a great restoration was taking place. The memorial to Sir Henry Tulse was being removed from the old churchyard of St. Dionis' to the garden of St. Edmund's Church. Sir Henry was Lord Mayor in 1684 and, in the same year, Master of the Society and also of the Grocers' Company.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Concluding, the Master said the Church was always under fire, but he was sure it would remain triumphant; in the words of the old hymn:

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The reply was by Canon N. C. S. Motley, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, who thanked the Society for their interest every Sunday in Cornhill. "They shuffle down from St. Paul's in four minutes flat and shut up in ten minutes flat. It is something we are indebted to them for." The Canon mentioned with affection the five bells at Navestock, Essex, and recalled ringing on the bells at St. Michael's for his induction. On that occasion, in the presence of the Archdeacon and other dignitaries, he gave the rope a mighty tug, and snaking down came 70 feet of rope. The Archdeacon looked severe, but he could not help bursting out laughing.

He wanted to say "thank you" to a corporation or body of men, a cross-section of society where there was real brotherhood.

TENOR RINGER

The toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president of the Kent County Association), who told of his close association with the Master, Mr. Corby having been best man at his wedding and godfather to his daughter. In pre-war days they used to spend their Saturday afternoons trying to ring peals. In 1931 their Master rang the tenor at Quex Park and, later that year, Southwark tenor. He was then only 18 years of age and the footnote read: "Youngest to ring this bell to a peal."

Mr. Barnett congratulated Mr. W. T. Cook on his excellent articles on the property of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he had read with much pleasure, and also his article on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, that appeared under an alias in "The Ringing World," but his writing could not be disguised.

They could not have too much history and he could not understand anyone not wanting to know. In his own tower there was a peal board of Grandsire Triples with the name of Frederick K. Newman on it. He was a firm man and it was said of him that he once applied for the post of public hangman. Mr. Barnett said he did not think he succeeded. Another instance he came across was in the Transport Museum, where, painted on an old horse-bus was the name of John C. Mitchell, a former Master, who rang 1–2 in the first peal of Holt's Original on handbells.

"A COMMON SINGLE"

History was said to repeat itself. At Birmingham a peal of Stedman Triples by Lates from Thurstans' four-part was commented upon by Henry Johnson that it came round with a common single. Rules had been accepted for centuries and it was jolly hard luck if it did not succeed. The wheel had now turned full circle and now any and every wangle would do to achieve a peal.

Another instance of history repeating itself was that after the completion of a peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726, it was reported that all members of the band left the church in their own carriages—that was something that they certainly had today.

The College Youths of the past would indeed be proud of the College Youths of the present day and proud to think that they cherished the Society's traditions with such enthusiasm.

The response to the toast came from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, who said that last year he reported an attendance of 237, but that year—apart from the tercentenary dinner—was probably an all-time record. This year they had to increase the price of tickets because of rising costs, but despite this they had handsomely exceeded last year's with 273 people present. "To all, especially those who have travelled long distances, on behalf of the Master and officers, I say thank you very much for your continued support."

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from the Dean of St. Paul's, the Dean of Westminster, Messrs. F. E. Collins, Harry Miles, William Shepherd, A. York-Bramble, R. G. Edwards, C. T. Clarke and B. J. Wylde. Mr. Miles sent his warmest greetings, as also did Mr. Shepherd, who joined the Society in 1900.

NEW MEMBERS

In the past year, continued Mr. Prior, 51 new members had been elected, including Mr. Richard Dirksen, the leader of ringers at Washington Cathedral, U.S.A. The list was:

John Weaver, Leonard G. Gates, John G. Cull, Martin A. Gay, Stephen A. Gay, George E. Bonham, John R. Cotterill, Colin G. Wright, Harold Duncan, Roger Durrant, Richard A. G. Inglis, David S. Brown, Richard S. Youdale, Sidney Hough, Lawrence P. Mackie, Alan F. Scholfield, Andrew Howard, Philip M. Park, G. Robert Mordaunt, Gordon W. Land, Edward G. Mould, Harold Evans, Andrew W. R. Wilby, Percy Venn, Christopher Venn, Simon A. B. Wigg, Malcolm Barden, Christopher Forster, A. Stephen Taylor, Donald F. Murfet, Graham W. Elmes, David W. James, Richard F.

College Youths—continued

Prime, Frederick E. Jones, Richard S. Dirksen, Rev. Michael Hart, Robert P. Sherlock, Roger M. Heyworth, Ernest T. Carvell, John Ariss, Peter D. Sell, Ian D. Thompson, John N. Longridge, Peter J. Wycherley, A. James Poyner, Alexander R. Jones, Desmond P. Mortlock, Peter M. Adcock, Ronald F. Andrew, Alan McFall, Gerald Moorhouse.

LOSSES BY DEATH

"Since the last dinner we have heard of the deaths of 15 members. We shall remember them all, but uppermost in the minds of many of us, particularly of the London members, will be the name of Jack A. Waugh, one of the staunchest and most loyal members that our Society has ever had. He had served the Society as Master, senior steward, junior steward and as a Central Council representative and at the time of his untimely death he was one of our trustees. He was also a member of the bands at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. Jack was held in affection by all of us who had the privilege of his friendship and he is greatly missed."

The company stood while the following were remembered: John Willis, William A. Collins, John G. Jeffries, George H. Humphries, Edwin G. Buck, Edward T. Sneller, Harold L. Parfrey, S. George Chaplin, Peter Laflin, Stanley Bristow, Jack A. Waugh, Henry T. Macey, Norman Heaps, R Thomas Newman, James Turner.

FORTY-ONE PEALS

Since the last dinner 41 peals had been recorded.

Triples: Stedman 4.

Surprise Major: London 2, Bristol 2, Newcastle 1, Glasgow 3, Rutland 1, four-spliced 1, six-spliced 1, ten-spliced 1.

Caters: Stedman 1, Grandsire 2.

Surprise Royal: London 1, Cambridge 4, Bristol 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques: Stedman 7.

Surprise Maximus: Cambridge 3, Lodinium 1, Superlative 1, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 2.

POINTS FROM PEALS

A peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 29th was rung in memory of Jack Waugh.

During October, peals were rung on the three heaviest twelves, i.e. Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral, Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and Prittlewell Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral.

OUT-OF-TOWN MEETINGS

"In May we had a most enjoyable and highly successful meeting in Kent and it was most appropriate that we should go there in view of the Master's other office as general secretary of the Kent County Association. There was ringing of a high standard at Rochester Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege's, Canterbury, and Sevenoaks. At the business meeting in Canterbury the Master had the unusual experience of taking the chair at a ringers' meeting in a former synagogue, and he conducted himself as to the manner born! For next year's out-of-town meeting we have been very glad to accept an invitation to go to Birmingham.

The usual practices have been held on Tuesdays throughout the year with very good attendances, particularly of the younger members. The number attending the practices at St. Paul's Cathedral have been so great that we are having to give serious thought to ways and means of relieving the pressure here.

LIBRARIAN

For some time Mr. W. T. Cook has been the Society's librarian and he has done and is doing a splendid job of work. The work of the librarian is now considered to be of first-rate importance and we have recognised this by amending this so that the librarian is now an officer of the Society. The records of the Society were now in better order than ever before.

MR. PHILIP A. CORBY
(Retiring Master)

At the recent rededication of the historic ring of 12 at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, our friends, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, undertook the responsibility of raising the money; they put in a tremendous amount of hard work in the tower—painting, bricklaying, etc.— and we would like warmly to congratulate them on the success of their undertaking. We were delighted to receive an invitation to take part in this great occasion and we took along a band consisting, with one exception, of the Master, officers, past masters and past officers.

CHANGE OF MEETING ROOM

The four weekly business meetings have been increasingly well attended, so much so that our present meeting room is no longer big enough for us, and we have therefore arranged that as from January next year the business meetings shall be held at the Lord Raglan, St. Martins-le-Grand, quite close to St. Paul's Cathedral."

Next year's dinner will be held on November 1st.

The speech was followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques rung by W. T. Cook 1–2, W. Williams 3–4, M. V. Chilcott 5–6, J. E. Chilcott 7–8, P. A. F. Chalk 9–10, M. P. Moreton 11–12.

The toast of "Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies" was proposed by the junior steward, Mr. A. R. Kench, who expressed thanks to the clergy of the churches in which the Society rang. He thanked all their visitors who helped to make the art of bellringing better known. The survival of bellringing depended on the interest of many in having a common aim

There was a prospect in the huge building that was being erected close to St. Giles', Cripplegate, that the bells would become a nuisance. During the year sound-control had been put in and they hoped that, through this, ringing would be able to continue.

Mr Kench made special reference to the presence of the Master and secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Mr. John Freeman (vice-president of the Central Council).

The Rev. E. Rogers, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, called attention to the change in his parish when 6,000 people lived in the Barbican. There was now some talk at St. Giles' whether a 13th bell should be added.

Mr. John Freeman, in reply, made reference to representation on the Central Council. He said he thought it was very important that all Societies should think about their aims and objects, because the success of the Central Council depended on the members elected to it, and it behoved every Society to send their best people.

Mr. Freeman said he was impressed by the attendance of 273, and he asked himself why people should be attracted there from all parts of the country. The obvious thing was that the Society, with its history and tradition, had a certain magnetism about it that attracted ringers from all parts of the country.

"THE MASTERS OF 300, 200 AND 100 YEARS AGO"

This was the concluding toast, which was proposed by the Master. The Masters were:

1668 Robert Luttley.
1768 Records destroyed.
1868 James Pettit.

The Master read the following notes prepared by Mr. W. T. Cook:

Robert Luttley was elected Master in 1668. He became a member in 1659 and was elected steward in 1664, but I have no other information about him.

There is no record of who was Master of either the "Ancient" or the "Junior" Society of College Youths in 1768. Neither Society was very active just then in peal-ringing; the peal book records one peal for 1768 and three peals for 1769, all rung by members of the Junior Society.

In 1868 James Pettit was elected Master. Born on April 25th, 1834, he began his ringing career at St. John's, Hackney, and became a member of the College Youths in 1857. Thereafter he took part in most of the notable performances of the Society, among which may be mentioned the 15,840 Kent T.B. Major at Bethnal Green in 1868; the first peal ever rung in Ireland (at Waterford in 1872); the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, in 1881, which he conducted; 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in 1883; and the attempt for 10,030 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1887, which was lost in the last course. He was for many years the premier conductor of the Society. He was the conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild from 1878 to 1911, and for many years he was treasurer of the College Youths. He died in May, 1912, aged 78. Those who knew him have described him as a good and true man, one whose gentleness of nature, quiet dignity and personal charm won the affection, as it commanded the respect, of all who knew him

THE ATTENDANCE

Top table.—The Master (Mr. P. A. Corby), Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), Revs. D. Harbord (Aldgate), J. McCulloch (St. Mary-le-Bow), E. Rogers (Cripplegate), J. F. D. Trimingham (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), A. N. Stubbs (senior steward), A. R. Kench (junior steward), J. F. Smallwood (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), A. J. Frost (Immediate Past Master), E. A. Barnett (vice-president of Kent County Association), D. Beresford (Master of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Freeman (vice-president of the Central Council), D. E. Sibson (secretary of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), K. S. B. Croft.

Others present.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, J. Ariss, H. E. Audsley, G. K. Austin, M. C. Austin.

C. H. Bagot, A. E. Bagworth, N. S. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, A. Ballard, A. D. Barker, L. Barry, J. C. Basher, D. A. Bayles, A. W. Beard, E. J. Beer, D. A. H. Bennett, A. P. S. Berry, P. J. Bird, M. Bishop, J. H. Bluff, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, D. R. Bould, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, D. G. Brown, P. Brown, F. W. Budgen, R. H. Bullen, R. Burbury, D. Burnett, R. G. Burton, A. A. J. Buswell, T. Barton.

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Letters

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—Because of the poor response this year in the way of entries (only three), it was decided to postpone the event. This was very disappointing to me after nine years, when I really thought the idea and the whole spirit of the competition had caught on.

Careful thought and discusion will be required to find out what has gone wrong. One of the rules is "Sunday service bands," and I wonder if the small entry is any reflection on the state of Sunday service ringing? Perhaps the competition is held at the wrong time of the year? Are ringers still nervous of competition ringing? Or antagonistic to it?

It would be interesting to have other organisers' views and experience, particularly as competition ringing generally seems to be on the increase and becoming more popular. —Yours truly,

J. G. CULL.

Kimpton, Hitchin

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—I have just heard from Mr. R. L. Sills, the correspondence member for Addington, Kent, and in his letter he gives me definite information regarding the condition of the bells. They appear to be the same bells as in Stahlschmidt, tenor 31½ diameter, about 5¼ cwt. in B flat. They are now standing on the floor, awaiting restoration by the Whitechapel Foundry, including tuning, quarter-turning, all new fittings and a new six-bell frame.

Mr. Sills has worked very hard, both regarding the hanging of the existing bells and in attempting to get them augmented to six, though he tells me that this will not be done at present. I am sure that all members of the Kent County Association will join in the hope that his enthusiasm will be rewarded. He appears to stand in a long line of optimists, who in 1732 provided the previous frame—also for six bells!—Yours sincerely,

D. L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dear Sir.—The following additional information to Mr. Cawley's article on Kent four-bell towers may be of interest.

East Langdon.—Third recast by Bowell when bells rehung in 1910. Tenor then quoted as 7 cwt. in C.

Isle-of-Grain.—Bells cast by Mears, 1904, and hung in a six-bell frame. Tenor 27½ ins., 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Waltham.—Bells tuned as Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, of an octave (i.e. treble semitone sharp).

Westwell.—I made this tenor note F, but Mr. Cawley may be going on a different pitch scale.

An additional four, omitted by both Mr. Cawley and Mr. Dove, is:

Pembury, St. Peter's.—1, 2 and 4, Mears, 1923; 3, J. and C. Hodson, 1677. Hung dead in old frame, and chimed by apparatus. Tenor 32 ins., 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

DOUBLES APPENDIX: A NEW CRITIC

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer the following criticisms of the recent Doubles Appendix. They are intended to be constructive—I hope they will be regarded as such.

Firstly, I do not understand why the twin-hunt methods Newark, New Newark, Reverse Newark and Reverse New Newark have been classified as irregular. The four blows in one place are specifically allowed by the relevant leading or lying, and the three blows in one place are specifically allowed by the relevant C.C. ruling. The C.C. Collection does add that three blows in one place "actually occur only before or after the treble's leading or lying," and in the above methods the three blows are made elsewhere; I think this hardly forms an adequate basis, if it is such, for rejection of the regularity of the methods.

Secondly, in the 1955 C.C. Doubles Collection, the Methods Committee adhered as far as possible to the convention adopted (in general) on higher numbers of bells, that the bob used resulted solely in the alteration of the places made at the treble's lead. Where this was not possible, the bob specified in the Collection resulted **solely** in the alteration of the places made at **one** position internally in the lead, either as the treble passed from 2nds place to lead, or from 5ths to 4ths. In the three remaining methods where this in turn was not possible, they were decreed to have no bob at all and consequently could be pealed only in spliced extents.

If we still adhered to the above conventions, this would admit of the following definition of a variation: a variation of a method is rung when the bob used results in one or more of

(i) alteration of the places made at one non-standard position in the lead;

(ii) non-standard alteration of the places made at the standard bob-position; or

(iii) alteration of places made at more than one position in the lead.

What disturbs me about the new Appendix is that many of the methods have a standard pattern above the treble specified as a bob (e.g. a Grandsire single above the treble) irrespective of what the plain lead of the method is above the treble; these methods consequently fall into category (iii) of the definition above. This must, I think, be either an attempt at uniformity in the new methods (for instance, all Group P methods have a Grandsire single as a call), or else an attempt to make the methods simpler to ring. Neither of these seem to me to be sufficient or justifiable reasons for non-conformity with (previously) universal convention.

I think it would be a much better idea to follow the precedent set by the Collection, and specify the bob, individually for each method, to be a certain alteration of the places made at one position only in the lead, preferably at the lead-end, and where this is not possible to have no bob at all.

If this idea were adopted, then some of the new methods would revert to variations, while some variations would be elevated to the status of methods. For instance, Rev. St. Bartholomew becomes a variation again (category (iii) above), and a corresponding method emerges—St. Augustine, whose plain course is that of Rev. St. Bartholomew, and whose bob results in 2nds and 5ths place being made at the lead-end instead of 2nds and 3rds.

Also, the difficulty of resolving the difference between methods such as April Day and Rev. St. Bartholomew becomes trivial if we regard these mainly as duplicate names of the same variation, the name used depending on the composition. This is already the case with some variations, I believe.

I would be interested to read in "The Ringing World" what other ringers (not necessarily Mr. Blagrove or other Doubles ringers) have to say on the above subjects.—Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Stapleford, Notts.

KNOCK-KNOCK PERMISSION

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice concerning ringing at West Meon and Warnford in "The Ringing World" (page 836), may I inquire of Mr. Bassett how much time he regards as "proper notice"? I should hate to write to one of these towers for permission to ring and to receive a reply saying that my application had been received too late for consideration. Every now and again in the columns of "The Ringing World" we get letters and notices about ringers knocking on vicarage doors asking permission to ring. May I through your columns say that in a great majority of such cases the incumbents and Ringing Masters are usually most delighted to welcome you to their tower and, in my experience, incumbents have received far more respect and courtesy from "knock-knock" visitors, simply because such visitors have to make themselves known, and have to hold an intelligent conversation with the incumbent or Ringing Master in the time between asking permission and finishing ringing.

On a great many organised ringing outings, with a perfect time schedule, etc., the man in charge takes command as soon as he enters the tower, the ringing goes ahead, and the local man is often completely ignored except for the half-hearted "Are you sure you won't have a ring with us?" When a party has permission to ring, in writing, the ringers tend to think it is their right to ring at that tower for the allotted time, and it is, alas, very easy to leave one's manners outside in the car, because there is no need to do any "vicar-chatting." The bells are available, so what else matters?

May I finally inquire if the views of Mr. Bassett are those of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (Alton and Petersfield District), whose name he has used in the notice? I have been on a few "knock-knocks" in that district with ringers from that district (Liss, Petersfield, etc.). It is standard procedure for a great number of ringers, especially after a lost peal attempt—and I have never come across such an attitude anywhere else in that district. I would have thought this was a private matter between Mr. Bassett and his Rector, and nothing whatever to do with the Diocesan Guild. Perhaps Mr. Bassett would correct me if I am wrong. —Yours faithfully,

M. J. UPHILL.

Putney, S.W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DEVON RINGERS HELP THEIR CATHEDRAL

FOR the last two years Exeter Cathedral has been appealing for a total of nearly £300,000 to endow the regular maintenance of the Cathedral and its worship. Many Societies and business firms in Devon have made their contribution to this, and last year the suggestion was put forward that the ringers of the Diocese should do their part as well. There are not a great many occasions for real united action by the Guild and the Association—what one looks for in a ringing festival is not quite the other's cup of tea—but this was something which we could and should do together, and Don Roberts (general secretary of the Guild) and Beric Bartlett (of the Association) were appointed by their respective Societies to put the plan in motion. (Lest anyone should think that the Association was by-passing its own secretary, Edgar Cole, it is only fair to add that while Edgar lives in High Bickington, some 40 miles away, Beric lives very close to Don in Torquay.)

The plan was first set in motion at the Association's annual general meeting last November, and since then it has been gathering way steadily; hardly a single meeting or competition has been allowed to go by without a reminder, and every band of ringers in the county was asked to send a representative to the Cathedral on October 26th with a donation. Some bands had money in their funds; others had a collecting box in the tower; some ran whist drives; and some made a house-to-house collection. It was impossible to know beforehand how many would come on the 26th, and how much they would bring.

When the day came there can seldom, if ever, have been such a representative gathering of ringers in Devon. From Bridgerule to Sidmouth, from West Down to Kingsbridge, they came from every corner of the county and they made the nave of the Cathedral seem comfortably full; perhaps there were about 300 there altogether. The Sacrist, the Rev. H. Rann, conducted the service; the lesson was read by Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews, president of the Guild. The Archdeacon of Totnes (the Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse) in an address thanked the ringers for this gesture of loyalty and care for their Cathedral, which had come entirely from themselves; and during the singing of the last hymn the offerings were brought up and handed to the Dean by representatives of the Associations and towers—there must have been well over 100 of them.

The total will probably amount to just over £300 when one or two gifts have arrived in the post. J. G. M. S.

AGAINST PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,——I refer to Mr. Beale's letter in which he states the donation per rope per peal given in "The Ringing World" on a certain peal tour. It seems to me that as a registered newspaper it is the job of "The Ringing World" to publish news of interest to ringers without expecting a subsidy for doing so. If the funds of "The Ringing World" do not enable it to fulfil this function then the proper course for the Editorial Committee is to do what any other newspaper would do—charge an economic amount for the paper. Far rather would I see a donation made to the church offering its bells for peal attempts—and I know that Mr. Beale's peal bands make such a contribution.—Yours faithfully.

A. R. JONES.

Markfield, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The quarterly meeting combined with a striking competition, held at King's Norton on October 19th, attracted a large gathering of ringers. The excellent back eight were used for the competition, and the ringing was of a high standard. The chief criticism by the adjudicators was that the ringing, being slower than normal, was a little too "stiff." It was the opinion of the judges that the bands entered for King's Norton and St. Chad's respectively were of equal merit and therefore tied for first place. Other bands competing were those of Solihull, Perry Barr, Yardley and one composed of ringers from several towers.

New resident members elected were: F. Hallifax (Aston) and C. Kennaugh, Miss V. Kennaugh and Miss J. Aston (Perry Barr). Mrs. M. Foskett (Nottingham) was elected a life member, and the tower elections as life members of Miss R. Richardson (Dewsbury) and R. A. Smith (Doncaster) were duly ratified.

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's on January 4th, with ringing at the Cathedral before the meeting and on St. Martin's bells afterwards.

A formal proposition that the Henry Johnson Dinner be held on March 1st was moved and it was agreed that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd be invited to occupy the chair at this function.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of King's Norton for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the Guild's form of service, and especially to the ladies for providing a most excellent tea—even for the large majority who had failed to notify.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rev. Roy Southwell, recently installed as Vicar of St. Mary's, Hendon, welcomed the members of the Association to his church on October 19th and, after conducting a short service, joined the company at tea.

As only six ringers were present shortly after 3 p.m. Spliced Little and Plain Bob Minor commenced the ringing, but numbers soon improved and ringing continued until 4.30 p.m. in a variety of methods to suit all tastes. Visitors were present from Southwell, Notts and Hawkhurst, Kent, together with more local friends from the Hertfordshire district.

At the business meeting Mr. E. A. Hibbs, of Harrow Weald was elected a ringing member whilst Mr. W. S. Hardy, of Darlington, Co. Durham, was elected a non-resident life member.

Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman, proposed the usual but very sincere vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr Robert Clarke, organist, and to Ruth Foreman and her helpers for providing an excellent tea

A return was then made to the ringing chamber, where the bells were put to good use for a further hour or so. E. H. K.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. ROSE

Wyke Regis Church, Weymouth, Dorset, has lost a very faithful servant by the death on October 20th of Mr. J. W. Rose. For over 60 years he had been a regular ringer at this church and since the last war he had been chief conductor. He had also served his church in the office of churchwarden for the last 25 years.

College Youths—continued

J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, E. Carvell, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, R. J. Chapman, J. H. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, H. Clayton, W Clamp, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, R. H. Cook, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, L. Cox, J. H. Crampion, T. A. Cross, D. Cubitt, M. Cubitt, F. J. Cullum.

P. Dale, F. E. Darby, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, R. E. J. Dennis, H. L. F. Derrick, N. J. Diserens, W H. Dobbie, G. K. Dodd, H. H. N. Duncan, R. Durrant, S. A. Dutton, P. J. Dye, A. Dyer, J. R. J. Dyke.

T. P. Edwards, B. R. Eglesfield, R. Everest.

H. H. Fearn, John J. Fielden, G. W. Fogden, A. P. Foster, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox, R. V Fuller.

R. A. Gage, G. J. Gammon, F. V. Gant, J. L. Garner-Hayward, E. G. Garrard,, J. G. Gipson, C. J. Gould, N. P. A. Goulding, E. J. Gower, L. L. Gray, G. E. Green, W. T. Grice.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, G. H. Harding, N. V. Harding, R. W. H. Hayes, D. Heighton, H. J. Hesketh, T. W. Hesketh, C. J. Hibbert, J. W. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, D. P. Hilling, E. J. Hitchins, H. Hodgetts, E. Holdsworth, M. G. Hooton, D. E. House, A. Howard, J. A. Howard, M. Howe, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, R. W. Hinde, F. E. Haynes

R. A. G. Inglis, E. R. Iveson, D. James, C. S. Jarrett, D. Jewell, C. M. P. Johnson, A. R. Jones, B. Jones, E. G. Jones.

R. G. Leale, E. T. Lee, D. Leslie, N. Leslie, T. Lewis, A. F. Lewry, J. N. Longridge, J. H. Lott, the Rev. B. K. Lunn.

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J. H. Napper, D. J. Neal Smith, C. E. Norris, R. Overington

D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. R. Patterson, A. I Pearmain, D. Peers, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, James Phillips, John Phillips, H. A. Pinchbeck, G. W. Pipe, H. N. Pitstow, A. J. Poyner, J. R. Pratt, C. P. Quartley.

D. Randall, E. R. Rapley, W. J. Rawlings, F. G. Richardson, J. R. Ridley, J. D. Rock, B. B. Rogers, C. H. Rogers, W. Rogers, D. E. Rothera, P. Rothera, E. J. Rowe, S. Rowe, R. K Russ

G. G. Salmon, T. J. Setter, A. F. Scholfield, R. Sherlock, D. Slater, M. E. Sleat, F. W. Slocombe, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, J. W Stephenson, A. Stimson, G. E. Symonds.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

National Vice-President Replies To C.C. Criticism

THIS was held, as in the previous two years, at the Victoria Hall, Preston, on the last Saturday in October.

Eighty-four people—somewhat fewer than in the past— sat down promptly at 7.30 p.m. to an excellent meal. After this, when appetites had been satisfied and wines had been complemented by coffee, the gathering was entertained by a group of handbell ringers from the Moorside and Ashton-under-Lyne teams. Despite their apologies for shortage of practice, their ringing provided a very pleasant interlude and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

AN OLYMPIC CHOICE!

The guest speaker was Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council, who endeared himself to his attentive audience by describing the L.A.C.R. as a "Swinging Association," and asserted that if 12-bell ringing had been featured in the Olympic Games then he felt sure that Britain would have been represented by the band who rang the 40-Spliced Maximus at Liverpool. At least, he added, they would have had plenty of acclimatisation to altitude! He applauded the records in spliced ringing which were being set in Lancashire and which were providing targets for others to aim at—thus ensuring success.

He then went on in more serious vein to discuss the recent criticisms of the Central Council—both its rules and membership—which had appeared in print a few weeks previously. After reading some of these criticisms he made two important replies: on rules, that it is more important to keep to the spirit of the rules than to quibble about the letter; and on membership of the Council—that the remedy was in the hands of the constituent Associations, who should ensure the quality of membership by seeing that they each elected the people best suited for the task.

COMMITTEES—FOR BENEFIT OF ELECTORS

In his reply, the president (Canon A. Hodgson) thanked John Freeman for his speech, which he described as witty, entertaining, instructive and encouraging. He, too, stressed that administrative committees exist for the benefit of the people who elect them; and that here, just as in Sunday service ringing, we are offering to God the best of our abilities.

He commented on the success of the Association garden party which had been held last June. It had been a very happy occasion; his lawn had now fully recovered and all were invited to "come again next year."

Canon Hodgson concluded by reporting the engagement of Jeff Brannan to Pat Etchells, and the whole assembly were privileged to join him in a toast to their future happiness

The speeches were speedily concluded by Denis Jones (Association vice-president), briefly but sincerely welcoming the visitors from Wiltshire, Cheshire and Tasmania.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing (with varying degrees of success), to chatter (both idle and purposeful) and to drinking (both social and serious). In short, all tastes were catered for, and the verdict was "another jolly good 'do.'"

(Overheard on leaving: " . . .he might be able to ring Spliced Surprise, but he can't dance a Quick Step.") C. C.

THE WORCESTERSHIRES AT DINNER

A COMPANY of 156, the greatest number for several years, sat down on October 26th for the Worcestershire Association's annual dinner in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester. Principal guests were Mr. Roger Savory, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mrs. Savory.

In introducing Mr. Savory to the company, the chairman, the Rev. L. J. Birch, said that Roger was already well-known to many of them, as he was born and bred in the county, where he also learned to ring.

Proposing the toast of "The Association," Roger said that he was one of a number who began ringing at Badsey, but of that number only himself and Tony Brazier, who was to reply to his speech, were still ringing. He was very conscious of the debt he owed to members of the Association, in particular Joe Johnson, Geoff Hemming and the late John Thomas. He went on to say that the undoubted highlight of the Association's year was the meeting of the Central Council at Worcester. He had been privileged to attend that meeting as one of his Guild's representatives, and he could assure the Association that other arrangements had been highly successful and were a credit to the committee which had made them

A LOT OF SATISFACTION

Replying, Mr. Tony Brazier thanked Mr. Savory for his kind remarks about the Association and said it gave him great pleasure to reply to a toast by one of his contemporaries. He had followed Roger's progress with interest for, in addition to his skill as a practical ringer, he was also a competent composer and conductor. Regarding the Central Council visit, the Association had been very pleased to be hosts this year, and the sub-committee, of which he had been a member, had derived a lot of satisfaction from making the arrangements

Before the speeches, the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, read a letter of apology from the Bishop of Worcester, patron of the Association, who sent his best wishes for the occasion and an expression of thanks for all that the ringers did. A letter was also read from the Association's late president, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, who had recently resigned the Deanery of Worcester. The Dean said that the Association had brought him great interest and companionship, which he would miss on leaving Worcester.

In the absence of a president, the chair was taken by one of the vice-presidents, the Rev. L. J. Birch, Rector of Bredon. In proposing the chairman's health the Master of the Association, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, said it was a great pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Birch with them that evening. They had been members of the Association for a good many years and were the friends of many.

Replying, Mr. Birch said that although he was standing in for the Dean of Worcester that night, he hoped that nobody would go away with the impression that he was to be the next Dean! As far as ringing was concerned, he had to admit that his wife was a far better ringer than he, though how she managed to cope with the mathematics of bell-ringing yet muddle up the household accounts he could never quite understand!

An hour's entertainment then followed with songs by Verne Yorke-Williams accompanied by Tony Hayward, and humour from Ron Pardoe. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung "in hand" by L. J. Haines 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. J. Fellows 5-6 and M. D. Fellows 7-8. A very enjoyable evening was rounded off with community singing, with the loudest chorus of "Nellie Dean" coming from the chairman himself! D. B.

LEEDS SOCIETY'S FIRST STRIKING CONTEST

The October meeting of the Society was held at Cleckheaton, where the parish church possesses a good light ring of eight. This was the first visit of the Society to Cleckheaton for some time, the bells having been silent for many years

The afternoon part of the meeting took the form of a striking contest on six bells, with a test piece of 360 changes. This is believed to be the first time the Society has held such a contest. Six teams entered and the pleasant, warm afternoon made it possible for teams waiting to ring to stand in the churchyard and listen to their rivals. When the contest was being arranged it was hoped that it would take place in a friendly and light-hearted atmosphere, and it was pleasing to note that the teams treated it as such by the way they mingled amongst each other to joke about and discuss the various performances. In fact certain members of one team were actually cheering when the team ringing made a mistake!

An excellent buffet tea had been arranged by the local company, which was served from 4 p.m. onwards When everyone had eaten and all the teams had rung, the judge, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, gave the result. The favourites, Wakefield, came first with 29 faults, no penalties, with Ossett a close second, only 5 faults and 5 penalties. Behind them were Thornhill 57 faults, Chapel Allerton 100 faults, 5 penalties, Rothwell 156 faults, and Birstall, who unfortunately rang out after only two leads.

It was generally felt that the contest had been a success and was enjoyed by all who took part; it will probably become an annual event of the Society.

General ringing took place in the evening with methods up to Lincolnshire Surprise Major. I. N.

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"YOUNG" FOR EVER: Pretty Bray Wedding

THE sleepy Berkshire village of Bray-on-Thames, noted for the mutability of one of its former Vicars, was roused on the morning of Saturday, October 19th, by the ringing of its bells as a fitting prelude to the wedding at St. Michael's Church later in the day of two well-known local bellringers. Seven holders of the office of Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ringing Master-elect were ringing what turned out to be a first-class peal of Plain Bob Major for the marriage of Mr. Donald Thomas Young, Ringing Master at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and Miss Doreen Ada Hague, a ringer at Bray and for eight years (until last April) a most efficient and very popular Branch secretary.

The bride's dress was of rose-patterned lace over white satin with a train of lace and organza. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds, white stephanotis and lilies-of-the-valley. She was given away by her father, and her attendants were the Misses Christine Gooch, Christine Tyler, Carole Young (all cousins of the bride) and Lynn and Vivienne Wagstaff (cousins of the bridegroom). They were dressed in rose-pink taffeta silk dresses and carried white bouquets of lilies-of-the-valley and carnations.

The happy couple left the church to the sound of the bells beneath an arch of handbells held by some of the many ringing friends present. The reception was held in the Drummond Room of the new Maidenhead Town Hall, opened a few years ago by H.M. the Queen. The honeymoon was spent in Majorca.

Don learned to handle a bell at Taunton but has been a ringer at Boyne Hill for the past 11 years. Doreen has been a member of the Bray band and its chief conductor for 15 years, and is often to be seen ringing the seventh of the 26 cwt. octave.

The best man was one of the bridegroom's colleagues at Boyne Hill, Mr. Alan Horne, who jokingly remarked at the reception that Doreen always looked young, and it was nice to know she would remain ever "Young."

Among the host of well-wishing telegrams was one from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, holding its autumn meeting that day at Bletchley—from the "top brass," as one wag observed!

Mr. and Mrs. Young will make their home at 90, Orchard Grove, Maidenhead.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time we have a subscriber in the Solomon Islands. Mr. Charles S. Naylor's address is the District Commissioner's office.

Mr. F. Stedman, the 94-year-old captain of Wyke Regis tower, is in Weymouth and District Hospital recovering from an operation.

October 26th was a particularly busy day for David Beacham, the popular secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, as the annual dinner coincided with the arrival of his second child.

The fifth wedding anniversary of Tony and Janet Roberts was celebrated by a peal at Pulham Market, Norfolk, on September 28th. A convivial evening followed at their home at Loddon.

May we remind those ordering copies of Central Council publications from Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward that a postage charge of 4d. is necessary and that there is not a reduction in price for 12 Beginners' Handbooks. The margin on the Central Council publications is so fine that an extra 1d. postage in some cases results in a loss.

Mr. George E. Fearn's term of office as hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham expires at the annual meeting in January. His stint of over 21 years will be completed.

Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Gorleston-on-Sea, has completed 60 years membership of the Norwich Diocesan Association. He was appropriately honoured with a peal of Major on October 12th.

Amends have been made to the 150th anniversary peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, which was lost through a broken rope on October 26th. The peal was truly rung the following Saturday (November 2nd), conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

Mr. Raymond Bath has written a history of St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey. The original cost of the eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) was about £450 and they were cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd. in 1895. In 1936 the canons were removed and bells retuned by John Taylor and Co. and the weight of the tenor is now 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

The first "John" peal for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was rung at Butcombe on October 9th, conducted by John S. Walton.

Three new members—Messrs. G. F. Coker (Knebworth), A. Gray (Aston) and P. J. Belcher (unattached)—were elected to the Herts County Association at Benington on November 2nd. This was the quarterly meeting of the Northern District.

"The Western Daily Press" of October 28th report a peal rung at the 800-year-old church at Andersleigh, near Taunton. The peal was a success and this is attributed to the yellow sweater that accompanies Mervyn R. Arscott on his ringing trips. It is a mascot that brings luck.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who celebrated her 76th birthday on October 22nd, rang 1–2 to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on October 28th. The other members of the band were: Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 3–4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5–6, F. I. Hairs 7–8.

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GETTING READY FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A report was given at a meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association at Benington on November 2nd by Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary, on the arrangements for the Central Council's visit to St. Albans next Whitsuntide. He said that over 400 beds had been located and that £244 had been collected to entertain members and meet expenses. There was to be a civic reception and seating accommodation for up to 300 at the meeting hall

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

On Saturday, October 19th, the new sharp second bell at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of London at the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church. One of the lessons was read by Mr. W. R. Winterton, a past Master of the Drapers' Company, who have given the new bell, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor were also present.

The ringing before the service consisted of the first quarter peal on the rehung twelve and was 1,311 Stedman Cinques: W. Louise Slater 1, Jane Foster 2, Joan Beresford 3, J. A. D. Woolford 4, M. H. D. O'Callaghan 5, Edwin A. Barnett 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, N. Summerhayes 8, J. S. Barnes 9, D. E. Sibson 10, D. Beresford (cond.) 11, P. Beresford 12.

Following the service a quarter peal of 1,344 Bristol Surprise Major was rung on the new light eight by: M. Louise Slater 1, Joan Beresford 2, Angela Wright 3, P. Beresford 4, J. S. Barnes 5, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, D. Beresford 8

DALSTON'S HOSPITALITY

After the peal of Bob Major at St. Mark's, Dalston, London, the band was kindly entertained to sandwiches and tea by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Pateman, who was unfortunately indisposed. They were welcomed by Mr. A. Schatto, Deputy Warden, Mr. R. Wood, local captain, and two lady helpers. The parish, reputed to have the largest church in London, is a very live one and serves a large coloured population. The bells, cast by Warners in 1877, have had very little professional attention since then and are rung regularly by the local band

RINGING PARSON ADDRESSES ROTARIANS

Bury St. Edmunds' Rotary Club at a recent meeting heard an address by the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Vicar of Stowmarket, on bell-ringing. A bellringer for 40 years, he said that bellringing was by no means a dying art, and many youngsters were taking it up as a very useful and healthy exercise.

Mr. Muxlow illustrated his talk with tape-recordings, particularly of the bells of Lavenham Church, whose tenor bell is heard on the wireless on the death of a member of the royal family.

CALLS BROTHER'S FIRST PEAL

Fifteen-year-old Anne Johnson has called the first peal for her brother George at Shelley, Yorkshire. Both are in the Wakefield band. It was George's first attempt and Anne's first attempt at calling one. Fourteen blisters help her to memorise that it was her 14th peal. This peal is believed to be the first of Doubles on the bells.

SUFFOLK'S SILENT SUDBURY

Looking at Sudbury on page 106 of the current "Dove" gives one a feeling of sadness—three rings of eight there, with tenors of 26¼ cwt., 21 cwt. and 16 cwt., but only one set safe for ringing. Now comes a further blow—the "East Anglian Daily Times" of October 28th reports that the third tower, All Saints' (26¼ cwt.), is unsafe, and ringing has been stopped.

It seems that the tower buttresses are cracked, and an architect has described the danger great enough to cause a ban on ringing to be made.

The Rev. John Hewitt (All Saints') says that Sudbury has been described as an "ecclesiastical distressed area," and there is much concern in the town.

Apparently thought has been given to the question of demolishing one of these churches and somebody has ascertained that it would cost £15,000 to £20,000 to demolish a building like All Saints' Doesn't it sound dreadful!

Sudbury is a country market town of about 7,000 population on the Essex boundary.

A large new housing area has been built just outside the town and is being extended.

The Church of St. Peter, with the 21 cwt. tenor, stands at the head of the Market Hill, and it has been "in splints" for a long time while repairs are made.

The third church, with the 16 cwt. tenor, shown in "Dove" as St. George's, is, I think, St. Gregory's.

Centuries ago there was another church, St. Bartholomew's.

The Suffolk Guild Report of 1967 lists All Saints' bells as in good-going order, St. Peter's fair, and St. Gregory's unringable. It seems that the state of the tower, not the bells, is the main trouble.

It is truly a sad state of affairs in a town which might be—probably has been—a ringers' paradise. C. R.

BATH BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The third striking competition of the Bath Branch was held on October 26th at Bathampton. The adjudicator was Mr. W. B. Kynaston, from Swindon, and a record entry of 11 teams took part but only representing four towers. Placings:—

St. Michael with St. Paul's—A team, 3 faults, C 4½, B 5; St. Mary's Bathwick—A, 7; Twerton-on-Avon—A 8½, B 14½; Corston—A, 14½; Twerton-on-Avon—C, 15; St. Mary's, Bathwick—B, 15, C, 19; Corston—B, 21.

We must congratulate St. Michael's for a splendid performance, and Mr. George Hawkins, the towermaster, was a very proud man, especially as his youngest ringer was in the winning team. A. F. L.

VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY AT APSLEY END

The peal at Apsley End on October 28th was originally fixed for October 21st (Tim Tompkins' 60th birthday) but was delayed a week at the request of the Vicar. Ted Upton was supposed to be ringing the treble, but on the original date unexpectedly found himself in hospital, where he is making slow progress. Tim, our faithful Sunday service and practice friend, does not attempt peals since his war injuries stopped him. We had already celebrated both days, but our sincere wishes are sent to Ted in hospital. W. A.

RINGING ABOVE AVERAGE LEVEL ON WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

A very pleasant day was spent on a trip to the South Coast, calling first at Guildford Cathedral en route.

Having got our second wind after reaching the lofty and spacious ringing chamber, we enjoyed ringing and listening to the fine ten. We left being very impressed by the Cathedral and its bells.

The beauty of Sussex on a fine autumn day needs no description here. The bells of St. Peter's, Brighton, were appreciated by all, and a few managed to look at the rough sea after the lunch and before the climb to St. Nicolas' belfry, where the bells were put to very good use.

At Hurstpierpoint we gave the local band a break, for by expert timing our ringing was sandwiched between two weddings. Windswept Ditchling, we found, has a light eight in the squat tower, which sounded very well.

After tea at Haywards Heath, ringing at Reigate was a fitting conclusion to a well-spent day.

The day's ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. All the bells were good and we thank District secretary Geoff Seaman for his selection and other arrangements. A word of praise is also due to the various Ringing Masters, who expertly handled a large company of varying proficiency levels to produce ringing well above outing average. R. G. B.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

In spite of the fact that parts of the University had been taken over for the week-end demonstration, the Ringing Society was more concerned with changing its own constitution than with revolution at the general meeting on October 26th. Ringing took place during the day at six towers and varied from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

At the meeting after tea 12 new members were welcomed to the Society—a good intake with full range of talent. Robert Woodward was elected secretary after this post had fallen vacant owing to circumstances beyond the previous secretary's control. The constitution was amended to admit past and present members of Branch and City Universities to the Society now that they are separate degree-awarding bodies independent of the University of London. The annual dinner will take place on February 15th, and the annual tour is from July 5th to 13th in Co. Durham, kindly being arranged by John Pladdys.

Roger Bailey was overcome at the prospect of proposing a vote of thanks after the meeting so the chairman, Alan Thirst, ably expressed thanks to the ladies who provided the excellent tea and to the incumbents who allowed us the use of the bells. R. C. W.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The quarter peal at Coggeshall (page 858) should have read: D. J. Leatherdale (first quarter) 1.

Mr. T. J. Lock's first peal was rung on December 12th, 1927. The literal in the table on page 844 is regretted.

Mr. Harry Poyner writes although there are points of similarity between his 5,056 Surprise Major (published on page 780) and the 5,088 by Harold G. Cashmore to be found in the Wratten Collection, the compositions prove to be different when inspected closely.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Richard C. Stevens	7
Raymond G. Cousins	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
William T. Cook	3	David P. Hilling	9
Michael V. Chilcott	4	James Phillips	10
Alan J. Frost	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Philip A. F. Chalk / Roger F. Overington	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 85 lb. in A.

S. Clarke Walters	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	5
Martin Cubitt	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
Gwilym I. Salmon	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
David Cubitt	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. (Five-part No. 1.)
Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Neil T. E. Burnett	Treble	John P. Partington	5
John A. Smith	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Christine Broadley	3	Geoffrey Cheetham	7
*B. Michael Boardman	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to John A. Smith, who is shortly returning home to Tasmania after ten months in Heywood, during which time he has been a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman, three of Winchendon Place, four each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Nicholas, New, Huntspill and Union, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

John Chaplin	Treble	*John Brain	4
*John H. Gilbert	2	John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal in 11 methods. First "John" peal by all the band and for the Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ELSTOW, Beds.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Kathleen A. Marriott	Treble	Robert L. Piron	4
*Rosemary A. Hartley	2	†Alan D. Norman	5
*Robert P. Wood	3	Martyn J. Marriott	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BIDSTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising six extents of each of the following: Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Leonard, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

J. Richard Roberts	Treble	Charles B. Pemberton	4
David G. Marsh	2	Timothy R. Marsh	5
*Jean Tompson	3	†Robert D. Nixon	Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Richard Roberts and Timothy R. Marsh.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NUNEATON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SHROPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

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

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	*Paul Reading	5
Robert W. Sherriff	2	Anthony J. Cox	6
*Shirley E. Jones	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of Paul Reading's 21st birthday. Slowest peal of Major on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Philip Mehew	Treble	†John R. Pratchett	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Peter Beresford	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
*Adrienne Gibson	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Thomas H. Francis	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
†Roger Baldwin	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Maximus "inside." † First in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Joyce Chadwick	4
Jennifer Brackenbury	2	John Moore	5
Girling Rigby	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
Rung for Michaelmas Day.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (2) Berwick and Newcastle, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Norah Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Vivien Smart	Treble	John Moore	4
Girling Rigby	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Norah Carlisle	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Arthur Sheppard.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John S. Rank	Treble	Vivian Nutton	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	David E. Belcham	6
Michael J. Hallett	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Colin G. Wright	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Dennis A. Hewitt	4	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Kenneth Warner	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Barnett from Essex to Banbury.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Oct, 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 19 methods, as follows: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
James L. Towler	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F flat.

*Raymond C. Hume	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
†Anita D. O'Brien	2	Allan G. Keen	6
†W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Maurice A. New	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	Raymond J. C. Hulme	5
Pam E. Gough	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
*Michael A. Sutton	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Walter G. Knight	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* Second peal and first of Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORCOP, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 extents. 15 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*George T. Cousins	Treble	*Robert A. Hatcher	3
Austin T. Wingate	2	*Adrian A. Semken	4

Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor
Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts. — At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	*Reginald F. Ewer	7
Gerald Penney	2	Harold V. Frost	8
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	*Anthony R. Carter	9
*Frederick W. Ellis	4	Michael D. Frost	10
Eric Edmondson	5	Thomas J. Lock	11
Bertram C. Johnson	6	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by G. Penney. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal of Maximus. First on 12 as conductor.

CHIPPING BARNET, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Laura Grindrod	Treble	John Whitham	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	†Philip M. Cuckson	6
*Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Anthony R. Carter	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Wratten Collection No. 35. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First of Surprise Major.

HATFIELD, Broad Oak, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*John E. Murfitt	Treble	Roger E. Burbery	5
†Glynis E. Perry	2	Christopher Forstor	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
‡Philip M. Cuckson	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Yorkshire.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull, (2) London and Wells, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Netherseale, (6) York and Durham, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Charles A. Farrow	Treble	*Reginald E. J. Sheppard	4
Walter Ayre	2	Keith Sheppard	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* Has now "circled the tower." 525th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to E. J. Upton (Ted) and F. J. Tompkins (Tim), both ringers at this church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,640 Little Bob, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Susan M. Holden	Treble	John A. Howard	5
J. Keith Triplow	2	Richard Hayes	6
Peter G. Holden	3	Tony Lewis	7
Derek C. Slater	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal on eight bells. First in these two methods spliced by all the band

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	Christine Andrew	6
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Ronald M. Edwards	7
Christopher M. Movley	4	Alan F. Schofield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	†David Howarth	5
Patricia A. Etchells	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Christine Andrew	3	Michael D. Fishwick	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Etchells and as a compliment to her and Jeffrey Brannan on their engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Christine Broadley	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
†John P. Partington	3	Richard S. Starkie	6
‡John A. Smith	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal. ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Donald Lawson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
Rev. William G. Wilson	2	John D. Nixon	6
Lawrence Walmsley	3	John Ellison	7
*David Marsden	4	Bernard Moss	Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Donald Lawson.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor at first attempt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DARWEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Frank C. West	Treble	Raymond D. Helliwell	4
†David Haworth	2	Bryan D. Hill	5
*Ian Smith	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.

* First peal in two methods. † First in Kent. First peal since 1933 and only the second to be rung at this tower.

UPHOLLAND, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Graham Kellie	Treble	Frederick Pearson	4
Dianne M. Hatfield	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Martin E. Snape	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of David Lewis and Diane Walls, local ringers; a farewell to Geoffrey Round; a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

MUSBURY, Helmshore, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Oct 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in A flat.

*Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	†John A. Smith	4
John P. Partington	2	*Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Roger Leigh	3	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* 50th peal together. † First in seven methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	R Brian Mills	5
Robin A. Gilliver	2	David G. Massey	6
Brian L. Burrows	3	John Bramley	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung by request of the Vicar to celebrate the 89th anniversary of the consecration of this church, October 27th, 1879.

HALLATON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Arnold S. Goad	Treble	*Malcolm Bray	4
Richard Chantler	2	Edward W. Martin	5
John Hunt	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Ron Russell.

KIRKBY MALLORY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, comprising: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Beverley, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

W. Ernest Rawson	Treble	David G. Massey	4
Martin Green	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Robin A. Gilliver	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal on six bells as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GEDNEY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Wallace Cousins	Treble	Claude Cousins	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Norman V. Harding	5
John E. Fox	3	Tony Price	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Price.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in 168 methods-variations: 20 methods—Rev. Union, Rev St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, St. Owen Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Huntley, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon; and 148 variations— St. Laud, Wroughton, Susanmead, Kirby Bellars, St. Firmin, Aspley, St. Edburga, Gonerby, St. Kenelm, Simpson, Spindlebury, St. Peter, St. Albans, St. Ambrose, St. Paul, St. John Evangelist, Elford, St. Felix, Austrey, St. Wenceslas, St. Ignatius, Amersham, Churchill, St. John Divine, St. Jude, St. Austell, St. Laurence, St. Stephen, Eynsham. St. Ninian, St. Leonard, St. John Baptist, St. Katherine, Kent, St. Magnus, Sexagesima, Winchester, Vectis, Wykeham, Quinquagesima, Southampton, Hampshire, Romsey, Ember, St. Wilfred, Sussex, St. Oswald, Septuagesima, St. Giles, Church Gresley, St. Miles, Ezneih, Shareshill, St. Cleer. Ryton, Omega, Heyford, Sarratt, Chilton, Dummer. St. Mary, St. Cecelia, St. Crispin, Laverstoke, Lapley. Horsley, St. John, Obediah, Hinton, Lydd, Wessex, Nether Wallop, Brockenhurst, Uphill, Lyndhurst, Mottisfont, St. Nicolas, Stoneham, Hordle, Bishop's Sutton, Lonsdale, Rye, Lockerley, Over Wallop, Stoke Bardolph, Sandford, Arnold, Sulgrave, Iffley, West Hanney, Ardingly, Darwin, Epperstone, Standlake, Sevalcliffe, Rousham, Burton Joyce, Brightwell, Lillingstone, Skillington, Eaton, Silk Willoughby, Wellingore. Alpha, Colsterworth, Asfordby, Waddington, Carlton Scroop, Belvoir, Lenton, Navenby, Fulbeck, Leadenham, Stoke Rochford, Silkby, Barkston, St. Merryn, Chippingham, Hadham, Saville, St. Clether, Kelmarsh, Bradden, Tring, St. Samson, Stowey, Oake, Queens Park, Hendred, St. Brewood, Radlett, Ludgershall, Redcliffe. Almondbury. Burns. Great Ponton, Alvaston, Lindsay, Folkingham, Welby, Dale, Branston, St. Wulfram, Claxby, Cliffe, Highgate, St. George, Barrowby.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Brian Buttery	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Owen Homewood	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

Most Doubles methods by the band and for the Guild. Thought to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

USK, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

David J. King	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Wilfred Williams	6
William A. Theobald	3	George E. Thoday	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

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

PEN-Y-FAI, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 240's and 22 six-scores.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

William T. Petty	Treble	Thomas E. Hiddins	3
Alwyn R. Lewis	2	Harold Preece	4
Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor		

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Lynda M. Deebank	Treble	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	5
†Margaret L. Ellwood	2	†§Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
‡Wyn Pugh	4	¶C. L. Digby Munday	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday.

* First peal, first attempt. † First in method. ‡ First of Surprise Major. § 75th peal ¶ 50th peal.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
DALSON, London, E.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Richard L. Jones	Treble	Peter N. Felton	5
Laurence C. Way	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Robin J. Collis	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Christopher J. N. Dalton	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Plain Bob on the bells and the first peal on the bells since 1933.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. Mr. Edmiston.

HELSTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
*Kenneth T. Rider	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
*Richard L. Jones	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Robin J. Collis	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F

Harry B. Fuller	Treble	Owen Claxton	5
Albert C. Harrison	2	Frank C J. Arnold	6
Charles R. Catchpole	3	William Flatt	7
Anthony R. Roberts	4	M. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung with best wishes of the band and the Vicar (the Rev. F. Wood) on the wedding anniversary of Janet and Tony Roberts, who were married at this church five years ago.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt in G.

A. William Bird	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Michael J. Parker	6
*Christine M. Clarke	3	†Arthur C. Cooper	7
Frederick C. Gunton	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal. † First of Major "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Nola Toone and Edwin Goodwin, whose wedding took place at this church earlier in the day, both being members of the local company and ardent church workers. Also to commemorate the completion of 60 years' membership of the Association by Mr W. B. Duncan.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 76 lb

Shelagh R. Collins	Treble	*Peter Adcock	5
Janet House	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Leslie F. Bailey	3	†Kevin S. Hohl	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David E. House.
* 200th peal. † First of London Major.

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Hilary Adcock	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Janet House	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
*David G. Adams	3	Peter Adcock	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D

Albert Diserens	Treble	William H. Jackson	7
Brian Bladon	2	Brian J Luff	8
James R. Taylor	3	Brian D Threlfall	9
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Frank W. Lewis	10
Helen M. Diserens	5	Ronald F Diserens	11
*John W T Hibbert	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Maximus.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8lb. in D.

Roland Biggs	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Sydney M. Bailey	2	Howard Oglesby	6
A. Leslie Pearson	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Arthur Newton	4	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung by past Ringing Masters and the Deputy Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild prior to the wedding of Doreen Hague, past secretary of the Branch and ringer at this tower, to Donald T. Young, ringer at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

WARBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Oct 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

P. Gerald McIlhone	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Angela M. Ayres	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
John R. Leary	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Stephen K. Thompson	4	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Frank Absolom, of Warborough, who is recovering from an operation.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Peter H. Mackie	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	5
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
Richard J. Wilsher	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Richard H. Johnston	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
* First peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
(Daventry Branch.)
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Penelope J. Webb	Treble	†John S. W. Townley	4
*Iris R. D. Webb	2	Edward S. Garrett	5
Stanley F. Webb	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Dorothy Webb.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STURMINSTER MARSHALL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and two extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 18 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Roderick A. Bryant	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Ross G. W. Robertson	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
John N Longridge	3	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Margaret Egglestone	Treble	Sylvia R. F. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Howard W. Egglestone	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5024 PETWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 9 lb. in E.

James M. Hills	Treble	John R Pratchett	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Christopher B. Fynes	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method.

PETWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
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Composition of Bristol published in "The Ringing World" August 26th, 1960.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Reginald V. Johnson ..	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
James M. Hills	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Stephen D. Upton	4	W. Leslie Weller . ..	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANFIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Jacqueline S. King	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David E. Rothera	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	David J. King	7
George E. Thoday	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PETERSFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Sally E. Stacey	Treble	Kenneth A Tipper	5
†Mary E. White	2	John F. M. Maybrey ..	6
‡Ramon A. Stone	3	R. Brian Walton	7
‡David G. F. Hatherly ..	4	*Nigel J Lambert	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Triples "inside." 50th peal for tower
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 5.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Frederick J. Jackson ..	6
J Henry Fielden	3	Richard E. Price	7
Roger A. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in seven methods: 720 each of Plain Bob, St Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb in G.

*George D. Johnson ..	Treble	†Alan Clifton	4
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	†Christopher A. Moxon ..	5
†R. Anne Johnson	3	†Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by R. Anne Johnson.
* First peal † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	*J. David Atkinson	7–8
John W. Gander	9–10		

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method "in hand" on an "inside" pair.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 13 in E.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 400th peal (175th "in hand").

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Kent (first quarter) 1, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, A. Kent 4, J. Lott 5, E. Dibble 6.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carole Sparks (first Triples) 1, Helen Roland (first Triples "inside") 2, Pamela Court 3, R. Lebon 4, J. Hemsley 5, P. C. Sinden 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, B. Cox 8. A wedding compliment to Barbara G. Swift and William D. Gordon.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. P. Evans 1, P. M. Cheesewright 2, J. Hardy 3, D. A. Frith 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,330 Grandsire Triples: Jeremy Piron (first quarter aged 10) 1, A. Gibbs 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, Charlotte Harris 4, R. L. Piron 5, M. J. Marriott 6, S. Ivin (cond.) 7, C. M Orme 8. For Evensong.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Miss M. Aslett 1, Mrs. M. E Martin 2, A. Herrman 3, J. W. Robertson 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Lawes 6, J. Smith 7, M. Moores (first quarter) 8

BENTLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): A. W. Sawyer 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill P. Oakshott (first in two methods) 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Munday (first in two methods as cond.) 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6 8 covering): W. Ware 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. E. Richards 4, R. W. Trichey (cond.) 5, P. Howe (first quarter) 6, F. S. Down 7, Irsp. H. Blamey (first quarter) 8. 100th quarter to be conducted by R. W. Trichey. A golden wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. L. Ransom, brother and sister-in-law of 2nd and 3rd ringers.

CRANFORD MIDDX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Palmer 1, Suzanne J. Udell (first Minor) 2, J. M. Britchford 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, C. J. Venn 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. J. Beaney (first quarter) 1, Amy Warnes 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, O. Homewood 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. Offen (first of Minor "inside") 2, J. Spree 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Eleanor Hough and Alan Oliver.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Oct 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. S. Venn (first on eight away from tenor) 1, M. J. Palmer 2, Patricia A. Copas 3, R. K. Russ 4, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 5, M. W. Seymour 6, W. H. Coles 7, C. J. Venn 8. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. To welcome the Bishop of Nasik, preacher. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (first "inside" in method) 5 R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. A wedding compliment to Doreen Hague (former Branch secretary) and Mr. D. T. Young (both ringers in the Branch), married the previous day at Bray.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. B. Whitney 1, M. Ann Houghton 2, E. Houghton 3, K. E. Jackson 4, P. G. Williams 5 R. S. Gaylor 6, A. J. Frost (cond.) 7, C. C. Radcliffe 8.

LLANDAFF, MON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: N W H. Simon (cond.) 1, Felicity M. Cooke 2, Susan Harber 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, F. W. Corney 6, C. Ricketts 7, C. P. Quartley 8, J. W. Bull 9, S. Fenwick 10. Rung for Evensong on the day of the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): J. E. Billings 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, B. Evans (cond.) 3, E. Player 4, P. W. Holroyd 5, R. Woodward 6, L. K. Grey 7, H. E. Blacker 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of L. St. John Mace, a faithful ringer at this church.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Winch (first quarter) 1, F. Pack 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Mrs. E. S. Palin 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Winch 1, F. Pack 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Miss P. Winch 4, Mrs. E. S. Palin 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. A compliment to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at this church, and a birtnday compliment to Miss P. Winch.

PAGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Street (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Clark (first quarter) 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake 3, M. J. Wake 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. For Evensong.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Pearce 1, F. M. Bowers 2, W. R. Curtis 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. For the Festival of St. Pol de Leon.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Bourner 1, Sylvia Knight 2, J. Hemsley 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): Valerie C. Allen (first Minimus) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T J. Bell 4. A wedding compliment to Heather Walters and Robert C. Kippin.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, M. J. Stanley 2, Miss V. Ballard 3, P. Minchin 4, R. Hulme 5, M. Sutton 6.

TRULL, SOM.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth., one var.): A. Pigott (first Doubles) 1, J. Cornelius 2, M. A. Arscott (first as cond.) 3, K. E. Beale 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Mills 6. For United Nations Day.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. Marshall 1, Miss E. Campbell 2, M. Hunter 3, F. Roper 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Bourner 1, D. Staples 2, P. Staples 3, B. Johnson 4, W. Garner 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Peter Richardson and Kay Butler.

"MY JOB FOR THE CHURCH"

A BELLRINGER — DENNIS A. BAYLES

Three contributions to this series in Epilogues on Tyne-Tees Television were recorded in September, 1967, and transmitted in September, 1968, as noted recently in "The Ringing World". Readers outside the Tyne-Tees area may be interested in the three scripts. Each script was illustrated with appropriate visual aids.

If there had been television about a hundred years ago and a bellringer had been appearing on it I suppose the most likely role for him would have been in a "commercial" for beer rather than to talk about his job in the Church. Probably it was a minority that attracted attention and got a bad name for ringers in general, but there undoubtedly were things that needed to be put right. Thus it was that in the latter half of the 19th century there arose a nationwide movement in which many regional Associations of ringers were formed to promote belfry reform.

One of the oldest of these is the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, of which I have the honour to be the secretary. Founded in 1877, it is this year celebrating the 90th anniversary of its foundation in Durham, and so it was to Durham that we went on September 23rd as part of our celebrations. Service in the Cathedral and ringing on the Cathedral bells preceded a dinner in the evening. At this dinner we were very pleased and honoured to be joined by ringers from other parts of the country, including the Master and other members of that famous London ringing society, the Ancient Society of College Youths, which dates back to 1637. Our chairman was Canon Thurlow, of Norwich Cathedral, who is president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

In talking about this event I have given some indication of the official organisations which link together ringers throughout the country. The individual ringer is a member of the band of ringers for his own church and these local bands in turn are grouped into regional organisations. Thus, I belong in the first instance to the band at Chester-le-Street Parish Church and then this band is part of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. This latter, in common with the other regional organisations, sends representatives to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers which meets annually about Whitsun. It met in Newcastle in 1954.

Ringers are kept in touch with each other by these organisations which are backed up by our own weekly paper, "The Ringing World," and last year I was elected to the committee that is responsible for the management of this paper. You see here the issue which publicised our celebrations and there are no prizes for guessing which cathedral was on the front cover for that week!

But over and above this official machinery for linking up ringers, there is something much deeper in the wonderful fellowship between ringers everywhere. I have been in a strange place and followed the sound of bells to a church and made my way in. At the next interval I have been asked: "Are you a ringer?" and soon I have been ringing with the local ringers and have made more friends. There are not many activities where this happens, and this is one great attraction to me of my job as a bellringer—the wonderful fellowship that unites ringers everywhere and gives me a host of friends scattered all over Great Britain who share my love of bells and bellringing.

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I spoke last evening of the wonderful fellowship that unites bellringers, and tonight I want to try to indicate something of the fascination of the art itself. I am a change ringer. This is a system of ringing developed in this country in which the whole bell swings through a full circle in alternate directions each time that the bell sounds. You see here a set of bells ready for such ringing. This requires one ringer for each bell and differs from the carillon, developed mainly in Holland and Belgium, where all the bells are operated by one man. In the carillon the bells remain stationary and are struck by hammers, which are connected to a keyboard or similar device. In change ringing each bell sounds about 30 times per minute, so that with eight bells there are about 240 notes being emitted a minute, and you can see that literally split-second timing is involved in spacing these regularly.

The bells themselves usually range in weight from a few hundredweights to, perhaps, a ton in a typical ring such as we have at Chester-le-Street, and there is a great sense of satisfaction in achieving accurate control of a large mass of metal to make it sound at the precise moment that it should in conjunction with the other bells to produce the pattern that you see here.

Change ringing involves team work and wherever a team is involved there must be constant attention to recruitment and training. You will know how this is needed in sport if standards are to be kept up. Fortunately, the playing life of a bellringer is not restricted to a few years as it is with a footballer, and a ringer having started to ring in his early teens can go on ringing for the rest of his life. There are some men today still going strong in their 80's and the odd one even at 90. By comparison with this my 30-odd years make me just a beginner!

If new recruits are to be trained there is no school or college to which we can send our pupils and we have ourselves to tackle the job of teaching. Teaching has its attractions for many people in a wide range of subjects and the teaching side of bellringing has held a great interest for me for many years. I find great interest in analysing the various movements to try to find out just what is involved in each of them, for it is not always easy to say precisely how one does a certain operation. For example, the catching of the sally at the correct point is much more a matter of timing rather than seeing as it at first sight might appear to be.

Teaching in bellringing has been very much neglected in the past, but today it is receiving much more attention. In these post-war years one-day and week-end courses have been introduced in various parts of the country for beginners and for instructors. In this area I have helped with the running of such courses at Lumley Castle, where lectures have been coupled with practical ringing sessions at nearby churches. These courses not only deepen interest and help to raise standards in ringing but also help to sustain that great fellowship between ringers. Thus in bellringing I find a second great attraction in the exercise of a skill as part of a team and in trying to impart that skill to others.

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My interest in bellringing began in the 1930's at Acle in Norfolk where my parents were living at that time. As a young boy I had joined the village choir and we used to robe in the base of the tower. This was not used for ringing at that time, as the death watch beetle had ravaged the timbers of the old bell frame and made the bells unsafe to ring. However, the choir had to move out of the tower when the work of restoration began and I followed this with great interest. I remember taking part as a choirboy in the service of dedication of the restored bells in September, 1933.

About two years after that I was judged to be about big enough to start to learn to ring. Thus I was already a church worker before I learned to ring and my ringing has always seemed to me a continuation of my church work.

Last evening I mentioned the different systems of ringing bells developed by the Continentals and the English. In Holland and Belgium the development of the carillon has been for secular purposes, and there the bells are to be found in town halls and the like and the ringing takes place on week-days. In England the development of change ringing has taken place in churches and the chief use of the bells is on Sundays as a preliminary to the church services. Our mid-week ringing is usually for practices to improve our Sunday ringing and to train our recruits.

As our church spire at Chester-le-Street points symbolically upwards, seeking to lift men's hearts from purely earthly things, I believe that we who ring bells are giving it a voice and a voice with a distinctive note amid the din of life in the 1960's. This voice speaks of peace amid the turmoil of the furious pace of life today. The bells seek to call the faithful to the church, to warn the heedless and to comfort the sick who are unable to get to church with the knowledge that its work is still going on.

The author of "Pilgrim's Progress," John Bunyan, was once a bellringer at Elstow in Bedfordshire but he gave it up because in those far-off times it was considered by many to be wicked. Today, naturally, I do not take that view and I find yet another great attraction in my ringing as a valuable piece of work for my church, and I like the sentiments expressed in this verse from a hymn for bellringers:

Ringers of Christian England
Who peal in earthly fanes
For Christ our Lord and Master
(He all your homage claims).
Complete your sacred office
While pilgrims on this strand
That ye may swell the praises
In that eternal land.

QUARTER PEALS

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathleen Miller 1, L. K. Miller 2, J. A. Smith 3, J. Spencer (first quarter) 4, A. Smethurst 5, J. P. Partington (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to John Spencer and Lynn Boardman, both ringers at this church. Also as a farewell to John A. Smith, shortly returning to Tasmania.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss A. Brain (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Pator (first quarter) 2, Mrs. B. Paton 3, R. Davies (first quarter) 4, A. Paton (cond.) 5, Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. N. Dixon.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. West 1, K. G. Game 2, I. Goacher 3, M. S. Dallison 4, D. Atfield 5, K. Dallison 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the rebuilt organ.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity on Oct. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Taylor 1, W. Pugh 2, Lynda Deebank (first in method) 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, Margaret L. Ellwood 5, S. Taylor 6, M. C. W. Sherwood 7, C. L. D. Munday (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Lynda Deebank 1, Maris C. Stephenson 2, Margaret Ellwood 3, Wyn Pugh 4, C. D. Munday 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, Alison Magee 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Goss 4, I. Pearse 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lynne Brookes 1, J. Preston 2, J. R. Perkins 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 5, F. W. Faulkner 6, B. S. Payne 7, J. P. M. Hunting 8. Rung at the Vicar's request for the church gift day. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Moyers 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. Preston 3, C. J. Mobbs 4, F. W. Faulkner 5, H. M. Payne 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, C. S. Winter 8. Rung as a wedding day compliment, by fellow-members of the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society, to Michael White, Ringing Master of the tower.

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"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." — James iv, 17.

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A change in Rule vii causes the formation of a new District—the Southern.

The committee have considered and approved the following to apply as from January 1st, 1969:—

Transferred from: **S.W. to Southern:** Aveley, S. Benfleet, Bentley Common, Brentwood, Gt. Burstead, Canewdon, Downham, Fobbing, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Hutton, Ingrave, Laindon, Langdon Hills, Leigh, N. Ockendon, Orsett, Prittlewell, Rayleigh, Rochford, Shenfield, Stanford-le-Hope, W. Tilbury, Thorpe Bay, Gt. Wakering, S. Weald.

S.E. to Southern: Rettendon.

S.W. to N.W.: Bobbingworth, Blackmore, Fyfield, High Ongar, N. Weald.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Sec. 5978

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, November 19th, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 5931

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at Shalford on Thursday, November 21st, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Rutland, Pudsey, London, Bristol.—F. W. Housden. 5971

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice meetings at Knebworth on Tuesday, November 19th, and at Norton on Tuesday, December 10th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5986

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, and St. ST. GEORGE'S, BECKENHAM.—Combined Surprise Major practice at Lewisham on Thursday, November 21st, 7.45–9.15 p.m. — D. Hollis. 5975

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, W.2. Tickets at 31s. 6d. reduced to 27s. 6d for undergraduates, now available. Ringing arrangements will be sent to those attending the dinner. Nominations for officers of the Association, to be elected at the meeting, may now be sent to the secretary, M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 5066

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Nempnett Thrubwell (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 5 p.m. — D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5984

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting Shebbear, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy. 5945

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5943

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—District meeting at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing to cease 8 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5964

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS. — A.G.M., All Saints', West Ham, November 16th, 2 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5 p.m. Dinner 7.15. — D. L. Gullick, Stevenage 54309. 5963

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon (6) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Windmill 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Ringing in the evening at Much Hadham (8). Names for tea to Mr. K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 5939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms (8), November 16th, 3 p.m., with tea and business. Monken Hadley (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield. (Tel 2688.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Saxilby on November 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. H. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby, by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Plain Bob. 5969

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.2, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 5947

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Ouidenham on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillipno, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. — C. F. W. P. 5957

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Rotherham, November 16th. St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 3–4 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4–5 and after meeting. Cups of tea only, bring own food.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 5942

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at St. Andrew's (8) Chippenham, Wednesday, November 20th, 7.30 p.m. Members and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 5968

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Stanwell on Wednesday, November 20th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 5981

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rochford (6), Thursday, November 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. Advance notice: January 25th, 1969, Supper Party to mark closing of this Guild. Past and present members welcome.—J. Emms, Sec., 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 5987

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, November 23rd, at Shipton Beauchamp (8 bells). Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting and ringing after. Visitors welcome. **Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 19th.**—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington. Tel. Ilminster 2435 5962

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Evening meeting, Caddington, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins. 5983

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. B. White, 11, Revelstoke Avenue, Farnborough, Hants (Tel. Farnborough 44255).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 5958

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Autumn meeting, Talgarth (6), November 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after tea (2s. each). Service 4 p.m. Also available: Bronllys (6) 1.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m., Glasbury-on-Wye (8) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Rev. T. James, The Vicarage, Talgarth, Brecon.—J. S. King. 5934

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leics, by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 5988

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Whitchurch (Cardiff), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Iolo Davies, Llandaff Branch Hon. Sec. 5924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham, Saturday, November 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 5980

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), November 23rd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions by this meeting, please. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Sollis, 4, Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 4BS, by Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 5779

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual District meeting at Clare on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. **Please note that there will be a Guild Committee meeting immediately after the District business meeting.** Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 20th. 5944

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Saturday, November 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Wivelsfield 6 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 5961

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Liss, November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells afterwards till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, by 17th. Tel. Locksheath 2404. 5974

LATE NOTICES

PERSONAL

Would any Middlesex ringers who still have copies of my questionnaire **please, please** return them to me, completed if possible, as I n [illegible] on before I can begin writing up my thesis. — Pamela Brown, 68, Whitton Waye, Hounslow. 5998

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual Dinner, December 7th. Tickets (21s.) and ringing arrangements from S. J. Gullick, Lake Hall, The Vale, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. Last date for tickets December 3rd. 6001

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GIBSON.—The address of Pearl, Stewart, Heidi, Beatrice and Hugh Gibson is now 131, Chesterhill, Cramlington, near Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland. All ringers and friends will be most welcome. 5994

TELEPHONE NUMBER

The home telephone number of John H. Allen, treasurer, Stafford Archdeaconry Society of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now Wolverhampton (S.T.D. Code 0902) 29106.

MEETINGS

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note this is not a joint meeting but all visitors are welcome. D. J. T. 5996

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free** for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Wednesday previous. 6002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), November 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Ringing again 7 to 8.30. Names for tea to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by November 21st. 5989

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Whitbourne, November 23rd, 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. L. Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 5992

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Dartford and district on Saturday, November 23rd. Meet at St Mary Magd.'s, Woolwich, 2 p.m. Names for tea to P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 5990

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Clement's, Hastings, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Further ringing after tea to 8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartres, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Tuesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec.

DOINGS IN DEVONSHIRE

Since its inception a few years ago Stratton Ringers' Day has gathered to itself a good reputation as a really good day out for any band—yes, we know Stratton is in Cornwall, but a large number of ringers go from England and enjoy it very much. There are six-bell and eight-bell competitions with a high enough standard for anyone but no very great pressure, so that novice bands do not mind having a go. A number of excellent towers are open for all-comers, and the Stratton ringers really make it go with a swing. If previous years are anything to go by, there will be some of the best bands in Devon there on November 30th and some ringing well worth listening to.

J. G. M. S.

FIFTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

THOSE TV fans who watch the programme "Softly, Softly" will recall that the preamble always shows the city of Bristol, with a tantalising glimpse of the bombed Church of St. Nicholas. Several other churches can be picked out in the "Bells" square mile around the City Centre, in which there are no fewer than 12 rings of bells; before the war there were 15. No other provincial city has such a wealth of bells within such a small area, and in addition there are another 10 rings within a further two miles radius. Truly a tower-grabbers' paradise, and the friendly Bristol City Branch ringers are always pleased to open their towers on Festival Day to everyone.

So on October 26th the fifth Festival was attended, for some part of the day, by over 150 ringers from 20 counties, mostly young and all eager to ring in as many of the 29 towers open as possible. The Festival Committee was appointed in March, and this year consisted of Messrs. M. J. Hobbs, R. W. Sweet and S. Bateman. A great deal of work is involved to ensure a successful day but everyone who was present would agree that this year's committee did a really grand job. To ensure that strangers to Bristol found their way round, Mick Hobbs had kindly invited visitors to apply for a map of the City Centre and he received 47 applications.

Ringers began to arrive on Friday night, and a punctual start was made at 9.30 a.m. on the two morning routes. Approximately 40 ringers followed round on the south route, visiting Brislington, Knowle and St. Philip's, and another 40 were advancing on the city, starting at Filton and continuing via Horfield, Henbury and Westbury to St. Mark's, where 82 were present at the ringers' service. This was conducted by the Rev. David Sansun, Rector of Stechworth, Birmingham (late curate of Stoke Bishop). We were privileged to hear an excellent "down-to-earth" address from a practical ringer, who admitted to being a keen tower-grabber himself.

Four routes had been planned for the afternoon and by this time numbers had considerably increased. The west route took in Long Ashton, Abbots Leigh and Stoke Bishop, and the east route St. George's, St. Ambrose's Stapleton and St. Werburgh's. For those wishing to go further afield a country route had been fixed to Mangotsfield, Pucklechurch, Abson, Westerleigh, Doynton and Warmley, and for newcomers to Bristol the big attraction was the city towers of Christ Church, St. Michael's, St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's, Kingsdown, the Cathedral, St. John's and St. James'. At Redcliffe several people were filmed in action by the Harlech TV Company. An additional pleasure was a visit to the University tower, which houses the 96 ton bell "Great George," and around 50 people availed themselves of this opportunity to hear it strike 6 o'clock.

The social evening had been arranged in a private room at the Swan Hotel, Stokes Croft. To help cover their expenses the committee ran a raffle for six good prizes, and Dick Sweet sold many records of "Bristol Bells," with ringing from four churches. There was an amusing singing session, with Chris Kippin at the piano, and three well-known ringers were featured in songs. By 11.30 p.m. there were still 80 present and a good time was had by all.

During the day some of the ringing had been good and some bad When an open invitation is extended to everyone there are always bound to be those whose enthusiasm exceeds their ability, and even the most astute Ringing Master has difficulty in assessing what everyone can manage. Perhaps the wisest thing to do at a festival of this sort, for those who bring beginners, is to decide whether they are good enough for what they wish to ring and, if not, to tell them that they will get more enjoyment if they wait until they have had more experience in their own tower or District meetings.

So, on behalf of all the visitors, our grateful thanks to the organisers for a very enjoyable and interesting day.

APACE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch Lose Ringing Master

An announcement was made at the quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch at Queen Camel on October 6th that the Ringing Master (Mr. D. M. C. Hill) had now left the diocese and would not be seeking re-election at the annual meeting.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. P. Ralph-Bowman), who was assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mr. Darrel was organist, and a collection was taken for the Association Bell Fund.

Tea was served in the Mildmay Arms, followed by a business meeting, when one new member from Bruton was elected.

Some members then returned to the belfry and rang before and after a Confirmation service being held that evening, whilst the others went to nearby Marston Magna.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell (first T.B. "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Baker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, P. Curtis (first "inside") 3, A. Marks (first Doubles) 4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5.

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cocks (first Minor) 1, Marion Hunt 2, T. W. Harris 3, R. M. Virgin 4, R. Hillman (first Minor "inside") 5, J. W. Owen (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of C. G. Weare, former ringer and chorister at St. John's Church.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Holmes 1, B. Hough 2, Mrs. B. N. Reed 3, K. Vernon 4, C. W. Reed 5, C. H. Pritchett 6, P. Wakefield (cond., cover bell) 7. For the engagement of Brian E. White, a local ringer.

BICTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. Willcox 1, Patricia C. Stocken (first Minor "inside") 2, M. Cecilia Evans 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, R. H. Newton 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 27th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. W. Bond 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Peggy Taylor 4, B. J. Read (first Surprise Major) 5, R. E. Stillwell 6, M. S. Loveday 7, A. P. Foster (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Martyn Palmer (first quarter) 1, C. Palmer 2, J. Palmer 3, B. Sims (cond.) 4, J. Bishop 5, B. Clark 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 form three generations of same family.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. J. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, J. W. Marshall 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, R. A. Bryant 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, P. C. Joyce (first quarter) 8. Rung for St. Luke's Day. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: E. H. Amey 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, J. W. Marshall 3, Mrs. B. J. Duke (first in method) 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. Rung as a tribute to Mr. J. W. Rose, churchman and ringer.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Mary L. Mann 2, M. J. Lockey 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, W. Sear 5, C. D. Mann 6.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Hart 1, Mrs. R. J. Pluckrose 2, J. Evans 3, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, G. Edmands (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

CROWAN, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell (first Stedman) 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, C. G. Bryant 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, G. Fisher 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. S. Brown 7, A. J. C. Brown 8, C. M. Foster 9, K. Taber 10. Rung prior to the dedication service to mark the beginning of the Stewardship Campaign.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie Dowling 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Ethel Clear 3, J. Stedman 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Coward 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Read 8. Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Ven. Kenneth Dawson Evans, M.A., Archdeacon of Dorking and late Vicar of St. Martin's Church, as Bishop Suffragan of Dorking.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Garlick 2, A. H. Webb 3, G. W. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, B. Wheeler 8. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, L. F. Cox 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop 7, E. Sawyer 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Warsop Surprise Minor: B. Moran 1, B. A. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss T. E. Staples (first in method) 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint (first in method) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung after festival service to celebrate the foundation of this church at the burial place of Edwin of Northumbria, King and Martyr, who was killed at the Battle of Hatfield in 633.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Duffell (first quarter) 1, Glynis Perry 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, Christine Neville 4, R. Burbery 5, C. Ottaway (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alyson Dyer (first quarter) 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, T. B. Porter 3, C. Chapman 4, L. Kingswood 5, S. Mortimore 6, Jill P. Oakshott 7, J. Aronson (first on eight) 8. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Elliot 1, Rosemary Astridge 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, C. Chapman 5, J. B. Helder 6, W. J. Munton 7, P. J. Munday 8, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 9, J. Aronson (first on ten) 10. Rung for the wedding in Auckland, N.Z., of Sue Aronson (erstwhile member of the band) to Mr. Michael Rowledge.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Morris 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill P. Oakshott 3, Audrey R. Alexander 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, P. J. Munday 6, J. C. Davidge (first of Yorkshire) 7, R. D. Mills (cond.) 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss J. Stiller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss E. W. Keys 3, R. Wake 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. Rung to congratulate the Rev. Donald Manners, M.A., who completed 34 years as Vicar of this parish this day.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Fulcher 1, Miss D. Toone 2, A. W. Bird 3, A. C. Cooper 4, W. B. Duncan 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. R. Osenton 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, M. J. Hitchcock 3, C. H. Underdown 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. Silver (first quarter) 6. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. R. Osenton (first Minor) 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, C. H. Underdown 4, M. J. Hitchcock 5, C. T. Osenton 6.

HEALEY, Rochdale, LANCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sagar 1, Christine Broadley 2, J. P. Partington (cond.) 3, J. A. Smith 4, C. S. Taylor 5, G. Tarran (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Chief Inspector L. Tarran, father of ringer of 1.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Willis 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Mrs. M. Ranken 3, S. Atkinson 4, Miss J. Berriman 5, J. Close 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, F. Brown 8. For Evensong on Houghton Feast Sunday.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss A. Brunwell (first quarter) 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Bulleid (first quarter) 1, B. J. Stone 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Katharine Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (first as cond. and of Grandsire Doubles) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. Rung for Evensong and for the birth of a son to Kay and Colin Tee.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 St. Remigius Bob Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, L. Foster 6. First in method for all, and by a local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, C. J. Mobbs (first Triples and Grandsire) 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. D. Hughes 5, R. I. Kendrick 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, P. Smith 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Rachael Oakley (first quarter) 1, Linda Ellison 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, M. J. Lockey 4, K. Fleming 5, G. Kirby 6. For Harvest Festival.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Holliday 1, F. Harper 2, D. J. Pepper (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, J. G. Gipson 5, D. E. Pepper (first as cond.) 6. In honour of the silver wedding of Rev. and Mrs. P. McNeice.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. Holmes 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, R. Looker 5, O. Homewood 6, R. E. Manton 7, A. French 8. A birthday compliment to H. Clayton and to mark his retirement at 65.

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

Additions to names of variations No. 3

(No 2 is on page 839.)

76 Kirby Bellars
106 St. Peter
136 Gonerby
371 Cliffe
372 Dale
373 Redcliffe
402 Carlton Scroop

MOORLINCH, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (three methods): Felicity M. Vere Hodge (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, R. D. Short 3, E. T. Dibble 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. To mark the wedding of K. Anthony Vere Hodge to Miss Sarah Thomson. Also 720 St. Clement's Bob and 540 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Phillips 1, Mrs. P. Bridle 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Stone 4, J. Brain 5, P. Bridle 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, D. G. Pike 3, C. E. Slade 4, S. W. Gall 5, D. L. Phillips 6, R. J. Stewart 7, G. R. E. Wilkinson 8, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 9, R. C. Bustin 10. For Harvest Festival.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Locke 1, F. M. Bowers 2, A. J. Davidson 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Carveth 5, T. J. Bell 6, C. G. Bryant 7, D. Stephens 8. Rung silent and non-conducted.

PRESTON, RUTLAND. — On Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Naylor 1, S. Bell (cond.) 2, Miss C. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, M. Hawkins 5, W. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Ronald Russell, friend and member of the Rutland Branch.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Sprules (cond.) 1, J. Sprules 2, N. J. Smart (first "inside") 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris 5, V. Jones 6. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. D. B. Pennal at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Sept. 22nd.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Bessie Carter 1, E. F. Willcox 2, R. H. Newton 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. Leech 5, E. S. White 6, Jennifer Beech 7, L. D. K. Roberts 8, P. J. Evans 9, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 10, N. Holland 11, F. Beech 12. First Plain Bob Maximus 6, 7, 8 and 11. For Harvest Festival.

SILSOE, BEDS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Catlin 1, D. R. Brazier 2, M. F. Mitchell 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, A. Martin 6. For Harvest Festival.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Gay 1, Miss L. Roper 2, Miss J. Lawson 3, M. Robinson (cond.) 4, J. A. Tandy 5, C. Morey 6, P. Gay 7, P. Gosling 8. By Keele Change Ringing Society for the Patronal Festival.

WEXFORD, IRELAND. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. MacGregor 1, Miss H. H. Hubert 2, D. H. Taylor 3, L. R. Taylor 4, C. J. Reede 5, P. W. Brown 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. Rung for the opening of the Wexford Festival.

WOOKEY, SOM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. P. Wainwright 1, V. Roberts 2, A. S. Whiteley 3, R. Edwards 4, M. J. Whiteley (cond.) 5, B. Chappell (first of Doubles) 6.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Eleanor Kent (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, L. Childs 3, M. T. Horseman (cond.) 4, G. Marchant 5, W. Heath 6.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Teresa Kingcott (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Anne Kingcott 3, Hilda Kingcott 4, W. Kingcott 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, M. M. Collins 8. A family quarter rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4 and Mr. W. A. Prescott (who could not take part owing to ill-health).

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Herbert 1, Miss V. Howell 2, G. Abbott 3, J. Rose 4, P. Herbert 5, F. Symonds (cond.) 6, E. Amey 7, M. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service in memory of Mr. J. W. Rose, 60 years a ringer at All Saints' Church.

WYMONDHAM, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. T. P. Thorpe 1, M. T. Stimson 2, W. Clamp 3, R. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. E. Manton 5, O. Homewood 6. Rung for the dedication of the new C. of E. school by the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams.

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