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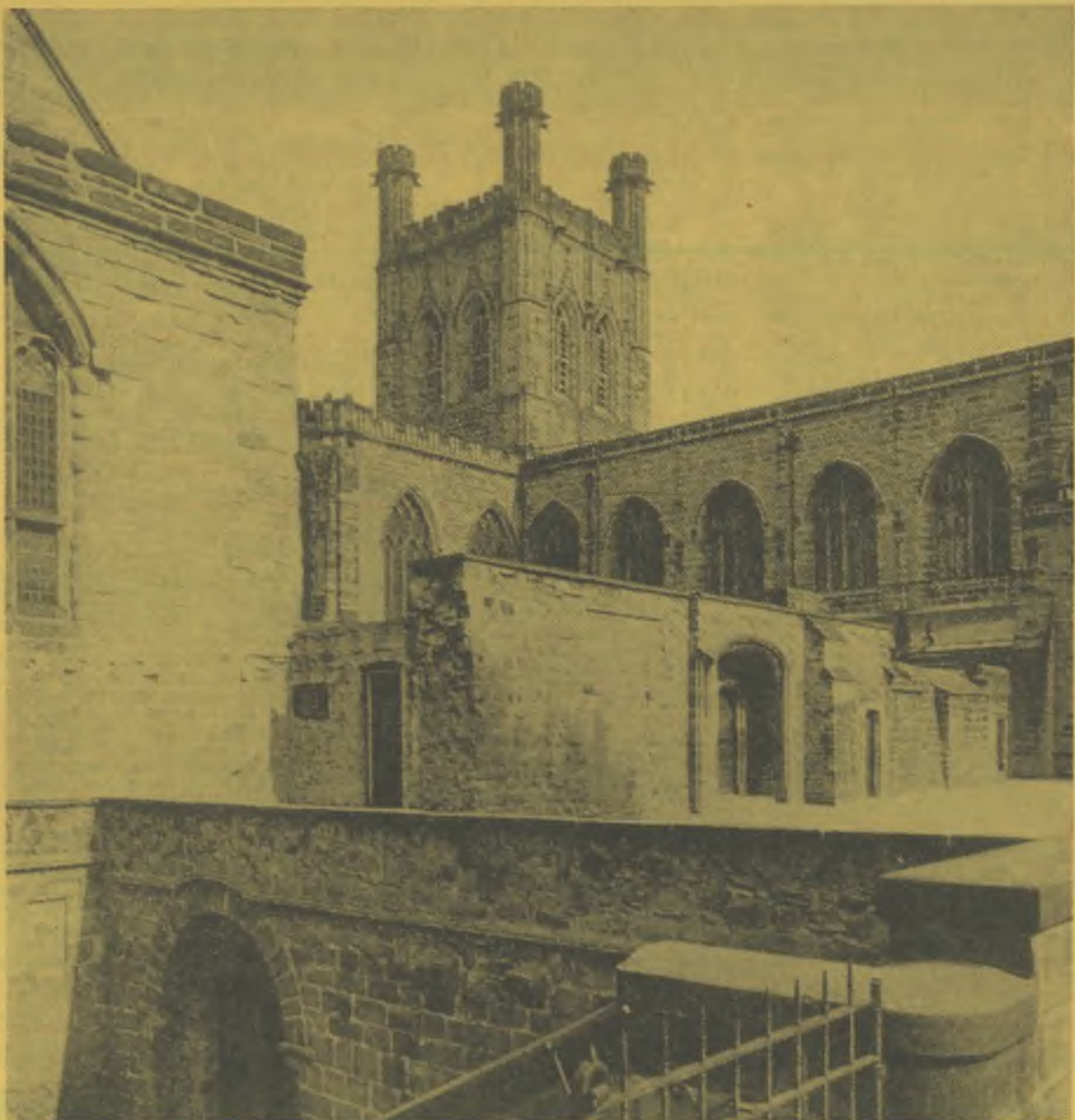
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OUR COVER PICTURE

Chester Cathedral's £300,000 Appeal

By LORD LEVERHULME

Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire

CHESTER CATHEDRAL is a treasure house of historical interest and architectural splendour. As Mother Church of the Diocese it stands for all that is best in worship and music. Once in a lifetime a householder has to dig deep into his pocket to put his own house in structural order. It is the same with a cathedral, and if we do not, the building will start to crumble and we shall be answerable to our grandchildren—for the loss will be theirs.

The many items in the £300,000 appeal range from the repair of an organ of outstanding quality to the reroofing of the Cloisters and the Chapter House, from a large-scale cleaning and preservation of the vaults inside the Tower and North Transept to providing adequate heating in the Rectory and Chapter House, from the re-leading of stained glass windows to important major repairs to the central tower and its turrets, and other items.

BELL HOUSE SCHEME

Not only must the central tower be extensively restored externally, but the bells which place unnecessary strains on the structure in their present position should be removed from it. The bells are now silent, since, in any case, they need recasting and a new frame. It is ludicrous that city dwellers and visitors are now deprived of hearing and deriving inspiration from the Cathedral bells. They are to be housed in a separate bell-house, whose design was made public last July and has now had approval both by the Royal Fine Arts Commission and the Cathedrals Advisory Committee. An application for planning permission is being made to the authority. The emphasis throughout this whole programme is to prevent a situation arising in the future which might be disastrous and much more expensive to deal with.

It is no small responsibility to look after such a vast building; it is, I believe, the 13th largest cathedral in England. It is, of course, old, and its earliest parts date from the early twelfth century. Antiquity as well as size adds to the problem of maintenance. Like all other mediaeval cathedrals, it is a treasure house of historical interest as well as of architectural splendour. Chester's Cathedral is particularly interesting in the extent of the monastic buildings which still remain. It is also unique in having the only surviving Consistory Court in any English cathedral. The Cathedral stands as living evidence of continuing values. In a changing world, many find comfort in its permanence, and in its continual search, as the Mother Church of

the Diocese, for all that is best in worship and music.

WORK TO GO AHEAD IMMEDIATELY

The organ repairs started on January 13th, the day after the launching service, and are being carried out by Rushworth and Dreaper Limited of Liverpool. Some of the work will be done in the Chapter House, some will be taken away. Repairs will take some nine months to complete.

Other work which must be done while the organ repairs are in hand include the repairs to the Organ Case and the Tower ceiling by C. H. Gillam and Sons; the dismantling, lowering and removal of bells from the Central Tower by J. Taylor and Co., Ltd. of Loughborough; the cleaning of the ceiling and stonework in the Central Tower and North Transept by Haswell and Son of Chester; repairs to the balustrade of the Central Tower; the lighting inside the Central Tower by Thomas Wood and Son Limited of Chester; and the preserving and decorating of ceiling by Bellerbys of York.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF CHESTER

(Right Rev. GERALD A. ELLISON)

On the occasion of the meeting to launch the Appeal for Chester Cathedral I am glad to take this opportunity of commending this work and of thanking all those who, under the leadership of the Lord Lieutenant, have agreed to share the responsibility of raising the funds which are necessary in order to keep this great building in proper condition.

Chester Cathedral has a distinguished history, not least in the last 40 years when, under the leadership of Dean Bennett, it led the movement for the reform of the Cathedrals, changing them from being museums into becoming true mother churches of their dioceses. The name of Chester Cathedral became renowned throughout the Anglican Communion and was a byword for the new life and vitality which came into Cathedral life.

We, in our day, must be true to what we have received. But the burden of keeping the fabric of our great national churches is becoming increasingly heavy, and cannot be borne alone by the caputular bodies which are directly responsible for their spiritual and material welfare. It must be shared by all who care for the well-being of the Church of God and for the heritage of Christian worship and service in which we stand. I am very grateful, therefore, to those who have agreed to work for the Appeal, and I pray that your efforts may be crowned with good success.

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BOWDON'S LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Reporting on the unsuccessful attempt for 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at Bowdon, Cheshire. Mr. Giles B. Thompson, the umpire, writes: Bowdon was a new choice of tower for a long peal; the bells are new and pleasant, there are sound doors and arrangements had been made to lock up the church for the whole day, as the ringing gallery is open to visitors. New ropes had been fitted for the attempt and, as the band made adjustments and secured the ends with string, I busied myself setting up shop in a cosy side chapel.

The peal went into changes at 8.32 a.m. at a rate of about eight minutes per course, which was maintained fairly steadily throughout. The first part-end (18 courses) came up at 10.50 after 2 hours 27 minutes, but the ringing for some reason had not really settled to an even beat.

By noon the second part was half way through and still there was no improvement in the rather unsettled ringing, and so 12 leads from half way the "omit" was left in and the second part-end ran round at 1.10 p.m.—8,032 changes in 4 hours 47 minutes.

We are extremely grateful to the local captain, Mr. Alan Brown, for making the local arrangements and seeing to our every comfort and convenience.

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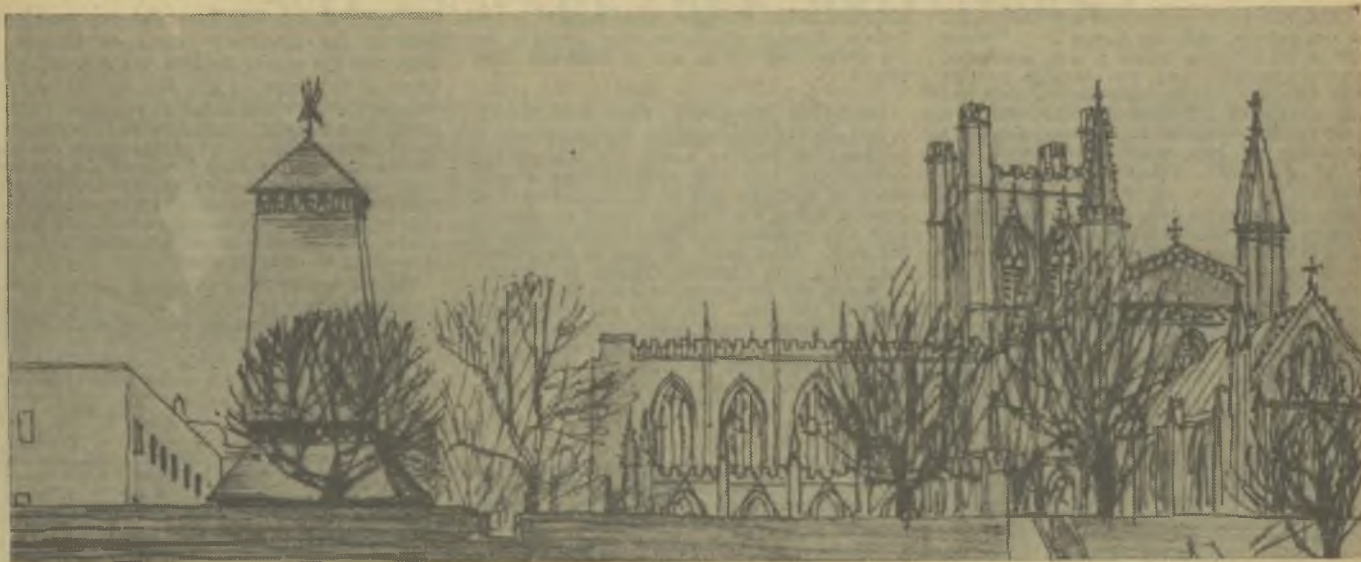
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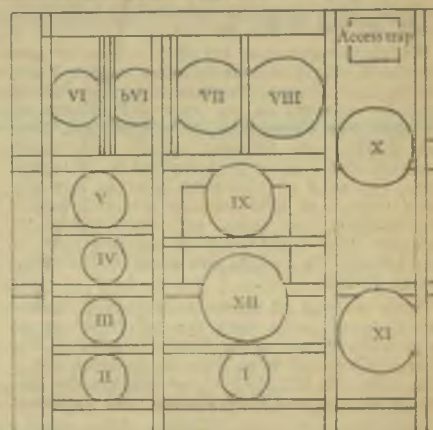


Towards Chester Cathedral's £300,000 appeal for repairs to the fabric and organ and the provision of a bell house and 13 bells, the Dean, the Very Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw, was in the happy position to announce at the special service in the Cathedral to open the appeal on Sunday, January 12th, the receipt of funds totalling £103,533. The service was attended by city and county dignitaries and by many sponsors of the appeal.

The two illustrations we give are of the proposed new bell house, designed by Mr. George G. Pace, the Cathedral Architect, and the layout of the 13 bells by John Taylor and Co. The Royal Fine Arts Commission and the Cathedral Advisory Committee have both given their approval but permission is still awaited from the Chester Planning Authorities.

Chester Diocesan Guild are enthusiastically supporting the scheme. Work on the bells is among the priorities. In the bell house on the ground floor there is a meeting room for ringers and above that the ringing chamber. A sound chamber separates the belfry from the ringers. The bell house is being built of red Hollington stone and Westmorland slates.

The hon. treasurer of Chester Cathedral Fund is Mr. W. F. S. Moorley, Westminster Bank Ltd., P.O. Box 8, 33, Eastgate Street, Chester, CH1 1XA.



An Up-And-Coming Youngster Who Made the Grade

MICHAEL J. FELLOWS' 500 PEALS AT 21

On Saturday, December 7th, 1968, just four days after his 21st birthday, Michael Fellows rang his 500th peal at Bewdley, Worcestershire, on a heavy-going eight previously pealed 39 years ago.

Michael John Fellows was taught to ring by Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, in 1957, but after a short while lost interest, and it wasn't until after his brother, Martin D. Fellows (who learnt to ring at the same time), had rung his first peal that Michael once again climbed the belfry steps. This time the bug bit hard.

In the immediate years after this he cycled and hitchhiked thousands of miles to ring peals wherever and as often as possible, usually with his brother, Martin. In 1965 he was, with Martin, co-leading peal ringer with 234 peals between them. An increase in the Worcestershire Association subscription was then rumoured due to the extra printing costs of king size annual reports!

He rang his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) at St. Peter-de-Witten, Droitwich, on November 14th, 1959, while he was still 11 years old. He conducted his first peal (two methods Doubles) in 1961. "The Ringing World" carries a report on him as "an up and coming youngster".

Amongst the peals that he has rung in are three long lengths; also in Mr. George Fearn's 2,000th peal and Peter Border's 1,000th.

M. P. T.

THE LIST TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 5 (conducted 3), 2-18 meth. var. 16 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 16 (3), 2, 4, 5, 7 methods 8 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5 (3), London Surprise 1, 2 Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 18 (11), Stedman 3 (2), 4-spliced 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 18 (5), Double Norwich C.B. 4, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Belgrave 1 (1), Brighton 1, Bristol 8 (3), Cambridge 32 (10), Dorchester 1 (1), Evesham 1, Glasgow 4 (1), Huddersfield 1, Irchester 1, Lincoln 2, Lincolnshire 22 (4), London 39 (21), Macclesfield 1, Morley 1, Nailstone 1, New Cambridge 4 (3), Pudsey 5 (1), Quedgeley 2 (2), Rutland 10 (3), Sedgley 1, Staffordshire 1 (1), Stour 1, Superlative 4 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Watford 1, Worcestershire 3 (1), Yorkshire 41 (20).

Spliced.—2 methods 2, 3 methods 3 (1), 4 methods 5 (4), 5 methods 2 (1), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 6 (3), Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 19 (3), Clifton 1, Evesham 1, Lincolnshire 2, London (No. 3) 11, Pudsey 1, Solihull 1, Yorkshire 7.

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (3).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Albanian 1, Cambridge 43 (1), Eldon 1, Lambeth 1, Lincolnshire 2, Lindsey 1, Londinium 13 (1), Lyddington 1, Newgate 2, Prittlewell 2, Pudsey 2, Solihull 1, Superlative 12, Yorkshire 6.

HANDBELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (1), 2 methods 3, 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 2, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 10 (6), 2 methods 5 (4), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Grand total 500 (136).

This total includes the following long lengths:

11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major, 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 15,699 Stedman Cinques.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 1968 TOUR

LOOKING back on the 1968 tour, which assembled at Chester on August 23rd, "Whizz Kid" writes: "As a whole it was considered a worthy success, and was notable in that many members rang in methods that they had been unable to try before." The tour was under the leadership of John Slater, the party numbering 18. New members welcomed were Audrey Alexander, Liz Duncan and David Wright.

Saturday's ringing was at the two Chester churches of St. Mary's-within and without-the-Walls. Sunday's programme opened with several good touches at Bromborough, ending with three leads of Bristol. The ferry was crossed to Liverpool and after an early lunch came one of the highlights of the tour—Liverpool Cathedral. After everyone had been suitably awe-inspired by the ringing chamber, a band caught hold for rounds, which went surprisingly well, as did the touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques which followed. Finally a picked band rang a half course of Cambridge Maximus, with the Master performing solo on the tenor. We came down justifiably pleased with the effort, considering that the band, with the exception of "Fester Foster", were not used to bells of this weight. The day's ringing concluded with the 12 at St. Nicholas' and the night was spent in Liverpool Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

We were treated to tea and scones at our first tower, Eccleston, on Monday by the Vicar and helpers. Nearby St. Helens Parish Church bells were regarded as the most difficult ten of the tour, but Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Royal were brought round. We found Runcorn bells, after a picnic lunch, a lumpy ring. The road to Frodsham took us into the countryside, and here the one and only touch of Grandsire was rung, and only because it was the 250th anniversary of the first peal in the method. That night was spent at Delamere Forest Hostel.

Good courses of Surprise, including Pudsey and Glasgow, were rung the next morning at Northwich. Some might have argued that the bells at Chelford were little recompense for a long ride. In Macclesfield we did not do justice to the ten at Christ Church, but redeemed

ourselves with Glasgow and Bristol at St. Peter's. Several punctures were incurred on the stony road which led to Rudyard Lake Hostel.

WARNING AGAINST BAD STRIKING

At Leek the next morning the tower captain informed us that he would not tolerate bad striking: we acquitted ourselves with a good touch of Stedman, and an excellent course of London Royal was brought round in masterly style and produced the best 10-bell ringing of the week. After lunch we rang at the colourful and ornate Catholic Church at Cheadle. At Alton, the next tower, was one of the finest eights of the week. The night was spent at the hostel alongside Ilam Church. It resembled an old castle, the dragon of the piece being faithfully represented by the warden. A jovial evening was spent at a distant alehouse, but unfortunately on the return trip a multiple bike crash resulted in cuts and bruises for Liz Foster and David Wright.

Thursday morning dawned cold, and we started at Mayfield, our second 6-bell tower. A long ride brought us to Duffield, where the fast-moving ten did not deter the customary course of Surprise Royal being rung successfully. A steep climb brought us to Winksworth, but in spite of fatigue some good ringing was produced, including 8-spliced. A pleasant evening was spent in Matlock, though beautiful Matlock did not produce an equally beautiful ring of bells, and ringing the next morning culminated in a touch of Caters which fired out when Andrew Slade found the mediæval bell just a little too much.

After ringing on the fine eight at Ashover (9-spliced, including Glasgow), the tiny, weaving road leading to Darley Dale claimed its toll of accidents in the form of cuts and bruises. Darley Dale saw an attempt to ring all spliced touches, including Stedman and Grandsire. The ride to Youlgrave proved to be one of the easiest of the tour, unlike the bells which may be described as a "good old style ring". The hostel at Bakewell provided us with five star accommodation and the best food of the week. A convivial evening followed.

Ringling at Bakewell the following morning included the customary course of Glasgow. Signs that the end of the tour was approaching came in the form of the first of the week-enders. Our portable engineer had now transferred to his mobile workshop/car/warehouse/bicycle store. The feature of the lumpy run to Hathersage was the close escape of the Master from being run down by the aforementioned vehicle. There was much difficulty at Hathersage in finding a pub that did not have notices announcing that they would not serve "persons in walking or camping dress".

The journey to Dore witnessed the only misfortune of the tour (in the last 15 tours), for Fred was knocked off his bike by an accused motorist and had to be taken away by ambulance, though all the while appealing to the driver to take him for a quick grab at Dove. Everyone appeared at dinner that night with their clothes presenting the usual jarring contrast to the ones they had just shed. Fred rejoined us, suitably stitched up, and we sat down to a good meal, followed by the meeting. It was decided to hold the reunion in Birmingham on the usual last week-end in February.

Sunday began with the ten at Rushmoor, where we joined the locals for service ringing. After a meal at the Sheffield City Centre, afternoon ringing was at St. Marie's and then in the pouring rain we made our way to Rotherham. The ringing here tended to be just a little too fast for the bells, though Stedman Caters was rung well.

Several of the company departed for home the following morning, so we were rather depleted at Dronfield. Fortunately the heavy rain abated in time for the run to Chesterfield where, after a very meagre lunch, we rang on the fine ten. It was difficult to believe that this was the end of the tour. The motorised members quickly dispersed, leaving the cyclists who found a coffee bar nearby where they could pass the half-hour or so before the train departed southwards.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains who made it possible for us to ring and for making us so welcome.

Devizes Branch A.G.M. Hear of Westbury's Plight

THE annual general meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 4th. Ringing was under the guidance of Branch Ringing Master Mr. N. G. Knee, and the bells of St. James' and St. Mary's churches were also available, ringing being under the respective tower captains.

At 4.30 p.m. all converged on St. John's for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. D. C. Williams, with Mr. Weaver as organist. The lesson was read by Mr. Heath, captain of St. John's.

The curate of St. James' Church, Southbroom, Rev. David King, was a guest at the tea which followed, to which between 50 and 60 sat down. Full justice was done, the meal being served by members of the three ringing bands in Devizes. Tea over, the A.G.M. followed.

Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, presided at the meeting and called on the company to stand in silent respect to the memory of Mr. W. A. Avery, of Longbridge Deverill, recently deceased.

The secretary (Mr. G. D. Davis) said he had trouble in presenting the accounts as five towers had still to send in their subscriptions. The chairman asked members to help in this matter.

In his report the secretary praised the work of Mr. Eric Hitchins, of Melksham, in his running of the discussions at the monthly meetings, and congratulated the Chirton band

on gaining second place in the annual striking competition. He also wished that the first peal on the new ten bells at Edington could have been rung by the local band. The secretary's report and accounts were adopted.

The chairman thanked those members from Steeple Ashton, Westbury and Trowbridge for the hard work which they had done in training the new band of ringers at Edington, and enabling them to ring the bells at the dedication service. He congratulated the band that had rung the first peal at Edington. He went on to express his sorrow at the catastrophe which had overtaken All Saints' Church, Westbury, in the loss of the use of one of the best rings of eight bells in England. He hoped that the work on the church could soon be carried out and that in the future they might again be able to ring at Westbury.

Mr. Andrews was unanimously re-elected chairman, and other officers elected were: Vice-chairman, Mr. A. T. Weeks (Devizes); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon); Ringing Masters, N. G. Knee and E. E. Norris (Warminster) and R. Purnell (Melksham); hon. auditor, B. Carter (Bradford-on-Avon). Messrs. R. Jones (Longbridge Deverill) and E. Hitchins (Melksham) were elected to the Branch committee.

Eight new members were elected—six from Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and one each from West Lavington and Southbroom (Devizes). The Rev. T. Salisbury, of Urchfont, and the Rev. A. T. Johnson, of Warmin-

ster, were confirmed as honorary members. Messrs. H. Sturgess (Devizes) and B. Smith (Chirton) were recommended as life ringing members, for confirmation at the Guild annual festival, at Wootton Bassett in May.

After discussion, it was decided that the charge for teas at monthly meetings should be 2/6 for adults and 1/6 for juveniles. Collections taken at monthly meetings are to be divided equally between the church's fabric fund and Branch funds. Monthly discussions are to be continued and Mr. Hitchins will also give talks on the Plain Bob methods. Two resolutions were put forward for the Guild committee—procedure at the annual festival and a Guild striking competition.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing was resumed until 8.15 p.m.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On Dec. 27th, Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. Eves 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, M. Peet (first quarter) 3, G. Eves 4, G. Heath (cond.) 5, W. Alexander 6. Also on Dec. 31st, Grandsire Triples: 1. Heath (first Triples) 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, G. Heath 3, G. Eves 4, D. Stone (first Triples) 5, J. Barry 6, W. Alexander (first as cond.) 7, M. Peet (first Triples) 8.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Board (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss P. A. Kingcott 3, H. Yeates 4, M. M. Collins 5, P. England 6, T. Chapman 7, S. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lt.-Col. J. M. Lee, churchwarden.

I REMEMBER

TWO REMARKABLE BROTHERS

By the Rev. B. F. SHEPPARD

IT has been borne upon me that now is the time to draw the attention of the Exercise to the life and work of two most remarkable brothers who in their day had a profound influence upon ringing in all its aspects, while there are still alive and very active some people who are far more qualified than I to speak of the technical side of their work. It was, however, my privilege to have known and rung with both from 1919 onwards, to have taken part in various Guild weeks of the C.U.G.C.R. and to have rung no less than 16 peals with one or other or with both, the last being in 1938, and I count it a great honour and privilege to have been able to call both of them my personal friends.

The Rev. Henry Law James and the Rev. Edward Banks James were by birth citizens of Gloucester, born within the limits of the ancient Roman city. H.L. used to remark: "Civis Romanus sum." Who taught them to ring I do not know, but they came up to Cambridge in 1887 to Caius College and immediately joined the C.U.G.C.R., proving of most valuable assistance to the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, conducting between them no less than 30 peals up to 1929 and bringing the Guild into an organisation capable of ringing peals in a number of methods.

H.L. A MINE OF INFORMATION

They were both many-sided in their interests. H.L. had a vast store of antiquarian knowledge and showed great powers of organisation in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, ably seconded by his parishioner Rupert Richardson. He was a mine of information on many subjects and took a leading part in the investigations into the science of change-ringing. I believe that it was his work that opened the way to the ringing of spliced Surprise, but of this aspect of his work I am not capable of speaking.

When staying at Surfleet Vicarage it was an experience to be remembered to sit in the evening in his upstairs study and listen to the controversies carried on with great animation between the two brothers, one on each side of the hearth, which conversation, needless to say, was entirely above the heads of the young and inexperienced men who listened with awe but, I fear, with very little enlightenment.

Above all, in spite of his many interests, H. L. was a devoted parish priest, and in his long ministry in the parish of Surfleet he won the love and gratitude of his people. The writer well remembers going to Surfleet to preach at his harvest festival one year, and seeing the large congregation from what was not a large parish as numbers go. When he went there as vicar there was no vicarage and he had to live in lodgings till he could manage to erect the delightful house in which he lived till his death. Like his brother, he possessed a certain amount of private means, and he doubtless used these generously in the interests of his parish.

A BLUE FOR CHESS

E. B. was quite a different type of man, though equally gifted in many ways. He spent a great deal of his life as mathematical master at a preparatory school, and a number of his former pupils are still alive to witness to his gifts as a teacher. They enabled him, incidentally, to give a thorough grounding to some of them in the art of conducting and of composition in change-ringing. He was, in addition, a fine chess player, winning his Blue at chess at Cambridge, where he is said to have had afternoon walks with a friend who later became chess champion of England, playing a game of blindfold chess as he went.

In days when there was still much to learn about method construction, he produced two new methods—Little Bob Major and Bristol Surprise—which have become standard methods and which, I believe, opened the door to many later developments. Even in such a well-worn method as Bob Major he produced at short notice a new and original peal—the Barrabool peal—which is printed on page 21 of "A Great Adventure" and was designed to assist a conductor to cope with the distractions which accompanied an attempt to call a peal on board the s.s. Barrabool on the way to Australia. This was the peal, by the way, which the Guild chose to ring half-muffled in his memory after his death and in which the writer was privileged to take part at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge.

He built at Surfleet a wooden bungalow, known as "The Hut", in which he stayed dur-

ing school holidays and to which he invited in turn a number of his younger friends. Unfortunately, being myself immersed in parish work, I was never able to take advantage of this, but doubtless there are others who could describe what went on there. When I was able to visit him there in his last days I found that although his memory had failed in most respects he was as clear as a bell on ringing matters and showed me a new 10-bell Surprise method with a clean proof scale.

RINGING STORIES

He had a store of good ringing stories. He told us that his method of bringing a peal attempt to an end when the ringing was below his standards was to hunt up behind to the tenor (he usually rang the seventh) and there stop in spite of all efforts to get him to come down until the nuisance ceased. He also told of the country tower where the band consisted of an old and good ringer whose numerous offspring made up the rest of the band, who was wont in emergencies to cry out: "Dick thou'rt after Tom, Tom thou'rt after Harry, Harry thou'rt after Jim, Jim thou'rt after Will and Will thou'rt after thy Feyther." He also told of the ringer who was far from his proper place and who, when rebuked by the conductor, retorted: "I knows where I be, but I baint there!"

In the days when much interest was devoted to new ideas in the composition of Grandsire Triples, he produced some wonderful-looking peals with asterisks and daggers, enabling him to join up the parts of a peal in a very ingenious manner. I am, I fear, not qualified to say much about this, but I know that I have rung at least one on handbells on the tenors (which he insisted that I should ring because, he said, I set the kind of beat that he liked).

These are but a few of my memories of these two great characters. If my memory has failed me I trust that one or other of their many friends who still survive will write and correct me, and especially that those qualified to write with authority on their technical achievements in composition will fill the gap which I am bound to leave. May they both rest in peace.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

Frome Branch's Memorable Meeting

There was nothing remarkable in the date, January 11th, nothing special about the venue, Shepton Mallet (8), but this date and this place might well be remembered as the end of an era in this Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. In the most passionate and voluble speech we have yet heard from him, Ted Chivers gave notice that next year he will have completed 20 years as secretary, and this, he said, was long enough for anyone. In giving notice of his intention to retire, Ted laid down one or two guide lines for future secretaries.

For what else will this day be remembered? For many of us it will be the note of utter sadness as we stood in silent tribute with George Massey, remembering his daughter, Frances (aged only 22 years), who had died just two days previously.

The service, conducted by the Rev. L. A. B. White, will be remembered for his pleasure at finding that ringers can also sing, and his chat (as he put it) regarding teamwork.

The business meeting will be remembered by its length—14 items on the agenda—through which the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Durston, steered the 40-odd members with characteristic thoroughness. All retiring officers were returned and 12 new members were elected, further adding to the mystery of where they all go—new members are elected at every

meeting, but the numbers attending meetings grow less. The balance sheet will be remembered as containing only 6/- collected for the Belfry Repair Fund during the year, and the collecting box, on being passed round at this meeting, must have shamed members into contributing several times that amount at one meeting. The meeting will also be remembered as the one at which the members axed their summer meeting and decided to amalgamate it with the joint Chew Branch meeting.

The ringing afterwards might be remembered for the very good course of Bristol that concluded a most eventful day. All in all a memorable meeting. M. H.

Bath Branch Receive
Harold Partrey Shield

Over 80 ringers were present at the A.G.M. of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, held at St. Michael with St. Paul's on January 4th. The fully choral service was taken by the Rector (Rev. C. Holden) and the secretary read the lessons.

In the Branch report the secretary stated that membership had risen by one to 197 and that all towers were maintaining their Sunday service and practice ringing and had been joined by Swainswick who now have regular ringing. Quarter peal ringing had gained a

good increase and the local band at Dunkerton had scored their first.

A member of the Branch has presented a shield to be awarded each year to the winners of the striking competition, and it has been engraved the "Harold Partrey Shield" in memory of Harold, who was the Branch Ringing Master and who passed away last year. Mrs. Partrey presented the shield to John Hobbs, a member of the winning team of 1968 (St. Michael with St. Paul's). Mrs. Partrey was given an ovation by the ringers, not only because she has had the courage to take over the captaincy of Corston but because we are proud to have the president of the Ladies' Guild within our Branch for the first time.

The following were elected to serve during 1969: Chairman, George Hawkins (St. Michael with St. Paul's); vice-chairman, Leslie Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Alan Lee (Twerton); Ringing Masters, John Owen (Abbey) and Peter Devrell (St. Michael with St. Paul's); striking competition committee, the chairman, the Ringing Masters, Robin Stubbs (Bathwick), Arthur Reed (Abbey). New members elected totalled 17.

The best wishes of the Branch were sent to the Dunkerton tower captain's wife, Mrs. Lucy Butt, who has reached her 90th birthday.

Mr. Naylor said he would like to see the inter-Branch striking competition with the Frome and Chew Branches carried on. A.R.L.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if when this year's Christmas broadcast is considered a recording could be included from a tower outside the U.K.

At present the programme is confined to the British Isles only, but how enjoyable it would be if we could hear, say, an Australian or a Canadian peal amongst the others. It would broaden the scope of the programme and at the same time emphasise to the listening public that ringing is not restricted to these islands but shared by many of us with common ties far beyond our shores, especially at Christmas-tide.

There may be difficulties involved in introducing this idea, and one of our own towers will have to be left out, but I am sure it will be well worth the effort if it can be arranged.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

P.S.—How about making a start near home, in any case with a recording from the South of Ireland?—J. B.

Dear Sir,—I also should like to express my appreciation of the Christmas Day bell broadcast: it was, as always, a real joy to anyone who, like myself, lives far away from the sound of bells.

Could we not have a repeat of this programme, and also occasional Sunday ringing—uninterrupted by commentary?—Yours faithfully,

L. K. MARSHALL.

Goathland, Whitby.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNGSTERS

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to belittle the achievements and progress of those fortunate enough to be featured in the Up-and-Coming Youngsters Column. Indeed, I wish them well. However, I feel that "The Ringing World" is contributing to a general lowering of standards when it holds up for our approval someone who has been ringing for as little as nine months.

Many of us have been good enthusiastic youngsters who make really remarkable progress given the right opportunities. At this stage of a ringer's career it is all fun and everything is new and exciting. Later when the opportunities for advanced ringing get rarer and rarer and are replaced more and more by the chores of having to train other learners and to put up with elementary methods and poor striking the story changes. Too often it becomes like the angler's tale of the "one that got away."

If we are going to have an "Up-and-Coming" column, at least let us have featured cases which are more deserving. Let us have articles about those who have progressed in the face of adversity, not those who have had every opportunity thrust their way. It is no achievement to be carried along on the crest of a wave.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

PEAL COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I was interested to learn from Mr. Christopher I. Rowson's letter on page 22 that the originality of a peal composition is so much a matter of who gets there first.

May the Exercise look forward to the early publication of an original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Rowson, to match that of Mr. Holt's?—Yours faithfully,

J. R. NORRIS.

YOUNG AND OLD RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your columns, comment on Mr. Cribble's article entitled "Greater Control in Younger Hands." Until recently I spent a number of years ringing in the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. I am not an "ageing" male, except in the sense that I am getting older in common with my fellow-ringers. Whilst I fully support the introduction of young people into ringing, there is a danger in ignoring the views of the more mature ringer. Young people grow up into adults, and if the young people now with us stand the test of time they will in due course become old ringers. When this time comes, are they to be written off as ageing persons or will their fund of knowledge and experience be made available to the young of that day? If young people were encouraged to think along these lines, they might have a little more consideration for the views of their older compatriots.

I well remember having the privilege of ringing with a band of older male ringers whilst in the Stroud district. Their ringing was more advanced and better executed than anything that can be produced in that Branch today. Whilst the band was composed mainly of elderly gentlemen when I came to know them, it was apparent that they had rung together from an early age and had themselves been young long before I was born. Whilst not a member of that band, I always found a welcome in their tower, I learned a great deal and I was impressed by a degree of courtesy and consideration which is uncommon today. Alas, that fine band of ringers became depleted through death and enforced retirement. The introduction of more young blood into such a team during its prime might have avoided the subsequent depletion, but the matter was not without difficulty, and in particular the younger members of that band displayed a general lack of responsibility.

If old and young ringers could bring themselves to combine more readily, they would be of assistance to each other and the Exercise would be much benefited. My plea is therefore not for all authority to be thrust upon the young, but for young and old to work together to the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

G. H. EDWARDS.

Sherston, Malmesbury.

NON-RINGER COMPOSER

Dear Sir,—How pleased I was to see that a band has at last rung one of Maurice Onion's excellent compositions (see "Ringing World", page 11). Readers might be interested to learn a little more about Maurice, as he is rather a special case.

He has never rung a bell in his life, but as a keen mathematician he is much interested in the problems of composition. Some years ago I explained to him the basic principles and since then he has spent many happy hours with paper and pencil. He has produced several good compositions in the standard methods, but until the peal at Hackney these had remained unring.—Yours sincerely,

N. C. GOON

Dukinfield, Cheshire.

BOUGHT 1597 BELL IN SCRAPYARD

Dear Sir,—The article on redundant Canterbury bells was of particular interest to me, and I thank Mr. Cawley for the way he has solved a problem that has been with me for 25 years. I refer to the Robert Mot bell dated 1597 from the now demolished Church of St. Andrew, which was sold to pay for the recasting of St. Margaret's treble. This is, I think, the bell which now hangs in the tower of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and St. Anne, Caversham, Reading, and it forms the tenor to a part chime of four, and this bell alone is hung for full swinging.

I inspected these bells on November 14th, 1943, in order to let Mr. F. Sharpe have details for his "Church Bells of Berkshire," from which I am now copying them.

Treble: Our Lady of St. Anne 1902/recast by Carrs of Smethwick 1904.

Second: SANTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS, cast by Carrs of Smethwick 1904.

Third: (No inscription).

Tenor: †Robertus Mot met fecit, 1597.

The treble and second are canonless maiden castings from the Smethwick foundry of Messrs. Charles Carr and Co.

On the headstock of the third is a cast metal plate inscribed: S. B. Goslin Founder and Manufacturer/The Bishopsgate Foundry Art Metal Works/Artillery Lane, Bishopsgate without London, E.

The church treasurer informed me that the 1597 bell came from a scrap metal yard in Canterbury and he was responsible for its purchase.

The connection of S. B. Goslin with the tower and the information received regarding the purchase of the bell seem conclusive.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

A CANTERBURY QUERY

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. David Cawley's article in "The Ringing World" of December 27th, and particularly so because I think he could help me with an investigation I am making.

The tenor bell at Willesborough (12 cwt. in F sharp) is inscribed: "GILES MASTERS C. W. Iosephus Hatch me fecit 1623." (Stahl Schmidt gives the weight as 14 cwt.)

My query originated from the fact that the date—1623—was earlier than that of the 5th bell which, by the way, I believe to be another interloper—probably from Sevington. Then I discovered that Giles Masters did not live in Willesborough although there was a prominent family of that name in the parish. He was a member of the Henghurst branch, and he lived in Canterbury where he was buried in 1644. He might have been interred at St. Margaret's, although I cannot be sure of that.

I would be most grateful if Mr. Cawley would help me as I wish to find out:

(1) Was Giles Masters a churchwarden at St. Margaret's (or any other Canterbury church) in 1623?

(2) Is there a record of the disposal of the bell I have described from a Canterbury church?

If I had known Mr. Cawley's address I would not have trespassed upon your space but would have written to him direct.—Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

3, Glover Road,
Willesborough,
Ashford, Kent.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Letters—continued

REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the article on the late Gabriel Lindoff in your issue of December 20th. As far as I can recollect I never had the pleasure of meeting him, but I have known him by name for many years. I rang Stedman Cinques and Caters at Sheffield Cathedral for six years, 1921–1926, under the captaincy of the late William Lomas, who was Hudson's grandson, and I knew and rang with the late Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield.

My reason for writing is to take the strong-est exception to the word "cocksure" as applied to my old friend Henry Law James. I can only presume that the author did not know him and his work as I did. I rang a number of peals with him, although he was an old man when I was a young one. I also took part with him in various ringing weeks of the C.U.G.C.R. and know at first hand what an influence he had over the generation of conductors and composers who helped with me to restart the Guild after the 1914 war, including the late Stephen Wood, the late W. H. J. Hooton and the happily still surviving C. W. Woolley.

With the exception of the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Law James was probably the most learned man who ever took up campanology. He excelled in four or five directions, being a very considerable archaeologist, as well as doing a wonderful organising work in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, in which he was most ably helped by the late Rupert Richardson, who lived in his parish. I can only imagine what Rupert's comments would have been had he lived to read this article.

In parenthesis, I would remark that no one could have been "cocksure" with a brother like the late E. Banks James, who was prepared to take on anyone at any time (including his brother) on questions of composition and who to the best of my knowledge is the only man to produce two standard methods, Bristol Surprise and Little Bob.

In conclusion, I would like to draw attention to the peal of Stedman Triples by Law James which appears on page 59 of the 1938 edition of "Stedman", by the late J. Armiger Trollope.—Yours sincerely,

BERTRAM F. SHEPPARD.

Wellington, Somerset.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, PENARTH

Dear Sir,—There is a slight inaccuracy in the article about the Llandaff and Monmouth Association (October 18th).

With regard to the section about the self-taught band at Pentre after the First World War it was stated "The last members of this band have recently passed from us" This is not quite correct since the tower captain at St. Augustine's, Penarth—Mr. W. J. Palmer—is still very much alive and in fact can recall taking part in the peals mentioned very clearly. The records at Pentre will show this.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK A. HERBERT,
St. Augustine's, Penarth

WHERE MOONRAKERS STARTED

Dear Sir,—I am tickled at Mr. Caple's conviction (page 22) that moonrakers originated at Southbroom. Born and bred as I was at Whiteparish, I was assured that the story started at Long Pond there! I realised many years ago that any patriotic Wiltshire village claims the story. Such ponds are as numerous as the trees in which Kings have hidden or beds in which Queens have slept!—Yours sincerely,

HUGH FALKNER.

Swanage.

PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—Richard Speed's leader on January 3rd was well worth reading and I hope it will encourage discussion in the Exercise. Peal "style" was in fact one of the key points that Dennis Beresford and I made in our mock-up of a new look "Ringing World" three years ago. The peals section is, after all, a major one both in extent and interest, since the majority of regular peal ringers take the journal.

The most pleasing layout we found in our research was that adopted by the Lancashire Association in their annual report, with slight modifications. I agree that the quarter peal style adopted by the Middlesex, Norwich and other Associations is not really satisfactory, although one appreciates that economies necessitated this form. The ideal, of course, is a greater saving of space but optimum clarity. Being a Guild officer and connected with the preparation of an annual report, I have appreciated the grouping of peals in Guilds/Associations but, quite honestly, I share the view of a not inconsiderable number of peal ringers that the "old style" had a far better presentation.

Now to deal with the points raised in Mr. Speed's discussion.

(1) Place, county, dedication, date and time taken for the peal would seem to be satisfactory.

(2) The method—difficult! One could say that sauce for the Surprise Major ringers (e.g., spliced in *n* Surprise methods) is sauce for the Minor and Doubles men (e.g., multi-Minor and Doubles/Variations). Yes indeed, one could agree that some of the multi-method peals are a fiddle from the nomenclature point of view but to find a common denominator would, I think, be very difficult. Two or three years ago I had the great pleasure of taking part in a 148 method peal of Minor. The purists could argue that these methods all stem from no more than a score of "parents". As for C.C. numbers, not all are numbered and classified and the average reader doesn't possess a Collection of Methods publication. It really looks as if a restriction to three or four lines may be the answer with, in the event of running to more than this, the peal styled (for example) A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR IN 100 METHODS, and a footnote "For details of the methods please see page so and so."

(3) Now we come to the tenor weight, to my mind a most important point in the report. I disagree that the information is redundant and neither has the "Victorian myth" been exploded. In fact, in more hazy days the dictum was that every ring had its own time and compass. It's in the last ten years that we've seen the trend towards estimating a time for a particular weight. And, in lighter vein if

I may, the point about speed and heaviness should enable Dick to ring Daventry tenor in 2.40 at least! The tenor weight should be retained.

(4) Something could be done on composers/conductors—these need not take more than one line (present "R.W." style) or two lines for the three or four (?) column "Lancashire report style". In other words, Sir Arthur P. Heywood's transposition of Thomas Thurstans' four part is verbose and unnecessary: "Heywood's Transpn." is surely sufficient. Here the Editor must rely on the good sense and economy of conductors. I don't quite see the logic of the statement on page 4 about composers. After all, Washbrook, Lindoff and Bennett have some good compositions of London; they're just not fashionable at the present time. Today if there aren't three courses of 65s or *x* C.R.U.s the young conductors click their tongues, but some people just don't fancy the 5th in 6ths place, preferring the 3rd musically.

(5) Now footnotes, and here I agree 100 per cent. This is the one area where many people feel that the Editor could use the blue pencil a little more liberally. The code system is ideal provided it does head up the peal columns each week; and what a golden opportunity to abolish for ever that most painful footnote of all, "Fastest peal on the bells."

Summing up: plenty of opportunity for experimentation, smaller but equally clear print, possibly three or even four columns per page. Obviously we don't want a "Dalton's Weekly" effect! The Association title in bolder type, no dividing lateral lines, restriction perhaps on space for multi-method peals but the tenor weight and note included. Footnotes coded.

The resultant style could appear thus (taking the first of the "Other Peals" on page 9):—

BATH & WELLS ASSN.

Ditchet, Somerset.—St. Mary Magdalene,
Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 hours and 18 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH
C.B. MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble
Arthur H. Reed	2
David J. Orledge	3
Richard J. Bowden	4
Patrick J. Bird	5
Allan Tubb	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. R. O. Fry.

Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Ipswich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District's New Master

Mr. Frank Roper, of Finchingfield, was elected Ringing Master of the Northern District at the A.G.M. at Halstead on January 4th. He succeeds Mr. R. Lindsell who had held the position for three years. Mr. Roper started his ringing career at Great Finborough in 1932 and joined the Suffolk Guild two years later. He moved to Finchingfield in 1945, where he is the tower Master.

An encouraging report was received on the past year: 18 peals and 42 quarters, including many firsts, had been rung.

Mr. Les Mills appealed for support for the exhibition of bellringing at the "Olde Tyme Rallye" at Sudbury in June, when the White-chapel Foundry will have its steel-framed open tower on view.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The last Western District meeting of 1968 was held at All Souls', Holey Hill, on December 14th. Although the weather was cold, the meeting was well attended, with at least 60 members taking part in the ringing.

A hot tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local company. The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. W. Barton. Ten new members were elected and the next meeting was fixed for March 15th at Skipton.

After the meeting ringing was resumed at Halifax Parish Church. Methods rung on the 12 were Plain Bob and Little Bob and Stedman and Grandisle Cinques. Unfortunately, ringing had to be terminated at 7.45 p.m. because of an organ recital in the church. A.B.S.

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DATE TOUCHES

BAKEWELL, DERBS.—On Dec. 31st, 1968 Plain Bob Major (A. F. Lewry): J. D. Arkwell 1, A. M. Smith 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, S. E. Davis 4, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith 5, B. Bateman 6, C. L. Bateman 7, T. Wylie (cond.) 8. First date touch by all except conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1968 Bob Major: G. Peters 1, Pauline Smith 2, J. Davidge 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, D. James 6, D. Robinson 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1968 Pl. Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Susan M. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, T. G. Holden 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (comp. and cond.) 6. Half-muffled for the watch-night service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1969 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Susan M. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, T. G. Holden 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (comp. and cond.) 6. Rung at midnight for the New Year. The first date touch of 1969.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, S. Bedford 2, Ruth Woodman 3, V. Bedford 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, T. Boast (first quarter) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Sylvia Langford (first quarter) 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, R. Riley 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, Margaret Westwood 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, Daphne Appleby 6. For New Year's service, also a compliment to Margaret Westwood, shortly to be married.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Helen Rowland 1, Margaret Jones 2, R. A. Swift 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, J. Wood 8. First in method 1, 3. For Confirmation service, when Margaret Clark, a member of the local band, was confirmed.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Frances Gadd 1, F. Morris 2, A. W. Knight 3, F. Pike 4, R. A. C. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hancock.

BALDETON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. L. Exton (cond.) 1, R. B. Mills 2, D. Phillipson 3, J. Shonfield 4, C. W. Reed 5, Beryl N. Reed 6, H. Poyner 7, Christine L. J. Mills 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Felicity Dickens and Mr. Peter Brazier.

BARMING, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Cox 1, Sandra Gunner 2, A. Skinner (cond.) 3, J. Marden 4, W. Manser 5, T. Crocker 6.

BELTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elaine Pearson 1, Judith Arand 2, J. Selby 3, D. Arand 4, S. A. Selby 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4 and 5. For carol festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Spittle 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, R. J. Cook 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, A. L. Bance 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, A. G. Clark 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Talbot 1, A. G. Clark 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 3, B. J. Stone 4, G. Spittle 5, R. C. Stevens 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, L. A. Reece 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Guille 1, J. Hallett (cond.) 2, R. Lamerchel 3, J. P. Collins 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, Philippa E. Motriss 7, M. Anstee 8. For Christmas. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. P. Collins 1, Linda V. Cull 2, M. Anstee 3, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 4, J. C. Hallett 5, A. L. Guille 6. A birthday compliment to Linda V. Cull.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Dec. 11th, 1,274 St. Clement's and Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Cockin (first quarter) 1, N. P. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, R. Sweet 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, R. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Oillet 8. First by all the band. For Confirmation.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Martin 1, E. Bowden 2, B. Shackleton 3, R. Rowden 4, D. Powney 5, B. North 6, O. Land 7, W. Gearing 8. For candlelight carol service.

BUDOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston (first as cond.) 1, Barbara A. Duck 2, D. Stevens 3, P. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy (first "inside") 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beeding 6. For Holy Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, D. J. Morgan (first on tenor) 6. A compliment to the Mayor, Cdr. D. P. Griffiths (tower secretary and Guild auditor), and the Mayoress of Cardigan. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. P. Griffiths 1, Rosalie Andrews (first quarter) 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, D. E. P. Watkins (first quarter) 4, J. B. Wilson 5, D. J. Morgan 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss L. Tibbitts 1, Mrs. J. Sledge 2, G. Walker (cond.) 3, J. Murfitt 4, P. Dickinson 5, T. Willis 6. For carol service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Thomas 1, G. Walker 2, Miss L. Gridrod 3, D. Tovell (first Minor) 4, P. Dickinson 5, J. Murfitt (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

COLCHESTER (Shrub Ead), ESSEX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, P. Schaffe 2, D. Cobb (cond.) 3, A. Wright (first "inside") 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6. For Matins.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Betty Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. Peters 4, S. Bendle 5, F. A. Hooper 6. For Matins.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob): Miss J. Kingston (first quarter) 1, G. Kingston 2, E. J. Lambert 3, R. Woodward 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5, Miss H. Richardson (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (6, 7 cover): W. E. Morgan 1, Joan M. Weddell 2, A. W. Thomas 3, J. H. Thomas 4, W. G. Morgan (first as cond.) 5, A. Charles (first quarter) 6, W. J. L. Groom 7, H. V. Woods (first quarter) 8. For the dedication of a memorial clock to the late Harold G. Blick, tower captain and ringer for over 50 years, presented by his widow and family.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Jinks 1, R. Reed 2, E. Fletcher (first Doubles) 3, Miss A. Rowe 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, A. Kersey 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, For carol service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist: J. Knipe 1, Miss C. Tickner 2, G. Fisher 3, N. G. T. Siecre 4, N. Brown 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, A. Brown 7, M. Parry 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Whale 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For carol service.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding (13, first quarter) 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. Barrett (14, first "inside") 3, V. J. Bowring 4, Thelma Kidley (13, first quarter) 5, A. F. Batt 6. Conducted by 2 and 4. First quarter by locally-trained S.S. band. For morning service.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. R. Harris 1, J. W. Hope 2, H. Inance (first Surprise "inside") 3, M. Turner 4, T. Bound 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Pauline Sutton 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, R. J. Everest 3, M. C. May 4, E. J. Jenner 5, P. R. Everest 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Anne Barber 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, Pamela Court 4, G. L. Webb 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, P. C. Sinden 7, J. Hedgcock 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,282 Yorkshire Royal: Felicity Hamilton (first T.B. Royal) 1, J. Davidge 2, R. D. Mills 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. C. Stevens 5, P. Munday 6, N. Thomson 7, T. Skilton (first Surprise Royal) 8, J. Scofield 9, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 10. First Yorkshire Royal 2, 3, 4 and 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Banks 1, L. D. Smith 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, Susan V. Banks 4, Elizabeth A. Banks (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. D. Smith 1, Susan V. Banks (first as cond.) 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, M. G. Willis 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For the wedding of Susan Allinson to Mr. Roger Arblaster. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (18 meth./var.): G. W. Murley (first attempt) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, Susan V. Banks 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob

Doubles: L. D. Smith 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Catherine A. Roberts (first as cond.) 3, R. Allinson 4, Susan V. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Family Communion.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Vivienne M. Dye 1, G. L. Webb 2, Anne Barber 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, J. Hedgcock 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Welland 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss G. C. M. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, C. L. Bell 3, R. J. Palmer 4, M. Brown 5, A. M. Barber (cond.) 6.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Messenger (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, Miss S. Burdon 3, H. Moore 4, F. Roper 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. Rung for 1969.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Sturges 1, Janet Pink 2, B. Osborne 3, P. Barrett 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Whiting 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Long 1, Barbara Leigh 2, Barbara Mayers (first in method) 3, Freda Cannon 4, R. Grant 5, J. Dafters 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Horritt 1, Cecile Forgan (first Triples "inside") 2, Josephine Triag 3, P. Cranfield 4, R. H. Vigor 5, M. R. Worthington 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, A. W. Gentle 8.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire and Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Marshall 1, C. Tidwell 2, P. Board 3, J. Vardy 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5.

PINXTON, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. A. Jones 1, L. G. Smith (first as cond.) 2, W. Adecock (first in method) 3, J. Adecock (first in method) 4, E. J. Soills (first "inside") 5. First quarter on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, SOM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. C. Gale 1, R. J. Dale 2, D. J. Gale 3, R. J. Gale 4, A. J. Gould 5, D. Dando 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. R. Hill 8. To herald the Christmas Festival.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. L. Weller (cond.) 1, A. V. Corden 2, M. Etherington 3, H. W. Franklin 4, D. Barton 5, R. Heazeman 6. First Stedman Doubles by all the band. For Parish Communion.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Hodgekins 1, Ann Smith 2, S. Hodgekins 3, G. Muncey 4, R. Whitworth 5, T. G. Smith (cond.) 6. For candlelight carol service.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Latham 1, D. C. Simpson 2, J. Dunbavin 3, R. G. Latham 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, G. H. Hurst 6.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mumford (first quarter) 1, L. Pistow 2, R. Collins 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, Miss M. Kemp 5, F. Harper (cond.) 6.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. P. L. Saltmarsh 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. J. Harrison 5, D. Jennings 6. First quarter 1, 3. For the Festival of Carols. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rev. A. J. Abhey (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. J. Harrison 5, J. P. L. Saltmarsh 6. For the Feast of St. Stephen.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss F. A. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. E. Flinn 2, H. Judd 3, W. Bains 4, J. H. Selby 5, F. T. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. R. Lacey 8.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Rev. Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,320 St. Gregory Bob Doubles. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 New Bob Doubles. Also Nov. 25th, 1,280 Rev. New Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Rev. Huntupill Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 St. Vedast Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Rev. St. Vedast Bob Doubles. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,280 St. Julian Bob Doubles. All for Evensong by the same band.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, R. T. Irish 2, G. Moss 3, L. N. Melton (cond.) 4, F. G. Baxter 5, C. I. J. Pearce 6, R. Partridge 7, P. Anger 8. For the Feast of St. Andrew.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. For Christmas by Bradpole ringers.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Correction to the book "Method Splicing—Major". On page 65 course (B) should read: LX—BBB—XL—

Four times repeated=1120

Not as printed or "miscorrected" in recently-bought copies.—Giles B. Thompson.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Pershore, Worcs, on November 23rd, was Arthur C. Berry and not as submitted.

Through the transposition of a line the footnote to the quarter peal of Little Bob Maximus at Cambridge (page 23) was mixed up. It should read: "First in the method by all. A farewell to John Rank, who is leaving Cambridge to take up an appointment in Kenya."

In the peal at Shirley, Warks (page 952), the ringer of the seventh was Michael J. Medley.

DEDICATION

ECKINGTON, WORCS

There was a very large congregation, with many people standing, for a service of dedication of the restored and augmented ring of bells, combined with the Christmas service, in Holy Trinity Church, Eckington. The collection (£22 3s.) went towards the bell fund.

The Rev. P. Chippendale took the service, and the dedication was by the Ven. P. C. Eliot, Archdeacon of Worcester.

The original six bells had served the church for nearly 250 years, and as they had become unsafe it was decided that a major overhaul should be undertaken. The bells were taken last March to John Taylor's Foundry to be overhauled and tuned, with all new fittings, and hung on a steel frame, at a cost of £2,700. This included the provision of two additional bells to make a complete ring of eight. All the visiting ringers agreed that the bellfounders had made a first-class job of the old six.

The inscription on the new treble is: "In loving memory of William Thomas Perks, 2nd Worcs, killed in France, April 17th, 1918, also of his wife Dellah Flora Perks, died March 5th, 1956."

On the second new bell was: "These two bells were given by their family 1968. Rev. P. D. Chippendale, F. R. Perks, J.P., Churchwarden, K. R. Vickridge, Churchwarden, John Taylor & Co., Loughborough."

After the dedication the bells were officially rung for the first time by eight Eckington ringers: D. Trenfield 1. F. R. Perks 2. J. Husell 3. W. Bulford 4. John Walkwright 5. R. Loxley 6. R. Draper 7. R. Hickmott 8.

R. P.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Dartmouth on January 11th, when three towers were open for ringing and the service was held at St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Turner, assistant priest.

After tea in the Bay Tree Café, the business meeting followed, with Rev. D. P. Angold in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late Capt. A. R. Poyntz, of Teignmouth, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett, who had suffered a family bereavement.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both adopted, the latter showing a satisfactory balance in hand. Officers appointed were: Chairman, Rev. D. P. Angold; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Tuckett; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Edden; members to serve on the general committee, Rev. W. P. Dowling, Messrs. B. E. Bartlett and J. Kelly.

Two non-resident members and ten ordinary members were elected, and great appreciation was expressed to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. F. Shepperd, who was leaving the district.

Next meeting: Teignmouth, April 25th (subject to permission). A. L. B.

Forthcoming cover issues booked for the next four weeks are: January 31st, Chittlehampton, Devon; February 7th, St. Giles, Lincoln; February 14th, Shoreditch, London; February 21st, Solihull; February 28th and March 7th are vacant. We expect those ringers booking dates to make a contribution towards the cost of the cover block and to sell 50 copies.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN LEONARD BLAGG

His many friends learned with sorrow of the death of John Blagg, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on the night of January 4th, at the age of 76. Although not a native of Plymouth, in his few short years in that city he endeared himself to everyone with whom he came in contact. Until the time of his death, very few people even knew his Christian names and he was known to all as "Mr. Blagg".

He learned to ring about 58 years ago at Retford, where he became organist. His wife died in 1930 and shortly after he made his home with his son-in-law and daughter in Bristol. The family moved to Plymouth in 1959.

He was a gentle, unassuming man, whose only disability was deafness; nevertheless, with the assistance of a hearing aid, he was able to strike a bell with the best, and he became a valued member of the band of Emmanuel, Plymouth. His parish church, however, was St. Mary's, Plympton, and he would frequently join the local call-change band at practice and in ringing for special services.

He was known not only for his capabilities as a ringer; he was also an accomplished organist, and St. Mary's and many other churches in the area have good reason to be grateful for his services, often at very short notice.

The funeral service at St. Mary's on January 8th, prior to interment at Greenford, Middlesex, was conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews, who spoke with great effection of Mr. Blagg's life and work, and praised his great devotion to his church, not only as an organist and ringer but as a regular communicant. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by members of Emmanuel and St. Mary's bands. The choir of St. Mary's sang the lovely anthem "I heard a voice from Heaven".

At St. Mary's in the evening of the same day a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect to one whose friendship will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace. R. A. S.

H. H. T. writes: "By West Country standards Mr. Blagg should still have been almost a stranger in our midst, but not so in his case: he very soon endeared himself to everyone with whom he came into contact. . . . His cheerful disposition was a tonic to all."

MR. ROBERT TAIT

The death occurred in Dublin last November, at an advanced age, of Mr. Robert Tait. His ringing career extended over six decades. A pupil of Gabriel Lindoff early in the century, he succeeded him as keeper of the belfry at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1941. This position he held for 20 years: ill-health caused him to retire from ringing six years ago. He

had rung 13 peals, his first being Stedman Triples in 1907, recorded as the "heaviest peal of Triples yet rung." Later he rang Kent and Erin, and after service in the R.A.M.C. during the First World War Grandsire and Bob Royal. R.I.P.

MR. HERBERT BURRY

Mr. Herbert Burry passed away on December 22nd after 50 years' faithful service as sacristan and parish clerk at St. Mary's Church, Calne, Wilts.

He started to ring in 1927, and when the bells were rehung in 1928 and a new band formed with the object of introducing change-ringing he took over as captain and tower keeper. The band progressed with Herbert in charge, first with Doubles and then on to Triples and Major, with Stedman Triples a regular feature of Sunday service ringing.

When the ban on ringing was lifted after the war and until the local R.A.F. camps were closed, several Servicemen joined in service and practice ringing, and they will remember with gratitude the welcome they received from Herbert when they visited St. Mary's belfry. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths and for many years he was Branch Ringing Master. In 1964 he had to give up ringing on his doctor's instructions, and the Salisbury Guild made him an honorary life member.

The funeral was conducted by Canon O'Hanlon, Vicar, and was attended by civic leaders and representatives of most organisations and businesses in the town, showing the esteem for his devotion to duty in his work for his beautiful parish church.

Ringers present included the president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Mrs. West, of Melksham, and all elected officers of the Calne Branch, with members from most towers.

W. A. H.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The only change in the officers at the A.G.M. of the Northern District at Hitchin on January 4th was Miss M. Roden becoming Press representative in place of Mr. R. Worthington, who was appointed assistant Ringing Master. Dr. Gullick was elected to the general committee and Mr. J. Trigg to the District committee. New members elected were W. L. Gates, G. Horrit, M. Cranfield and B. Dear and J. McCutcheon, and P. Jones as probationers.

The list of towers for meetings, submitted by the committee, was approved, and Surprise practices are to be continued, although not always on a Tuesday.

The Rev. R. E. Meredith took the service and tea was served in the Church House. Evening ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise

May we again remind ringers who have rung 25 peals or more during 1968 to send details of totals rung (tower and "in hand") and the number conducted to Mr. Geo. E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge, who is compiling a list of leading peal ringers of 1968.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John Brain completed the Grandsire family by collecting the Doubles in a peal at Clapton-in-Gordano, Somerset, recently. His sequence was Cinques first, then Caters, Triples and finally Doubles! Certainly unusual!

The Mayor of Cardigan (Cdr. D. P. Griffiths) is secretary of Cardigan tower and auditor to St. David's Guild. A compliment was rung to the Mayor and Mayoress on December 27th.

The quarter peal rung at Romford, Essex, on the departure of Clive Temperton to his native Yorkshire also marks his return to serious ringing after an accident in which he lost part of two fingers. An example to any others with similar adversity to face.

The bells at St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxon, were half-muffled in memoriam at morning service on January 12th for Richard (Dick) Taylor (91), for many years verger and bell-ringer.

Miss Jean Sanderson, of 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, is the new secretary of the Cambridge District of Ely Diocesan Association. Mr. B. Pratt, who has retired, replaces Mr. H. F. Churchman (resigned) on the District committee.

With the peal at Newark of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 26th, J. C. Millhouse has now rung 50 peals each of Cambridge family Minor to Maximus. He is probably the first to do this.

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DORSET 5-BELL TOWER "CONQUERED"

At the third attempt over a period of five years the heavy-going ring of five at Winterbourne Whitchurch, a quiet village on the A354 near Blandford, has been finally rung to a peal.

The deep-booming bells with a short draught have presented a challenge for some years, largely due to the movement of the oak frame. In one of the previous attempts—April 19th, 1965—the tenor slipped wheel in the last 720, only five extents from home.

After the successful attempt on December 28th we were congratulated by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Lowrie) on our efforts. Details of the bells, by C. Dalton, are:—

Treble.—1672, recast by Warner's 1866.

Second.—William Tosier, of Salisbury, 1730.

Third.—Pre-Reformation, Salisbury Foundry, Fourth.—1608.

Tenor.—Abram Bilbie, 1768, recast by Warner's 1866.

The tenor measures 40 inches and is in G. Weight 12 cwt.? The bells are a minor five (approximately the front five of an eight). The frame and fittings are early 20th century by Barwells, of Birmingham, their only job in Dorset
G. K. D.

CROSTHWAITE'S FINE RINGING CHAMBER

Crosthwaite (Keswick) handbell ringers have enriched their church considerably by their gifts. These include a panoramic view table under the tower and a book trolley, a great boon to the sidesmen.

The ringing chamber has been replastered and painted and the lower portions of the walls have been panelled and lined with cupboards down one side.

When the new floor covering, which is in hand, is put down Crosthwaite Church will have one of the finest ringing chambers in the North.

ILCHESTER BRANCH NEWS

Members of the Branch were active over Christmas and the New Year. On Christmas Eve seven towers were visited and touches rung; otherwise some of these towers would have been silent.

Between 25 and 30 ringers attended the practice meeting on January 4th at Chilton Cantelo, which has a pleasant if somewhat noisy five (104 cwt.). Mr. Paul Field was in charge and the programme included rounds, call-changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, New Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Winchendon Place and St. Simon. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. Douglas White and Mr. D. Brake.

A Branch buffet supper with skittles will be held at the Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton, on February 11th at 7.15 p.m. Tickets (7/6) from the Branch secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget.

THE LAST OF THE 1900 CHINNOR BAND

Mr. Wm. Clarke, of 18, St. Andrew's Road, Chinnor, Oxford, informs us that his brother, Henry, who died on November 28th, was the last of the band at Chinnor who rang on December 31st, 1900. He was taught by the late Mr. William Fletcher, who rang later for many years at Beaconsfield, Bucks. Mr. Fletcher was the only method ringer in the band.

IN NEW YEAR'S HONOUR

In the New Year's Honours the M.B.E. went to Major Philip H. Tocock, 1st Royal Tank Regiment. During the two years his regiment has been based at Catterick Camp, Major Tocock has been a regular service ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and has conducted, or taken part in, a number of peals in northern towers. In December he conducted his first peal of Surprise Major—4-spliced—at St. Cuthbert's. His home is in Oxford.

THE EMPTY PLACE

Mr. Dennis Mottershead writes: At the Society of Rambling Ringers' Reunion last February one empty place was laid. The idea behind this was to receive, on the empty plate, a collective donation to one of the world food aid organisations.

At the short meeting held for sundry business during our summer tour, it was agreed to incorporate this regularly at future reunions. We should like to acquaint readers of "The Ringing World" with the idea for their own consideration, if they are already aware of it. Our particular donation was sent to Christian Aid.

NOTE.—A halfpenny per person per week represents approximately 2/- per person per year. Reckoning an average of 60 such contributions at two-thirds of the 50 or so dinners held annually, the total works out at £200. These figures speak for themselves.

PEALS AT GORING

For the second time in 1968 a peal was rung at Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, by a band composed wholly of local Sunday service ringers. The first peal was of Grandsire Triples on September 28th, the second of Plain Bob Major on December 21st. Each peal had a different conductor, but in both cases it was their first peal as conductor. The youngest member of the band on both occasions was Malvin Tull (aged 13) on the treble, and the youngest "inside" ringer was Carol Tull (aged 15). The band hope to attempt more ambitious methods this year.

RUDDINGTON BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

The bells of St. Peter's, Ruddington, Notts, have been sent to the Loughborough Foundry for recasting at a cost of about £2,500. All being well, the eight bells will be back for the harvest festival next autumn, lighter and higher pitched than before. (Present tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 15 lb. in E.)

In recent years cracks have started to appear both inside and outside the tower. These are attributed to the weight of the bells. The bells are now to be hung in one tier lower in the tower.

Before recasting, Messrs. John Taylor will cut out the inscriptions of the old bells for preservation. The oldest bell almost certainly came from Flawford and is believed to have been cast by Mellors, of Nottingham, circa 1500. The second, third, fourth and fifth are 17th century and the sixth 1763.

Flawford Church, from where four of the bells are reputed to have come, was demolished in 1771, the bells having been taken to the chapel at Ruddington some years before. The chapel was consecrated as the parish church in 1773 and a new church was built in 1884. Two bells were added in 1897 to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria.

CAMBRIDGE MINOR

By Elizabeth M. Barber

I know perfectly well
That I'm third's place bell:
And I know—can't you see?
Just where I should be!
The fact that at present
I'm not always there
Is no indication
Of lack of due care
In learning the method.
I'm two places out?
I know perfectly well,
So there's no need to shout!
In learning the method
I spent many days
And I think that this effort
Should merit some praise.
I've missed out the places?
You're out of your mind!
Look, I've run up to sixth's
And I'm dodging behind
Which is perfectly right
If I'm third's place bell.
Which is just what I am—
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL!!

ANDREW W. R. WILBY'S HERTFORDSHIRE WEEK-END

Eight peals were arranged for the week-end—three on December 6th and four on December 7th. We were to be joined by friends from Dorset, Leicestershire, Yorkshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridgeshire, Kent, Bedfordshire and London.

The first attempt, Rutland S. Major at Dunstable, was stopped by the local curate after an hour-and-a-quarter's ringing. Apparently there had been some confusion locally and a funeral had been arranged by the curate as he did not know that there was a peal on during the morning.

Cambridge S. Royal was scored at Rickmansworth in the afternoon and Finedon S. Major was rung during the evening at St. Michael's, St. Albans. This peal completed the S. Major alphabet for Mr. Francis Kirk, the local tower captain, and was also his 250th peal. The evening was spent in the Peahen Hotel, where Leicester and Yorkshire deputations joined us.

Three peals were rung on Saturday morning—London S. Major at Baldock, Lincolnshire S. Major at Aspenden and eight Minor methods at Caddington. Unfortunately, the peal of Minor has since turned out to be false: things that shouldn't be spliced together got spliced together!

A rather unsuccessful afternoon was also to be had by all. An attempt for Rutland didn't even start at Cheshunt and 8-spliced Surprise Major at Norton also came to grief through a broken treble rope after an hour-and-a-quarter's very good ringing.

Losing peals on the Saturday afternoon did have its advantages because it gave everybody plenty of time to get to the St. Albans District annual dinner that evening.

Before making our farewells on the Sunday we rang for service at Harpenden (8) and St. Albans Abbey (12) and then had the bonus of an after-service grab at St. Peter's (10).

Our thanks go to all those who met us and the incumbents who gave us permission to ring.
A. W. R. W.

ANDREW WILBY'S HERTFORDSHIRE WEEK-END ALL PEALS FOR THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Treble	Tony Lewis 6
Julia A. Fellows 2	David E. Rothera 7
Mary E. Elmes 3	Philip Mehew 8
A. Stephen Taylor 4	George E. Thoday 9
*Anthony R. Carter 5	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

*50th peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mary E. Elmes on her birthday.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Fri., Dec. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	*Francis Kirk 5
Timothy F. Collins 2	Roger D. R. Brown 6
Graham W. Elmes 3	Gerald Penney 7
George E. Bonham 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
*250th peal, and has now completed the S. Major alphabet. First in the method in the county and for the Association, and for all the band except the ringer of the treble.

A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

J. Richard Castledine .. Treble	Anthony R. Carter 5
Eric Edmondson 2	Brian J. Woodruffe 6
Neil Donovan 3	Gerald Penney 7
Kenneth J. Darvill 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Frederick W. Ellis 2	George E. Bonham 6
Martin Green 3	George E. Thoday 7
David F. Moore 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	*Jeremy R. Pratt 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 2	D. Paul Smith 8
Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	Philip J. Rothera 9
Andrew J. Corby 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 10
David E. Rothera 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Richard Hayes 6	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

*First peal of Surprise Maximus.

Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas-the-Apostle.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S HULL, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 62 methods/variations/ spliced compositions in 42 extents: 19 methods: Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Union, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse St. Julian, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Grandsire; 28 variations and 15 spliced compositions.

Leslie H. Arscott Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2	Keith E. Beale 5
John Cornelius 3	Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

WEST BUCKLAND, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin and the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 methods in 42 extents: Reverse Grandsire, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Union, St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Julian, Uffington, Stowe Place, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., Chesham S.C., Broughton S.C., Oakham S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Oakley S.C., Chipstead S.C., Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	Keith E. Beale 5
John Cornelius 3	Leslie H. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

Most Doubles methods on tower bells for the Association. Most methods for all the band.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 61 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 17 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Julian, St. Martin, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Winchendon, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Reverse St. Sebastian and Grandsire; 28 variations and 16 spliced compositions.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Brenda M. Bindon Treble	*Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2	Keith E. Beale 5
John Cornelius 3	Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.

*25th peal and 25th for Association. Most methods, etc., as conductor.

Rung to welcome Rev. R. J. Wood to the living of the parish.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's College Bob, Childwall College Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	*Arthur H. Reed 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2	John Cornelius 5
Leslie H. Arscott 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

*400th peal. First in seven Minor methods by all except ringers of 4th and tenor. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Margaret J. Lovell .. Treble	Robert L. Piron 4
Kathleen A. Marriott .. 2	Martyn J. Marriott 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	C. Michael Orme Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

*First peal.
With best wishes to Keith Fleming and Linda Ellison on the day of their engagement.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 21st, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Robert B. Blond Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Jill Riley 2	Fred C. Lyne 7
Reginald W. Rex 3	Alan G. Foster 8
Angela M. Ayres 4	Roger A. Partridge 9
John P. Blond 5	William L. Gilks Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung to the memory of Harold Huxley, who died on December 20th, 1968.

MONK'S KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

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

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung with best wishes for the future happiness of J. Susan Smith and Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, Works.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods, viz.: (1 to 7) Grandsire, (8 to 14) Winchendon Place Bob, (15) St. Nicholas Bob, (16 to 20) Plain Bob, (21 and 22) Grandsire, (23 and 24) Plain Bob, (25 and 26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (27) Plain Bob, (28 to 34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (35) Plain Bob, (36 to 42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.
 Peter C. Randall Treble Brian R. Danby 3
 *Hugh J. Baker 2 John K. Foot 4

John F. Thorne Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal of Doubles.

QUINTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1 to 21) Grandsire, (22 to 28) Plain Bob, (29 to 32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (33 to 42) Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 27 lb. in F sharp.
 David R. Randall Treble Hugh J. Baker 3
 John K. Foot 2 Peter H. Mackie 4

Peter C. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Ian Wilson Treble Gordon A. Halls 6
 Richard Wilcox 2 George L. Roobottom 7
 David K. Walklate 3 Clive Thrower 8
 Kevin Betesta 4 David W. Friend 9
 John K. Smith 5 Harold Taylor Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

* First peal.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt.
 Eva Sheppard Treble Joyce Chadwick 4
 Girling Rigby 2 Denis R. Carlisle 5
 Norah Carlisle 3 John V. Chadwick Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

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

On Tues., Dec. 10th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich Surprise.

Tenor 11½ cwt.
 Jennifer Brackenbury .. 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.

Most methods to a peal by all.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.

On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Joanna Mount (St. Aid.) Treble P. Gardner 5
 Ruth Horwood (St. Mary's) 2 M. A. Beaumont (Van Mild.) 6
 C. Holmes (Bede) 3 S. C. Wells (Grey) 7
 Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild.) 4 M. E. Johnson (Grey) Tenor

Composed by N. J. Chesson.

Conducted by S. C. Wells.

* First peal

BISHOP AUCLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods.
 Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild.) Treble Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
 M. E. Johnson 2 C. Holmes (Beale) 4
 P. Gardner 3 M. A. Beaumont (Van Mild.) 5
 S. C. Wells (Grey) Tenor

Conducted by S. C. Wells.

On the occasion of the Society's annual dinner.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of Great St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Philip J. Rothera Treble Frank E. Haynes 6
 Donald F. Murfet 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
 Peter G. Brown 3 John G. Gipson 8
 David E. Rothera 4 *James L. Towler 9
 Christopher M. P. Johnson 5 Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

* 300th peal.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Chad.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

*Donald F. Murfet Treble David E. Rothera 7
 Josephine A. Quilter 2 John G. Gipson 8
 *Keith W. Brown 3 James L. Towler 9
 Peter G. Brown 4 Alan F. Scholfield 10
 Kenneth J. Hesketh 5 Brian D. Threlfall 11
 Joe E. G. Roast 6 Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by David E. Rothera.

* First peal on 12 bells.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Johnson's variation.
 *C. John Warboys Treble John W. Stephenson 5
 Alfred J. House 2 Frank W. Gant 6
 Herbert E. Audsley 3 David E. Belcham 7
 Frank C. May 4 Peter M. Fleckney Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.

* First peal of Major, Alfred J. House has now "circled the tower".

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*Peter J. Sippitt Treble Christopher C. M. Pain 5
 Colin E. Wright 2 Frank V. Gant 6
 Joan M. Peacock 3 John W. Stephenson 7
 Sydney Penfold 4 Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Colin E. Wright.

* First peal

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Edward P. Duffield Treble Philip J. Rothera 5
 Kenneth J. Hesketh 2 James L. Towler 6
 Josephine A. Quilter 3 Harry J. Millatt 7
 David E. Rothera 4 Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

SOUTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*John A. Foster Treble *Gordon I. Lucas 4
 †S. Dennis Stott 2 David E. Belcham 5
 Harry Turner 3 Peter M. Fleckney Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.

* First peal attempt. † First in more than one method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Wratten's Collection, No. 146.
 Peter T. Dale Treble Tenor 23 cwt. in D.
 Judith M. Corby 2 Roy D. Mills 6
 Christopher Forster 3 Richard Hayes 7
 Anthony R. Carter 4 Gerald Penney 8
 Frank B. Lufkin 5 Andrew J. Corby 9
 Andrew W. R. Wilby Tenor

Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.

First peal of Royal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Peter T. Dale 2	Anthony R. Carter 6
*Katherine S. Hardy 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby 7
Jeffery Bridges 4	*Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Peter T. Rumley Treble	A. Rex Agg 5
*Josephine Trigg 2	David L. Gullick 6
†Gwynneth M. James 3	John R. Leeming 7
Stephen J. Gullick 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by T. S. Worsley. Conducted by David L. Gullick.

* First peal. † First of Major on tower bells. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band except tenor ringer.

Arranged to mark the 250th anniversary of the first peal in the method, and rung in thanksgiving for the success and safe return of Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders. Tenor 15 cwt.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

David Redfearn Treble	*John R. Southey 5
Katherine S. Hardy 2	Anthony R. Carter 6
Christopher W. Woolley 3	Robert E. Hardy 7
Roger M. King 4	David A. Carpenter .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Katherine S. Hardy.

* 25th peal. First as conductor on eight.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

H. George Hart Treble	*Christopher W. Woolley .. 4
Elsie K. Hart 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Sara K. D. Woolley 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins

* First peal of London Minor on tower bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Judith M. Corby 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby 7
Richard Hayes 3	Alan F. Scholfield 8
Peter T. Dale 4	Philip A. Corby 9
Keith J. Triplow 5	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs. Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Paul Smith Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
*Jennifer Quaipe 2	†Kenneth J. Rider 6
John W. Smith 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Tony Lewis 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal of Major "inside". † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Sheila M. Dobbie Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Edwin A. Barnett 2	Walter H. Dobbie 6
Frank I. Hairs 3	Philip A. Corby 7
*Ernest J. Ladd 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by E. A. Barnett.

* 50th peal on the bells.

A compliment to Frank I. Hairs on his 80th birthday.

CHELSFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Peter I. Dale Treble	Ian Wickens 4
*Judith M. Corby 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Phillip A. Butler 3	Richard Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* 200th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

*Wyn Pugh Treble	Christine Andrew 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	Margaret E. Oram 8
Derek Butterworth 3	*Michael D. Fishwick 9
Richard J. Parker 4	Frederick Shallcross 10
Edward Jenkins 5	John H. Fielden 11
Ian H. Oram 6	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First 12-bell peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Brian L. Burrows Treble	Christopher M. Sturgess .. 5
John Jessup 2	*Robin A. Gilliver 6
Jane M. Tooby 3	*K. Paul Gilliver 7
John J. Morris 4	William M. G. Johnson .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all except the ringers of 6 and tenor

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	David Swift 5
Tom Harris 2	*John Tickle 6
Frank Chambers 3	*John W. Rawson 7
*Arthur Fletcher 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEA, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Janet M. Bull Treble	John M. Blaikie 4
Brian J. Bull 2	Melvyn Rose 5
Jack L. Millhouse 3	George E. Feirn Tenor

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Patricia Lunn and Stephen Green at the above church.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*William T. Petty Treble	Paul A. Williams 6
†Christopher Ricketts 2	Christopher E. Slade 7
Mary E. Pryor 3	Gwyn I. Lewis 8
Thomas Yeomans 4	Peter S. Bennett 9
*David L. Phillips 5	M. Jack Pryor Tenor

Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. First of Royal as conductor.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Trevor M. Roderick .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn .. 5
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. 6
Donald G. Clift .. 3	David J. King .. 7
William A. Theobald .. 4	Wilfred Williams .. Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PETERSTONE-WENTLOOG, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
Stephen Fenwick .. Treble	William J. Goodfellow .. 5
Gwen Bidgood .. 2	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 6
*E. H. Havard .. 3	Paul A. Williams .. 7
Donald G. Clarke .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* 75th peal.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.
James Clatworthy .. Treble	†David W. Kerley .. 4
*E. John Evans .. 2	†George E. Kerley .. 5
†Desmond L. Kerley .. 3	D. Geoffrey Kerley .. Tenor

Conducted by James Clatworthy.

* First peal of Minor. † First on six bells. First on six as conductor, and first on the light six.

A farewell to D. G. Kerley who is leaving shortly for Fareham, Hants.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.
Gordon K. Green .. Treble	A. Doreen Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton .. 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
Thomas P. Barlow .. 3	*William H. Watkin .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 100th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.	
Harry Wells .. Treble	Michael Bishop .. 5
Douglas Jordan .. 2	*Douglas Bosley .. 6
James Blond .. 3	William Gilks .. 7
*Leonard Cox .. 4	Robert Blond .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Robert Blond.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

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

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in F.	
William Birmingham .. Treble	Harry E. Wells .. 5
Reginald W. Rex .. 2	Robert M. Ashman .. 6
Ronald C. Christopher .. 3	Brian L. Taylor .. 7
William Butler .. 4	Michael Hatchett .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by William Butler.

Arranged to commemorate the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray completing 25 years as Vicar of St. Mary's, Thatcham.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Malvin Tull .. Treble	Michael Hodgkinson .. 5
*Mary Trent .. 2	Stephen Franklin .. 6
*Norman Tull .. 3	William Irving .. 7
*Carol Tull .. 4	J. Anthony Beaumont .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Anthony Beaumont.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

Rung by Goring Sunday service band in memory of the late Capt. Poyntz. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
Patricia E. Hibbert .. Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 5
Brian R. White .. 2	Francis A. White .. 6
John H. Napper .. 3	John W. T. Hibbert .. 7
Peter J. Heritage .. 4	Neil I. Allnatt .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.
R. Henman (Committee) Treble	T. G. Smith (Branch R.M.) 5
Rev. E. G. Orland (Gld Pres.) 2	M. A. Coleman (Branch Sec.) 6
P. I. Chapman (C.C. Rep.) 3	R. J. Cowley (Branch Sec.) 7
A. R. Jones (Branch R.M.) 4	B. R. Care (Branch Sec.) Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Tebbutt, died December 11th, 1968, aged 82

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.	
*Pamela B. Dacre .. Treble	Jean Marlow .. 5
*Rona L. Eagle .. 2	John G. Mitchell .. 6
†Murray A. Coleman .. 3	Philip Bosworth .. 7
†Mary R. Coleman .. 4	Barry J. Davis .. Tenor

Arranged by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal of Major. † 25th together. ‡ 25th peal.

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

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
Gilbert F. Cowlin .. Treble	Roy W. Spencer .. 4
David Smith .. 2	Peter M. Fleckney .. 5
Geoffrey Davis .. 3	Alfred Waller .. Tenor

Conducted by Alfred Waller.

First peal as conductor. Alfred Waller has now "circled the tower".

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral of St. David.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.	
Susan Harber .. Treble	*Richard L. Underwood .. 5
Gareth H. Jones .. 2	Paul A. Williams .. 6
Christopher Ricketts .. 3	Ellis N. Thomas .. 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4	David S. Bishop .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

* 75th peal. First in the method for the Guild.

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

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 59 cwt. 51 lb. in B flat.	
Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
Roderick W. Pipe .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	David J. Purnell .. 9
John R. Insley .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 10
James W. Belshaw .. 5	John A. Anderson .. 11
James Insley .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard Shoreditch.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.	
Peter Beresford .. Treble	John R. Pratchett .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. 2	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 8
Jane Foster .. 3	John S. Barnes .. 9
Joan Beresford .. 4	Derek E. Sibson .. 10
*Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5	James A. D. Woolford .. 11
Peter M. Wilkinson .. 6	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Maximus. First of Bristol Surprise Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble	†Charles P. Quartley .. 5
*Norman G. N. Knee .. 2	†David Orledge .. 6
George W. Massey .. 3	David Massey .. 7
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 4	Eric J. Hitchins .. Tenor

Composed by Trevor B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal in the method "inside". † First in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWESTRY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Ernest F. Willcox Treble	†Michael J. A. Orman .. . 5
*Alan Watkin 2	*David F. Parry 6
M. Cecilia Evans 3	Reginald H. Newton .. . 7
*Keith A. Morgan 4	Philip J. Evans Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Philip J. Evans.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

William L. Exton Treble	Paul Raithby 5
Sheila M. Anthony 2	James W. Raithby 6
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Peter A. Slight 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
William L. Exton has now "circled the tower" to peals.

GEDLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Plain, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian and Minster.	Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr, 8 lb. in G.
*Jack Dawson Treble	George A. Dawson .. . 4
†Susan O'Neill 2	†J. Richard Anthony .. . 5
†Robert J. F. Watson .. . 3	†John R. Rigby Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal on working bell † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal, First by an all-local band

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Andrew R. Wiggins Treble	Neville R. Holland .. . 5
Frederic R. Wiggins 2	Frank Beech 6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 3	Edward R. Fairbrother .. . 7
Jennifer M. Beech 4	Keith Daniels Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Edward R. Fairbrother.
First peal of Triples as conductor
Rung by the Sunday service band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 21 extents of Grandsire, eight of St. Simon, seven of St. Martin and six of Plain Bob.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble	Richard F. Prime 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Vernon B. Bedford .. . 5
Stephen J. Bedford 3	Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Vernon B. Bedford.
A 1st birthday compliment to A. Deborah M. Thorley, sister of the treble ringer, and a 95th birthday compliment to Mrs. Winifred A. Hinton, their great-grandmother.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Laurence C. Way 5
Norman Summerhayes .. 2	Andrew Slade 6
Alan Flood 3	Ian L. Dear 7
John Pladdys 4	C. Martin Press Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
Rung at the request of the Rector for the passing of 1968, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's father-in-law

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt, 7 lb. in G.
*Geoffrey D. Welch .. Treble	John R. Norris 5
†Susan M. Harrison .. . 2	Thos. M. Barlow 6
Ann Harris 3	Alan R. Baldock 7
Ian V. J. Smith 4	Paul Fox Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal away from cover † First of Grandsire and on eight bells.
Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr, 21 lb. in E.
Ronald N. Marlow .. Treble	David G. Andrews .. . 5
*Faith Riley 2	David Wilson 6
William T. Perrins .. . 3	Frederick E. Collins .. . 7
*Anthony A. Nunn .. . 4	†Leonard T. Perrins .. . Tenor

Conducted by David Wilson.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PENSNETT, Dudley, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 8 lb. in F sharp.	
John Macefield Treble	Geoffrey Westwood .. . 5
M. Irene Brown 2	Michael J. Fellows .. . 6
Peter J. Brown 3	Robert Edwards 7
Morley P. Tobin 4	Martin D. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

KINGSWINFORD, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr, 17 lb. in F sharp.	
Raymond Smith Treble	*C. Frederick Jukes .. . 5
M. Irene Brown 2	Robert Edwards 6
Morley P. Tobin 3	Martin D. Fellows .. . 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Michael J. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 25 cwt, 2 qr, 21 lb.
Anne P. Leigh Treble	Christopher M. Movley .. 6
Patricia Lockwood .. . 2	Ronald Snack 7
W. Eric Critchley .. . 3	Ronald R. Warford .. . 8
Ian North 4	J. Henry Fielden .. . 9
Stephen R. Munday .. . 5	Frederick A. Munday .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt, 1 qr, 16 lb.	
Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	Ian North 5
Gail Cater 2	David S. Lockwood .. . 6
Margaret White 3	Alan Clifton 7
Robert Cater 4	Eric Robinson Tenor

Composed by W. F. Moreton. Conducted by Alan Clifton.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jane Kellert and Stuart Hodgson.

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

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,536 Lincolnshire, 1,440 each Yorkshire and Cambridge, and 768 Rutland; with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.	Tenor 28 cwt, 14 lb. in D.
David Whitehead .. Treble	John J. Durham 5
Anne P. Leigh 2	Robert A. Beresford .. . 6
W. Eric Critchley .. . 3	Ronald R. Warford .. . 7
Robert H. Jordan 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Harry Winter Treble	Michael J. Pickup .. . 5
Alan T. Winter 2	David A. Town 6
Peter F. Town 3	Christopher M. Movley .. 7
*Eric McNally 4	Christopher M. Tuckett .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Christopher M. Tuckett.
* First peal of Major and first in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 7 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

John C. Baldwin .. Treble	†George E. Hancock .. . 5
Ralph G. Edwards .. . 2	†Alan Clifton 6
*Gail Cater 3	Trevor Tarbatt 7
*Robert Cater 4	Gordon Benfield Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John C. Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method "inside".
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Mary Louisa, to Geoffrey and Margaret Townend, both ringers at this tower.

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BIRTH

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ENGAGEMENT

BUNKER—SEARS.—The engagement is announced between Bob Bunker, of Ruislip, Middx, and Margaret Sears, of Rickmansworth, Herts. 6426

DEATH

CARTER, Frances Mary (née Massey).—On Friday, January 10th, 1969, at Manor Hospital, Bath, aged 22 years, beloved wife of William Carter, of Portishead, and only daughter of George and Hilda Massey, of Frome. 6417

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CRADDOCK.—The address of Andrew G. Craddock is now 32, Cumberland Road, Ashford, Middlesex. 6445

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PERSONAL

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7 p.m.

At Church House, Westminster

Ringing Arrangements:

Hampstead (10), 10.30-11.30

Holloway (8), 11.45-12.45

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
The 81st

"HENRY JOHNSON DINNER"

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ALL HALLOWS', TWICKENHAM, Middx.
—As from Jan 9th practice night will revert
to Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Old friends and be-
ginners welcomed. 6371

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—Practice at St.
John-the-Baptist's on Monday, Jan. 27th, is
cancelled. Usual ringing as from Feb. 3rd. 6450

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—An-
nual District meeting and ringing week-end,
Isle of Wight, March 15th and 16th. An invi-
tation is extended to anyone wishing to par-
ticipate in the above outing but preference will,
of course, have to be given to Ladies' Guild
(Central District) members. Any enquiries
should be sent to me at 14, Ranmoor Gardens,
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vost of Birmingham Tea by ticket only (4/-)
at 4.45 p.m. in the Oliver Bird Hall, on appli-
cation to R. J. Cann, 44, Ladbroke Road,
Solihull, by Jan. 28th. General ringing 6-7.30
or 8 p.m. 6375

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Annual Dinner will be held on
Saturday, February 22nd. Tickets avail-
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drew's, Holborn, 2.45-3.45; Clerken-
well, 3.45-5; St. Michael's, Cornhill,
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tingham. 6452

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6367

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Crewkerne (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Annual dinner tickets also available for Monday, Feb. 10th, price 12/- each.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6427

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to P. C. Jackson, 135, Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 6368

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Runcorn, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Allman, 9, Surrey Street, Runcorn. No name no tea.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 6425

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 25th, at Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. —G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6416

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Sawbridgeworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. —G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 6406

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Tavistock, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Whitchurch (6). Names for tea, please.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. 'Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6356

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. St. Petrock's and St. Mark's till 8 p.m.—G. Skinner, Sec. 6410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009). —Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 6336

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6412

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing at Bramley (8) 3-5 p.m. Cups of tea provided in Bramley Church Hall: please bring own food. Armley (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m.—I. North. 6441

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, on Jan. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnes Street, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers. 6396

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Hampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells at Sunbury. 7.15-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6392

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th. Branch committee meeting at Lane End, 3 p.m. Ringing after service and tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 6392

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Jan. 25th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6405

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 6383

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Egham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's, Staines, available 3-4.15. Evening ringing at Egham and St. Peter's, Staines, 7-8. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8, The Retreat, Englefield Green, Surrey.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6389

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hellingly (6), Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing after tea up till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel.: Hailsham 3515. 6398

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 6389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells available during evening. Names for tea (2/-) to Miss H. Hinton, 20, Monastery Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton. —Gillian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6394

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2-5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Mrs. Guy, Dis. Sec. 6418

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, 61, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Jan. 28th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Jan. 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; Feb. 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Feb. 11th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Feb. 18th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6432

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Feb. 1st, 7-9 p.m., All Saints', Martock (8.25 cwt.). Buffet supper, skittles, etc. Feb. 11th, Long Sutton. Tickets 7/6.—Mrs. M. Leggett, Hon. Sec. 6416

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A.G.M., Northwich (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. P. Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway. 6360

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Wootton Waven, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Aston Cantlow (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea to me.—H. A. Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon (Snitterfield 296). 6430

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Newburn, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5. 6434

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Tilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Wednesday.—J. P. O. 6393

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Feb. 1st. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Leonard's, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, by Jan. 30th. 6435

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford, WD1 4PF (Tel.: 27936). —L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6442

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Blackburn and Rossendale Branches will be held at St. Peter's, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 14.30 until 17.00 hours. Tea at 17.00, followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss Jean Higham, 10, Pendle Street, Burnley, by Jan. 29th. 6449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Coppull (6), on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All very welcome, especially learners. Special method: Double Court.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6429

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Rooms. Meeting afterwards. Cooked tea. Names important, please, to Miss Sarah Leese, 58, Highfield Street, Leicester, LE2 1AD (Telephone Leicester 50224), by Wednesday, Jan. 29th.—Ron Hughes. 6349

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own teas at local cafés.—C. A. Harrison. 6384

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutterton, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Stephenson, 15, Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs. by Jan. 27th. 6407

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15. Tea. Church Hall. Names to G. Oliver, 12, Thorolds Way, Castor, Peterborough, by Wednesday.—R. Daw. 6408

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Fenton, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 6454

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Pulham Market, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 6453

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Youth Centre, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, PO3 6HN, by previous Wednesday, PLEASE. 6423

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES AND SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Combined meeting at Howden, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before Jan. 30th. Nominations, please, for vice-president of Eastern District, due to resignation of Mr. A. Sheppard.—R. Ducker, M. E. Wilkinson, L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 6411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Standlake (6), 7.30 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Branch Sec. 6444

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Timberscombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 7 p.m., and at Stogumber (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6440

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting at Aberavon (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glam.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th. St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C. 2. 2.30–3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C. 1. 3.45–4.45. St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., 4–5. Service 5.15. Tea and business after at The George, 213, Strand, W.C. (opposite the church) 6. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. E. Dupre, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

LATE NOTICES

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Monthly practice meeting to be held on Friday, Jan. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton (8). Ringing 7.30 to 9.30. All welcome.—R. Edwards, Sec. 6456

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Hinxworth (6), 5.30–6.15. Wallington (6), 6.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6460

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Dore (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.15 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please provide own sandwiches. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6455

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Waltham, on Thursday, Feb. 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M. at Romsey on Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30–4 p.m. Service in Romsey Abbey 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Page, Fairacre, Woodley Lane, Romsey, Hants. by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. 6458

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Feb. 8th. Bells: Rothley, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Swithland and Cossington, 2.30 to 3.15; Thurstaston and Syston, 3 to 3.45; Wanlip, 3.15 to 4; Birstall, 3 to service at 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. All nominations for Guild officers and alterations to rules by this meeting.—A. J. Poyner, 6457

QUARTER PEALS

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, D. Hope 2, M. C. C. Melville 3, Alison Mager 4, P. Jewell 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): G. Whiting 1, G. D. Deighton 2, Miss J. Pentelow 3, A. Wilson (cond.) 2, A. G. Wilson 5, C. Pentelow 6, J. Rising 7, G. Pentelow 8. First quarter 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. W. Seymour 1, R. K. Russ 2, M. J. Palmer 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, W. H. Coles 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three meth./var.): Kathleen L. E. Ennor 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. Peters 6. For morning service and to welcome the Bishop of Truro.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Church of All Saints, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Macfadyen 1, Mrs. Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, B. Baker 4, W. Grice 5, G. Cantrill 6, F. Hogan 7, P. Muchlinski 8, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Ward 1, Margaret Manby 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, D. Manby 4, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 5, P. Boucher 6. On the back six for Evensong.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. G. Goodwin 1, C. L. Bell 2, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 3, M. Brown 4, A. M. Barber 5, R. Heffer 6. First Stedman 1, 2 and 4.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, G. O. Crane 2, L. Seton 3, T. V. Barnard (cond.) 4, E. Stuart 5, K. Bartle 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Frost (first quarter) 1, B. Burton 2, R. Holness 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. For carols by candlelight service.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,500 Doubles (two methods): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, L. A. Tremear 5, J. Huggins 6. For carol service.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, W. Smith 4, P. Fleckney 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, Karen Baker 2, Alison Mager 3, D. Hope 4, P. Jewell 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Phyllis Turner 1, L. Walmsley 2, Betty Palmer 3, R. Palmer 4, J. Ascroft 5, S. Anderton 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8. Rung as a mark of sympathy to Jim and Noreen Marshall on the death of their third son, Neil Forsyth, aged 4½ weeks.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Craven 1, H. Clare McNeil (first "inside") 2, Heather M. Craven 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6. Rung by the local band as a welcome to Apollo 8 on its return to earth.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Jill M. May 2, Jill P. J. Edwardes (first "inside") 3, Heather Burbidge (first quarter) 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwardes 6. First quarter on the rehung bells.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Moore 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, L. H. W. Busby 3, P. Walker 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Lillian Chamberlain, wife of Mr. Norman Chamberlain (a ringer at this church), who died earlier this week.

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