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The Church of St. Giles, Lincoln

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Giles' Church, Lincoln

WHEN the redundant Church of St. Peter-at-Arches in the centre of the city of Lincoln was closed in 1928, the need for a parish church in the suburb of St. Giles was very apparent and it was decided to use as much as was practical of the fabric for this project. Care was taken during demolition to letter and number all the stones so that they could be used together with red brick in the building of St. Giles' Church. The classical architecture of St. Peter's was followed but the new church was made one arch span longer.

This was during the pre-war depression and it was decided that the fine ring of eight bells should be divided into two fours for two other city churches. However, much pressure and hard work on the part of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild over a number of years resulted in the ring remaining intact and being given to the new church.

This was a tremendous job since the work of rebuilding had been stopped several times through lack of funds, and to strengthen the proposed tower to hold the bells added another £1,000 to the cost without the rehanging charges. The new church was, however, dedicated in 1934 and the retuned bells rehung in 1938 by the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The old St. Peter-at-Arches Church had been the Civic Church of the city and each of the bells was inscribed: "The Gift of the City of Lincoln" and were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1728. It is an interesting fact that the 18 cwt. octave travelled from Gloucester to Lincoln by canal barges and were hung the same year.

The ringers were engaged by the City Fathers and were known throughout the life of St. Peter's as the City Ringers. The first peal on the bells and in the city of Lincoln was "Garthon's" Triples rung on June 20th, 1756, and this was followed by Grandsire Triples on August 13th, 1758. Both these peals were conducted by John Foster.

It was just prior to the turn of the century that great progress was made in ringing in Lincoln and in this tower in particular, when the band included Gabriel Lindoff, Arthur Craven and J. B. Fenton. This band rang 5,088 Superlative Surprise on November 11th, 1896—composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff—and was the first peal of Surprise in Lincolnshire. Several similar peals followed. Later Mr. J. A. Freeman became conductor and Stedman was rung in 1911 by this company.

When the new ring of eight was hung in Lincoln Cathedral in 1914, and change-ringing introduced, it was from St. Peter's that most of the ringers came. This formed a great liaison between the Cathedral and St. Peter's which has continued with St. Giles' through to the present day. At least 75% of the present Cathedral Company of Ringers have been members of St. Peter's or St. Giles' belfry, and it is hoped that this will be a continuing process.

When the bells were hung at St. Giles' a new band was taught, and the first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung in 1940. Since then some 90 peals have been rung in 45 various methods, including 261 firsts or firsts in methods. There has been maintained the tradition of service ringing. St. Giles' is, and it is hoped will always be, a "teaching tower", for it is generally agreed that this policy will keep it one of the most progressive ringing centres in the diocese. Long may this continue.

J. W.

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PURITON'S NEW BAND AT SUPPER

During the last 18 months the bells of Puriton, Somerset, have been thoroughly renovated by the local tower captain, Mr. Louis Pope, helped initially by the writer. Firstly, the clappers and chiming hammers were removed and the clappers rebushed by a local carpenter. After a general tightening up and greasing, etc., the clappers were replaced, and the bells rang out for the first time on October 4th, 1967.

Since then they have been rung regularly for both Sunday services and for Thursday practices. Louis has completely repainted the frame and fittings, decorated the ringing chamber and successfully carried out 101 other jobs, all this work being carried out at no more cost to the church than for a set of ropes. A young band has been formed, now progressing well with Bob Doubles.

This period was terminated on January 16th, when the annual ringers' supper was revived. This proved highly successful and thanks are due to all who donated and helped by preparing and serving the meal. This served as a dual occasion as the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rogers, is leaving for Australia on February 1st. He was presented by the ringers with a framed photograph of the church and tower.

Some 22 ringers and their wives and friends sat down to the well-prepared meal. Other people present were Mr. M. Stone, chairman of the Bridgwater Branch of the B. and W. Association, who endorsed the Vicar's praise for the way in which the local ringers have done so well with regard to Sunday service ringing. The evening ended with some slides taken on a recent trip to the Channel Islands and with tunes by the local handbell ringers.

I think we may all echo the Vicar's remarks by thanking Louis for the work he has done for the tower and for the way in which he looks after his ringers. We all hope that this standard is maintained, together with the team spirit enjoyed by the new band. G. N.

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Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths' Best Ever New Year

THE best A.S.P.Y. reunion yet from any point of view was held in Wareham over the New Year. A tough programme of peal attempts had been arranged, with four peals arranged each day for three out of the first four days.

The start was on Friday, December 27th. Five of the band for Sherborne warmed up in a peal of Minor at Thornford and two more were in a fast peal at Bridport. The eighth merely travelled 300 miles to be there. In the afternoon Cambridge was lost at Lyme Regis in unfortunate circumstances, but this allowed the band to hear the last two hours at Sherborne Abbey, where we had now settled into a good rhythm, so bringing appreciative comments from the former A.S.C.Y. Master outside. George Thoday deserved our congratulations for making a splendid job of the tenor.

On Saturday we split, one contingent going west to East Coker, where Grandsire Triples was well rung, with the other band scoring Yorkshire Royal at North Stoneham. Some furious driving enabled the exchange of two from each band to be on time, and Rutland was rung at Wimborne St. Giles, while the band was bullied into ringing the Society's first peal of London at East Tytherley. All met up in Ringwood feeling rather pleased with our efforts so far—seven out of eight.

Sunday was a bitterly cold day. Ringing was at Wareham and Swanage in the morning. The parsnip wine at Kingston was a welcome fortification against the cold before the Society's first peal of Bristol on the beautiful octave, during which there were two amusing incidents, when the second jammed over the balance for about a blow, and the other when Philip Mehew fell off the tenor box. Perhaps the good ringing had lulled him to sleep!

NEVER BOTH!

Immediately after the peal the A.S.P.Y. doubled the congregation for the nine lessons and carols service, during which four ringers played three carols on handbells, and Bob Bellamy had us in stitches by singing either the right words or the right tune, but never both! Toasted sprats, "Lily the Pink" and parsnip wine are the chief memories of a splendid evening spent in front of a roaring fire.

The success story carried on through Monday. An excellent peal of Lincolnshire was rung at Thorncombe, while Cambridge Minor at Piddlehinton enabled one of the band to complete the Cambridge family during December. Yorkshire was rung twice in the afternoon, at Litton Cheney and at Cattistock, where Ted Collins, although he could have given over 35 years to anyone else there, rang the tenor beautifully, giving his namesake, the Dorset Wonder, a bit of a chase on the 7th.

Tuesday, New Year's Eve, wasn't much warmer than Sunday, but at least we got a lie-in. At Poole, after an unavoidable hold up, we rang a very relaxed and enjoyable peal of Bob Royal. The dinner being in the evening, all but the keenest had a rest in the afternoon. The keenest, however, going for Cambridge at Lytchett Matravers, couldn't get further than a 720. This was only the second loss in 15 attempts.

LADY TOWER CAPTAIN'S HONOUR

The dinner itself was up to the high standard of previous meals, after which, as usual, we got a warm reception from Mick Shelton at the New Inn, responding with handbells and other music. The New Year was rung in with the traditional Bristol and 12 strokes on the tenor by the lady tower captain.

Back at the hotel the party was soon in full swing, going on till about 3.30 a.m., when the organiser was heard being suitably rewarded by our elder statesman for her hard work. In fact we gave Mary, or more correctly her car, a much-needed service as a token of our appreciation.

New Year's Day had no peals arranged because of previous years' experiences. Instead several towers were visited, the first of which was at Blandford, ringing again after a long lapse. This was George Bonham's first new tower of the year, and cost him £2 1s.—the shilling for the car park and £2 to fix his headlamp, damaged when he tested the strength of a wall with his car.

SOME FAILURES

With many of the party by now back at their daily grind, all the remaining peals were entrusted to Philip Mehew. Cambridge unfortunately fired up twice on Thursday, at New Alresford and Overton, and Pudsey was lost at Fordingbridge on Friday morning because of a "Spot my deliberate mistake" in the calling. Amends were made in the afternoon with an excellent peal of Lincolnshire at Ringwood, followed by a good social evening.

The last peal attempt of the week, Yorkshire at Wareham, was successful at the third attempt on Saturday, after which all descended on the local Branch meeting. In the evening the management at the hotel proved even better hosts than before, the convivial evening ending about 2.30.

Sunday saw all at Communion, then at Alpha Cottage for lunch, and then farewells were said. We are grateful to Mary, whose organisation went off perfectly, to the incumbents and local ringers for tolerating us, and to all others who helped to make this a memorable New Year. BONIS.

EXPORTING IS FUN? — THE TALE OF A BELL

IT all started when Bishop Douglas Wilson, the present treasurer of Wells Cathedral, was invited to revisit his former diocese in Trinidad. On return his jottings about the trip were published in the April, 1967, edition of the "Bath and Wells Diocesan News". One item was the fact that the headmaster of Trinity College for Boys, Trinidad, Peter Helps, from Beckington, wanted a bell for his new school —a Somerset bell. Did we have any offers?

Well, the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers held its A.G.M. on Easter Monday, 1967—I was newly elected secretary—and the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, then brought Bishop Wilson's appeal before us. It meant that I had a job, and this sort of thing escalates.

We asked the 11 branches for their thoughts on the matter and it was duly discussed. A collection to buy a bell was vetoed and we didn't really think much of sending our bells overseas—no, we didn't have any lying around spare. I went to the Frome Branch and heard about one or two unused bells that might be available. Then I went to the Cary Branch meeting at North Cheriton, having a nice little ring of five—Bill Stote had come all the way from Coventry to ring on them and we were pleased to see him. At the meeting the subject of the bell came up. Prebendary Skipwith, the Branch chairman, knew of a bell in a disused chapel and he was sure we could have it. Bill Stote suggested that a stable bell from a big estate would be a good solution and be easier to obtain. It turned out that he was right, but first we had a try for Preb. Skipwith's bell.

Harry Sanger went and saw it where it lay in the chapel porch, and it seemed just right. Being about 70–80 lb. weight and with most of its fittings we could easily visualise it in use to call the boys in from the valley playing fields at Maraval, Port of Spain. The Rev. Richard Gregory was approached and was agreeable, as were the P.C.C., but some parishioners weren't keen on losing their bells to foreign parts. Anyway we tried to get a clearance order made for the bell and meanwhile the general committee of the Association endorsed a suggestion that we donated £10 to the P.C.C. Branch collections were made towards this end and realised £10 10s.

In February, 1968, we heard that the Diocesan Chancellor had refused to grant a faculty for removal of the bell, so everything had to start again. Having informed the committee of the setback it was only a short while afterwards that Mrs. E. S. Powell informed the Rev. H. F. Warren that there was a bell at Bathealton Court which was no longer required to call in the estate staff. Mrs. Wyndham, its owner, was agreeable that it should go to Trinidad, so we were again "in business". Mr. Warren inspected the bell and agreed it was suitable, about 40–50 lb. in weight and with a good tone. There was also a wheel attached to the stock.

Having told Bishop Wilson that we should accept this bell I eventually heard that Peter Helps was agreeable, and so we went ahead. Mr. Warren collected the bell and carted it across Somerset to the Association A.G.M. at Taunton, where we all saw it. Some work was necessary on the clapper and Raymond Arscott volunteered to do this and also clean the whole thing up, hang it in a frame and put a packing case around it. The results were impressive and the bell gleamed. At last all was ready and Mr. Warren took the bell to the Diocesan Conference to show Bishop Wilson. I undertook to arrange transport to the docks where a free passage to Trinidad was guaranteed by virtue of Mr. Helps' directorial contact in the Harrison Line. I obtained quotations for transport and insurance and gave British Road Services the go-ahead to take the bell from Taunton to West India Docks, where Hy. Langridge and Co. would ensure transit through Customs, etc., on to the M.V. Linguist, sailing on October 19th.

No one mentioned papers, so it was a surprise that B.R.S. refused to take delivery without the "dockets". A hurried form of shipping note was forwarded to all interested parties, and since the dock tally clerks were working to rule the sailing date was delayed so that the bell sailed on the right boat. I forwarded the shipper's receipt to Peter Helps and eventually he got the bell through Customs (duty free) at the end of November. So that was a happy ending to a story that began nearly two years earlier. I tell it here so that due credit can be paid to all who helped to make it possible, and perhaps for the assistance of any others who may be involved in a similar task. JOHN H. GILBERT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on January 18th, and with 100 names having been received for tea the Ringing Masters were kept busy ensuring that everyone who wished had a ring. The service was taken by the Vicar, himself a ringer.

At the business meeting, after a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the local ringers, ten new members were elected—a good start to the new year. Mr. Trevor Cross, one of the District representatives, gave a comprehensive report on a recent committee meeting. The other representative, Mr. Cyril S. Jarrett, had resigned owing to health reasons and as a result Mr. Frank J. Cheal was elected to accompany Mr. Cross as District representatives.

Other matters were discussed, including ringing schools for learners and a handbell ringing school: also mentioned was the possibility of reducing the cost of printing the annual report, which some members felt was too high. L.M.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE WORCESTER MEETING

MINUTES of the 3rd session of the 26th Council (71st Annual Meeting) held at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester, on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968.

The President, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, was in the chair.

The Council was welcomed by the Mayor (Cclr. R. W. Morris, J.P.), the Bishop of Worcester (the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards), the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn) as President of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright).

PRESENT:—

Life members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, J. F. Smallwood.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R F. B Speed, T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. T. Cook, Group Captain J. S. Mason, Mr. W. Williams.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed.

Bedfordshire Association. — Messrs. J. H. Edwards, A. E. Rushton.

Beverley and District Ringing Society. — Mr. R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins, A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Mr G. Tembey.

Derbyshire Association. — Messrs. G. A. Halls, M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association. — Dr. J. Armstrong, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor. C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Mr. D. R. Bould, Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. M. Hart, Mr. C. A. Lewis, Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre. B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association. — Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association.—Messrs. R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin, D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.— Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman, D. E. Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Mr. G. A. Dawson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner.

Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key, C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, A. Streeter.

Sussex County Association. — Messrs. G. Francis. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard, W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. W. C. Boucher, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.— Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, A. J. Brazier, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton, J. Seager.

Report as to Membership.

The hon. secretary reported that 62 Societies were affiliated with 166 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members, and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 197. There were four vacancies among honorary members. Subscriptions were all paid

Apologies for absence.

These were received from Messrs. B. Austin, F. M. Bowers, D. R. Carlisle, J. D. Clarke, G. W. Fletcher, F. I. Hairs, B. E. Jeffrey, H. J. Sanger, Miss H. G. Snowden, Messrs, E. J. Sterland, L. Stillwell. P. L. Taylor, C. G. J. Watts, F. A. White. E. F. Willcox.

Application for Affiliation.

Society of Sherwood Youths. This was accepted.

New Members.

The following were greeted by the President: Messrs. G. A. Dawson (Society of Sherwood Youths), G. Francis (Sussex County Association), S. F. W. Kimber (Surrey Association).

Election of Life Member.

It was resolved that Mr. T. W. White (Editor of "The Ringing World") be elected in recognition of his work in that capacity.

Election of Honorary Members.

It was resolved that the following be re-elected: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper, and that Mr. J. R. Mayne be elected.

Losses through Death.

The President reported the deaths of the following, and the usual silence was observed:—

J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1951–53, 1960–63, 1965–67).

T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–1967).

S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946–1960).

F. A. Finch (Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, 1950).

H. Parker (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1936–39).

F. A Salter (Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1949–1953).

J. Willis (Kent County Association, 1951–57; honorary member 1957–1967).

A. E. Sharman (Bedfordshire Association, 1921–1946).

T. H. Radford (East Derbyshire and West Notts Association, 1963–67).

Minutes.

The minutes of the Nottingham meeting, as published in "The Ringing World" of February 16th, 1968, and amended on March 1st, were adopted.

Report and Accounts.

The following were adopted:

Honorary secretary and treasurer (published in "Ringing World" of June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Honorary librarian ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Accounts for 1967 ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 461).

Trustees of Carter Ringing Machine ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1698, page 463).

Motions.

Amendment of Rule 17:—

It was resolved that the word "four" be substituted for "five" in the fourth line.

Decisions.

It was resolved that the following be added to the Decisions of the Council:—

(1) In the case of Doubles only a variation be defined as the use in a plain method only of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The resulting bobbed or singled lead must not by itself constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation to be given its own name.

(2) The variation must by itself be capable of producing the 120 true changes. Peal reports must draw a clear distinction between methods and variations, either by separate listing, or, for example, "Plain Bob, New Bob, Old Variation, Eynsham Variation, etc."

(3) One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be rung in one extent, provided that the plain courses of all the variations and methods in the extent are different from each other, and that there is included at least one of each of the plain lead and different calls for each of the different variations and methods rung in the extent.

(4) The arrangement or composition (as the case may be) of record multi-method (or multi-method variation peals in the case of Doubles only) shall be submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" at the same time that the peal is submitted, and shall be published in "The Ringing World" before the 31st January in the following year.

Reports.

The following were adopted, subject to the qualifications where noted:—

Standing Committee: given orally by the secretary.

Literature and Press Committee ("Ringing World", June 14th, 1968, page 462).

Biographies Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 501).

Overseas Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 499).

Sunday Service and Education Committee ("Ringing World", June 21st, 1968, page 483), with the addition to the Committee of Mr. C. M. Smith, who would be given special responsibility for the production of sound recordings for teaching purposes. To this end, the Committee was authorised to spend not more than £100 from the Clement Glenn Bequest Fund.

Peals Analysis Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 501), but deleting the two paragraphs at the foot of column 1 commencing "we should welcome . . ." and therefore including the two peals of Scientific and one of Plain Bob Minor in the analysis, with consequent amendments to appropriate figures.

Peals Collection Committee: It was noted that there was nothing to report.

"The Ringing World" Committee ("Ringing World", June 21st, 1968, page 479): It was resolved that those concerned be congratulated upon the improvements which had been effected in "The Ringing World" but that the appendix to the Committee's report be not accepted. Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. R. F. B. Speed were appointed additional members.

Records Committee ("Ringing World", July 5th, 1968, page 519), with the addition to the Committee of Messrs. G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne and C. M. Smith. The Committee was authorised to spend up to £10 per annum upon the sound recording of record peals.

Towers and Belfries Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 500).

Broadcasting and Television Committee ("Ringing World", June 28th, 1968, page 502).

In the case of the Methods Committee, note was taken of the report given in "The Ringing World" of May 24th, 1968, page 402, on the subject of "splicing" which was referred to the Committee at the 1967 Council meeting.

Future Meetings.

It was resolved that the 1969 meeting at St. Albans be held on Tuesday, May 27th.

The invitation to hold the 1970 meeting in Yorkshire was accepted.

Votes of Thanks.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the Mayor of Worcester, the Bishop of Worcester, the President and Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, together with their officers, and particularly Mr. D. Beacham, the honorary general secretary, for all the excellent arrangements. Thanks were also expressed to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and to all the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members of the Council.

The Mayor and Corporation of Worcester entertained the Council to tea after the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	45	112	—
Partly represented	13	34	16
Not represented	5	—	5
	63	146	21
Life members		7	1
Honorary members		13	7
		166	29

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Penarth Ringers Dress for the Occasion



After some hard practice and work on the costumes, the St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, Glam, band of handbell ringers made a very successful tour.

Local nursing homes, clubs and private houses were visited, where a selection of Christmas carols and seasonal tunes were rung. The band were attired in Victorian type dress—the ladies wearing hooped crinoline dresses and bonnets, the gentlemen in dark suits and frilled jabots with top hats. All the company wore gloves.

Collections were made in the clubs and private houses, and a donation of £35 will be forwarded to the parish representative of the Church of England Children's Society. The band were also invited by the Rector of Penarth (Rev. N. Griffiths) to ring during the annual service of nine lessons and carols.

Ringers in the picture, from left to right: Valerie Lewis, Derek Herbert (ringers' secretary), Barbara Rees, Yvonne Apsitis (assistant tower captain), Elizabeth Jacklin and Gordon Harding. [By courtesy of "Penarth Times".

Raving Ringers' Reunion at Cambridge

FOLLOWING the marvellous tour last summer to Ireland, it must have been difficult for the organisers of the annual reunion, held on the week-end of January 4th/5th, to choose a venue that would bring memories of warm, sunny days in Ireland flooding back. However, they succeeded admirably, for not only did they choose fine towers and an ideal place to stay at, the weather was kind, and a pale reflection of the warm sunshine we had enjoyed on tour.

Ringers began congregating at St. Swithin's, Sandy, on the Saturday morning, and by the time we reached the fine eight at St. Neots good form had been achieved with Yorkshire, Stedman and 5-Spliced.

After lunch everyone arrived at Cambridge safely, but some had trouble finding parking and one ringer was still slowly cruising around trying to find a vacant parking meter as the bells of Great St. Andrew's were lowered. Our next stop was Fabian Stedman's home church, St. Bene't's, with a nice little six, and we rang the Master's method as well as Surprise Minor.

After becoming accustomed to the long draught of the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, we enjoyed the impressive sound of these fine bells being rung to Surprise Major before proceeding to the Station Hotel. Fears that we might suffer from British Rail's zeal at midnight shunting were dispelled, as for most people the early hours of the morning were very peaceful and the accommodation was very comfortable. But first of all there was the reunion dinner, followed by a social evening, during which we all relived the eight days' journey around Ireland. There were 23 Ravers present at the dinner: one notable absentee was Ted Venn, who was in hospital recuperating from an operation. We all wish Ted a quick and complete recovery.

SLIDES BRING BACK MEMORIES

Later in the evening we settled down to view the hundreds of colour slides that had recorded the Irish tour. We saw St. Saviour's, Arklow, from just about every possible angle, and the audience became quite knowledgeable about the relative merits of Kodak and Agfa colour emulsions after so many fine pictures of the Giant's Causeway. At intermission Ron Russ rendered the many verses of this year's edition of the Ravers' Song.

After breakfast on Sunday morning we hurried around to Great St. Mary's for service ringing, which included Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus. We also rang for Matins at Trumpington and in the afternoon rang at Harston and Meldreth (where the ringing was up to 8-Spliced) before arriving at Saffron Walden in time to ring for Evensong on the magnificent 12 at St. Mary's. The local band made us very welcome and joined us in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques.

Then it was time to go our various ways and to look forward to this year's tour to Scotland. Our thanks are due to the organisers, to the tower captains who made us so welcome, and to the incumbents for allowing us to ring their bells. W. K.

A DIAMOND WEDDING

The first diamond wedding in living memory at Great Harwood, Bucks, took place on January 6th. The happy couple were Mr. W. R. Edmans, aged 87, a ringer before World War I, and his wife, who is 91. Many times five of their family have rung together but never six. A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Great Harwood by D. Moore (grandson) 1, F. G. Edmans (son) 2, J. Hall 3, H. Wood 4, H. Jameson (nephew) 5, R. Edmans (grandson) 6.

Letters to the Editor

ONE SOCIETY FOR GREATER LONDON?

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Dick Speed's comment made the the Universities Association dinner concerning the area covered by territorial Societies in London. A ringer coming to live in London can find himself, if he is a peal ringer, having to join at least six Societies, and this is no small expense. Surely it is high time that one Society was formed to cover the whole of the Greater London area.

Perhaps I am somewhat biased as I live in the area covered by one Association and am in charge of a tower covered by another, so find myself having to be a resident member of both!—Sincerely yours,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir, — Some of your readers may not know that the B.B.C. opens its Radio 4 broadcast every Sunday at 7.45 a.m. with a five-minute recording of bells — **uninterrupted by commentary** ("Ringing World", page 62, 1969).

The disappointing thing, to my mind, is that the B.B.C. are still using the recordings of the Christmas bells of, I think, four years ago (St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh; St. Mary's, Hampton; Lostwithiel; St. Clement Danes', etc., etc.). Each New Year I hope that we may hear again some of the bells from the preceding Christmas, but no luck so far! — Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) ROSE DAVIES.

Dormans Park, E. Grinstead.

A THANK YOU TO ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to record my thanks to the other ringers in the quarter peal at Godshill, Isle of Wight, on January 2nd, to others who have stood in to previous attempts, and to Mr. Bailey in particular who organised this ringing. My mother spent the last few years of her life on the Isle of Wight, of which she was very fond, and after she died I wished very much to ring in a quarter peal as a tribute to her at one of the Island towers. This has now been achieved, and I am most grateful to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

SHIRLEY RYMER.

Calne, Wilts.

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The quarter peal reads:—

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Denness 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt (first in method) 2, Shirley Rymer 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Evans 6. Rung as a tribute to Hilda Rymer, mother of the ringer of 3, who died at Newport, Isle of Wight, November 1st, 1965.

MOONRAKERS

Dear Sir. — With reference to Mr. Hugh Faulkner's suggestion that the story of the Wiltshire moonrakers originated in his native village, I was of course aware that Whiteparish and other localities have laid claim to fame in this connection, but the late Edith Olivier, surely the greatest authority the county has produced on its folklore, was satisfied, from documents in her possession and the fact that the earliest illustrations of the fable undoubtedly depict Southbroom Church and its pond, that this was the true location.

I had profound respect for Miss Olivier's opinions on such matters.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. CAPLE

Clevedon, Somerset.

"BLUE PETER" FILM

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Jenkins' letter (page 42), the "Blue Peter" film was made in November, 1966, and shown one month later. About 14 ringers from Frensham, Putney and Kingston were involved and one of the Frensham ringers was "tower captain" for the day.

John Noakes had received approximately ten lessons in bell control before entering Kingston belfry; but many young ringers who come to ring at Kingston are less experienced than Mr. Noakes. The ringers at Kingston were taught how to handle a bell over a period of three to six months. A high standard was set by our tower captain and accuracy in raising, lowering and controlling a bell all had to be achieved before we could even attempt rounds.

The filming for the "Blue Peter" presentation lasted 12 hours—and all for a six-minute film. The utmost safety precautions were enforced and ringers co-operated with the technicians all the time.

Prior to Mr. Noakes' effort to chime the 27¾ cwt. bell he ascended the stairs to see the bells (the others having been lowered). An observant viewer would have clearly noticed through the louvres that outside it was dark and street lights could be seen. So there were no ropes which could have caused a bell to "turn over" if caught by Mr. Noakes' "flaying feet".

Many children must have been interested in watching their "well-loved hero" attempting to be a bellringer.

I must say that the original film was cut a great deal for the television presentation, but one must realise that "Blue Peter" is a children's programme, and to see just a formal display of bellringing would not be very enjoyable for small children.

However, the film was mentioned in the Central Council report of 1967, but as far as I can recollect there were no complaints about it.

Incidentally, Kingston ringers possess a copy of the film, and if the Central Council wish to investigate the matter further they can borrow the film from Kingston upon Thames ringers. —Yours faithfully,

(Miss) BRYONY P. H. MOORBY.

Kingston upon Thames.

SOMERSET UNRINGABLES

Dear Sir.—I think Mr. Hiller's remarks about the state of certain of our towers in the county should have been a little more explicit. It is one thing to flip round on an outing from another county, but it is another thing altogether to report that towers are unsafe unless you are acting on information from the church architect or from the diocesan adviser on church bells

Would it not also be more accurate to say Beercrowcombe bells are unringable due to lack of ropes, rather than condemning them out of hand?

Perhaps Mr. Hiller could supply a little more information for us, and say where he lives, if it is not in Somerset.

As far as Isle Abbots is concerned the entry is quite clear in my edition of Dove's: perhaps your correspondent thought they were a four?—Yours sincerely. JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see in your issue of January 24th the article by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and the accompanying letter. When I was requested to write about Gabriel Lindoff it came to me suddenly that we had reached the end of 1968 and had forgotten to commemorate Henry Law James and three other notable ringers of his age. I feel grateful, therefore, for Mr. Sheppard's salutary reminder of one of the great intellects of the ringing Exercise

I willingly accept his reproof. More time for reflection would have led me to reject "cocksureness". It is not an elegant word, and it is likely to be interpreted in a derogatory sense, which is far from what was intended.

Nevertheless, a characteristic of Law James was, as it were, an assertive self-confidence. It was as if he often decided that a theory was correct or a proceeding the only right one, and that there was no more that needed to be said on the matter. There was even, sometimes, a suggestion of impatience that his view should be queried. The debates of the Central Council (so fully reported years ago) and the correspondence columns of the ringing press provide interesting evidence, and quite good examples are found in the great London Surprise controversy of 1907 and the long-drawn-out correspondence with Joseph Parker that occupied a great part of the first volume of "The Ringing World". Both these are highly instructive.

These considerations by no means diminish the greatness of Law James. We know that pastorally he brought many blessings to Surfleet, and his fame as a practical ringer and composer stands secure. The great value of his attitude and persistence in controversy seems to me to be that it drove his contemporaries (sometimes in sheer self-defence) to a close examination of their own theories and to a deeper delving after the great mathematical truths upon which method construction and composition are founded. The fruits of all this we enjoy today.—Yours sincerely,

Warminster.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

BROTHERS IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in the Rev. B. F. Sheppard's article "Two Remarkable Brothers". It brings to my mind several families of brother ringers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in my earlier years as a bellringer.

The well-known family of that day was the Pye brothers — William (Bill), Ernest and Robert (Bob). William was the composer and conductor and was the nearest man to the 2,000 mark until it was finally achieved by the late Ernest Morris. Ernest and Bob were most capable and experienced ringers and were a great asset to any band.

There were also the other well-known Essex brothers — the Charge family, consisting of Cornelius, George and Reuben. Cornelius was also a composer and a good conductor. George and Reuben were also excellent ringers and it was my privilege to ring 100 quarter peals and several peals with these two men.

Then there were the Mellar brothers, John and Henry, and also Norman and Edwin Tomlinson, all of whom were of Christ Church, Southgate. They learned to ring together in their early teens, stayed together, and three of them were past the 70 years mark when they set their bells for their last "That's all!". The Mellar brothers died under tragic circumstances in the ringing room—John from a stroke and Harry from a heart attack.—Yours faithfullly,

R. NEWMAN.

Romford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. F. BERNARD DITCHER

The death occurred on January 17th of Mr. F. Bernard Ditcher, of St. Ives, Cornwall, and formerly of Ranmoor, Sheffield. He was 71 years of age.

Born at Eckington, Derbyshire, he lived there until his marriage, when he moved to Sheffield. He was in the R.A.M.C. in the First World War and saw service in France. By profession Mr. Ditcher was an accountant.

The writer does not know when Bernard first took up ringing, but in 1922 he was invited to join John Flint's Surprise band, and in 1924 took part in the first peals of Pudsey and Rutland Surprise. The writer joined the band in 1924 and rang his first peal with Bernard in October of that year. He was a first-class ringer and striker, and before the Second World War had an impressive variety of peals to his credit.

When the restrictions on ringing were further relaxed in 1944 Bernard agreed to join a young Surprise band that was being formed, and he and the late Jack Brothwell were the backbone of the band. Good progress was made, and eventually the goal that had been aimed at was reached and peals of London, Bristol, Spliced and new methods were rung regularly. The band owed a lot to Bernard not only for his ringing experience and ability but also for the example he set at all times and under all circumstances, and above all for his unfailing loyalty. He could be forthright, but it was always with dignity and without rancour.

For more than 40 years he was Ringing Master at All Saints' Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield, and for a long period was an official of the Sheffield and District Society.

He retired to St. Ives in 1963. A widow, daughter and two sons are bereaved. Many ringers in South Yorkshire will join the writer in offering their deepest sympathy. J. E. C.

Note.—In Mr. Bernard Ditcher's peal book the first recorded is Kent Treble Bob Major at Eckington, Derbyshire, on February 11th, 1922. There are 179, the last being an officers peal for Sheffield and District Society of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung on April 21st, 1956.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. F. Bernard Ditcher retired to Lelant, Cornwall, after an active career in advanced ringing in Yorkshire. For some time he rang with the young ringers at Carbis Bay, and occasionally he joined with us in the ringing at Lelant.

Ill-health caused him to give up ringing, but he was still most interested in it and always listened to ringing (with a critical ear) whenever possible. He always read with great interest and pleasure each copy of "The Ringing World" and eagerly looked forward to its arrival every week.

A few years ago, when the Universities Association ringing tour was based on Sheffield, Miss Lidgey and I visited Ranmoor Church one Sunday to take part in ringing for the service. We were highly amused when we saw no less than 34 new stays in the ringing chamber, and when Mr. Ditcher saw how interested we were in that big supply of stays he told us that they were for visitors—his own ringers never broke stays! HARRY MILES.

YORKSHIRE VETERANS



The deaths of the two brothers, L. and H. Rodmell, reported last week, has resulted in the following photograph being sent to us which was taken at Escrick on June 1st, 1957. It was a special meeting arranged by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, in which all the men present had 50 or more years' membership of the Yorkshire Association.

In the picture are: Front row (left to right): Mr. A. E. Sellers, Mr. T. W. Robbins and Mr. L. Rodmell. Back row: Mr. H. Rodmell, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. F. Atkinson, Mr. T. Goodin, Mrs. Morley and Mr. H. S. Morley.

Still living are the two ladies and Mr. Atkinson (York), Mr. Goodin (Sutton) and Mr. Morley (33 years secretary of the Eastern District, the Yorkshire Association).

MR. JOHN PARES

Many ringers in the Slough and Bushey area will remember John Pares before he came to live at Kingsclere in 1959, as it was there that he learned most of his ringing. His death was under tragic circumstances, when his car was in collision with a stationary lorry whilst he was going to work on January 20th.

The funeral was the following Friday, and that evening fellow ringers from Kingsclere, Burghclere and Highclere rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory, the bells being half-muffled. The band was M. Goss 1, D. Goss 2, P. Murduck 3, R. Crocker 4, C. Butler 5, B. Murduck 6, G. Dodd (cond.) 7, D. Murduck 8

John Pares will best be remembered as the man through whose enthusiasm the two trebles were added to Kingsclere. The old six then went badly and presented a challenge to any band to ring them. There was no regular band then and John set about teaching new ringers. With the help of Bill Hibbert and David Papworth this band scored their first quarter in 1961.

In January, 1962, work started on the bells, and about this time Philip Murduck joined the band and introduced Plain Bob. It was in this method that John Pares scored his first peal of Plain Bob Doubles in July, 1962. Peals of Bob Minor at Burghclere and Bob Triples at Kingsclere (the first on the eight bells) followed that year. He remained as captain at Kingsclere until 1968, when he felt it was time to hand over to a younger man.

May he rest in peace. G. D.

MR. F. C. HAGLEY

Mr. Francis Collins Hagley, of Witley, Surrey, died suddenly on January 20th, aged 81. A bellringer for 70 years, he had been for 30 years captain at Witley Parish Church.

Mr. Hagley served for 28 years in the Surrey Constabulary, retiring with the rank of sergeant. For 20 years he had been an usher at Surrey Assizes and Quarter Sessions and he was on his way to attend to his duties when he collapsed.

His son, Mr. Ronald J. C. Hagley, is captain of the Godalming ringers and chief superintendent of the Guildford and Godalming Division of the Surrey Constabulary. Miss Joan E. Hagley, his daughter, is a clerical officer in the Constabulary.

The funeral service was at Witley on January 23rd.

MR. L. S. HALLETT REMEMBERED

To the memory of Mr. Leslie Samuel Hallett, of Worle, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, who died a year ago, two quarter peals were rung at Weston-super-Mare on January 19th. They were 1,260 Doubles in four methods at St. Martin's and 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John's.

Before moving to Weston over six years ago, he was a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon. He regularly rang at St. Martin's, Worle, until under doctor's orders he had to give up ringing.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rita Gower 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, B. Johnson 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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HALF PEAL

SILVERDALE, LANCS. — On Dec. 26th, 3,600 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): W. L. Richmond (longest length Doubles) 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, K. J. Foster (longest length) 3, J. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5. A peal attempt failure.

DATE TOUCH

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Gordon 1, Stephanie Green 2, Penny Coomber 3, D. F. Willcocks 4, S. Taylor 5, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled. First date touch by all the band.

ASTON, HERTS. — On Dec 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Whittington 4, M. R. Whittington 5, A. Gray 6. For Advent.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Pamela Court 1, R. A. Birch 2, C. Wyld 3, J. Hemsley 4, B Johnson (cond.) 5, P. Staples 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, O. Webster 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. Lebon 5, J. Hemsley 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major 2, 3, 5 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Falder 1, A. Peters 2, P. J. Worthington 3, C. A. Critchley (cond.) 4, M. R. Worthington 5, F. J. Robinson 6, G. W. Critchley 7, F. Judkins (first quarter) 8. For service of Christmas music.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Karen Baker 1, Alison Mager 2, P. Jewell 3, D. Goss 4, C. R. Hardy 5, A. S. Smith Conducted by 4 and 5.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Butler 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, R. A. Birch 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 8

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Marshallsay 1, Mary Perry (Davis) 2, A. I. Pearman 3, E. Booth 4, B. B. Rogers 5, G. J. W. Scragg 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. V. Davis 8. A "reunion quarter" rung by the members of the young band of St. Peter's, circa 1943–50.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. R. C. Crouch 1, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 2, M. H. Whittell 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, K. Dakin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BRAUNSTONE, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Ellis 1, G. W. Reynolds 2, R. N. Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, E. A. Jacques 6. First of Surprise Minor for 1 and 4.

BREDGAR, KENT. — On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, K. Butler 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, P. C. Sinden 4, R. A. Birch 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Roper 1, N. Shaw 2, P. Goodyer 3, C. Herbert 4, P. Davis 5, R. Bampton 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, D. Simmons 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Anne E. Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Sara K. D. Woolley 3, T. W. Clark 4, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5, J. R. Southey 6, D. A. Carpenter 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, E. Ashby 4, L. J. North 5, A. Luxford 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy 8. Rung half-muffled for Charlie Cook, a member of this tower for over 40 years.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Pouncey 1, R. Sadowska 2, Miss A. Sadowska 3, R. Tibbles 4, M. Ingram 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. Banks 1, Miss M. Hill 2, A. Foster 3, J. Cooper 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Slamey (cond.) 6. First in method by village band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury): Diane Wickens 1, Jennifer Smith 2, Carol Gosling 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, D. Smith 5, G. Wickens 6. In honour of the golden wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. Churcher, grandparents of 1, 3 and 4 ringers. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Brown (first quarter) 1, D. Attwater 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Carey 1, J. Martin 2, I. Carey (first "inside", aged 11) 3, G. Fell 4, R. Tigwell 5, H. Fell 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, J. E. Martin 8. For Confirmation.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, G. J. W. Scragg 2, J. Franks 3, R. Ingham 4, B. Wright 5, C. Dewsnap 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Neale 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Shearing, a member of the Priory band.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Hatmill 1, Miss M. Phelan 2, Miss I. E. Shanks 3, P. Hatmill 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards 2, D. Head 3, J. D. R. Smith 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, Gillian Bosworth Smith 6, P. R. Johnson 7, H. E. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. A. Adey, former member, died Dec. 26th, aged 83.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooper 1, A. P. Leigh 2, W. Johnson 3, Dr. T. D. Spencer 4, H. Wagstaff 5, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 6, J. R. Whitham 7, E. J. Padgett 8. Also for Midnight Mass, 1,264 Bob Major: W. E. Critchley 1, A. P. Leigh 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, J. R. Whitham 5, M. Forster 6, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Helen Barron 1, J. Newman 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, Ruth Newman 4, Jill Wiggins 5, C. Clark 6, J. Seymour (first Triples as cond.) 7, T. Glastonbury 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. First Triples by local band.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): Gillian Davis (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Theresa Parker (10) 2, Sandra Fairfield 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. A compliment to Sandra on her birthday and engagement to Nicholas Angell.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. P. S. Berry 1, Margaret Jenner 2, R. A. Birch (cond.) 3, P. C. Sinden 4, K. Butler 5, B. Johnson 6.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, P. Richardson 2, H. Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in the method 4 and 5.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS. — On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): M. F. Stallard 1, E. W. Wagstaff 2, D. J. Prescott 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dorothy Harriet Emery, former churchwarden.

GLASGOW.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Livingstone 1, T. C. Winderam 2, R. M. Preston 3, R. L. Preston 4, T. J. Winderam 5, M. J. Pink 6, P. T. Fisher (cond.) 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8.

GLINTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston 1, A. Waller 2, G. Davis 3, M. J. Tyler 4, G. Olliver 5, J. E. David (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: A. Putt 1, T. H. Bird 2, Dianne M. Hatfield 3, Myrtle Groves 4, D. Putt 5, H. Lyndon Hatfield (cond.) 6, A. Wood 7, B. Pink 8. For candlelight carol service.

GORING, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Napper 2, Mary Trent 3, Carol Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Midnight Communion.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clarke 1, I. A. A. Hodgson 2, M. Frewer 3, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 4, J. D. Willcock 5, W. G. Beckmann 6. By Canford School Campanology Society.

HEALEY, Rochdale, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Howarth 1, K. P. Tompsett (first quarter) 2, K. R. Tompsett 3, A. Shaw 4, M. H. Tompsett (first as cond.) 5, R. S. Starkie 6.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: P. Hughes 1, G. Sims 2, T. E. Wood 3, A. T. Wingate 4, W. P. Nash 5, N. Mattinsley (cond.) 7, A. Plowys 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, C. Wright 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Fowler 4, G. Cecil 5, F. Gant 6, J. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Sibbett 8. To mark the engagement on Christmas Day of Miss Janice Kingston and Mr. Antony Grainger.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. A. Sherwood (first T.B.) 1, P. Hughes 2, A. T. Wingate 3, P. J. Wycherley 4, T. E. Wood 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 29th, 1,250 Plain Bob Doubles: J. N. Lambert 1, K. Mary Lambert (first quarter "inside") 2, K. Stacey 3, H. W. Brown 4, J. R. Norris (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. For Evensong.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Judith Aldrid 1, K. Butler 2, Elizabeth Bristow 3, Margaret Jenner 4, G. Watts 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Zennor Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. First in the variation by all.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Plain): R. Harrop 1, E. Shipp 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6, L. W. Houghton cover. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Susan M. Tonks (first in method) 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers (first in method as cond.) 5, Marion C. W. E. H. Smith 6. For Midnight Mass.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On July 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Julia Sanders 1, Angela Bagnall 2, C. W. Bowen 3, Penelope Sedgwick 4, B. J. W. Townsend 5, C. M. Smith 6, C. T. Collins 7, J. B. Webb (cond.) 8. For the centenary of the present church.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — On Nov. 21st, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Simmons 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, A. W. Bowler 3, A. Marson 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Winter 6. A token of respect to Mr. Leonard Smith, head verger at the Cathedral and former ringer at this church, who died on November 17th.

LINCOLN. — On Dec. 31st, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): I. Minns 1, R. Smalley (cond.) 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin 4. Half-muffled for New Year's Eve.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. A. Birch 1, P. Staples 2, Pamela Court 3, C. Wyld 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 100th quarter this year for the conductor.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON. — On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Webber 1, F. D. Mack 2, R. L. Horder 3, J. Gatter 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, C. Barr 6, A. E. Knight 7, H. West 8. For the Christmas season.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke (first in method) 1, Mary Pryor 2, J. B. Plumb 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, D. S. Bishop 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. W. Holland 1, R. W. Yates 2, G. Orchard 3, W. A. Yates 4, J. Thorogood (cond.) 5, W. H. Yates 6. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. H. Yates 1, G. Orchard 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Susan Willis 1, A. Coombs 2, H. Coombs 3, P. Devrell 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6. Rung on All Saints' Day. Also birthday compliments to Peter Hosford and ringer of 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Baker 1, G. Wareham 2, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 3, Christine Baker 4, T. Nicholls 5, D. Withers 6. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Crabbe 1, Sally Baker 2, G. Wareham 3, D. Withers 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, T. Nicholls 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles 1, 2, 3.

MAVESYN-RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Webb 1, C. T. Collins 2, J. Dolman 3, L. Monk 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: L. Monk 1, Margaret Boam 2, C. T. Collins 3, F. Boam 4, C. Bowen 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. English 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Lawrence 3, D. Roaf 4, M. Scowen 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 6.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. M. Knight 1, Miss J. Burn 2, Miss J. Marlow 3, M. K. Till 4, B. J. Davis (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

On page 64 Edenbridge should read 1968 Date Touch and not quarter peal.

In the half peal rung at Nailsea on December 26th (page 44) the treble ringer was D. Willis.

In the quarter peal of Doubles at Bishopstoke on December 24th (page 64) the ringer of 2 was R Le Marechal and 7 Philippa E. Menniss.

720s OF SPLICED SURPRISE

M. S. Bruce desires to make the following corrections to 720s of Spliced Surprise Major (page 35).

720 in 11 methods

The letters should be
L = Linden (not London)
O = Westminster, Allendale or Fryerning
B = Bamborough
X = Broomfield, Fyfield, College Bob V, Redding Bob, Ripley or Thorne

The Beverley group—in 10 methods, not 9: otherwise as printed.

720 in 9 methods

The letters should be
C = Coldstream
L = Lincoln
O = Old Lincoln
X = Purleigh, Quendon, Bakewell, Minehead, Retford or Spalding

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 FARGATES SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. W. WASHBROOK

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
24653	—		—	
23564		3	—	3

Repeated twice.

5,072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By EDWARD W. MARTIN

Rung at Market Harborough, Leics. on December 21st. 1968.

23456	W	B	M	H
53264	S	1		—
34265	—	3	*	—
23654		1	—	—

Repeat this 11 times, calling bob for Single at W in all parts except 1 and 7, and calling single at * M in all parts except 1, 4, 7 and 10 gives 4,992 changes with the extent of 2 and 3 never in 5-6 at C.E.s.

This is brought to 5,072 changes by calling part 7 so:—

32456	W	5	4	B	M	H
52436		—	—		S	—
52364				1		—
24365	—			3		—
32654				1	—	—

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the North Eastern District was held at All Saints', Shrub End, Colchester, where there are six light bells, on January 18th.

After tea in the dual-purpose daughter church of St. Cedd the members tackled a rather formidable-looking agenda of 15 items.

The District secretary was able to report that ringing had been recommenced at two previously silent towers — Great Bentley and St. Osyth — due to the efforts of their Thorington neighbours, but that attendances at meetings throughout the year were poor when put alongside the total District membership. He hoped that in 1969 apathy would be thrown aside, and a well-attended A.G.M. seemed to point to better things to come.

Peter Pitt, the District Master for the last three years, thought that this was quite long enough to stay in office, and Bernard W. Fairhead, a well-known member, was elected in his place. Two new committee representatives were also elected — Peter Pitt and John Gould, a former District secretary. John Avis, the present secretary, was elected for another year. J. A. A.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

St. Nicolas', Guildford, was the centre for the District A.G.M. on January 18th. The Rector, Rev. W Goddard, conducted the Guild service, at which our own member, Stan Ponting, played the organ. The Rector joined the party for tea in St. Nicolas' Hall, when we also had the company of the Master of the Guild and Mrs. Smart and the general secretary and Mrs. Munday.

The District Ringing Master, David Tubbs, took the chair at the business meeting. The company stood for a minute's silence in memory of G. P. Hammond (Wonersh), also Fred Radford (formerly St. Nicolas') and William Jelley (formerly Holy Trinity). who had died since the last annual meeting.

The Rev. Kenneth Morgan, of Shalford, Mrs. D. Leggett and Julie Bunch, of the Cathedral, and Peter Blight as a non-resident member, were all elected. A special welcome was given to Mr. Morgan; clerical ringing members are few in the Guild and this is the first time in the history of Shalford (so far as is known) that the Vicar has taken up ringing. The Ringing Master in his report expressed the hope that attendance would improve. The monthly combined practices had been useful; he particularly commended Bramley's entry for the striking competition as they were a new band, and hoped that twice as many towers would compete in 1969.

The District officers for the year are: Ringing Master, D. J. Tubbs; assistant Ringing Master, M. Kirk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Eloie; auditor, J. Horsman; member of committee, D. Struckett. The present Guild officers and C.C. representatives were nominated. It was good to hear that a start is being made with training some new learners at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Stanley Ponting asked for any help possible there on Monday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m. Y. E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

New District off to a Good Start

On January 11th at Leytonstone the new South West District met for the first time since it was split into two. Seventy people sat down to tea, including many friends from our new neighbouring District now known as the Southern. Afternoon and evening ringing was of a good standard and ranged from rounds and call-changes to London and Bristol. The business meeting proved successful and 17 new ringing members were elected showing, we hope, the remarkable enthusiasm that exists within the new District. K. W

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Cambridge Royal was among methods rung when the Eastern District held its A.G.M. at All Saints', Hertford, on January 11th. The Rev. R. Haw conducted a short service and local church ladies provided a splendid tea.

The president (Dr. D. Gullick) presided at the business meeting, when the following officers were re-elected: District secretary, Mr. P. Searles; assistant, Mr. P. Owen; Ringing Master, Mr. E. Newman; deputy, Mr. D. Harris; "R.W." representative, Mr. B. Foley. The Ringing Master, secretary and assistant secretary were elected to the Association committee and also to the District committee, with the addition of Mr. Foley.

New members elected were: S. O'Hare. D. Stedham, J. Aldridge, Miss W. Cull (Broxbourne); R. Saunders, A. Vanderande, Miss C. Cook (Hertford); Miss C. Tilbey (Tewin); non-resident: F. Garrod. J. Thorp and S. Cater.

The other business included a proposed visit to Loughborough Bell Foundry; an appeal to towers for donations in connection with the Central Council meeting; a pep talk by Mr. D. Harris, asking for a better standard of ringing during the coming year and improved attendances at meetings.

The next A.D.M. will be held at Hertford on January 10th and next District meeting at Cheshunt on February 8th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Martin's, Epsom, handbell ringers beat their previous best this Christmas by collecting £50 10s. for the "Save the Children Fund"

All ringers who have rung in over 100 new towers in 1968 are asked to send to Robin J. Collis, Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, their 1968 total, their overall total and the number of years they have been ringing.

Handbell ringers from Cookley, near Kidderminster, had a happy Christmas collecting more than £78 for charity. The collections will also defray the cost of having the handbells completely overhauled and reburnished.

An anonymous donor gave £104 recently to pay for the rebushing of the clappers of St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall, and reboxing the pulley wheels and putting new ball-races in at the same time. The local band is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

Three members of the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Handbell Ringers are meeting regularly this term at 4 p.m. every Wednesday, or any other day by special arrangement, for practice in Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles. Visitors, especially any handbell ringers on holiday in late June or early July, will be most welcome.

Sheffield Cathedral bells are still out of action and there are no firm plans for tower repairs and rehanging. reports the Southern District secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Real brotherhood was expressed by the Wellingborough Branch at its A.G.M. when a donation of £20 was voted towards the purchase of an invalid car for an Irthlingborough ringer who recently suffered a serious illness.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Alan Ainsworth, the new secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, has now almost fully recovered after his short spell in hospital that caused him to miss the Guild's A.G.M.

Mr. D. J. Roberts, of 84, Westhill Road, Torquay, the captain of All Saints', Babbacombe, asks for a few touches of Carter Triples including a 1,260. His ringers, who enjoy ringing both Stedman and Erin Triples, have now turned their attention to Carter Triples.

The Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford invite designs for a new small red lapel badge, which need not necessarily be either round, depict a bell shape or even have any wording. Details to Clive M. Smith, hon. secretary, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WASHINGTON BELLS HONOUR THE NEW PRESIDENT

To celebrate the inauguration of Richard M. Nixon as the 37th President of the United States a quarter peal of 1,260 Stedman Doubles was rung on the Cathedral bells on January 20th. It was the first quarter in the method for four of the band; only the conductor (R. S. Dirksen) and Anne Gardner have rung one previously.

The band was: Ashton Applewhite 1, Janis Hensley 2, Anne Gardner 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, R. S. Dirksen 5, J. G. Fanfani 6.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE BELLS RING AGAIN

For many years the bells of Burton-in-Lonsdale (six with a tenor of 12 cwt.) were unringable because of their condition and lack of ringers. Last year Mr. H. W. Wootton came to live in the village and set about repairing the fittings and making the bells ringable again. He has been appointed captain of the tower and has a number of young recruits.

The tower, although in West Yorkshire, is in the Lancashire Association's territory, and on January 18th a team from the latter Association rang a peal of Bob Minor in 2 hours and 37 minutes. The bells are a pleasant Warner ring.

CONGRATULATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP

Mr. J. Godfrey, who has completed 50 years' service at St. Mary's Church, Garsington, Oxon. has been presented with a letter of congratulation from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On January 16th ringing friends from Iffley visited him, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Adams 1, C. Bennett 2, C. Clark 3, D. Pullen 4, L. Busby 5 and W. Carter (cond.) 6.

HARTLEBURY CAPTAIN 50 YEARS A RINGER

On January 11th the ringers of Hartlebury, Worcs, paid tribute to their captain, who completed 50 years as a member of the band, which he joined in January, 1919. In 1934 he was elected captain and still holds this office. On January 1st, 1938, he called a peal of Doubles, which was the first rung by a local band. The peal to mark his 50th anniversary was Oxford Bob Triples and was the first peal on eight bells by the Sunday service band.

HANDBELLS AT GREAT YARMOUTH

Some old people of Great Yarmouth benefited from Christmas food parcels and bags of coal provided from the Boys' Grammar School Charity Fund, towards which the handbell ringers raised over £24 in two short evening sessions ringing carols in the Market Place, Arcade and some public houses. A selection of ten harmonised carol tunes was also played in the Northgate and Estcourt Hospitals.

"BLUE PETER" COMPLAINT

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Jenkins' letter on page 42, I would like to say that after the first showing of the film, which was indeed made at Kingston upon Thames, I wrote to the B.B.C. complaining about the very point he makes.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Alton, Hants.

ON A FIRST-RATE BAND

I wonder why
I even try
To emulate their skill
Who ring Surprise
With half-closed eyes
And reach perfection still;
Who act at all times—come what may,
Long draught, or non-existent stay,
As though the thing were but child's play;
Not all can ring this splendid way—
I know I never will.

Such ringers wear
A placid air—
There's not one anxious frown;
You'll not catch **them** up-dodging
Where they should be dodging down!
For every course-end, every part,
And coursing-order from the start,
The watcher feels, are got by heart—
These treat the Science as an art,
And art with science crown.

How fortunate,
Who to this state
After much trial attains!
For those who wait
And imitate,
Far off the goal remains.
Since any who would ever be
Upraised to such felicity
Require, as far as I can see,
An infinite capacity
Innate—for taking pains.

E. M. B.

TAUNTON BRANCH HAD AN INCREASE OF 22 IN MEMBERSHIP DURING 1968

The Taunton Branch held its A.G.M. at Wilton (8) on January 25th, and about 60 members and friends attended the service in church, when the Vicar, Preb. Clarke, was supported by his choir and organist. A real ringers' tea was provided by the local ladies, who were warmly thanked for the trouble they had taken.

The Rev. Michael Odlum (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting, when both he and Mr. A. H. Reed (hon. secretary and treasurer) gave accounts of the year's work. Membership had increased by 22 and now stood at 162, representing 21 towers in the District. Hillfarrance was welcomed back into the Branch after an interval of some years. The first striking competition had been a successful venture, with Wilton scoring the highest marks. The Ringing Master, Mr. R. Arscott, reported the ringing of 18 peals and 37 quarter peals in the last year, many of them including "firsts".

The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for the services they had given. Another striking competition is being planned by Mr. K. Beale for April 26th. The formation of an Association library was discussed at some length and a small sub-committee formed to place its views before the general committee.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for Pitminster on March 15th, when Angersleigh bells will also be available, and the A.G.M. in 1970 will be held at Wellington. Various proposals for practice meetings were put forward and it is hoped to hold the next one at West Buckland on February 15th.

M. P.

MEMORIAL TO FRANK C. W. KNIGHT

A short ceremony took place in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral recently, the occasion being the dedication of a cupboard and shelves for the ringers' library, in memory of the late Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, a former ringer at the Cathedral. Representatives of the family were present, also the president of the ringers, Dr. Geoffrey Templeman (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury). The short service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Ven. T. E. Prichard) prior to ringing for Evensong.

The cupboard is of oak with glass panels and oak shelves, and will house the books of the late Mr. Knight, those belonging to the Kent County Association, as well as the books belonging to the Cathedral ringers.

The late Mr. Knight was an M.A., and as well as being well-known in ringing circles was an accomplished musician, holding a degree of Doctor of Music. He was also a Fellow of Trinity College of Music.

The cost of the installation was met by his mother, Mrs. M. W. Knight, of Lyminge.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH PRESENTATION TO RETIRING SECRETARY

On January 13th all members and officials of the Wellingborough Branch were very encouraged by an attendance considerably higher than for many years. Over 50 members sat down to tea and representatives from 11 towers in the Branch were present. Amongst those attending was a high and keen proportion of youngsters.

Officers elected for 1969 were as follows: President, Rev. W. C. Knight; secretary/treasurer, Miss J. Barber, 48, Main Road, Wilby; Guild committee, Messrs. J. Skerritt, B. Whitworth; Branch committee, Messrs. E. Chapman, T. Smith, P. Baker, R. Cowley, Mrs. A. Smith; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Smith; auditor, Mr. L. Priestley.

The meeting presented a long playing record to the retiring secretary, Mr. R. Cowley.

Amongst many items of business was the forthcoming striking competition, planned for April this year, for which there appeared to be eager support.

The Branch voted a £20 donation towards the purchase of an invalid car for the Irthlingborough ringer who has recently suffered a serious illness.

A long and interesting meeting closed at 7 p.m. and ringing on the challenging eight at All Hallows', Wellingborough, continued until 9 p.m.

A. E. S.

NEW SECRETARY TO BOLTON BRANCH

Mr. A. John Illingworth, the retiring secretary, presented a very encouraging report at the annual meeting of the Bolton Branch held at Leigh on January 25th. There had been 29 new members, four first pealers and two proficiency certificates issued.

Mr. Keith Lister, of 27, Church Street, Westhoughton, was elected the new secretary and a new Ringing Master was also appointed. There was afternoon and evening ringing and the bells of St. Mary's, Leigh, were finally rung down at 8.35 after a most successful meeting.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS NEW YEAR REUNION

ALL PEALS, EXCEPT THE ONE STATED OTHERWISE, FOR THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNFORD, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being the following seven extents: Oxford Bob, Thelwall and Childwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Roderick A. Bryant ..	Treble	John N. Longridge	4
William T. Perrins	2	George E. Thoday	5
George E. Bonham	3	*Timothy F. Collins ..	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 25th peal for the S.D.G. Most methods to a peal by all except the fifth ringer.

BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. ni E flat.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert D. Bellamy ..	6
David Wilson	3	*†Graham W. Elmes ..	7
Philip R. Keough	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 50th peal together. † 75th peal and 50th of Major.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 4 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

John N. Longridge	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
William T. Perrins	2	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	6
George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	*George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 325th peal of Surprise Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Philip Mehew	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins.. ..	6
John N. Longridge	2	Graham W. Elmes	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	8
Mary E. Elmes	4	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	9
George E. Bonham	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung to celebrate the success of the voyage of the three American astronauts to the moon and back.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Claire E. N. Brown ..	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
Frances J. N. Brown ..	2	Ross G. W. Robertson ..	6
Roderick A. Bryant ..	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Robert D. Bellamy ..	4	Philip R. Keough	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Grandsire.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Philip Mehew	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
*Ross G. W. Robertson ..	2	John N. Longridge	6
*David Wilson	3	William T. Perrins	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Rutland.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of London.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Robert D. Bellamy.. ..	Treble	*William T. Perrins	5
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	George E. Bonham	6
*Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
John W. Blackwood ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Bristol.

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

John W. Blackwood ..	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	John N. Longridge	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	George E. Thoday	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	†Ross G. W. Robertson ..	5
*Roderick A. Bryant ..	3	George E. Bonham ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise "inside". † 25th peal. 50th as conductor.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*Roderick A. Bryant ..	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
†Ross G. W. Robertson ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
John N. Longridge ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Frances J. N. Brown ..	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Timothy F. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

POOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	7
Ross G. W. Robertson ..	3	George E. Bonham	8
John N. Longridge	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
William T. Perrins	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung to celebrate Christmas, and as a belated welcome to the new Vicar, Canon T. Livermore. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—In the Vestry of the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Christopher F. Longridge..	1-2	John N. Longridge (cond.)	3-4
		Martin J. Corry	5-6

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert D. Bellamy.. ..	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
John N. Longridge ..	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
*Ross G. W. Robertson ..	3	George E. Bonham	7
Timothy F. Collins.. ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Philip Mehew	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes..	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
*Philip R. Keough	3	George E. Bonham	7
Ross G. W. Robertson ..	4	Frederick E. Collins.. ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. 25th on the bells, and 25th for the A.S.P.Y. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BATHEASTON, Bath.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Jane M. Dennis	Treble	Julian E. Newman	5
David A. Burt	2	Alan F. Lee	6
George J. Hawkins	3	Ian P. Cox	7
Peter J. Devrell	4	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Morris' 240 and ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

Stanley Lewis	Treble	*Edgar T. Skipsey	4
*Bernard Dodds	2	John S. Walton	5
*John Coombs	3	Christopher Field	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Raymond Jones	Treble	John S. Walton	4
Stanley Lewis	2	*Doris Burroughs	5
Bryan Mills	3	Harry Button	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal.
A Branch quarterly peal.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 56 lb.

H. E. George Jeanes	Treble	Frederick G. Sandy	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung for the conductor's birthday

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John W. Griffiths	Treble	George Randles	5
Mrs. G. Randles	2	Robert J. Warrilow	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Michael Thomson	4	C. Kenneth Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sarah Helen) to Mr. and Mrs. C J. Jones on November 22nd

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	John K. Foot	4
Brian R. Danby	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
*Hugh J. Baker	3	Peter H. Mackie	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T. Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) Kent T. Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

David R. Randall	Treble	Paul Reading	4
*Hugh J. Baker	2	Peter H. Mackie	5
John K. Foot	3	Peter C. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAM RIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt in F.

Brian A. Tomlinson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
*Susan Davis	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	6
Clive Thrower	3	Rev. Fred Ross	7
Brian Burrows	4	Gordon A. Halls	Tenor

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

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon, Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T. Bob, Kent T. Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Robert M. Chambers	5
Linda Shaw	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*Susan F. Thomas	Treble	Christopher Forster	6
Glynis E. Perry	2	John P. Ottaway	7
Roger E. Burbery	3	Robert A. Beresford	8
Laura M. Grindrod	4	John E. Murfitt	9
Kevin A. Hughes	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher Forster.
* First peal. First of Little Bob Royal for all the band except the conductor

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Jane R. Fransella	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
*Mary G. Wilkinson	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
*Kenneth Warner	3	Colin G. Wright	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Rutland.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 736 Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire; with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Rev. Royston G. Bryant	Treble	*Stephen F. Royal	5
Victor Griffin	2	*Maurice A. New	6
*Helen M. Diserens	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
*Richard J. Danby	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of 8-Spliced.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Paul N. Murgatroyd	5
Richard Green	2	Beryl R. Simpson	6
Norman Summerhayes	3	Michael J. Church	7
†Simon A. Reed	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael Church.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First on eight bells as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ruth M. Foreman	Treble	Harold V. Frost	5
Eric Edmondson	2	*Bertram C. Johnson	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Michael D. Frost	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. Lockwood. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HERTINGFORDBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt

Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	Richard J. Wilsher	4
*Margaret Evans	2	John W Thorp	5
James A. D. Woolford	3	Peter M. F. Searles	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. F. Searles.
* First peal. First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

E. Ivan Parkin	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Jane Foster	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Robert T. Lambert	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Simon A. B Wigg.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
John W. Smith	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Walter H. Dobbie	Tenor

Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

APPLEDORE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	John A. Howard	7
Peter D. J. Beal	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 124 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	*Colin E. J. Wyld	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	2	Tony Lewis	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	†Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 6-Spliced.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968 in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, comprising one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Jane Foster	Treble	Laurence Mitchell	4
*David Leworthy	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Brian Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

BARMING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Dec. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, comprising one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Garry Bainbridge	Treble	Reginald E. Lambert	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, comprising one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt. in B

Jane Foster	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Peter M. Wilkinson	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Martin L. Howe	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

HIGH HALDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Maurice Thompson	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Derek Slater	5
John A. Howard	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

David Vincent	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
*Ann M. Smith	2	†Geoffrey O. Sanders	7
*Margaret Mandy	3	Frank Reynolds	8
A. Edward Reeves	4	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	9
Timothy Wylie	5	Alan Ward	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.
Commemorates 50 years ringing by A E. Reeves

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

John P. Partington	Treble	*Wyn Pugh	6
Roger Leigh	2	Michael D. Fishwick	7
*Janet Lawson	3	*David W Howarth	8
*B. Michael Boardman	4	Peter H. Gardner	9
*Christine Broadley	5	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal on ten bells. John P. Partington and Roger Leigh have "circled the tower" to peals. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G

HORNBY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Margaret
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Dorothy M. L. Maudsley	Treble	Alan Capstick	5
W. Stephen Walker	2	David Bradshaw	6
Patricia James	3	*Brian Maudsley	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Kevin M Price	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Tony R. Natt	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	5
Martin Green	2	David F. Moore	6
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Ealing Surprise Major.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Owen Homewood	5
Gillian Radley	2	†Peter A. Slight	6
*Susan Aveyard	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
William A. Holmes	4	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman † 50th peal. 50th of Stedman Triples as conductor. Denis A. Frith has now "circled the tower" to peals
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Keith M. Slight, of Grantham

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DDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
..AMPTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William S. Deason	Treble	William Birmingham ..	5
rank C. Price	2	Norman V. Harding ..	6
	3	A. James Glass	7
:onard Stillwell	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

:omposer unknown. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity and as a farewell to the Rev. ..J. Parkinson, Vicar of Hampton since 1959. Also for the 250th anniversary of the first known peal of Major, being the same method and composition, rung at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

nnifer M. Beech	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
nk Beech	2	Frank Chambers	6
don H. Lane	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
ur E. Rowley	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

nposed by William Willson. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Roland Beniston	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
E. Frederick Gobey	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

George L. Roobottom ..	Treble	Ronald Hughes	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	6
John K. Smith	3	E. Frederick Gobey	7
Girling Rigby	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
*Mandi McCallion	3	*David J. Danby	7
Charles A. S. Webb ..	4	Raymond J. Ballard.. ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720s of St Clement's Bob and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	4
Anthony H. Roberts ..	2	Frank C. J. Arnold.. ..	5
Frank Pearson	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
The 14th consecutive Christmas Eve on which a peal has been rung at this church. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
A variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Leonard Stillwell	Treble	David C. Brown	5
Edward S. T. Farr	2	Christopher I. Rowson ..	6
Ann Carpenter	3	Albert C. Wenban	7
William Birmingham ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Susan M. Holden	Treble	Peter G. Holden	4
Roy H. Jones	2	James F. List	5
Peter Pearce	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Chester, Carlisle, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	4
*Rev. Ernest G. Orland ..	2	Roger W. Smith..	5
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being Brigstock, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Alan J. Marks..	Treble	*John E. David..	3
*T. Raymond Garrett ..	2	Chris R. Hardy	4
*Peter S. Abbott	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter S. Abbott.
* Most methods to a peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles for all.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BRIGSTOCK DOUBLES
345.1.5.1.5.1.5.1.345. L145. Plain Bob bob as call.

PITSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barrie Hendry	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 each Bristol and Cambridge, 1,248 Superlative and 1,216 London; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Joan Beresford	Treble	James A. D. Woolford ..	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Walter H. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards.. ..	5
Susan Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	3	James Insley	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, three each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Charles V. Cade	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw..	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor		

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	Derek Tysoe	4
Andrew L. B. King	2	*Richard Anthony	5
*Susan O'Neill	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson

* First peal

A compliment to John Warren and Margaret Hazledine on their engagement.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Clarence Briggs	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
*Harold Denman	3	Paul Raithby	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* 375th peal.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas; also in memoriam Albert Hollingworth, one-time ringer at Surfleet, Lincs.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
David D Smith	3	Tom Page	7
*Ian Wickens	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

WEST GRINSTEAD. Sussex.—At the Church of St. George. On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent Norwich Surprise and two each of Oxford T. Bob, Kent T. Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Timothy Banner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Geoffrey Rix	5
F. Richard Verrall	3	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.

A farewell peal for the Rector. Rev. C. W. H. Story, on his retirement.

FITTLEWORTH. Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720s. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Susan M. Wills	Treble	Patrick M. Wills	4
E. Winifred Keys	2	Philip Stevens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

RUDGWICK. Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T. Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.

Ian M. Davey	Treble	*Patrick M. Wills	4
Michael J. Wake	2	Philip Stevens	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 14 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

HAMMERWOOD. Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen. On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents, viz.: (1–4) Winchendon Place Bob. (5–8) St. Nicholas, (9–12) St. Martin Bob. (13–16) St. Simon Bob, (17–24) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (25–34) Grandsire and (35–42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Hilary Thick	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	3
*Susan M. Wills	2	†Patrick M. Wills	4
Frank H. Hicks	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in seven methods. † First of Doubles in seven methods.

ALDWICK. Sussex.—At the Church of St. Richard. On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In five methods, being 42 extents each of Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Martin's, Double Bob and Plain Bob

Anne M. Stevens	Treble	*Ruth Halford	3
Geoffrey F. Durrant	2	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Stevens.

* First peal. First of Minimus by all the band. First on the bells. Rung as a welcome to Ernest Winstone Wort, who was this day ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Chichester to serve in this parish. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul On Sun., Dec. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*R. Brian Walton	Treble	Barry R. M. Johnson	5
*John S. Hopwood	2	Katharine J. Maundrell	6
*Anthony J. Mason	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
*David G. Hatherly	4	Richard Green	Tenor

Composed by J. W Washbrook. Conducted by Richard Youdale.

* First peal of Stedman.

OVERTON. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt

*Cynthia M. Kemp	Treble	R. Christine Hassel	5
†William J. Marlow	2	David L. Wilcox	6
†Lynette M. Holbrook	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Michael J. Holbrook	4	†Jack C. Wimlet	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. First on the bells since rehanging and recasting; dedicated August 20th, 1968.

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods: Blackburn Place, Westminster, St. Hilary, Dragon, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen, Grandsire, Newark; and in 145 variations. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
John S. Hopwood	3	Trevor Matcham	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

Largest number of Doubles methods/variations rung for the Guild.

LOCKERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) London, Lytham and Westlecott Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower Bob, (6) Double, Plain and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Walter R. Gilks	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
John S. Hopwood	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

Largest number of Minor methods rung on tower bells for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Ken O'Beirne	Treble	Robert W. Cole	5
Ivor Goulter	2	Leonard Mills	6
Rev. Albert Webb	3	Ian Lloyd	7
Herbert C. Spencer	4	Peter S. Robertson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BREDONS NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford, (5 and 7) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt.

James Attwood, sen.	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	4
Anna K. Sadowska	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	5
Maurice Ingram	3	James Attwood, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Graham S. Miller	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Robert H. Jordan	2	Alan Winter	6
David Featherstone	3	Christopher Movley	7
Peter H. Gardner	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on eight bells.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady. On Mon., Dec. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

George Johnson	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Robert Cater	2	George E. Hancock	5
Philip Charlesworth	3	Douglas E. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Hancock.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
The 81st
"HENRY JOHNSON DINNER"
will be held at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m
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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The centennial year is 1972 and not 1971 as was inadvertently published in our last issue.—J. E. C. 6548

MISCELLANEOUS

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Lincoln Diocesan Guild

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ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH, Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs.—Dedication service, Sunday, Feb. 9th, 6.30 p.m. Open day, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 2–5 p.m. Light refreshments in school. 6547

WESTON-SUPER-MARE. — C.E.M.S. service, Bishop of Coventry guest speaker, at St. John's Church, Friday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 7 for 7.45 p.m. and after, when refreshments also available at Royal Hotel.—D. J.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Friday evening, Feb. 7th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6532

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Ardsley, on the second Saturday in February (8th). Cups of tea only. All welcome.—T. Tarbutt. Sec. 6519

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. A. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield (tel. 51175).—D. A. D. for M. P. P., Sec. 6467

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Ticehurst (6), 2.30–4 p.m., and Wadhurst (8), 3–4.30 and 6.30–8.30. Service at Wadhurst 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 6466

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Melbourn and Meldreth, Feb. 8th. Melbourn (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Meldreth (8) for rest of evening. — Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec 6499

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, by Feb. 6th. 6535

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C. 2.30–3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 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. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Honiton, Saturday, Feb. 8th, at St. Michael's (6), 2.30–4.15 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8) available after tea. — R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel.: 2795. 6520

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, Cheshunt (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newnham, 214, Church Gate Road, Cheshunt. —Peter Searles, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G K A 6462

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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, Feb. 8th, when a film of the rehanging of St. Mary's Church bells will be shown. Ringing 3.30 to 8 p.m., with tea interval 5 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec 6502

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 6479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Feb. 8th. Afternoon ringing at St. Giles' (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Laurence's (12). Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Lewis, 162, Caversham Road, Reading. 6514

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. "Dialogue on the bells" 6.30–7.30. Ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea to B. Buswell, 5, Meadow Drive. 6506

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Benhall. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Archer, 56, Saxon Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk Guild executive committee meeting at Benhall Club, 7 p.m. Saxmundham bells (6) 6.30–8.45 p.m.—T. N. J. B. 6513

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 Tea at Millhouse Restaurant at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6515

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Almondsbury (8), near Bristol, Monday, Feb. 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 6477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening practice meeting for beginners at Stretham on Tuesday, Feb. 11th Bells (6) 7.30–9 p.m. 6484

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Monthly practice, Wantage, Feb. 11th, 7 p.m. More support is needed. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. 6505

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano (6) Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 6556

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Thornaby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside. 6552

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—D. A Feek, Dis. Sec. 6524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Lechlade (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 5.30 p.m. — J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6551

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Afternoon practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 to 5 p.m. 6544

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Radlett (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names essential to R. W. M. Clouston 1, Canons Close, Radlett (Tel.: 6286). — R E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford District. — Striking competition, Great Chart, Feb. 15th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. K. Hobden, Lodge Place Cottages, Spicers Hill, Great Chart, Ashford, by Thursday, Feb 13th. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B 6490

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llanelli, Feb. 15th. Bells (new 8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Gentlemen welcome Gorseinon (8) available 1.30–3 p.m.—J. S. King

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. Silby, 53, High Street, Epworth (Tel. 238), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Bob Major. 6517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Committee meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m., in the Club Room of Holy Trinity, Bolton. Ringing, Bolton Parish (8), 2.45–5 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity. Evening ringing, Holy Trinity and Bolton Parish. Names for tea to Mr. J. Illingworth, 352, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, Bolton, by previous Thursday.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 6560

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Full meeting, Somerby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Westfields, Somerby (Tel.: 223), by previous Wednesday.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 6545

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Brant Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. —G. R. P. 6527

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Meeting, Surfleet, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (12) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, by Feb 12th. 6528

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Stanmore bells available 3–4.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6554

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Acle, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60Z, by previous Wednesday.—N. C., Branch Sec. 6537

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Oghourne (St. George's and St. Andrew's), Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, by Tuesday, 11th. 6563

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting, Tamworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6491

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Annual meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing: St. Nicholas', 3 p.m.; St. Peter's after business meeting. Service, St. Peter's, 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex (Tel.: Hurstpierpoint 2621), by previous Wednesday. 6558

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Beddington, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, by Feb. 13th. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting, Cleckheaton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 6 to 9 p.m. Methods, rounds, plain hunting and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Twelve-bell practice at St. John's, Croydon, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, at 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Evening practice, Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) from 8 to 9.30. Good attendance, please. —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6539

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Practice meeting, Usk, Friday, Feb. 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge.—J. S. King. 6471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea at The Buttery. Meeting at Vicarage, ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks, by 20th. Everyone welcome. 6559

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 7th. Nominations for officers and notices of motions must be sent to me by February 24th. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 6431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Tewkesbury, April 12th; details later. Notice of motions for inclusion in agenda and recommendations from Branches must be received by March 1st by Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2PB. 6562

LATE NOTICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice, Sunbury, Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 7.45 p.m.— M. J. Palmer. 6566

QUARTER PEALS

DURWESTON, DORSET. — On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, R. W. Jeans (first quarter) 2, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 3, A. B. Corry 4, B. R. Jeans 5, R. H. S. Jeans 6. For the Confirmation of 2, 4 and 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, A. Paulley 2, Susan M. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 4, R. H. S. Jeans 5, M. J. Corry 6. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Wreford Imperial Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, M. J. Corry 3, C. F. Longridge 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. G. Bleathman 6. For Knighton House carol service.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catherine Southwell 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, G. W. Reynolds 4, J. C. Hudson 5, R. M. Scholes (cond.) 6. Rung for the safe return of the Apollo 8 astronauts and as a farewell to 1968.

GISBURN, WEST YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): H. W. Wootton 1, W. S. Walker (cond.) 2, H. Walker 3, R. H. Brueton 4, D. Steele 5. First of Minimus by all.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Price 1, D. Digby 2, A. Stracey, sen. 3, A. R. Carter 4, E. Edmondson 5, B. J. W. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7. P. M. F. Searles 8. First in the method 2, 6. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, T. Marks 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. Setter 5, C. Gratton 6. First quarter on the bells since augmentation to six. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. C. Connolly (churchwarden) and his wife.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, R. Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, Sara Cornock 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Ashby 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. For carol service.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Pannell 1, E. Wycherley (first Minor) 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, P. Hughes 4, R. G. Powell 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Johnson 1, J. Hemsley 2, Pamela Court 3, P. Staples 4, R. A. Birch 5, C. Wyld (cond.) 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Halliwell 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, Janet Gasson 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, H. Furminger 6, P. Bedford 7, P. Sadler 8, D. Sloman (first in method as cond.) 9, D. Bedford 10. A birthday compliment to Penny Halliwell, 21 on Christmas Day.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Lawrence 1, R. Sadowska 2, R. Tibbles 3, M. Maggs 4, D. Deakins (first Minor) 5, P. S. Robertson (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Cobb 1, Ann Mew 2, Julie Armstrong 3, Rev. A. Clayton 4, M. Uphill 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. A welcome to Richard, a son for Michael and Elizabeth Bull.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: O. Webster 1, Marion Kemp 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Jane Hough 4, Jane Osenton 5, J. Hemsley 6, K. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. S. Parratt 1, M. L. Northway 2, J. P. Collis 3, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. R. Fallick 6, J. Hartless 7, C. T. Drew 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. L. Burrows 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6

SENNEN, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Locke 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6. First of Grandsire Minor by all. A birthday compliment to Malcolm Bowers.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On Dec. 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jones 2, Pamela Court 3, P. Staples 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First Kent T.B. 2 and 5.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Hill 1, J. Lane 2, L. J. Walters 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): W. Lanyon 1, P. Lankester 2, R. W. Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, J. Thorogood 5.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Gwynne 1, L. J. Walters (cond.) 2, R. Hill 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs 5, J. Lane 6.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Holland 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, W. B. Dawson 4, A. E. Flatters 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Culling, of Boston.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Nov. 17th, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Brown 1, P. Brown 2, P. Goodyer 3, R. Stanton 4, C. Herbert 5, R. Walters 6, W. Rowe 7, R. Bampton 8, T. Goodyer (cond.) 9, P. Gray 10.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Hammond 1, Miss R. Cruse 2, Miss L. Tickner 3, J. F. Eaton 4, A. J. Eaton 5, A. Leonard (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3, 5. Believed first by local band.

TRULL, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Baker (first quarter, aged 10) 1, R. E. J. Baker 2, T. Bellhouse 3, A. Jackson 4, B. G. Vine (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6. For morning service.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — On Dec. 24th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. D. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. A. Hales 3, D. Neal 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7. For Midnight Mass.

WALSALL, STAFFS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. T. Dutton 1, Miss D. White (first quarter of Major) 2, A. Botterell 3, S. K. Kirby 4, K. W. Knowles 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8. For Watch Night service.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods; 4, 6, 8 cover): J. D. Flook (first on working bell) 1, Janet Yeates 2, R. A. Stone (100th quarter) 3, F. W. Sherfield 4, Mary White 5, T. White 6, K. G. Waller (cond.) 7, R. L. Ventham 8.

WESTMINSTER, W.C. — At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mary Gage 1, Elsie Hart 2, H. G. Hart 3, Joan Hooton 4, Ruth Foreman 5, B. C. Watson 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, R. A. Gage 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Dianne Gazeley 1, Elsie Hart 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Joan Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, B. C. Watson 6, W. G. Knight 7, R. A. Gage 8, F. T. Blagrove 9, E. J. Peett 10.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Merrall 1, Linda Merrall 2, Rev. C. J. Rees 3, J. D. Smith 4, S. Coutts 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung for the Wilmslow Grammar Schools' carol service.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Dec. 29th, at the Parish Church, 1,330 Spliced Triples (three methods): R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, L. Stillwell 3, Margaret Wenban 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, S. Blyth 8. For carol service.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr 1, F. W. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. T. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. For carol service.

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