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**St. George's Church, Dunster, Somerset**

## OUR COVER PICTURE

## Church of St. George, Dunster, Somerset

*"Who ryngs his Bell  
Let him loke welle.  
To honde and hedde and herte.  
Ye honde for werke  
Ye hedde for witte  
Ye herie for worshippe."*

THIS Elizabethan exhortation to ringers is written in scarlet and black letters four inches in height around the walls of the ringing chamber of the tower of the Church of St. George, Dunster. It has been well heeded by local ringers for many centuries, for although the numerous peal boards that adorn the walls indicate that Grandsire Triples have been rung in the tower since 1875 (when change-ringing began in Dunster) records show that the tower has housed bells long before this date.

Dunster is one of the most famous and oft-visited villages in the county of Somerset and is renowned for its picturesque charm and historic interest. It lies some two miles from Minehead, 24 miles from Taunton, standing in a sheltered position, dominated by two hills, on one of which stands the Castle and on the other a tower—a folly built in the 18th century.

Amongst the many buildings of note (which include the unique Yarn Market, the ancient inn, the Elizabethan houses) the most interesting is, without doubt, the Church of St. George, originally erected in the early Norman period by Benedictine monks. Its principal glories are the magnificent carved oak rood screen (built about 1500) and the central tower, erected by John Marys in 1443, which rises in three stages above the roofs to a height of 100 feet. William Pyson, who in 1419 bequeathed for the building of the tower 40 soladi sterling, also left 20 soladi sterling for new bells there. In the same year Joan Wedmore gave to the bells of Dunster 8d. It seems reasonable to suppose, therefore, that when the tower was completed it soon housed bells.

## GOWN FOR BELL REPAIRS

There are many recorded references to the bells. John Wethers in 1532 gives "my gowne to the reparynge of the bells". In 1533 Adam Bell also leaves his "gowne", and Rich. Holcome "12d.", while in 1532 John Whyte—obviously a well-to-do man—left "to the reparacyon of the Bells 6s. 8d." The existing churchwardens' accounts which begin in 1670 shows as the first entry 4s. 6d. for a bell rope. In 1677 "William Warman and his two sons receive £1 17s. 10d. for work about the third Bell; and eight bell ropes costing £1 8s. 0d.", indicating that there was already a ring of eight at this early period. In 1684 one of the bells was cast locally at Loxhole Bridge for the total sum of £15 13s. 9d. This included several interesting items, e.g., cost of casting, £10;

an extra 52 pounds of "metell", £1 19s.; "Pd Wm. Warman and his sons for taking donne the Bell and ffor hanging ofen up 11.0s.". It must have been thirsty work for there's an item for "Beare when they took down the bell—1.0s." and "Beare when they hung the Bell—2.0s.". However, the casting was not very successful. In 1688 the fourth bell was taken for repair by boat from Watchet to Bristol and returned via Minehead. Other interesting entries are "1685—Pd ye ringers ye 9th July upon ye Rout of Monmouth 7s. 6d." "1688 July 1st Pd. the Ringers for ringing for the Bishops and Prince of Wales for joy of his birth in meat drink and money £2.5.3". Obviously this was a celebration that lasted more than one day!

The oldest reference to the bells in the ringing chamber is the following metrical code of belfry rules dated 177(1) which is still to be seen painted on the wall.

## THE ARTICLES OF RINGING

- I You that in Ringing take delight  
Be pleased to draw Near  
These Articles you must observe  
If you mean to ring here.
- II And first if any Overturn  
A Bell as that he may  
He forthwith for that only Fault  
In Beer shall sixpence pay.
- III If any one shall Curse or Swear  
When he come Within the door  
He then shall Forfeit for that Fault  
As mentioned before.
- IV If any one shall wear his Hat  
When he is Ringing here  
He straightway then shall sixpence pay  
In Cyder or in Beer.
- V If any one these Articles  
Refuseth to Obey  
Let him have nine Stripes of ye Rope  
And to depart Away.

There are many more references to the bells giving ample evidence that the tower has been an object of special interest to the parishioners of Dunster.

The ring of bells was entirely rehung in 1875 by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of London, and except for the welding of a crack in the crown of the treble nothing had been done to them until 1967. At this time the ring consisted of No. 1, recast by Warner and Sons, London, 1875; No. 2, cast by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, Northants, 1679; Nos. 3 and 6, recast by Thomas Bailey in 1744; No. 4, cast by Roger Purdew, of Salisbury, 1688; No. 5, recast by Jeffries and Price, Bristol, 1853; No. 7, cast by T.W. (?), 1719, inscribed "God Save the Church"; and the tenor—weighing over a ton—recast (for the third time) in 1782 by George Davis, of Bridg-

water, inscribed "I to the Church the living call, and to the grave I sommon all". Obviously bells of such varying vintages and castings were not particularly tuneful or sweet; there was movement in the frame, the bearings were worn, and the tower had earned an unenviable reputation and the bells were even referred to by visiting ringers as "those Dunster Buckets!"

When the bells were rehung in 1875 a clock was also installed with a carillon, and since that date at one, five and nine o'clock day and night the church clock, after striking the hour, would set off the carillon, playing such tunes as "O rest in the Lord", "Drink to me only", "Home sweet home", "Bluebells of Scotland", etc.—a tune for every day of the week. Visitors regard these melodious tintinnabulations as an important part of the intrinsic charm and attraction of the village. However, the mechanism was a ponderous affair, the whole system driven by three enormous weights totalling up to 16 cwt. which took over half-an-hour a day to wind up by hand. The weights were a source of danger; there were frequent irregularities in the tunes; and it was obvious that it would soon be difficult to find labour for the regular winding of the weights. A major overhaul and another system of driving the mechanism were urgently needed.

## £6,500 RAISED

In November, 1965, a public meeting was called to discuss such a project. It was very well attended and the suggested improvements were received with surprising enthusiasm, so much so that before the meeting closed organisers found themselves committed to the raising of not a mere £750 but at least £4,000 for the recasting of the bells, in addition to the original project. The interest of the whole community was thoroughly aroused. Within three years, by fêtes, exhibitions, donations and many other means of raising funds, £6,500 was raised. Meanwhile John Taylor's contract to remodel and recast the eight bells in the key of E (including the tenor, weighing 20 cwt. 90 lb.), to supply new fittings of the best and most up-to-date type, and to hang the bells in a new cast iron frame, was accepted. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, were commissioned to convert the clock and carillon to automatic electric drive and to supply new wires and hammers for the carillon. In due course the bells were lowered (with the local ringers and the carpenter bearing a hand) and taken to Loughborough. Several of the ringers went on a trip to the foundry to see the recasting of the bells. Meanwhile the tower was prepared for the new frame and in February, 1968, the newly-cast bells were returned and rehung, every step of the process being well oversighted by the ringers and a film record of the entire project was made.

It was a momentous occasion when, after six months' silence, the bells were rung for the first time; to hear them "surge and gambol, rise and fall with effortless serenity", all in tune, all beautiful to handle; and once more the carillon "making the slow arrival of the hour, with legendary chimes and melodies". J.H.P.

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## HARPENDEN BELLS AT FOUNDRY



**DROPPING A CLANGER.**—Mr. Leslie Coburn (right) gives Mr. Eric Fowler, of John Taylor and Co., a hand to remove the clapper from the tenor bell. He is watched by his wife and younger son, Martin, and Mr. Arthur Day, who has been ringing the bells for 57 years.

(Photo by courtesy of the "Hertfordshire Advertiser").

THE bells of St. Nicholas', Harpenden, are now at the foundry at Loughborough for a complete overhaul and retuning prior to being rehung with new fittings. It is expected they will be away about six months.

The eight bells, tenor reputed to be 15 cwt. but probably nearer 12½ cwt., were last restored in 1898. Then there were five bells: three were recast, two dated 1612 and 1613, cast by Robert Oldfield, quarter turned and a treble added. In 1903, to mark the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, two additional bells were added. Since that time the bells have been rung regularly, with the exception of the wartime ban.

Just over a year ago the plain bearings began to show signs of considerable wear; detailed inspection revealed the need for a thorough overhaul and limited ringing was advised. Retuning was recommended and thoughts began to turn towards raising the necessary money for the work of restoration.

Harpenden is a Stewardship Parish: this being so, the P.C.C. decided that no special fund-raising scheme could be organised by the church. As bells are appreciated—it is hoped—by parishioners who do not necessarily attend church, an appeal to the public was launched in May, 1968, by the then chairman of the Urban District Council.

To begin with donations were slow to come in, but a generous anonymous donation of £500 boosted the fund and money came in steadily from then on. The local ringers gave a proportion of their wedding fees to the fund and when the fund reached £800—the target set by the P.C.C.—the order was placed for work to begin. A recent donation of £50 from the St. Albans District Voluntary Bell Fund has brought the fund up to very little short of

the estimated cost of restoration, which is expected to be in the region of £1,150.

Among those awaiting the return of the bells is Mr. Arthur Day, who has rung at Harpenden for 57 years, and a promising bunch of youngsters who up to now have had to be content with practising on the front five.

M. A. C.

## J. FREDERICK MILNER: A MEMOIR

J. Frederick Milner was born in November, 1899, the youngest member of a family of six in a small Nottinghamshire village, where he was to spend most of his life. It was here that he learnt the craft of his father, his first interest in ringing and his love of his church. In the village he was considered the "general factotum"—the blacksmith, the agricultural engineer, the garage proprietor, the special constable, the churchwarden and bell-ringer. He was a skilled craftsman and there are many examples of his work to be found in Notts, and any visitor to The Wayside, Leicester, will be reminded of this skill by the ornamental gates at the front of the house.

It was his great love of the music of the bells that took Fred to Southwell Minster, where he was Ringing Master for many years, and the intricacy of methods that attracted him to John Flint and the Bolover band in the 1920s. It was in October, 1925, that Fred began his long association with Leicester, and the month of October from then on became a most significant month in the lives of the Milners and the Pooles. Almost every week Fred would be travelling up and down the Fosse to strike his first blow in a method and, like the great ringer he was, his bell would be in the right place. He possessed a great sense of humour and told his stories with a straight face, but always ended them with a chuckle which was only typical of Fred Milner. When starting a peal he would always turn to "H. J. P." and ask where he wanted "the spot of bother" and also stated "It's a pity we don't know the time"—inferring that they were certain of ringing the peal. At the end of a peal Fred would always express his disappointment at having to stop because he was enjoying it so much.

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Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

In all he rang over 600 peals, and to collect this total he was probably one of the most travelled peal ringers in so far that very few were on his own doorstep—week-days he was in Leicestershire, Saturdays in Yorkshire. It was with Eric Critchley, Wilf Moreton and company that he took part in many notable performances in the field of Spliced Surprise Major. Of all methods, however, his best love was London, and how thrilled he was on Saturday, March 27th, 1954, when he conducted his first peal in the method, which was also his 500th peal at his own tower, Southwell Minster. His last peal was at Claybrooke, Leics, in October, 1965, which also proved to be London and which I had the privilege to conduct.

Six years ago Fred and Ruth retired from business; at Kirklington and moved to Sheringham where he still maintained an interest but was handicapped by arthritis from taking an active part in ringing. It is with Kirklington, however, that we shall always associate Fred: it was here that many a ringer had a truly warm welcome and enjoyed the kindness and hospitality of both.

On March 11th, 1969, J. Frederick Milner passed away suddenly at his home, and on the following evening a handbell peal was rung to his memory at The Wayside. On Saturday, March 15th, many ringers and friends gathered not only to mourn his passing but also to give thanks for his life and for the privilege of having him as a friend. He was a craftsman at his work and this perfection he endeavoured to show in his life.

To Ruth, ringers from all parts of the country extend their deepest sympathy. P. J. S.

(See also page 265)

## Truro Guild Honours Mr. Harry Miles

THE 1969 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Helston on March 1st and was attended by about 65 ringers. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild bell and reading the objects of the Guild. Prayers were led by the Vicar of Helston, Rev. J. E. M. Woollan, who welcomed the meeting to Helston.

There were several apologies for absence, including ones from the Guild treasurer and Guild librarian. Silent tribute was paid to the members who had died since the last meeting—F. B. Ditcher, C. F. Jerram, R. Pethick, E. Sanders, R. G. Williams, W. Wood and, though not a member of the Guild, Mr. J. E. Jeater, who latterly had become well known to some members.

There were no matters arising from the minutes and on behalf of the treasurer the general secretary presented the accounts, balances of £116 in the general fund and £58 in the badge account being recorded.

### PEALS—FAVOURABLE ADVANCE

The Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher, spoke well of the various functions he had attended, and the assistant Ringing Master, Mr. A. Locke, called on all senior ringers to assist in helping less experienced ringers along. The peal secretary, Miss M. L. Lidgley, gave as comprehensive a report as last year's. There were 28 peals in 1968, comparing very favourably with the 15 in 1967. The majority were rung by residents only, six first pealers taking part, of which five were from the Cathedral band. Notable were the attainment of the 500th peal for the Guild, three peals in one day, and 84 Doubles. The quarter peals reached three figures, totalling 106. Eight ringers accomplished their first quarters and four new conductors emerged.

The most far-reaching report of the meeting was that of the librarian, Mr. R. P. Pearce who was unfortunately unable to be there through sickness but his report was read by the chairman. Mr. Pearce had just finished his first year in office and realised the need for a grant to keep abreast of new publications. The

meeting agreed to £5 being made available for this purpose during 1969. A scheme to provide binders for the recently-acquired "Ringing Worlds" for the years 1946-1968 was launched and every tower requested to contribute to the fund. Several individual contributions followed the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the library be denoted to include the C. F. Jerram Collection, as the Colonel had been a great supporter and contributor until his death some two months previous to the meeting.

### MANY NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

The Ringing Master gave an account of the Central Council meeting at Worcester and this was followed by the confirmation of non-resident life members elected during 1968: M. Androlia, R. Ashman, J. W. Belshaw, B. C. Castle, V. N. Castle, S. Chew, H. Chorley, R. Edwards, M. D. Fellows, M. J. Fellows, M. I. Foskett, S. Foskett, G. C. Hemming, A. Humphrey, M. G. Ingram, A. Lawson, E. Lawson, R. Newton, D. J. Purnell, A. K. Sadowska, M. A. Swain, R. J. Tibbets, M. P. Tobin and D. Vincent.

The Guild officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. H. Miles as a vice-president. This was eloquently proposed by Miss M. L. Lidgley, seconded by Mr. W. R. Curtis, strongly supported by Mr. H. Lander and was a popular election. Mr. Miles was also voted on to the report sub-committee, together with Mr. T. J. Bell.

It was decided that the Guild summer festival be held on July 12th (details in "The Ringing World" later) and the invitation to hold the 1970 A.G.M. at Linkinhorne on March 7th be accepted.

A motion to remodel the rule relating to the election of officers at the A.G.M. was defeated after careful thought and reasoned argument, but a second motion to change the Branch annual meetings from the autumn to the spring was carried.

Further items were speedily dealt with under Any Other Business and the meeting was closed and followed by tea, for which the Helston people were thanked by Mr. A. Locke. Hand-and-tower bells in the neighbourhood were then soon in use. A. J. D.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### MAIDSTONE DISTRICT

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District at Wrotham on March 1st was attended by about 40 members and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. V. G. Nickless) and the organ played by D. Parks.

After a most enjoyable tea, provided by the Wrotham ringers, the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Rev. V. G. Nickless. Visitors were welcomed from Shorne, Northfleet and Swanscombe, and apologies for absence received from P. Muchlinski and M. Barden.

Following a rather lengthy discussion re the future of District beginners' practices it was decided to "leave it all to Colin". Are Surprise Major practices to continue? was the next question, and it was decided to carry on as already arranged, filling in the time from April 8th to July 12th with Surprise Minor practices and then reviewing the situation at the next quarterly meeting.

By a small majority it was decided that, with the incumbent's permission, the collection should be given to the belfry repair fund.

Under the heading of "Other Business" mention was made of a ringing festival to be held at Aylesford in May. Ringing, ranging from rounds to Surprise, was then continued until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were duly lowered.

### ASHFORD DISTRICT

Seventy-seven ringers and friends were present at the Ashford District meeting on a foggy March 15th at Folkestone. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Kingston) and the assistant curate (Rev. D. J. New), the lesson read by the county chairman

(Mr. E. A. Barnett), and Miss Anne Barber, of the local band, was at the organ. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Woodward Hall.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. A. S. Phelps) the secretary welcomed the visitors, particularly Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and it was agreed that Mr. Barnett should chair the business meeting.

Notice was given of the tidy tower competition and the Expo Belfry for the Lympe Festival of Flowers and Music on April 19th, 20th and 21st; also that Woodchurch practice night is now Mondays and Newchurch is on Wednesdays. The county chairman then addressed the meeting. The collection, amounting to £4 11s., was donated to Lympe Bell Restoration Fund.

Mr. D. Manger accorded the usual vote of thanks and the secretary thanked Mr. Barnett for presiding. Ringing continued on the fine octave until 9 p.m., under the guidance of the Ringing Master. A. P. S. B.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Hertingfordbury and Bengoe were the chosen towers for the Eastern District's March meeting. Ringing started at Hertingfordbury at 3 p.m. and was reasonably well supported.

After tea the light eight at Bengoe were put to good use. During the evening a business meeting was held in the church; however, this did not interrupt the ringing programme as we were well supported by visitors, who carried on. The county president, Dr. Gullick, presided and the main topic was the ringing outing on April 19th, which includes a visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Evening ringing included Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. B. J. W.

## APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

### Additions to names of Variations, No. 5

(No. 4 is on page 80)

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 301 Totton    | 305 Portsmouth   |
| 302 Geranium  | 306 Rhododendron |
| 303 Lymington | 307 Bournemouth  |
| 304 Snowdrop  | 308 Forsythia    |

Add the following variations to page 699, September 6th, 1968.

(w) Using a single indicated by S—Stithian's, Q—Gwendroc, E—Earls Court, B—Baron's Court. Twelve callings, such as

SPPSSPPSPPP.

### Plain Course Single

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 521 Plain Bob            | S |
| 522                      | Q |
| 523 Shipway Place        | S |
| 524                      | Q |
| 525 Rev. Canterbury      | S |
| 526                      | Q |
| 527 Rev. St. Bartholomew | B |
| 528                      | B |
| 529 All Saints Place     | E |
| 530                      | B |
| 531 Rev. St. Sebastian   | B |
| 532                      | E |
| 533 Minster Place        | E |
| 534                      | B |
| 535 Chase Bob            | E |
| 536                      | B |

Add the following to the Section II variations on page 739, September 20th, 1968.

Canterbury Var. is Grandsire using its own bob and a Rev. Canterbury bob as single.

Canterton Var. is New Grandsire using its own bob and a Rev. Cant. bob as single.

All other variations using these singles with Antelope, Newark, Wollaton, etc., and/or the other types of bobs are false. For example, Lawtonshill, Wistleton, Wansford, etc., published in 1966.

There are a further 160 variations of Grandsire, Antelope, Newark, Wollaton and their New alterations, using the Grandsire, Antelope, Wallflower and Pink bobs, and Stithian's, Gwendroc, Earls Court, Baron's Court and Denmark Hill singles. Use the standard calling BPPBPP, doubling with singles 60 changes apart, called so that they do not affect the observation bell. The following have been named:—

| Plain Course | BOB-Single | Variation     |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Grandsire    | G-S        | Stithian's    |
| "            | G-Q        | Gwendroc      |
| "            | G-E        | Earls Court   |
| "            | G-B        | Baron's Court |
| "            | G-D        | Denmark Hill  |

These singles are made:—

| S     | Q     | E     | B     | D     |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 23451 | 21354 | 23145 | 32541 | 23415 |
| 24315 | 23145 | 32415 | 23451 | 24351 |
| 24135 | 23415 | 32451 | 23415 | 24531 |
| 21453 | 24351 | 23541 | 32145 | 25413 |

## MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

Melton District Guild held their annual dinner at the King's Arms, Salford, Melton Mowbray, on March 15th. Fifty-nine members and friends attended and filled the room to capacity.

Guests for the evening were the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. A. Hodgins, of Eaton Parish. Also present was the Vicar of Waltham, Rev. A. G. Lancaster, together with 10 members and supporters from Waltham tower. Most towers in the District were well represented and it was a delight to see so many younger ringers present.

Mr. R. Preston, chairman, welcomed the large gathering and proposed the loyal toast.

After an amusing and witty speech the Rev. J. Hodgins called for a toast to the Guild. Prizes after the dinner were won by Miss Amy Warnes (Barkby) and Mr. Richard Day (Melton).

## LETTERS

CENTRAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE:  
ANSWERS TO GUILDFORD GUILD

Dear Sir,—Reports of Guild meetings are usually of little interest to those not directly concerned; however, I find that of the Guildford Guild on page 219 a notable exception.

The motion for debate at the next Council meeting reflects the views of many ringers and, to a degree, I sympathise with them. However, before we launch into heated debate at St. Albans some points are worth setting out in this journal:—

(1) A number of procedural changes took place during the last session aimed at speeding things up and improving the running of the meeting; most notable is that which will enable this motion to be debated before the committee reports and the onset of post-prandial lethargy. An innovation at St. Albans will be the issue of ballot papers before the meeting.

(2) Prior to the meeting of the Council the Standing Committee meets and before that some other committees may need to meet. In order to avoid unnecessary travelling it is sensible to have these meetings at this time.

(3) Over the years it has frequently been suggested that the Council meet on a different day. The members themselves have always voted this down.

(4) Many people do not regard it as "a very good ringing week", partly because most of the ringing is diabolical anyway, but mainly because in the brief time that most of us can spare we are, in fact, occupied with things related to the meeting.

(5) The statement was made that "the business meeting is left to the end". It would be equally true to say that proceedings culminate in the business meeting, and everything else, including the ringing, is subordinated to this.

(6) Representation is always a knotty problem. Societies are often affiliated with little enquiry as to their status, and so far as I am aware there is no automatic review of the membership rights of the Societies. Many members rarely speak at meetings but they influence those who do and give expression to the views of the mass of ordinary ringers.

(7) Criticism of the abilities of presidents to chair meetings are ill-founded and ill-timed. Presidents have been selected by the Council specifically to chair the meetings of the Council: it is difficult to imagine how the creation of another officer could alter the situation except possibly to make the office of president purely honorary and lay the chairman open to criticism on his running of meetings.

Two suggestions have been made to me about Council meetings. Each year we are subjected to local worthies greeting us with speeches which are often boring and seldom relevant. Let us have just one speech of welcome from someone representing our hosts (usually the local ringing Association). If we must be inflicted with the banalities of the Mayor let us have them at the reception afterwards.

The other point relates to the introduction of new members. Now this ceremony has been largely emasculated; it could well go altogether.

There were a number of other interesting points discussed at the meeting but only one more I wish to raise here. Can someone please explain rationally why it is an act of discourtesy to ring a peal for the Yorkshire Association in the Diocese of Guildford? I hasten to add that I know nothing about this particular peal and I am assuming that this was the real reason why the local ringers were upset.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL

## "NOT A SATISFACTORY FORUM FOR BELLY-ACHING"

Dear Sir,—I suspect quite a few members of the Central Council will feel some sympathy with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's resolution. And yet I doubt whether I have been entirely alone in feeling at recent meetings that the time allotted for some debates has been too long, as the same old well-worn phrases are repeated year after year. There is very little that has been said, for example, about "The Ringing World" which I have not now heard four or five times.

The truth is, I think, that the value of the Central Council is not to be measured by the time it spends in full session, the number of representatives present (*pace* you, Mr. Editor), the size of the affiliation fee or even, pray Heaven, most of what is said or left unsaid.

If it were not for the fact that there are matters of great importance to the Ringing Exercise as a whole which can only be dealt with on a national (or even international?) scale, there would be no point in the Central Council at all. The quality of expertise required year in and year out to run "The Ringing World", to provide authoritative opinions on towers and belfries, to give sound advice on the intricacies of method and peal composing or to produce worthwhile books, films and records on ringing is not going to be found by unco-ordinated local initiative. The people who actually do these things are a relatively small part of the Council members, but at least the annual full plenary session of the Council does enable the rest of us to hear at first hand

from them, see who they are and to get to know them personally. If it were not for this it would be very much more difficult than it is for us to keep our "constituents" informed about such affairs. Being able to meet people for a day or two prior to the meeting more informally also helps this process.

To me, much the most important part of the full Council's business is the election of its officers and committee members. It is little use pretending that most of the other votes taken by the Council have much meaning to anybody. Nor is the Council at all a satisfactory forum for belly-aching.

In a few weeks' time Mr. John Freeman will take the president's chair—surely the most important and, perhaps, the most difficult appointment the Exercise has to bestow. I for one would like to offer him every good wish for all he does during his term of office. This year, too, we must elect afresh every one of our committee members; I hope that we shall perform that duty with serious-minded attention. Finally, let those of us who have been on the Council before resolve not to say the same old things in the same clichés yet again; those who will be new to the Council can easily brief themselves beforehand on what not to say from back numbers of "The Ringing World".—Yours truly,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Australian and New Zealand Association.  
Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

MASTER PLEADS  
FOR COUNCIL'S CLEMENCY

Dear Sir,—I would like to disagree with the reporting of two topics (on page 219) which arose at the Guildford Diocesan Guild A.G.M.

The impression is given that the Guild does not like bands ringing peals in its towers for other Societies. Nothing could be further from the truth. The amendment to the rules, discussion of which gave rise to the reported remark, was designed (a) to make tower elections easier provided three resident members are present, and (b) to discourage predominantly non-resident bands from crediting peals to the Guild. It is well known that successive general officers have not favoured the false bolstering of the Guild's peal total by non-resident bands. Mr. Barrie Dove's action was only criticised by a small minority (one voice) as far as I am aware, and certainly no official complaints have been made in the past in similar circumstances (e.g., St. Martin's Guild's two peals of London Royal a few years ago).

My remarks about the Central Council were in the main forceful, and you reported the more sensational comment. The general tenor was, however, one of restraint and it is a pity that my summary, in which I stressed the importance of being moderate in approach and encouraging the Council to reform itself rather than pulling it to pieces with personal attacks, was not reported. I trust the Council will be generous enough to lend me an unprejudiced ear in May.—Yours faithfully,

D. A. R. MAY,  
Master.

West Horsley, Surrey.

## PEALS IN OTHER AREAS

Dear Sir,—Though I listened carefully to all the discussion at the Guildford A.G.M. I completely failed to notice the "strong resentment" you report to the peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association. Nor do I, or I am sure, most other members of the Guildford Guild, regard it as "an act of discourtesy". After all, did not the Birmingham men ring two peals of Surprise Royal in Guildford for the St. Martin's Guild a few months ago? Would this then be "gross discourtesy"? Of course not.

Quite a large number of peals are rung each year in the Guildford diocese for other Guilds and at times Guildford Guild peals are rung outside our own boundaries. I have myself rung in a number but do not consider I have been rude to other Guilds by doing so.

The late Alf Pulling rang quite a lot of peals for the Guildford Guild at Warnham, Sussex, and there have been Guildford peals in Dorset (conducted by C. W. Denyer) and Warwickshire (conducted by M. J. Church). And why not?

Surely it is more honest to credit the peal to the Guild from which most of the band come. In the case of a mixed band, the majority decide.

At present we have a band trying hard to improve on the number of Spiced Surprise Major rung for the Guild. Why should their enthusiasm be damped by a "foreign" band coming in and making it more difficult by raising the number first?

I am sure most members of the Guildford Guild would say to Barrie Dove: "Ring as many peals for the Yorkshire as you like, so long as proper consent is sought and granted for the attempt."—Yours sincerely,

ROY COLLINS.

Farnham, Surrey.

CANNINGTON, SOM.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Walton 1, O. G. Davis 2, M. J. Fackrell 3, G. Brown 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, M. J. P. Krajewski 6. First quarter 1, 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Short, devout churchman, whose funeral took place this day.

## Letters to the Editor

### ASCERTAIN FACTS LATER?

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed space to comment upon "A.F.L.'s" article, "Outing in Mid-Somerset", on page 226?

Firstly, Cotelstone (6, 18-1-25): A.F.L.'s note that "the tenor is now unringable due to badly worn bearings and the rope has been removed for safety" is completely incorrect and defamatory of the condition of the bells.

On the last occasion I took a party of local ringers to Cotelstone, last September, 30 minutes were spent amongst the bells giving them a thorough check-up. All that was required was the tightening of one or two clappers and general oiling. A rope was inserted in the tenor and a good quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles then rung. The only reason for no rope being in the tenor is because there is not one available at Cotelstone, the previous rope from the tenor being in the treble, the treble rope having disintegrated after being in a poor state for some years. Also the Bishop's Lydeard ringers, who occasionally ring at Cotelstone, have not bothered to insert a rope as they consider the tenor to be unringable—unringable to them.

No, A.F.L., the bearings are nothing near worn! If the bells were rung each week they would never be claimed as "unringable" but more as "hard going".

Secondly, Kingston St. Mary bells: as A.F.L. so rightly points out, they were only last year rehung by Mears and Stainbank. It is a great pity the local tower captain does not have the founders back to put them right; I am sure A.F.L. will agree they are quite odd-struck at the moment!

As to the safety of the tower, no doubt the founders could give a report as to whether or not the tower is safe for peals, etc. All I will say is that I have obtained permission from the Vicar for a peal, but I am afraid the local tower captain insists that the church architect says that the tower is unsafe for ringing in excess of 20 minutes. I also, A.F.L., would have thought if the tower was going to tumble down it would do so with any length of ringing, but I fear this particular tower has the same trouble as the one only three miles away with double the number of bells!

I only hope that A.F.L. will, in future, make sure of his facts before publishing his reports. Who knows, if he is not careful he may condemn Twerton-on-Avon!—Yours sincerely,

KEITH E. BEALE.

Taunton, Somerset.

### AN ANOMALY

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Robert Smith and his band on ringing 50 Surprise Maximus.

You know it is a record, I know it is a record, but officially the Central Council merely records it as the first peal of Maximus in 50 Surprise methods, in the same category as the first peal of Twiddlecombe Bob Minor. To be a Record (capital R) it must surpass in length a previous performance. Presumably all Bob Smith and his band have to do now, to ring an official Record, is to ring the same 50 methods but take a few more changes about it!

To be fair, some at least in the Council are aware of the anomaly, but just how one details Record conditions in this case presents problems. Any ideas?—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

### PEALS IN ANOTHER'S TERRITORY

Dear Sir.—I am disturbed to read in the "R.W." (page 219) that the Guildford Diocesan Guild regarded the ringing of a peal at Guildford by the Yorkshire Association as "an act of discourtesy". While I know nothing of the inside details of this particular incident, I would like to comment generally on the subject of peals rung "away". It seems there are several points to consider.

(i) Most Associations have a rule governing belfry elections and it seems to me a little hard that a visiting peal band should be accused of a discourtesy which they may well be unable to prevent because of such a rule. In some cases this requires a majority in a peal band to be resident members of the "host" Association, while in others as few as two resident members, who need even be in the peal band. If the "host" Association is going to insist that all peals rung in its affiliated towers must be credited to that Association then it is surely not a very hospitable attitude if it means that any visitors' peal band must include also a number of resident members. Or are we to infer that the existence of such rules, coupled with this attitude, means that visiting peal bands just are not welcome, unless they "conform"?

(ii) If a visiting band from a particular Association should by chance ring a peal in another Association's territory it is no credit whatsoever to that Association. On the contrary, it is the members who make any Association, and the peal should be credited to that to which the visitors belong. It is immaterial where the peal is rung. If any accusations of "poaching" should arise, it is a simple matter for the local tower captain to ensure that, when allocating the year's peal attempts a proportion of these are set aside for the local ringers. This is done in many towers already.

(iii) There is also the case when a peal band is made up from a very wide area. This is happening more and more these days as ringers travel about and make new friends. When such a group of friends meet for a peal it is often difficult to decide for which Association the peal should be rung. More often than not, the Association with the least restrictive rules has to be chosen.

It seems to me that this whole idea of crediting peals to the Association in whose area they are rung is now completely out of date, at least in the case of a non-resident band. The rules drawn up when these Associations were founded may have been expressly designed for this purpose, but conditions have changed and ringers nowadays are able to travel many miles in a day for a peal. Is it not time that the rules and attitudes were also changed and brought up to date?

In closing, let me say again that these comments are general, and I do not intend to apply them more to the Guildford Guild than to any other Association. But I do wonder what would be their reaction if a peal were to be rung at Guildford by the College Youths or the Cumberlands—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans, Herts.

NOTE.—The Guild as a body did not regard the incident as "an act of discourtesy."—Ed.

### WAITING FOR THE DAWN

Dear Sir.—May I reply briefly to the letter "He won through" from "Another tryer who has", in "The Ringing World" dated March 21st.

Whoever this "Tryer" may be, he has certainly given me great heart, being still in the learning stage. After a little under 12 months I can only ring the tenor behind (and that in not too proficient a manner) and often feel that I shall never progress to ringing the treble, let alone an "inside" bell. Ropesight is as elusive as ever, hard as I try to acquire it by watching other ringers in a variety of methods.

I fully endorse his remarks re visiting other towers, not only from the point of view of it providing excellent experience on different bells but as regards the friendliness extended to mere "rabbits" such as myself, who must at times try the patience of those who can ring as easily as reading a book.

His assurance that "light will dawn" is very heartening—but it is, unfortunately, a very slow process.—Yours in hopefulness.

G. EDMANDS.

Chilvers Coton.

### NOT THE GUILD OPINION

Dear Sir.—It could be inferred from your report of our annual general meeting (page 219) that the Guildford Diocesan Guild considered it an act of discourtesy that a peal had been rung in Guildford for the Yorkshire Association. It was also said during the discussion to which you refer that a Guild or Association should not claim a peal unless a large proportion of the ringers taking part were "resident" members. The Guild has never expressed a view on this controversial matter. —Yours faithfully,

C. W. MUNDAY,  
General Secretary.

Epsom, Surrey.

NOTE.—These were individual views and not the collective opinion of the meeting.—Ed.

### THE REV. H. LAW JAMES

Dear Sir.—As Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild H. L. J. submitted a yearly report which was always short and to the point. His report for 1928 consisted of three sentences. Firstly he congratulated the band which rang the first peal of London for the Guild and which was the first of London to be rung in Lincolnshire. Then he went on:—

"The next thing is the completion and opening of the ring of 12 bells in the Cathedral Tower, and the fact that the whole arrangement of Bells and Tower is the most perfect Bell Tower in the country."

Finally he complained about certain conductors who failed to send in compositions at the proper time.

The opening of the new ring of 12 took place at a meeting of the Guild on December 15th, 1928, and it was H. L. J.'s desire that the first peal on the 12 should be rung within 12 months. A representative band was chosen and a peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung at the sixth attempt. All attempts had to be mid-week after Evensong. At the fifth attempt everything went very well until the last two or three leads when there was a slight mix-up, but the bells came round all right after 4 hours and 15 minutes. After he had called "Stand", H. L. J. said: "Well gentlemen, the bells came round but it was not good enough. When can we meet again?" The next attempt was satisfactory.

In 1930 William Pye took a band of experts to Lincoln and rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus, but he was most annoyed that it took 4 minutes longer than the first peal.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

# BELL ROPES

## JOHN NICOLL

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# MORE MEMORIES OF LIFE AT SURFLEET WITH REV. H. LAW JAMES

By C. RAWDING

**I**NTERESTING as it was, there is much more in the lives of these two brothers than appears in Mr. Sheppard's letter.

Henry Law James taught science at Stamford Grammar School whilst he was curate at St. Martin's Church. There the peal boards show some of his peals. In 1897 Bishop King asked him to take the living of Surfleet but, after seeing the state of the church, he refused. However, Bishop King eventually persuaded him to come to Surfleet and he preached his first sermon on Septuagesima, February 28th, 1898.

At that time the living had been held by an old vicar, the Rev. H. Parry, who still lived in the village. The living was then worth £120 per annum, of which Mr. Parry took, according to Church law, £30 per annum, leaving Law James with an income of £90 per annum.

There was no vicarage, so Law James stayed with the churchwarden, Mr. J. Richardson (no relation to Rupert), until he was able to rent a cottage near the bridge.

The church fabric was in a very poor state. The chancel was used as a lumber room, there being only a side altar in the north aisle. Law James then set about raising money, and in the space of three years, with the help of his parishioners and friends, £2,000 was raised. This is recorded by the Spalding Gentlemen's Society.

New seating, choir stalls, rood screen erected; in fact the church interior as it stands today. The organ was built in 1907.

## THRASHED WITH LEG BONES

The belfry was one of his main objects. At some earlier date the original belfry had been filled in with rubble, etc., and a way had been broken into the belfry steps at the height of some 12 feet. Law James, with an architect from Durham, had it all taken out and the belfry restored in its present form. It was also found that the tower leant so that the top of the spire was 6ft. 4½in. out of true.

This caused some graves to be disturbed, and the sexton (a Mr. Rudkin) was thrashed by two old ladies with the leg bones of their relatives' corpses. He fought back and so was taken to court, where he was bound over.

Next door to Law James then lived a Mr. Herbert Leverton (founder of H. Leverton and Co., caterpillar tractor agents). Together they built a steamboat in which they use to fetch people to church on a Sunday evening and take them home.

At this time there were five bells in the tower, one being cracked. These two got some clay and tried to electro-weld it by placing batteries on it for a month, but alas, when the clay was taken away the crack still remained.

In 1908 Law James was able to purchase an acre of land on the bank of the river at a cost of £100 with the idea of building a vicarage. The present one was built in 1913 by Messrs. Bowmans, of Stamford. It cost £1,900 which was met by grants from the Lincoln Queen Victoria Clergy Fund (£600), Lincoln Diocesan Conference Maintenance Committee (£100), Ecclesiastical Commissioners (£800), the balance being paid by the incumbent.

## PAGE BOY AT VICARAGE

In May, 1914, the writer left school and went to live in the Vicarage with Law James as a page boy for £8 per annum.

War broke out in 1914 but the Cambridge U.G.C.R. came in force, headed by Canon A. H. F. Boughey, together with others who were known by their initials H.S.R.R., E.M.A., J.B.W., E.B.J. and others I can recall. Perhaps some of them can remember the handbell peals of an evening, and the staff waiting to serve dinner any time from 7 till 10 p.m., hoping they would break down!

Until 1916 Law James was an Evangelical, but at that time the National Mission of Hope and Repentance swept through our area. The Rev. W. I. Rawson, together with little Reggie Bond (brother to Mr. Wilfred Bond, the diocesan architect), converted Law James to Anglo-Catholicism. Altar frontals were made into chasubles and all of us lads were made servers or acolytes. Daily Communion was the order of the day, with a rota of communicants and servers.

We had been used to Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion, so to be able to have the full Communion service Law James altered the time of the service from 10.45 to 10.30 a.m. At times when he had a cold he would insist that the Litany was sung by two choir men.

At a dinner in Lincoln the late Mr. Freeman, speaking of Law James, said that he used to get some of his household goods from away. This was correct: joints of lamb came from the Welsh mountains, tea from a café in Cheltenham, tobacco from Gloucester and groceries from S. and J. Leicester. Fish came direct from Grimsby.

## GREW OWN TOBACCO

During the First World War we grew our own tobacco. This was dried in a glasshouse, the leaves then being soaked in rum and brown sugar and afterwards rolled tight in tarmac, which produced wads like rolling pins. After smoking that the study ceiling Mr. Sheppard mentioned used to be like treacle.

Law James was also very good to the poor of the parish. Always on Mondays after wash-day we used to fill the copper with bones and vegetables to make soup. This I had to take round to the aged and infirm in the evening. It was greatly appreciated.

He always holidayed in North Wales, staying at the Royal Hotel, Capel Curig, for a month, but he always had a priest staying in the Vicarage to carry on the daily services. He also formed a Scout troop.

Rupert Richardson was the backbone of his ringing band. Rupert had two brothers, William and Hugh, who also rang. William was the father of Alan Richardson, who was captain of Pinchbeck belfry.

The incident mentioned by Mr. Sheppard concerning Banks James and father and sons took place in Surfleet belfry. Mr. Joe Flowers was the father and the sons were Charles, Joe, Tom, Len, Ernest, Sydney, Herbert and Fred, all reasonable change-ringers.

At Christmas we all went to the Vicarage with the choir for a very good supper and entertainment.

The ringer in Mr. Sheppard's tale was the late Mr. J. T. Brown, of Spalding. He mostly

rang the treble, and often when he should have been leading one would meet him at the back and Law James would shout at him, with the answer coming back: "I know where I am, but I can't get there!"

Before Law James' High Church days, the bread used at the Communion used to be a brown bread known as Standard bread, and this was cut into pieces. Being a server I had very often to consume what was left over, as the rubric says. Then wafers came into use.

He also introduced acolytes with candles, and it was often like a pantomime when we went to choir and servers' festivals for Mr. Judd, Vicar of Wigtoft, who was dead against lights, would blow the candles out and then Law James would relight them until one or the other would give way.

## THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES

I do not know much about his early days apart from the fact that he was a teacher at Wykeham College, Lee-on-Solent, Hants. He used to spend his holidays with his brother, bringing scholars dressed in long belted coats and straw hats down with him. The chief ones I remember were A. Wilkins, Lionel White and Polly White.

When Banks James preached it was the job of one of these lads to hold up a finger for him to stop after a quarter-of-an-hour. Both brothers never used notes, and if they got carried away they could last a long time!

When Law James died Banks James rented the old Vicarage again and took the old housekeeper with him. She was a Miss Wander, known to visitors as "She". Banks James then asked me to look out for a quiet cottage which he could buy, and this I did. But he definitely gave it the name of ERYRI, a method he composed, and I think Peter Border last called a peal in this method.

Unfortunately the poor old housekeeper was fatally injured outside the old Vicarage. Banks James then got the assistant matron from Winchester College, a Miss L. Holland, to come along with him.

Law James was responsible for the lovely 6-bell chimes. He was able to get an old chiming barrel from a church in Gloucester, and with the help of the organist, Donald Rokksby, worked the chimes out. Later Mr. Rupert Richardson electrified the clock and chimes. The old clock workings were over 200 years old.

When the Second World War started the Chancellor of the Exchequer appealed for silver, etc., and Banks James gave them about all the family crested silver.

The family crest can still be seen in the Vicarage porch. I have in my possession a small silver medallion. One side bears the letters C.U.G.C.R. with the dates: April 28, 1890; Nov. 17, 1890; Feb. 23, 1890; April 17, 1894. I think these were the first peals of the Guild.

The other side is divided into four quarters with a lion in each quarter.

Henry Law James was named after one of his godparents, Henry Law, who was Dean of Gloucester at the time of his birth.

E. Banks James took the name of Banks, which was his mother's maiden name. She was a descendant of the Lady Banks who defended Corfe Castle at its siege. The legend goes that she baked mince pies, making them cradle-shaped. So if we had mince pies they had to be baked in cradle tins otherwise the James brothers would not eat them.

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**ALWALTON, HUNTS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Smith 1, Mrs. Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, F. Simey 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

**ARRETON, L.W.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quail (25th quarter) 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, W. Willans 4, A. A. Nunn 5, M. E. Cass 6. First of Antelope for all.

**ASHTED, SURREY.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Gordon (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, T. Skilton (cond., 75th quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—On March 1st, 1,184 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ann H. Whaley 1, R. K. Mason (cond.) 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, A. R. C. Harris 4, Sheila M. Anthony 5, S. B. Bell 6, M. Green 7, R. B. Mills 8. First Cambridge Major 3 and 4.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Smith 1, P. Tomsett 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 3, S. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. An engagement compliment to John Smith (a local ringer) and Rosemary Nippard.

**BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On March 16th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (Plain Bob, Cambridge Single): C. L. Younger 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, J. R. Perkins 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, Belinda Wood 2, R. Lee 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Ellams 5, D. Francis (cond.) 6, D. Wood 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. C. R. Warner) on his last Sunday in the parish after 22 years' ministry.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, Janet E. Blake 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C. J. Bennett 5, S. G. Pick (50th quarter) 6, D. J. G. Bates 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. Rung within the Octave of the Festival of St. Chad.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford 1, Donald Naylor (cond., aged 11) 2, W. H. Trueman 3, H. W. Ball 4, E. W. Ford 5, W. W. J. Grubb 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor, and also to the sixth ringer. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Ford 1, P. D. Naylor 2, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. W. Ford 5, W. J. Cook 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Warr, of Broadbush, on their golden wedding day.

**BUCKERELL, DEVON.**—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pike (first quarter) 1, F. Parr 2, L. Stevens 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Virgin 6.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**—On March 16th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Jill V. Eastman (first quarter) 1, D. A. Carpenter 2, T. J. Clark 3, M. J. Eastman 4, C. W. Woolley 5, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 6, P. F. Windley 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

**CATHERINGTON, HANTS.**—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Colley 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, S. T. Kirby 3, M. Laborda (first in method) 4, M. S. Bruce 5, R. Green (cond.) 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CALVERTON, BUCKS.**—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. G. Hooton 1, A. Haseldine 2, K. Brown 3, R. Haseldine 4, D. Coxhill 5, B. R. Eglesfield 6. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam John Spencer Payne (78), last Vicar of this parish, interred this day.

**CHILDWALL, LANCs.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Peacock 1, K. Dickens 2, R. F. Mack 3, H. A. E. Caldecote 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, G. V. Morris 6. First quarter 1 and 4. A farewell compliment to Canon W. H. Wade, 21 years Vicar of Childwall.

**CHILVERS COTON, WARKS.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lloyd 1, Elizabeth Wood 2, J. Evans 3, J. Draycott 4, J. Gibbons 5, G. A. Bell 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, G. Edmonds 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Fitchett, vergier at this church.

**CODSALL, STAFFS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards 2, A. D. Collins 3, D. Head 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, R. E. Lyons 3, D. Head 4, A. G. Richards 5, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 6, P. R. Johnson 7, H. E. Green 8.

**COLLINGHAM, YORKS.**—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth J. Campbell 1, J. J. Durham 2, M. G. Dodson 3, G. J. Jones 4, C. Forster (cond.) 5, R. A. Beresford 6, P. J. Cross-thwaite 7, I. P. Ottaway 8.

**DEWSBURY, YORKS.**—On March 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Bottomley 1, A. Thompson 2, J. Ineson 3, V. Bottomley 4, I. Sykes (first quarter) 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. Wightman 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6. Also on March 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bottomley (cond.) 1, A. Thompson 2, J. Ineson 3, R. Richardson 4, V. Bottomley 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First in method 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. For Mothering Sunday.

**DOWNE, KENT.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: R. K. Long 1, V. Hayward 2, P. R. Butler 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. For Evensong.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. A. Wood 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, E. J. Fitcher 5, J. A. Collier 6, A. D. Elmore 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 5. For Evensong.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, S. YORKS.**—On March 10th, 1,320 Hoylandswaine Delight Minor: Frances Garfield 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt 5, T. Tarbutt (cond.) 6. Rung "Cartwheel".

**HUYTON, LANCs.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P. Richardson (first quarter) 1, F. M. Latham 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, D. C. Simpson 4, R. G. Latham 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6.

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**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Coningsby (first on eight) 1, D. Lilley 2, G. Lilley 3, W. Chandler 4, L. Filston 5, R. Griggs 6, J. Quinney (cond.) 7, C. Rule 8. In memory of Mr. Albert Fleet, of Eastbourne, a respected member of the local band for several years cremated this day.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: P. W. Harper 1, D. J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker 3, R. J. Picton 4, K. D. Waples (cond.) 5, G. Spratt 6. For Evensong. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Brenthall 1, Miss G. Barker (first in method) 2, Mrs. D. Barker 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. D. Waples 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Burt (first quarter) 1, C. D. Collin 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, M. J. Green 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. P. Hull 6. Rung half-muffled by members of Kingston schools in memory of Mary Haskett, headmistress of Coombe County Girls' School.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—On March 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Anthony (first Major) 1, R. B. Dorington (cond.) 2, S. H. Gay 3, Bryony P. H. Moorby 4, M. A. Gay 5, J. J. Bailey 6, A. H. Long 7, R. A. Grant 8. A birthday compliment to Bryony Moorby.

**KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.**—On March 6th, 1,360 Doubles (five meth./var.): A. French 1, H. Bonshor 2, R. Looker 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. Rung to the glory of God.

**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**—On March 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Jackie Saker 1, M. R. Worthington 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, J. S. Dear 5, J. R. Leeming 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

**LANCHESTER, DURHAM.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. B. Reed 1, H. P. Thompson 2, W. Tyson 3, C. T. Lamb 4, A. C. Walker 5, B. Street (first as cond. of Minor) 6. For Matins and Holy Communion.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B.): C. Longhurst 1, T. Banner 2, E. R. Rapley 3, R. F. Verrall 4, G. C. Rix 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on March 11th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: E. R. Rapley 1, P. Stevens 2, R. F. Verrall 3, G. C. Rix 4, C. Longhurst 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6.

**WEST MEON, HANTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janet Yeates 1, Mary White 2, J. D. Flook 3, B. E. Pink 4, K. G. Walker (cond.) 5, R. A. Stone 6. For morning service.

**WINSOMBE, SOM.**—On March 8th, 1,360 Grandsire Triples: Susan Scott 1, S. Lewis 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Coombs 4, B. Mills 5, J. Creber 6, P. Ham (cond.) 7, C. Fields 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

**OBIT.—J. F. MILNER (continued)**

From J. E. Cawser

I first met Fred in December, 1924, when, as young recruits to John Flint's band, we took part in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Workop, the first peal of Yorkshire in Nottinghamshire. During the next few years we took part in a number of peals together, one notable one being Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster, with the incomparable Ted Jenkins on the tenor.

From the mid-1930s work prevented us meeting very often, but in 1947 he stood in the first peal of Bristol by our South Yorkshire band, and from then on was a regular member of the band. We travelled the length and breadth of Yorkshire together, to Whitby in the North and Bradford in the West, and it is possible that Fred rang peals in more Yorkshire towers than anyone who has never been a resident. He took part in all the multi-method Spliced Surprise Major peals conducted by Eric Critchley, which remained a record for about ten years.

The bulk of his ringing was, however, with the late Harold J. Poole. Mr. and Mrs. Milner and Mr. and Mrs. Poole were great friends of many years' standing, and Fred was justly proud of the many fine peals he rang with the Leicester ringers. The successes of this band under the brilliant leadership of Harold Poole were truly great, and Fred took part in many of them.

Many of these peals took place at Leicester Cathedral in the early days on the old ten and later on the magnificent 12, and it was fitting that a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on these bells to his memory. It was conducted—appropriately and so ably—by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, and I felt very privileged to take part in this tribute to such an old friend.

I fully endorse the comments of "N.G." in last week's "Ringing World" regarding Fred's charm and generosity, and would add great modesty and intense loyalty.

To Mrs. Milner goes the sympathy of a host of ringing friends in her great loss.

**MRS. P. W. CAVE**

With deep regret we report the death on March 14th, after a short illness, of Mrs. Cave, wife of P. W. Cave, captain of the band of St. George's, Beckenham, Kent.

Although Mrs. Cave was not a ringer she took a lively interest in those ringing affairs with which her husband was associated in Beckenham, Liverpool and Bristol, and her friendly personality will be greatly missed by all who knew her. To Percy and his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. George's, Beckenham, on March 18th, the day of the funeral, by T. Lewis 1, D. G. Brown 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. Nicholls 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, J. E. Powell 8.

**MR. D. L. HUGHES**

We regret to record the sudden death of David L. Hughes, aged 71, on March 19th. He had been a regular service ringer at St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Glam., for 40 years and will be greatly missed.

**CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS**

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Holy Trinity, Ossett (page 211, "R.W."), was in fact rung at All Saints, Pontefract.

The name of the Vicar when Perry Barr bells were installed was the Rev. C. B. Snapp, not Snapp as appeared on page 218.

Mr. Anthony Smith informs us that he did not conduct the peal of Minimus at St. Clement (page 171). More than one member of the band ensured that it was rung correctly, he adds.

The footnote to the peal of Double Glasgow Surprise Major at Rotherham (page 211) should read: "First peal in the method for all the band."

**OBITUARY****MR. GEORGE S. LUXTON**

George Luxton died at the age of 68 on February 26th, and though his last few years had been a weary tale of sickness and failing health he retained his love of ringing to the very end of his life, and will be much missed by his fellow-ringers.

He was for 53 years a member of the Newton St. Cyres band, learning to handle a bell when the band were ringing call-changes and learning method ringing during the 1920s when the tower "went scientific". During the '30s the Newton St. Cyres ringers had the distinction—unique even now—of being a band who could strike Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Devon call-change standards and get into the first six of the Devon Six-bell; George's name on a number of peal boards and certificates alike bears witness to his part in the achievement. His name also stands on the second of the eight at Newton with those of his fellow-ringers who gave and raised the money for it; he was until last year the band's treasurer.

When slowly-ebbing strength made it impossible for him to ring any more, he would often drive over from his home to listen to a competition or a peal attempt, and nothing delighted him more than to talk ringing with anyone who called. The day before he died he was told of the Exeter Branch's decision to propose him for election as a resident life member of the Guild: if long service and enthusiasm for the Exercise are any qualifications, few men have deserved the honour more than he did.

J. G. M. S.

**MR. ARTHUR TILSON**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Tilson, head ringer at the Church of All Saints, Gresford, Denbighshire, suddenly after a heart attack on Sunday, March 23rd. Mr. Tilson had been a ringer at Gresford since about 1900 and a member of the North Wales Association from 1905.

The funeral was held at Gresford on March 27th.

**MR. WILLIAM STOWELL**

Bristol's oldest ringer, Mr. William Stowell, of Church Hill Cottages, Brislington, Bristol, passed away on February 5th, soon after his 88th birthday. In his younger days he was an ardent peal ringer with his brother, Albert, and together they took part in many famous peals in and around the West Country.

He joined the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1900 and in June of that year rang his first peal at St. Luke's, Brislington—Plain Bob Minor, conducted by John A. Burford. In the following two years he rang some 35 peals, one of the most notable of which was the fully-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Nicholas' (City) on the occasion of the funeral of H.M. Queen Victoria. By 1915 he had rung 70 peals for the Association, including the first of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in Bristol, at St. Mary Redcliffe, and his name can still be seen on almost every peal board in the area for the early 1900s. He was made an honorary life member of the G. and B. in 1966.

His ashes were buried right under the tower of St. Luke's, Brislington, where he had rung for over 65 years, his regular and loyal service to the Sunday service band revealing his great love and devotion for the Church. M. J. H.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

The Northern District held its spring meeting at St. Catherine's, Gosfield, on March 22nd.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Burdon, and was followed by tea and the business meeting. Five new ringing members were elected from Gosfield, Belchamp St. Paul and Kelvedon.

During the afternoon and evening the light six bells (a new ring in 1963) were rung to a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to London.

R. T.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

The Northampton Branch Newsletter is now edited by V. P. W., of The Poplars, Barrack Road, Northampton, who invites contributions.

More quarters of Stedman Triples have been rung so far this year by the Truro Diocesan Guild than any other method.

The Chester Guild dinner is on October 11th. A different date is given in "The Ringers' Notebook and Diary".

The 200th peal on the bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, on March 22nd, coincided with the placing in the tower of a cupboard in memory of Frederick A. Salter, who rang more than 80 of his 350 peals there and who was Ringing Master.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang two peals of London Surprise Maximus on Saturday, March 22nd. One was in London at St. Mary-le-Bow's, conducted by David Hilling, and the other at Waltham Abbey, conducted by Wilfred Williams.

"The Ringing World" Committee will be able to report a 100% attendance to the Council. At the last meeting on March 22nd the audited accounts for 1968 were approved and instructions given in respect to drafting the Committee's report.

Part I of "The Tutors' Handbook" is now ready to be added to the list of Central Council publications. It is written by the well-known instructor Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, and will be reviewed in our next issue by Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow retired from the Civil Service this Easter, having completed 50 years' service. He started in the G.P.O. headquarters and later served in the Savings Bank, the Ministry of Health and finally the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. We wish him good health and a happy retirement!

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### THE 775th ANNIVERSARY OF ROCHDALE PARISH CHURCH

The 775th anniversary of Rochdale Parish Church of St. Chad was held on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The church has just undergone a £25,000 restoration and to celebrate this on March 1st the bells pealed out over the town, while the church was floodlit.

The local ringers were assisted on the occasion by Ringing Masters and tower secretaries from other towers in the area, the towers represented being Oldham Parish Church; St. Thomas', Moorside; St. Peter's, Walsden; Todmorden Parish Church; St. James', Milnrow; St. Thomas', Newhey; Christ Church, Healey; St. Leonard's, Middleton; St. Luke's, Heywood. Mr. F. Reynolds, secretary of the Lancashire Association, and Mrs. Reynolds, the chairman (Mr. J. M. D. Bateman), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Howarth) and the secretary of the Rochdale Branch (Mr. C. Cheetham) were also present.

After the ringing a party was held at the Queens Hotel, Rochdale. Here the Vicar and Rural Dean of Rochdale (Canon H. Nightingale) spoke on how much church bells meant and also the part that bellringers played in the 900th celebration at Westminster Abbey. He hoped that the bellringers would do the same during Rochdale's anniversary year.

The Rochdale Branch chairman thanked the Vicar for the privilege of being invited to ring on such a great occasion. He also thanked the parish church ringers for the party.

The bells were rung for morning service, at which the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Manchester, and again after the service. Then ringers and congregation joined the Bishop at a reception in the Town Hall. The ringers for this service were assisted by those from St. Thomas', Newhey, and St. Luke's, Heywood.

The preacher at the evening service was the Bishop of Hulme and the bells for this service were rung by the parish church ringers.

The week-end ended on Monday, March 3rd, with a peal of Plain Bob Triples, with two parish church ringers scoring their first peal.

### LEAGUE CUP FINAL BEFORE RINGING

The presence of Swindon in the League Cup final at Wembley on March 15th was too big a counter-attraction for the Marlborough Branch meeting at Savernake Forest that day. A postponement to March 22nd resulted in a good attendance of ringers of both sexes and all ages.

There was a cordial welcome to the Guild at the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Currie), with Mr. A. Keen as organist, and an excellent spread in the schoolroom, prepared and served by Mrs. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. N. Tilley. In appreciation a collection was taken for local funds.

Mr. G. Newman presided at the business meeting and Mr. A. Keen presented a comprehensive report on the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury. A decision on a coach party to the Guild annual festival at Wootton Bassett was deferred until the April meeting.

After a comprehensive vote of thanks from the chairman, ringing was resumed on St. Katherine's five of medium weight and on the much heavier six at nearby Great Bedwyn.

W. A. E.

### MR. HARRY MILES, M.A.



The latest vice-president of the Truro Diocesan Guild is Mr. Harry Miles. Before his retirement to Cornwall 22 years ago he was a highly-esteemed member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he has been a member for 72 years. His service in Oxford was conspicuous. He was secretary of one of the Guild Branches, Master of the Oxford University Society and twice Master of the venerable Oxford City Society, whose records date back to 1733. For many years he taught undergraduates to ring.

Mr. Miles first joined the Central Council in 1929 and for six years represented the Oxford University Society. In 1948 he was elected for the Truro Diocesan Guild and outstanding work he fulfilled was compiling the Ringers' Roll of Honour for World War II, a task that took him five years to complete. He also served on the Standing Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee. It was with regret that at the end of 15 years' service for the Truro Guild he decided to retire, for he was a popular member at Council meetings.

His membership of the Truro Guild goes back 40 years, and since leaving Oxford he has spent considerable time in teaching ringing at Gorran, Mullion, Redruth, Zennor, Paul and St. Mary's, Penzance, besides being captain of Lelant tower for many years. He has been instructor at a number of combined practices held by the Penzance Branch.

He had the honour of ringing in the Coronation peal in 1953 and he has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 46 years.

M. L. L.

### ANOTHER 1,000-PEAL RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Hinckley, Leics, who rang his 1,000th peal on March 19th, the 42nd anniversary of his first peal. The happy occasion was at The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, the venue for many of Mr. Ballard's peals. It was 5,019 Stedman Cinques, conducted by Mr. Peter J. Stanforth. Mr. Ballard thus becomes the 32nd ringer to reach the 1,000 peal mark.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AT LONGPARISH

The last member of the pre-war Highclere Sunday service band, Mr. William F. Kewell, celebrated his 73rd birthday in a fitting manner on February 27th by taking part in a peal of Doubles at Longparish. To enable him to ring in the peal the choir practice was cancelled. After a good peal, his first for over five years, he produced a bottle of wine and the members drank his health. The band's congratulations were voiced by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, the conductor, who hoped that he would be as active as Mr. Kewell at 73 and looked forward to another birthday peal in seven years' time.

### MAXEY COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

Peals at St. Peter's Church, Maxey, Northants, are very infrequent. Originally the bells were rung from the first floor but then came an alteration to a ground floor ring. The ringers stood round a square font on which ropes occasionally caught. The bells were lumpy and unpleasant to ring and for years there was no resident band.

Recently a keen young lady ringer, Miss Susan Aveyard, came to live at Maxey, and under her influence a young band has started and is able to ring rounds for services. Another great improvement has been the transfer of the ringing room back to the first floor, resulting in a great improvement in the "go" of the bells.

### CHEW DEANERY REPORTS PROGRESS

St. George's flag was flying gaily from the tower to mark the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch which was held at Nailsea on March 15th. If ringing on the six before the service was traditional the service itself certainly wasn't; it made a refreshing change not to have ringers or bells as the main theme, and what other Branch can claim to have sung "Finlandia" as a hymn tune before today!

A bountiful tea was served in the Church Hall afterwards at ridiculously low expense to about 35 members and friends, together with Mr. Gilbert, the general secretary, and his family.

At the business meeting Portishead was proposed for the June quarterly meeting and Kingston Seymour for the May practice, whilst Mr. M. Horseman gave a final reminder of the striking competition at Publow on April 19th, which Mr. Arthur Reed, of Taunton, has agreed to judge. Winford was proposed as the venue for the joint meeting with the Frome Branch in July and Nailsea for the Corporate Communion in June.

New members were elected from no less than eight towers; particularly encouraging was the election of eight members forming the new band at Clevedon St. John's, due entirely to the hard work and encouragement of Victor James, from nearby St. Andrew's.

Discussion followed on recommendations put forward by the officers to try to improve Branch activity, especially practices. The general secretary thought towers should be visited regularly by the officers and proposed as a start that a new Branch instructor should be appointed. Len Derrick, of Nailsea, was voted in on time.

"Any Other Business" produced two ideas. First, that the Branch should agree to fix a rota of towers for the ensuing year at its A.G.M., and second, a proposal from Mr. Horseman, which was supported by all, that the Association itself should arrange a "play-off" of Branch winners in the various parts of the diocese. The suggestion will be raised at the annual meeting in June.

J. B.

## 1968 PEAL

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Robert C. Underwood .. Treble | Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5  |
| Peter G. Holden .. .. 2       | Timothy G. Pett .. .. 6       |
| Adrianne Gibson .. .. 3       | Edward F. P. Bryant .. 7      |
| Alan Bagworth .. .. 4         | John R. Pratchett .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alan R. Patterson .. .. Treble | Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 7 |
| Brian Bladon .. .. 2           | John Armstrong .. .. 8         |
| John M. Jelley .. .. 3         | Brian D. Threlfall .. .. 9     |
| Christopher H. Rogers .. 4     | David E. House .. .. 10        |
| David P. Hilling .. .. 5       | Frank C. Price .. .. 11        |
| Antony R. Kench .. .. 6        | Michael P. Moreton .. .. Tenor |

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 5 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 10080 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 14 extents in the following methods: (1) Hexham, (2) Berwick, (3) Carlisle, (4) Cunecastre, (5) London, (6) Wells, (7) York, (8) Durham, (9) Beverley, (10) Surfleet, (11) Primrose, (12) Norfolk, (13) Ipswich, (14) Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Eric Naylor .. .. Treble  | Philip H. D. Jones .. .. 4 |
| Ronald G. Beck .. .. 2    | Adrian P. Beck .. .. 5     |
| Edward J. Chivers .. .. 3 | Robert E. Beck .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

Longest length by all.

BRUSHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt 1 lb. in B.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble | †David R. Clayton .. .. 4  |
| Arthur H. Reed .. .. 2         | Mervyn A. Arscott .. .. 5  |
| *Adrian F. Arscott .. .. 3     | Keith E. Beale .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

\* Most Minor methods. † First peal.

Rung on St. David's Day.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Michael F. Gee .. .. Treble | Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5    |
| Ernest Pimlott .. .. 2       | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 6     |
| Frederick S. Sutton .. 3     | Frank R. Morton .. .. 7      |
| John R. Scott .. .. 4        | †Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

\* First attempt for a peal. † 475th peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Emily Jane) to Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Heber-Percy, of Hodnet Hall, Hodnet.

MORETON CORBET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *A. Doreen Edwards .. Treble | *Harry W. Howard .. .. 4    |
| Ernest Pimlott .. .. 2       | †John R. Scott .. .. 5      |
| Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3     | Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

\* 50th peal together. † 100th peal of Minor.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to the father-in-law of the ringer of the fourth.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| John L. Garner-Hayward Treble | Peter Randall .. .. 5    |
| Clare Dolphin .. .. 2         | Geoffrey Randall .. .. 6 |
| Ian C. Maycock .. .. 3        | Ernest Gower .. .. 7     |
| Hubert G. Summers .. 4        | Peter Border .. .. Tenor |

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung for the last service to be taken by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Smallwood, who is leaving on preferment to Cannock Chase, Stafford.

NAPTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Peter C. Randall .. .. Treble | Brian R. Danby .. .. 4     |
| Pam Whitfield .. .. 2         | John K. Foot .. .. 5       |
| David P. Crawley .. .. 3      | John F. Thorne .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

## THE DEVON GUILD.

(Exeter Colleges Guild Branch.)

NEWTON ST. CYRES.—At the Church of SS. Cyr and Julietta.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William A. Theobald .. Treble | John L. Anderson .. .. 5      |
| Angela C. Hughes .. .. 2      | D. Roy Bould .. .. 6          |
| Kevin A. Hughes .. .. 3       | Frederick Wreford .. .. 7     |
| David J. Atkins .. .. 4       | John N. Longridge .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

(Exeter Colleges Guild Branch.)

THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Linda V. Cull .. .. Treble | Kevin A. Hughes .. .. 4       |
| David J. Atkins .. .. 2    | John L. Anderson .. .. 5      |
| Angela C. Hughes .. .. 3   | John N. Longridge .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 864 Rutland, 672 London and Pudsey, 640 Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Derek E. Sibson .. .. Treble | Richard H. Youdale .. .. 5     |
| Donald F. Murfet .. .. 2     | John G. Gipson .. .. 6         |
| Hilary Muirhead .. .. 3      | Brian D. Threlfall .. .. 7     |
| Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 4     | Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

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

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Susan J. Jenkins .. .. Treble | *Allen Twyman .. .. 5          |
| David E. Rothera .. .. 2      | Hilary Muirhead .. .. 6        |
| Janet House .. .. 3           | John G. Gipson .. .. 7         |
| Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 4      | Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. Tenor |

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Susan Jenkins and David Rothera on their engagement.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alan F. Scholfield .. .. Treble | Philip J. Rothera .. .. 5  |
| Janet House .. .. 2             | Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 6 |
| Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 3         | John G. Gipson .. .. 7     |
| Donald F. Murfet .. .. 4        | David E. House .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by David E. House.

First peal of London Major on the bells

WILLINGHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being 2,520 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Gina Carter .. .. Treble | Alan M. Barber .. .. 4       |
| Mervyn G. Brown .. .. 2   | Geoffrey A. Lucas .. .. 5    |
| †Richard P. Turnill .. 3  | George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

\* First peal. † First "inside."

Tenor 11 cwt. 94 lb. in G.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHINGFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. J. Parker's 12-part.    | Tenor 18 cwt.                  |
| *James Green .. .. Treble  | †Peter Perkins .. .. 5         |
| Thomas Bird .. .. 2        | Frank W. J. Roper .. .. 6      |
| Robert J. Lindsell .. .. 3 | Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 7        |
| †Roy Threadgold .. .. 4    | *Michael J. Hunter .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

\* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

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

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| George W. Massey .. .. Treble | *David MacKay .. .. 7         |
| Norman G. N. Kneo .. .. 2     | †Raymond E. J. Baker .. .. 8  |
| *Ronald G. Beck .. .. 3       | †David J. Orledge .. .. 9     |
| *Peter J. England .. .. 4     | Eric J. Hitchins .. .. 10     |
| Laurence E. Hitchins .. .. 5  | *Edward J. Chivers .. .. 11   |
| †Philip H. D. Jones .. .. 6   | †Victor G. Savage .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by George W. Massey.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First of Cinques as conductor.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Maureen J. Carruthers .. Treble | Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 5   |
| Arthur G. Mason .. .. 2          | Timothy G. Pett .. .. 6      |
| *Nigel Thomson .. .. 3           | John Pladdys .. .. 7         |
| Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 4      | James T. Stevens .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

For composition see "The Ringing World," July 20th, 1962.

## FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble | Tony Lewis .. .. 5           |
| *Judith M. Corby .. .. 2      | *Martin L. Howe .. .. 6      |
| *John A. Howard .. .. 3       | Richard Hayes .. .. 7        |
| *Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 4     | *Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor |

Composed by John E. Spice. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| George Fry .. .. Treble  | Lawrence T. Pope .. .. 5   |
| Sheila M. Dobbie .. .. 2 | *Vernon J. Benning .. .. 6 |
| William Rogers .. .. 3   | Walter H. Dobbie .. .. 7   |
| Ann Jenner .. .. 4       | Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

\* First peal of spiced "inside."

Rung by members of the local band.

## LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Feb. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| David Parks .. .. Treble   | Martin L. Howe .. .. 4          |
| Malcolm J. Hitchcock .. 2  | Simon A. Berket-Wigg .. 5       |
| Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. 3 | Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

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

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations, being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob/Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury/Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Michael J. Taylor .. .. Treble | Richard A. Birch .. .. 4       |
| Rachel J. Sinden .. .. 2       | Brian G. Butcher .. .. 5       |
| Elizabeth A. Todd .. .. 3      | *Robert G. Baldock .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Elizabeth A. Todd.

\* First peal.

## HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Valerie J. Howard .. .. Treble | Maurice Thompson .. .. 4   |
| Derek Slater .. .. 2           | Harold Evans .. .. 5       |
| Richard Hayes .. .. 3          | John A. Howard .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. J. B. Collins, Rector of Hever, as Vicar of Mark Beech. Also to compliment Stephen Maber and Heather Mantle on their engagement.

## MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *George Kenward .. .. Treble | †Terence Barton .. .. 4        |
| †David P. Leworthy .. .. 2   | Brian E. Jemmett .. .. 5       |
| Peter D. J. Beale .. .. 3    | §Laurence Mitchell .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Laurence Mitchell.

\* 425th peal. † First in seven methods. § 75th peal. § First in seven methods "inside." First peal as conductor.

Rung on St. David's Day and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Christine Andrew .. .. Treble | Edward Jenkins .. .. 5     |
| D. Paul Smith .. .. 2         | Christopher M. Movley .. 6 |
| Robert A. Beresford .. .. 3   | Jeffrey Brannan .. .. 7    |
| John J. Durham .. .. 4        | C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

275th peal as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

## ROCHDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *Jack Brierley .. .. Treble | Wyn Pugh .. .. 5                |
| Christine Broadley .. .. 2  | John Illingworth .. .. 6        |
| *Colin F. Thompson .. .. 3  | Geoffrey Fothergill .. .. 7     |
| John P. Partington .. .. 4  | Michael D. Fishwick .. .. Tenor |

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

\* First peal attempt.

Rung to mark the 775th anniversary of the known history of the church.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

## CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., March 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alan Capstick .. .. Treble | †Robert A. Gillies .. .. 4     |
| Joseph Whalley .. .. 2     | Kenneth J. Foster .. .. 5      |
| *Kevin M. Price .. .. 3    | Thomas F. Metcalfe .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

\* 100th peal. † First in the method.

Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Wilson on his retirement from tower captaincy of St. Martin's, Bowness-on-Windermere, after more than 23 years.

## THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Roger G. Green .. .. Treble | Robert A. Beresford .. .. 5     |
| *Gillian R. Cleaver .. .. 2 | John J. Durham .. .. 6          |
| *Michael G. Dodson .. .. 3  | John P. Ottaway .. .. 7         |
| *Laurence F. Palmer .. .. 4 | Christopher Forster .. .. Tenor |

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher Forster.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral of St. Martin.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 STANCIL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| E. Alan Jacques .. .. Treble | Barry E. Saunders .. .. 7    |
| W. Eric Critchley .. .. 2    | J. Henry Fielden .. .. 8     |
| Beryl E. Cawser .. .. 3      | Alan A. Paul .. .. 9         |
| Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. 4  | Graham C. Paul .. .. 10      |
| J. Edward Cawser .. .. 5     | Russell S. Morris .. .. 11   |
| Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 6     | Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

First peal in the method. Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

## STANCIL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

3T 14 5T 16 7T 18 9T 10 18 9T 1270 ET. 2nds at Lc.

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

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Frank Chambers .. .. Treble | Roland Beniston .. .. 5      |
| *Mary Barrass .. .. 2       | †John Tickle .. .. 6         |
| Cecilia D. Harris .. .. 3   | Roland H. Cook .. .. 7       |
| Tom Harris .. .. 4          | Arthur E. Rowley .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First of Surprise Major.

STONEY STANTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hazel J. Nichols .. .. Treble | E. Guy Slater .. .. 5        |
| Raymond H. Martin .. .. 2     | *David Manship .. .. 6       |
| Julian M. Morley .. .. 3      | Clive J. Mobbs .. .. 7       |
| Edward W. Martin .. .. 4      | B. Stedman Payne .. .. Tenor |

Arranged by H. Poyner. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.  
\* First peal of Major.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet and three of Cambridge.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Robert W. Smith .. .. Treble | K. Paul Gilliver .. .. 4        |
| Brian L. Burrows .. .. 2     | Christopher M. Sturgess .. .. 5 |
| Jane M. Tooby .. .. 3        | Robin A. Gilliver .. .. Tenor   |

Conducted by Robin A. Gilliver.  
First peal as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| M. J. Minns (15) .. .. Treble | *David W. Bee (16) .. .. 4      |
| Kathleen Fox (15) .. .. 2     | *Aidan C. A. Hopkins (16) .. 5  |
| Gillian Radley (17) .. .. 3   | Christopher J. Sharp (17) Tenor |

Conducted by Christopher J. Sharp.  
\* First peal of Plain Bob. First as conductor.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Surfleet and Beverley.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Joan Payne .. .. Treble  | Harvey E. Burrell .. .. 4    |
| Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 2 | Alan G. Payne .. .. 5        |
| Cecil Wade .. .. 3       | Cyril R. Burrell .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Cecil Wade.  
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Bryan and Daphne Cox, and a belated wedding compliment to Gillian Burrell and Alex Smith.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.  
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Paul W. Thomas .. .. Treble | Thomas Yeomans .. .. 5      |
| William T. Petty .. .. 2     | †David J. Llewellyn .. .. 6 |
| †Raymond J. Mayle .. .. 3    | Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 7       |
| Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. 4       | Harold Preece .. .. Tenor   |

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ 250th peal.  
Cenir clychau ar ddydd Gwyl Dewi Sant.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arthur E. Rowley .. .. Treble | Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 5    |
| Richard J. Clifton .. .. 2    | Frank Chambers .. .. 6      |
| Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3   | G. Ronald Edwards .. .. 7   |
| Charlotte M. Harris .. .. 4   | Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor |

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5088 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Richard J. Clifton .. .. Treble | Frank Chambers .. .. 5      |
| B. Stedman Payne .. .. 2        | Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 6    |
| Ronald D. Hughes .. .. 3        | G. Ronald Edwards .. .. 7   |
| Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4        | Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland Beniston.  
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

GRESFORD, Denbighshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| George Ledsam .. .. Treble | George H. Randles .. .. 5     |
| Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 2  | Robert J. Warrilow .. .. 6    |
| John W. Griffiths .. .. 3  | Eric J. Gilbert .. .. 7       |
| *Christopher Jones .. .. 4 | *Geoffrey Parting .. .. Tenor |

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Owen P. Claxton .. .. Treble | J. Martin Thorley .. .. 4     |
| Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 2   | Vernon B. Bedford .. .. 5     |
| H. A. Jack Mowle .. .. 3     | Katharine M. Thorley .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Thurs., March 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: College Exercise and Norbury T.B., London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston T.B., London and Wells S., Cambridge and Ipswich S., Beverley and Surfleet S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Norwich S., with 39 changes of method.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| John A. Cox .. .. Treble | Carole A. H. Patey .. .. 4 |
| David Cubitt .. .. 2     | Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 5 |
| Peter Adcock .. .. 3     | David E. House .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by David E. House.  
First peal in 13 Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band and on the bells.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| John R. Ketteringham .. Treble | William Butler .. .. 6     |
| Alan R. Pink .. .. 2           | Ronald K. Russ .. .. 7     |
| *Melvyn J. Hiller .. .. 3      | Peter J. Heritage .. .. 8  |
| *A. Keith P. Poole .. .. 4     | Christopher C. Clarke .. 9 |
| Reginald W. Rex .. .. 5        | Eric Sutton .. .. Tenor    |

Composed by W. H. Barber. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.  
\* First peal on ten bells.  
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. S. and Mrs. Dixon on their departure to the parish of Aston Rowant-with-Crowell.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mrs. A. Diserens .. .. Treble | Frank W. Lewis .. .. 5       |
| Albert Diserens .. .. 2       | John N. Diserens .. .. 6     |
| *Angela M. Ayres .. .. 3      | Ronald F. Diserens .. .. 7   |
| P. Gerald McIlhone .. .. 4    | Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.  
\* First peal of London. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Malcolm Journeaux .. Treble | Ronald K. Russ .. .. 5        |
| *Dianne Gazeley .. .. 2     | Peter H. Mackie .. .. 6       |
| †Alan R. Pink .. .. 3       | Christopher C. Clarke .. 7    |
| Charles Coles .. .. 4       | Peter J. Heritage .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.  
\* Second peal and first of Surprise. † 100th peal on the bells.  
Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias. Tenor 4 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Reginald W. Rex .. .. Treble | Michael J. Church .. .. 5    |
| *Angela M. Ayres .. .. 2     | Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 6     |
| Beryl R. Simpson .. .. 3     | Tom Page .. .. 7             |
| Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 4     | Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

\* First peal of Bristol.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.  
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Parker's 12-part.            | Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat. |
| Roland Biggs .. .. Treble    | *L. David Wood .. .. 5               |
| *Belinda M. Wood .. .. 2     | Robert H. Newton .. .. 6             |
| Kathleen E. Fletcher .. .. 3 | David A. Cornwall .. .. 7            |
| †Richard C. Lee .. .. 4      | *Henry J. Wingrove .. .. Tenor       |

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. R. Warner and to mark the ordination of the Rev. R. Wood.

## THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.  
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Edwin Drewitt .. .. Treble | Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 6    |
| Norman H. Leslie .. .. 2   | Roger F. Overington .. .. 7 |
| Richard A. Hunt .. .. 3    | Dennis A. Leslie .. .. 8    |
| J. Roger Mitty .. .. 4     | Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. 9 |
| Frank White .. .. 5        | Brian R. White .. .. Tenor  |

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung to celebrate the 151st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

## THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.  
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, as follows: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nicholas C. V. Pollock .. .. Treble | Richard H. Johnston .. .. 4 |
| Judith H. Harvey .. .. 2            | Lawrence J. Haines .. .. 5  |
| Shirley E. Jones .. .. 3            | Jeremy R. Pratt .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.

Rung by the officers of the Society for the 151st anniversary of Appleton bells.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAXEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Seven different extents.       | Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb.       |
| Gilbert F. Cowlin .. .. Treble | Alf Waller .. .. 4         |
| Susan Aveyard .. .. 2          | Geoff Davis .. .. 5        |
| Frank Sismey .. .. 3           | Roy W. Spencer .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Glendenning.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.  
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Joan Beresford .. .. Treble      | *Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 7 |
| *M. Louise Slater .. .. 2        | Edward F. P. Bryant .. .. 8  |
| †Adrienne Gibson .. .. 3         | John S. Barnes .. .. 9       |
| James A. D. Woolford .. .. 4     | Derek E. Sibson .. .. 10     |
| John R. Pratchett .. .. 5        | Thomas H. Francis .. .. 11   |
| †Christopher P. Starbuck .. .. 6 | Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

\* First peal of Maximus † First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sheila M. Dobbie .. .. Treble | Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 5     |
| Joan Beresford .. .. 2        | Derek E. Sibson .. .. 6      |
| Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 3    | John S. Barnes .. .. 7       |
| Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 4   | Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the election of Frederick J. Cullum to the Society.

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

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Derek E. Sibson .. .. Treble | *Ian Wickens .. .. 5            |
| Angela M. Wright .. .. 2     | Christopher P. Starbuck .. .. 6 |
| David D. Smith .. .. 3       | C. Martin Press .. .. 7         |
| Edward F. P. Bryant .. .. 4  | John R. Pratchett .. .. Tenor   |

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

\* First peal of four-Spiced Surprise Major.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Angela M. Wright .. .. Treble | Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5     |
| Joan Beresford .. .. 2        | *Christopher J. Groome .. .. 6 |
| Maureen J. Carruthers .. .. 3 | Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7        |
| John R. Pratchett .. .. 4     | Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor     |

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

\* First peal in the method.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| George E. Fearn .. .. Treble | Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 7        |
| Norman J. Goodman .. .. 2    | Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 8     |
| Terry R. Hampton .. .. 3     | James W. Belshaw .. .. 9     |
| Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 4   | Clifford A. Barron .. .. 10  |
| John R. Insley .. .. 5       | J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 11   |
| James Insley .. .. 6         | John A. Anderson .. .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung on the day that Air Commodore John S. Mason received his C.B.E. at Buckingham Palace from H.M. the Queen.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha. Yardley.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| George E. Fearn .. .. Treble | James W. Belshaw .. .. 5       |
| Stephen W. Barton .. .. 2    | Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 6       |
| Edgar C. Shepherd .. .. 3    | Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 7          |
| *Roger A. Smith .. .. 4      | Clifford A. Barron .. .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the 81st annual Henry Johnson Dinner.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mrs. Margaret Ranken .. .. Treble | Reginald H. Newton .. .. 5    |
| John E. Anderson .. .. 2          | *Norman V. Harding .. .. 6    |
| David J. G. Bates .. .. 3         | Ernest F. Willcox .. .. 7     |
| Terry R. Hampton .. .. 4          | J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

\* 400th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the 81st annual Henry Johnson Dinner.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and Holy Cross

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Heywood's variation.         | Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.          |
| Henry G. Keeley .. .. Treble | Arthur J. Scott .. .. 5       |
| Mrs. C. W. Powell .. .. 2    | Cuthbert W. H. Powell .. .. 6 |
| David Ellery .. .. 3         | Francis G. Knight .. .. 7     |
| *Robert Williamson .. .. 4   | *Michael Symonds .. .. Tenor  |

Conducted by Francis G. Knight.

\* First peal. First as conductor. First conducted by a member of the local band.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the conductor and the award of the Imperial Service Medal on his retirement from the G.P.O.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE BEESTON EXERCISE MAJOR**

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| B. Stedman Payne .. .. Treble | Brian L. Burrows .. .. 5    |
| Sheila M. Anthony .. .. 2     | Edmund Shuttleworth .. .. 6 |
| Peter N. Mackley .. .. 3      | David J. Orledge .. .. 7    |
| Paul J. Bagshaw .. .. 4       | Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor  |

Arranged by Edmund Shuttleworth. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

First peal in the method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Rung on the Nottingham University Society's Dinner-Day.

**DOUBLE BEESTON EXERCISE.**

—56—18—56—36—34—18—34—78. 2nds 8576423.

BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| *William L. Exton .. Treble | *Mary C. Poyner .. 5   |
| Christine L. J. Mills .. 2  | David Phillipson .. 6  |
| John C. Shonfield .. 3      | Harry Poyner .. 7      |
| Beryl N. Reed .. 4          | Colin W. Reed .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

\* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5376 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dorothy Durrant .. Treble | Leslie G. Brett .. 5          |
| Stephen Bedford .. 2      | J. Barry Pickup .. 6          |
| Muriel R. Page .. 3       | Vernon Bedford .. 7           |
| Cecil W. Pipe .. 4        | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor |

Composed by Vernon Bedford. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Charles R. Stannard .. Treble | George E. Thoday .. 5         |
| *Alan G. Feaver .. 2          | J. Barry Pickup .. 6          |
| George W. Pipe .. 3           | John A. Underwood .. 7        |
| Michael J. Howes .. 4         | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor |

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

\* First peal of London.

Rung as a farewell to John A. Underwood, who is leaving the county. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 ZANZIBAR SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| M. Iain Davey .. Treble | Frank H. Hicks .. 5     |
| Edgar R. Rapley .. 2    | John A. Howard .. 6     |
| Valerie J. Howard .. 3  | David D. Smith .. 7     |
| Derek Slater .. 4       | George Francis .. Tenor |

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by George Francis.

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

**THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

|                                                     |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G. |                                |
| Jennifer A. Dunning .. Treble                       | Richard J. Tibbetts .. 5       |
| Richard Wilcox .. 2                                 | Peter G. Holden .. 6           |
| Christopher S. Nokes .. 3                           | John R. Insley .. 7            |
| John S. Hopwood .. 4                                | Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor |

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Rung for Henry Johnson Dinner-Day.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble | Robert C. A. Philpott .. 5  |
| Graham W. Elmes .. 2             | David W. Grimwood .. 6      |
| Frances J. N. Brown .. 3         | Ross G. W. Robertson .. 7   |
| Mary E. Elmes .. 4               | Timothy F. Collins .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

|                                                                                                                            |                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| In three methods, being 18 extents Grandsire, 12 Plain Bob and 12 Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. |                              |
| William F. Kewell .. Treble                                                                                                | Frank R. Tonge .. 4          |
| Peter Furness .. 2                                                                                                         | Philip B. Taylor .. 5        |
| Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 3                                                                                                      | Christopher Kendall .. Tenor |

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

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

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

|                                             |                          |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10½ cwt. |                          |
| *Thomas Pilsbury .. Treble                  | †Stephen Mallen .. 5     |
| Clifford Skidmore .. 2                      | Bernard Lawton .. 6      |
| Charles Peakman .. 3                        | C. Frederick Jukes .. 7  |
| R. Arthur Peakman .. 4                      | *John H. Dudley .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. Frederick Jukes

\* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Bert Morgan, who died on February 25th, 1968, and was for many years secretary of the local band.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

ROTHERHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS**

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| F. John Nelson .. Treble | John Robinson .. 6      |
| Richard King .. 2        | Richard J. Starkie .. 7 |
| Sidney Hough .. 3        | Denis Mottershead .. 8  |
| Timothy Wylie .. 4       | Richard Price .. 9      |
| Geoffrey Gardiner .. 5   | Neil D. Lomas .. Tenor  |

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

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

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Christopher J. Easton .. Treble | *John J. Durham .. 5    |
| *Robert H. Jordan .. 2          | †H. David Holland .. 6  |
| *David Featherstone .. 3        | Ronald R. Warford .. 7  |
| *Robert A. Beresford .. 4       | C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor |

Composed by S. Thomas.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. † 200th peal. First of Bristol Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

BIRSTWICH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Mon., March 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Christopher J. Easton .. Treble | John J. Durham .. 5      |
| Robert H. Jordan .. 2           | Ronald R. Warford .. 6   |
| David Featherstone .. 3         | H. David Holland .. 7    |
| Robert A. Beresford .. 4        | *C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor |

Composed by J. L. Morris.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* 325th peal for the Association.

**HANDBELL PEALS****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

**A PEAL OF 5136 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert B. Smith .. 1-2      | †J. David Atkinson .. 7-8 |
| *C. Kenneth Lewis .. 3-4    | Gerald Moorhouse .. 9-10  |
| Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6 | †John W. Gander .. 11-12  |

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal of Maximus in the method "in hand." † First of Maximus in the method. First of Maximus in the method as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

|                                          |                         |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G. |                         |
| Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2               | †Frank R. Morton .. 3-4 |
| John R. Scott (cond.) .. 5-6             |                         |

First peal of Minor as conductor.

**THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.

On Wed., Feb. 26, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In three methods, being one extent Surfleet, two Beverley, one extent and a 2.160 block of Cambridge, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Geoffrey Bridges .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4

A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

Greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 14 in D.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Mon., Feb. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashted, Benington, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Northwood, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superalative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.

\*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin .. 5-6  
John R. Mayne .. 3-4 | †Gerald Penney .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

Umpire: Martyn L. J. Jordan:

\* 300th peal of Surprise. † 50th peal of Surprise on handbells. This is the greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung in a peal on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end and call throughout the peal. Tenor size 13 in E.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Fri., Feb. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Tenor size 15 in C.

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gerald Penney .. 1-2 | Julia A. Fellows .. 5-6     |
| John R. Mayne .. 3-4 | *Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8 |

Christopher W. Woolley .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

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## BIRTHS

ASLETT.—To Hilary (née Knight) and Peter, on March 25th, 1969, a son, Christopher Michael. Thanks be to God. 6888

KIMBER.—On March 24th, 1969, at St. Helier Hospital, Carlsholton, to Jean (née Lavender) and Stewart, a son, Nicholas Ian.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

FURSDON—MITCHELL.—The marriage between Elaine and Keith will take place at Old Torre Church, Torquay, on Saturday, April 12th, 1 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 6874

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A. NEWBOULD.—The previous address, 27, Ellers Road, Leeds, 8; the new address 3, Hilton Road, Leeds, LS8 4HB. Business phone now Leeds 73621 Ext. 30. 6875

## PERSONAL

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." —1 James i, 5.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN 4th ANNUAL RALLY

At Nunnery Wood Secondary Modern School, Worcester

On May 3rd

Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

All registered teams have been circularised. Any other team wishing to take part should send for details (s.a.e.) to the Secretary J. P. Partington, 1, Bankfield Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

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### St. Michael's, Braintree, Essex FLOWER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 20th-22nd

Details of programme, ringing, routes, teas, etc., later.

6752

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—No Guild practice at St. Martin's on Bank Holiday Tuesdays, the first Tuesday in a month, or on April 29th or May 13th.—J. A. Ainsworth, Hon. Sec.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Trumpington, Monday, April 7th. Service 4.15 at Trumpington Church. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4/- per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St John's Street, Huntingdon.

### Ringling arrangements:—

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Bottisham (5)       | 10.30-11.45 |
| Fen Ditton (5)      | 10.30-11.45 |
| Orwell (5)          | 11.30-12.30 |
| Great Wilbraham (5) | 11.30-12.45 |
| Cherry Hinton (5)   | 11.30-12.45 |
| Guilden Morden (6)  | 12.00-1.30  |
| Stapleford (6)      | 12.00-1.30  |
| Sawston (8)         | 12.30-2.00  |
| Litlington (6)      | 12.30-2.00  |
| Ickleton (8)        | 1.00-2.30   |
| Melbourn (6)        | 1.00-2.30   |

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| Duxford (6)         | 1.30-3.00        |
| Meldreth (8)        | 1.30-3.00        |
| Foxton (5)          | 2.00-3.00        |
| Whittlesford (6)    | 2.00-3.15        |
| Little Shelford (6) | 2.30-3.15        |
| Barton (5)          | 2.30-3.30        |
| Haslingfield (5)    | 2.30-3.30        |
| Harston (6)         | 3.00-4.00        |
| Trumpington (8)     | 3.45-4.15        |
|                     | and evening 6804 |

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING AT OXFORD

Saturday, April 19th

### Ringling Arrangements:—

|                      |           |
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| All Saints' (8)      | 11-12.15  |
| New College (10)     | 2.30-3.30 |
| St. Ebbe's (8)       | 2.30-3.30 |
| Magdalen College (8) | 3-4.15    |
| Christ Church (12)   | 6.15-7.30 |
| (?) (8)              | 7-8       |

Lunch, from 5/6, at the Clarendon Restaurant, George Street, at 12.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, in St. Aldate's Church Hall, 4.30. Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB 6856

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Additional practice, Yorktown (8), on Easter Monday, April 7th, 6 p.m. All welcome. 6879  
STISTED, ESSEX.—Open call-change competition for bands under 21, April 19th Bands interested should contact Miss H. G. Snowden, Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex, as soon as possible 6889

## MEETINGS

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Blackwell on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells (6) 2-9 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Smithson, 27, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbys by Friday previous.—E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 6826

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m. Lunch for ticket holders only. Too late for fresh applications. P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6663

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bank Holiday Monday meeting, April 7th, Chesterfield (10), 3-5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Dronfield (8) 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to M. P. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 7th, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements: Worcester, St. John's (8), 1.30-2.45; Powick (6), 2-3.15; then either route A: Hanley Castle (6), 2.30-3.45; Upton-on-Severn (8), 3.15-4.30; Earl's Croome (6), 4-5.15; or route B: Malvern Link (8), 2.30-3.45; Malvern Priory (8), 3.15-4.30; Welland (6), 4-5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6-7.30; All Saints' (10), 7-8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 6839

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Evening practice meeting at Lillington, Tuesday, April 8th. Bells 7.30-9 p.m. Ringing to suit all tastes.—H. A. M. 6834

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Blunsdon (6), Wednesday, April 9th, 7 p.m.—C. A. New, Branch Sec. 6825

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Swainswick, Bath, Thursday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. J. 6814

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Tamworth, Friday, April 11th. Bells (10) available 7-9 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Friday, April 11th, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Stedman Triples. 6860

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The April meeting will be held on the second Saturday in the month, the 12th, at Felkirk, near Barnsley. Cups of tea and biscuits only provided. All ringers welcome. 6887

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting, Bathford, Saturday, April 12th. Usual arrangements. Tea names to A. Cannings, 19, Church Street, Bathford, by April 9th.—A. F. L. 6892

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstrow, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6886

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—April meeting to be held at Eaton Socon (8), 3-4.30 p.m., and Tempsford (6), 6-8.30 p.m., on Saturday, 12th. Tea and business at Tempsford Village Hall 5 p.m. sharp. 6887

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, April 12th, Kirk Ella (6). Bells 2.30-4.15 p.m., Hessele (6) 6.30-9 p.m. Service and tea at Kirk Ella. Names to Mrs. D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull, by previous Thursday. Don't forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, April 14th, 7.30-9 p.m. 6858

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Elisabeth's, Harraby, Carlisle, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Thursty bells also at 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 A.G.M. 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those returning tea must inform Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle, on or before April 9th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 6808

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Michael's Church House. Please send names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 9th. Bells: Cathedral (10), 2.30-3.55 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), after meeting until 8 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 7.30-8.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6840

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Spring meeting, Wembury, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Brixton (6), 7.30. Numbers for tea by April 7th, please.—R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 6780

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cullompton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15, tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis. 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6822

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—Meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, April 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. I. Wintrop, 20, York Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 6884

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, at Chapel (6), Surrey. Ringing 3-4.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30. 6854

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Swavesey, Saturday, April 12th. Short service 6 p.m., followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. 6828

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Fekke, Dis. Sec. 6872

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Meeting, Havering (6), Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 6873

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury, April 12th, 2 p.m., Abbey Mill. Association service in Abbey at 6 p.m. Towers open: Ashchurch, Ashton-under-Hill, Beckford, Tirley and Tredington, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Hasfield, Twynning and Kemerton (recently rehung), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Tewkesbury Abbey, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service till 8.30 p.m. The Leigh, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Eckington (new eight), by permission, 11 a.m. to 12 noon. No ringing permitted during times of meeting and service. Tea, tickets in advance 6/-, with s.a.e., from D. E. Deakins, 47, Paddocks Lane, Cheltenham, Glos. not later than April 9th.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 6848

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—District meeting, Grayshot (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in New Hall in church grounds. Names to Mrs. C. S. Spry, Glen-devon, Highfield Crescent, Hindhead, by Wednesday, April 9th.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6880

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, April 12th. General committee meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting (St. Mary's Hall) 5.30 p.m. Notice is given of resolution proposing amendments to Rule 10. Names for tea must be sent to P. Harper, 29, Rockliffe Avenue, King's Langley (4771). Ringing arrangements: Route 1—St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), 9.30-11; Red-bourn (6), 10.30-12; Flamstead (6), 11.30-1; Berkhamsted (8), 12.30-2; Tring (8), 1.30-3; Northchurch (8), 2.30-4; Gt. Gaddesden (6), 3.15-4.30. Route 2—North Mymms (8), 9.30-11; Radlett (6), 10.30-12; Aldenham (8), 11.30-1; Watford (10), 12.30-1.45; Sarratt (5), 1.30-3; King's Langley (8), 2.30-4; Apsley (6), 3.15-4.30. Hemel Hempstead not available until after tea due to weddings.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6837

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, April 12th. Ringing, East Peckham, 2-4 p.m. Tea, Tonbridge, 4.30, followed by service at Tonbridge 5.30, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to me by April 8th.—Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddington Heath, Edenbridge. 6864

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Broughton-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Langtree, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe, 6859

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The Branch ringing competition will be held at Clitheroe on April 12th. Bells (8) available from 14.30 hours. Competition commences 15.15 hours, Tea at 17.00 hours, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 20.30 hours. Names for tea to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by April 9th.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 6819

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss L. Challinor, 10, Dominic Close, Childwall, Liverpool, L16 1JZ, by Wednesday. G. K. A. 6894

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food. All welcome.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 6846

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Oldham Parish Church, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 6868

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, April 7th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6829

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting Cardiff, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: St. John's, Cardiff (10), 2-4 p.m. and after meeting; Whitchurch (6), 2-3.30; Llandaff Cathedral (10), 7-9. Service in St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Wood Street Congregational Church Rooms (near the General Station). Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 9th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 6787

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—An evening meeting at Rochester (8) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 6-8.30 p.m.—R. J. Ballard. 6896

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Branch monthly practice on Saturday, April 12th, Appleton, 7 p.m.—C. Corderoy. 6881

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 12th, Sulgrave. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 6891

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford (6), Saturday, April 12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 6893

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milborne St. Andrew, April 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. J. A. Baillie, Milborne St. Andrew Vicarage, Blandford, by Wednesday previous. 6865

# **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Nottingham, Saturday, April 12th**

## **RINGING:**

Afternoon—All Saints, 1.30-2.30; Aspley, 2.30-3.30; Basford, 2.30-3.30; St. Mary's, 3-4.15.

Evening—St. Mary's and St. Peter's. **CHOIR** (under direction of Mr. R. Carlisle) meet St. Mary's, 3 p.m. Additional volunteers most welcome. **SERVICE**, St. Mary's, 4.15.

**TEA**, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surveys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Saturday, April 5th. (Sorry, no name no tea.)

**MEETING** follows tea in St. Mary's Institute Barker Gate.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6809

**TRURO GUILD.**—Penzance Branch.—Spring festival, April 12th, at Paul. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 6883

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, West Meon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Evening ringing. Numbers for tea, please, by 8th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel.: Locks Heath 2404. 6882

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meet-

ing, Stockbridge, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mr. Lambert, Darfield Farm, Stockbridge, Longstock and Leckford after 6 p.m. 6816

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Practice, Huddersfield Parish Church (10), Saturday, April 12th, 6 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6871

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Tackley (6), Monday, April 14th (to avoid Easter Monday), 7 p.m. 6842

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, April 19th, will be at Cobham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward, 43, Leigh Road, Cobham. Names by Wednesday, 16th, please.—J. P. O. 6844

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Contest and meeting, April 19th, at Elland. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorkshire, by Wednesday, April 16th. 6844

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, April 19th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Jarvis, 248, Livingstone Road, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 6890

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Rev. Evans, St. Michael's Rectory, Basingham, Lincoln, by Wednesday, April 16th.—A. Richardson. 6895

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, April 19th, Tanworth-in-Arden. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Corbett, Robin Hood Farm, Tanworth-in-Arden, Solihull, Warwickshire. 6877

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Striking competition to be held at Mavesyn Ridware (near Rugeley) on Saturday, April 19th next. Teams draw for ringing 2.45 p.m., to start 3 p.m. Half-hour "open" ringing afterwards, followed by evening practice meeting at Hoar Cross. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome: own arrangements for tea.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6760

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2-4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3-4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café. Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 6885

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, April 26th. Service in St. John's Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. John's Old School Hall. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Moxon, 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 23rd. Please send s.a.e. for tea tickets or collect them at towers during the day. Parking in School Yard or Town Hall Car Park. The election of a president will take place at the meeting after tea. Reports will be available and subscriptions are due.

## **BELLS:—**

10-11 a.m.: Holmfirth (8), Ecclesfield (8) and Hemsworth (8).

10.45-11.45 a.m.: Kirkburton (8), Wentworth (6) and Felkirk (6).

11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: New Mill (6), Bradfield (6) and Royston (6).

12.15-1.15 p.m.: Shelley (6), Bolsterstone (8) and Barnsley (8).

2-3.45 p.m.: Cawthorne (6), Silkstone (6), Wortley (8) and Bolsterstone (8).

2-4 p.m.: Hoylandswaine (6) and Penistone (8).

6.45-7.30 p.m.: Silkstone (6).

6.30-9 p.m.: Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne, Wortley and Barnsley.

—W. F. Moreton.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., Feb. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

Geoffrey R. Parker .. 1-2 | Christopher J. Sharp .. 5-6  
 Margaret A. Parker .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse .. 7-8  
 Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8  
 Julia A. Fellows .. 3-4 | Roger Baldwin .. 9-10  
 John R. Mayne .. 5-6 | Gerald Penney .. 11-12  
 Christopher W. Woolley .. 13-14

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal on 14 bells by all the band. This is only the second peal of Treble Bob Fourteen to be rung, and the first of Treble Bob Fourteen for the Association. Tenor size 19 in F.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Wed., Jan. 8, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Kent T.B. and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4  
 \*Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5-6

\* First handbell peal in more than one method.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Wed., Jan. 15, 1969, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4  
 \*Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5-6

\* First handbell peal in three methods.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4  
 \*William H. Coles .. 5-6

\* First peal of Minor "in hand."

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, to Michael and Suzanne Sargeant.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4  
 William H. Coles .. 5-6

## LATE NOTICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

MALVERN LINK.—A TEACH-IN. Composition and proof of S.M. by Mr. R. Pipe. April 20th, 7 p.m. Names, please, to G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, Worcs. (Ringing. 5.30-6.30.) 6900

The Minster Church of St. Cuthburga,  
 WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.

Restoration of bell tower now complete.  
 Ringing resumes Easter Sunday.

Practice night—Tuesdays, 6898

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Bungay, Suffolk.—Rededication of the eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.). Work by John Taylor. Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Ringers' open day, Saturday, May 17th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Pearce, 40, Southend Road, Bungay.

## MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Wortley (8), April 10th, 7.30 p.m. Call-changes and Plain methods.—J. Seager. 6902

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Brompton Regis (5) on Saturday, April 12th, at 7 p.m. 6899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas, Ash (8), Saturday, April 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Turner, Ivy Cottage, Lower Goldstone, Ash, Canterbury, not later than April 9th.—J. B. K. 6966

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Bolton and Wigan Branch meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. K. Lister, 37, Church Street, Westhoughton, Lancs, by previous Thursday, please. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. All welcome.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 6907

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. on April 12th. Bells: Sibley, 10-11; Syston, 11-12; Thurstaston, 12-12.45; Claybrooke, 9.30-10.30; Broughton Astley, 10.30-11.15; Whetstone, 11.30-12.15; Whitwick, 10-11; Newton Lindford, 11-11.45; Anstey, 11.45-12.45; Leicester St. John, 1-2; Leicester St. Margaret, 2-3.15; Leicester All Saints, 2-3; Leicester Cathedral, 3 to service 4.15. Tea at Alderman Newton Boys' School 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 20, Kirksland Road, Braunston, Leicester (823117), not later than Wednesday, April 9th. Social at Tudor Hotel, Tudor Road, Leicester, in evening. 6903

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, South Harting and Rogate, Saturday, April 12th. South Harting (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service at Rogate 6

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Jennifer A. Dunning .. 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4  
 John Pladdys (cond.) .. 5-6

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Committee Room No. 4,

The Students' Union.

On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

360-course block reduced. Tenor size 16 in C.

John S. Hopwood .. 1-2 | Robert M. Chambers .. 5-6  
 Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4 | \*Peter G. Holden .. 7-8

\* First peal of Major on handbells.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with three different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 1-2 | \*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4  
 \*John Pladdys .. 5-6

\* 50th peal. † First of Minor "in hand".

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

On Mon., Jan. 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 14 in D.

Maureen J. Carruthers .. 1-2 | Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 3-4  
 John Pladdys .. 5-6

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.

On Sun., Feb. 2, 1969, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Peter G. Holden .. 1-2 | Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4  
 John Pladdys (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal of Minor "in hand" as conductor.

LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Tues., March 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

\*Catherine A. Salter .. 1-2 | †Jennifer A. Dunning .. 3-4  
 John Pladdys (cond.) .. 5-6

\* First peal of Minor "in hand." † First "in hand" on an "inside" pair.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

Alan Clifton .. 1-2 | Patricia Lockwood .. 3-4  
 Ian North (cond.) .. 5-6

o'clock. Rogate (6) bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Siddlesham, Chichester. 6905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, St. John's (Surrey Road), Bournemouth, on April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall 5.15 p.m. St. Peter's bells (8) evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, 107, Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth.—Gillian W. Davis, Hon. Sec. 6901

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—An evening meeting, Hertford All Saints' (10), Tuesday, April 15th, 7.30. Final collection of names for District outing.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6904

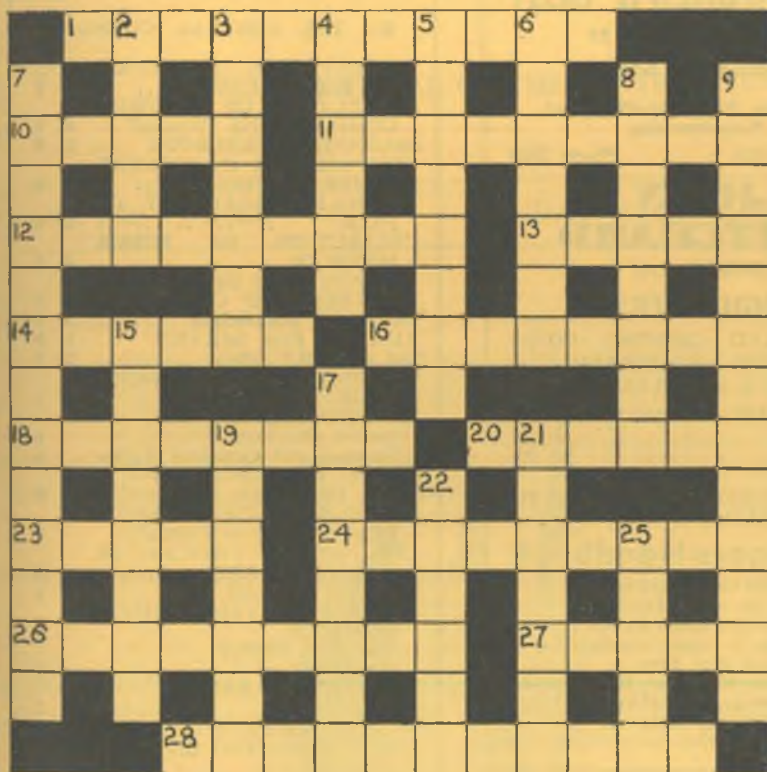
## QUARTER PEALS

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): B. Dadds 1, Susan Stott 2, S. Lewis 3, R. Jones 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, C. Fields 6. For St. David's Day.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsize Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, G. J. Jones 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell 3, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 4, L. F. Palmer 5, R. G. Green 6, C. Forster 7, C. J. Easton 8. For service of Unity.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Wild 1, Sheila Z. Anthony 2, J. R. Rigby 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, R. Anthony 5, A. R. C. Harris (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Ralph Adey.

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## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Abbey where the bells have a very restricted circle—of ringers! (11).
10. Alter with a penny after the last word (5).
11. One of the meteorologist's instruments (4-5).
12. These follow verses (9).
13. Handy pub? (5).
14. Sucrose with a shilling off makes a block of changes (6).
16. A . . . . . and a flowing sea (A. Cunningham) (3, 5).
18. Detectives reverse into coils and supplement wills (8).
20. One of Persian descent living in India (6).
23. Cherish (5).
24. Cannon due! might be proclaimed (9).
26. Do bells go down as this sort of expense in the church accounts? (9).
27. Stay behind (5).
28. If the conductor should do this the peal will be lost (4, 3, 4).

### DOWN

2. Strangely enough this could be odds! (5).
3. Edward has debts—how wearisome (7).
4. Likely result when a coach load of ringers arrives for a snatch (6).
5. She has no husband who is a ringer (8).
6. Swallows up (7).
7. Famous ringer whose initials seem to qualify him for the Police Guild (7, 6).
8. Murders with cruelty (8).
9. Special occasions in the calendar (3, 6, 4).
15. Fred is backward in a mass of sand and has upset it (8).
17. Cheerful form of sea plant (8).
19. Your diary may have been sent out from this town (7).
21. Not on the beer—on water! (7).
22. Agreement (6).
25. Tale or alabaster is a source of this material (5).

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## QUARTER PEALS

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Wright 1, Sally Porter (first "inside") 2, D. A. Wright 3, G. Walker 4, R. Brown 5, A. White 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, R. A. Poole 8.

**LINTON, KENT.**—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. O. Tester 1, Miss S. Town 2, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 3, P. Muchlinski 4, A. Macfadyen 5, C. Tester 6, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridgen (Feb. 15th) and to thank them for their loyal support of the Church. Mr. Bridgen has been treasurer to the P.C.C. for 16 years.

**LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.**—On March 9th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): J. Paxton 1, Anita E. Foden 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, J. H. Allen 5, M. W. Fairay (cond.) 6. First spliced for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—At the Cathedral, on March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith Ashcroft 1, Mary Pryor 2, J. B. Plumb 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, J. W. Bull 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, M. Pilgrim 8. For Evensong.

**LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.**—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Tooke 1, I. Lowther (first "inside") 2, Miss A. Walton (first quarter) 3, G. Elvin 4, T. E. Spight 5, H. Tooke (cond.) 6.

**LONGWOOD, YORKS.**—On March 9th, 1,320 Old Oxford and Willesden Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Before Evensong, to mark the birth of a second son to Ian and Carole Roberts.

**NAILSEA, SOM.**—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Stone 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, J. Brain 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Mason 1, J. P. Collis 2, Jane E. Dando 3, R. Slack 4, S. M. Jack 5, A. Reeves 6, R. Green 7, R. B. Walton (cond.) 8. First of P.B. Major for 2, 4 and 5.

**NEWHEY, LANCs.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Butterworth 1, Miss K. Lawson (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Lawson 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

**OSWESTRY, SALOP.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Watkin 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, J. Parry 3, H. Hughes 4, R. S. Evans 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6. For Harvest Sunday. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Clarke 1, R. Hotchkiss 2, A. Watkin 3, J. Parry 4, K. Morgan 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6.

**PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND.**—On March 8th, 1,320 Doubles (11 different methods): Jill Richardson 1, Mary Spence 2, Gillian Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, R. H. Idle (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Judith Seward and Herbert Smith, married this day.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, A. Betsworth 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, D. Cross 6. For Evensong.

**PONTERFRACT, YORKS.**—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 1, J. Draper (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth J. Campbell 3, Gillian R. Cleaver 4, R. W. Jones 5, R. H. Roberts 6, G. J. Jones 7, L. F. Palmer 8.

**POPLAR, E.**—At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on March 2nd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Dorothea Robotham 1, Shirley Ruddlesdown 2, Maureen Carruthers 3, T. G. Pett 4, D. Wilcox 5, P. Bosworth 6, G. D. Armistage 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8.

**PYLL, SOM.**—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Miss G. M. Beckett 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, R. S. Tucker (first Minor) 6.

**QUORN, LEICS.**—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Mobbs 1, M. F. Seal (first Minor "inside") 2, D. Alderton 3, H. F. Watson-Walker 4, A. E. Clayton 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6.

**REWE, DEVON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, R. W. Trickey 2, W. J. Ransom 3, H. Ransom 4, W. Ware 5, C. Barnes 6.

**RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hodgekin 1, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, B. Whitworth 5, T. G. Smith 6, R. L. Coley (cond.) 7, L. Hall 8. Rung for the engagement of Roger L. Coley and Miss J. Clark.

**SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.**—On March 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Cox 1, A. Stott 2, M. Hillary 3, R. Crabtree 4, E. Lee 5, R. M. Harker 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, M. F. D. Burton 8. For Matins.

**SUTTON MADDOCK, SALOP.**—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. D. Walton (first quarter) 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. G. K. Davies 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivan Sheffield.

**SOUTHWARK, S.E.**—At the Cathedral, on March 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Caroline Mackie 1, R. I. Vaughan 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, J. P. Hull 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (cond.) 6, Anthea S. Bruce 7, C. D. Collin 8, A. W. Bond 9, M. S. Loveday 10, B. J. Stone 11, A. P. Foster 12. First Cinques 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11. Rung by St. Peter's, Brighton, and Kingston upon Thames ringers for Evensong.

**STOKE CANON, DEVON.**—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, C. Barnes 4, R. W. Trickey (cond.) 5, W. Ware 6. **SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, Katharine Burchall 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, N. Moxon 5, Eleanor Rose 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. A compliment to Eleanor Rose and Leslie Hall on their engagement.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary Meynell (first in method) 1, Violet Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, M. P. French 4, E. J. Clifton 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, D. C. Manger 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold D. Austen, for many years cross bearer at this church.

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): Christine Tebbot 1, Helen Roberts 2, R. Humphries (cond.) 3, A. G. Newman 4, F. Brotherton 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

**THORPE BAY, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Thumpton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, P. Sentence 3, B. Sentence 4, H. H. Furminger (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDx.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane H. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Jo Hampton 2, P. W. Bevington 3, Mary Knight 4, A. J. Hampton 5, J. M. Lovell 6, E. A. Morris (cond.) 7, T. J. White (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Treena Honess 1, R. Kennard 2, J. Franklin 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Ledward 5, D. Thorpe 6. For the christening of Rebecca Hilary, daughter of Rev. Norman and Mrs. Janet Chatfield.

**WANSFORD, PETERBOROUGH.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hall 1, Virginia Hall 2, D. Smith 3, Hilary Ellison 4, A. Waller (cond.) 5. First quarter by the local band for evening service.

**WELDON, NORTHANTS.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fellows 1, Susan Kemp 2, Sheila M. Hope 3, R. A. Webster 4, Susan M. Fitton (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. For Evensong.

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