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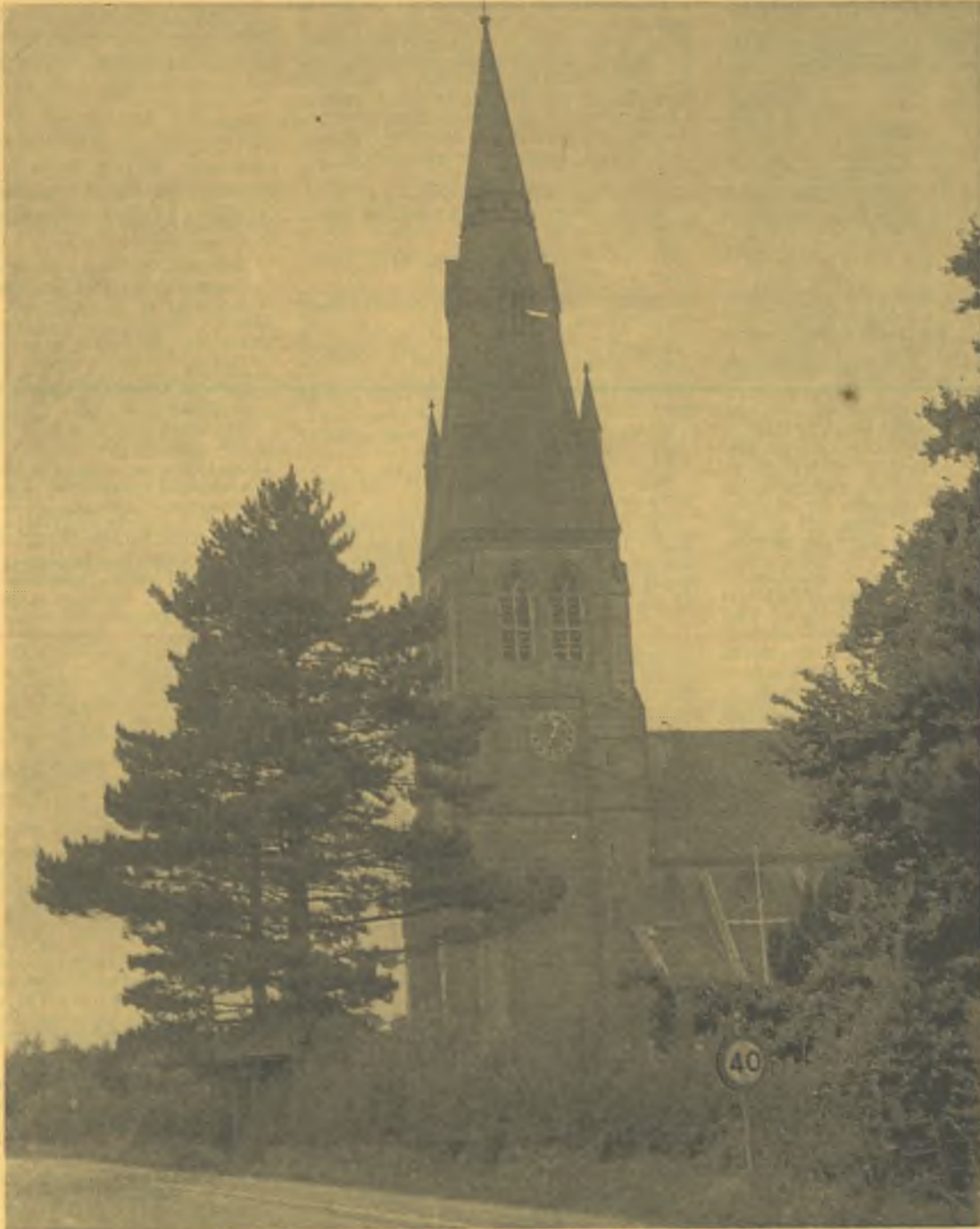
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The Church of SS. Philip and James, Hallow, Worcs.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

SS. Philip and James, Hallow, Worcs.

By the Rev. W. J. REYNOLDS

THE Parish Church of Hallow, three miles from Worcester, celebrates its centenary in May, 1969. There were two earlier churches in the village. The first, a small building on the bank above the River Severn, was said by the Worcestershire historian Nash to contain Saxon work. It was demolished in 1830 and replaced by a building of plain and simple construction, until the present church was built on a new site in 1869.

In those early days Hallow was part of the parish of Grimley, but became a separate parish when the present church was a few years old. Later the village of Broadheath was separated from Hallow to form its own parish.

In 1552 the old church was said to have three bells, one being "a little sacrynge bell" and one "a little lych bell". In 1740 there were said to be five bells, but two of these had disappeared before 1814. The only survivor seems to be a bell which is now in Christ Church, Broadheath. This is a "Royal Head" bell with alternate heads of kings and queens between the words of the inscription, weighing 8½ cwt. The inscription reads: DUM SONAT HOC SIGNUM HOSTEM FUGAT ANNA MALIGNUM. (All the S's are reversed.) It is believed to have been cast in a foundry at Sidbury, Worcester, about 1420. It was still at Hallow in 1900 but was later removed to Broadheath.

The present church is built of a local sandstone and is a good example of Victorian Gothic, designed by Mr. W. Jeffrey Hopkins, a Worcester architect. The flying buttresses which support the roof are a notable feature of the design, but these proved so costly in construction that it was not possible to build the tower until 1879.

The church contains a canopied reredos of the Crucifixion, carved in alabaster and marble. This was given in 1872 by Earl Beauchamp, whose family then owned the adjoining Hallow Park. There are also memorials on the walls taken from the old church. The most interesting of these is one to Sir Charles Bell, who died in 1842 while on a visit to Hallow Park. He was an eminent surgeon, who treated the wounded after the Battle of Waterloo. He also made important discoveries in connection with the nervous system of the human body and gave his name to "Bell's nerve" and "Bell's palsy". He was one of the founders of the Medical School of the Middlesex Hospital.

The church was completed in 1900 by the addition of the spire, clock and bells. These were given by Mrs. Wheeley Lea in memory of her husband, Charles Wheeley Lea, who had been head of the firm of Lea and Perrins, makers of Worcestershire sauce.

The bells were cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated on April 14th, 1900. They are hung in a massive cast-iron H-frame and are a very sonorous ring when heard from outside the tower.

The inaugural peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung by the local band on February 1st, 1902, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The total number of peals rung to date is 46.

The centenary celebrations will be centred mainly on the first four days of May, as May 1st is the patronal festival, the church being dedicated to St. Philip and St. James. May Day also sees annually the crowning of the May Queen on the Village Green and the traditional dancing round the maypole. It is hoped that the centenary peal will be rung on Saturday, May 3rd.

THE BELLS

Treble.—"WITH FAITH WE PRAISE THEE." Note E.

Second.—"WITH HOPE WE BLESS THEE." Note D sharp.

Third.—"WITH CHARITY WE WORSHIP THEE." Note C sharp.

Fourth.—"WITH JUSTICE WE GLORIFY THEE." Note B.

Fifth.—"WITH PRUDENCE WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE." Note A.

Sixth.—"WITH TEMPERANCE WE MAGNIFY THEE." Note G sharp.

Seventh.—"WITH FORTITUDE WE CALL UNTO THEE." Note F sharp.

Tenor.—"WITH PRAISE TO THE GLORY OF GOD. IN THE 63RD YEAR OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S REIGN 1900. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Note E. Weight of tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. D. B.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bridgwater Branch

The spring meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held at the small village of Over Stowey, on the edge of the Quantocks. The light six struck out soon after 3 p.m. and ringing continued until about 4.15 when some 36 ringers attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. A. F. W. Awre. Tea in the Village Hall was prepared by the captain's wife.

There was some discussion on the question of a Branch Corporate Communion and it was eventually decided to include the Communion with the spring quarterly meeting as this usually coincides with Eastertide. The rules were discussed for the Branch striking competition, and a "committee" was formed to arrange the outing, which this year is to venture over the Severn Bridge and up the Wye Valley. A "silent towers" committee was also formed to review the situation at towers where there is no regular Sunday service ringing. It will help to maintain these bells and ring them with the long-term object of forming new bands.

Ringing followed until 9 p.m. Practice meetings for the next quarter: Spaxton, May 21st, and Thurloxton, June 18th.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. E. E. Norris Resigns

With regret, members attending the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at Melksham on April 12th heard from Mr. N. G. Knee that Mr. E. E. Norris had resigned his post as Branch Ringing Master owing to indisposition. Mr. Reginald Jones, of Longbridge Deverill, was elected by unanimous vote to fill the position for the remainder of the year. The chairman (Mr. C. F. Andrews) expressed the earnest hope that Mr. Norris might at some future time be able to resume his duties.

Mr. Weeks, of Devizes, called attention to the special service to be held at St. James', Southbroom, to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the addition of two trebles to that church. Attention was called to the Central Council's publication "A Tutor's Handbook," which would be of special use to tower captains.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon W. A. M. Langdon for conducting the service, to Mrs. West, the organist, and the ladies responsible for the tea. Mr. W. C. West, Guild president, was responsible for local organisation.

The Gloucester and Bristol A.G.M.

AFTER an interval of 14 years it was the turn this year for Tewkesbury to be the hosts for the Association annual meeting which was held on the Saturday after Easter. From ten in the morning very good use was made of the towers in the Branch, most of which were open again in the evening. A special draw was the new eight at Eckington, although outside our area. The donor of the new trebles, Ralph Perks, is chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch and readily got permission for their use on this occasion.

The meeting was held in the Abbey Mill, well known through "John Halifax, Gentleman", being the residence of Abel Fletcher. The attendance was up on previous years, 136 members being present with nine visitors from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Harrow, Sandbach, Kingston upon Thames, Wareham and Lyneham.

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members unable to attend after the chairman, Miss E. Mary Bliss, had opened proceedings with prayer and reference to those who had died during the past 12 months.

In his apology, Mr. F. J. Lewis, who has been a member for 73 years, expressed the hope that he would be able to welcome members to the next A.G.M. at Cirencester. There was little arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, it being stated that Mr. W. B. Kynaston had been co-opted on to the management committee on his retirement from the Central Council.

SECRETARY'S MARATHON DRIVE

The printed reports were in the hands of many present, having come off the press at 2 o'clock on the Thursday, when the hon. secretary collected them from the printer in Bristol and on a marathon run of 226 miles delivered them to all 12 Branches by ten the same night. The Ringing Master (Mr. W. F. Scudamore) outlined some of the main points, and in the absence of the hon. treasurer the chairman dealt with the financial side of the report.

There has been some improvement in Sunday service ringing, which may be due to the ringing competition, and there have been restorations at Randwick, Winchcombe and Kemerton. For the future, Maisemore bells are about to be rehung after a silence of well over 30 years; the bells of St. Stephen's, Bristol City, are to be augmented and there is to be a new bell for Redcliffe. Wickwar and Coalpit Heath are possibilities for improvement in 1970. The Association dinner was a great success and another is to be held this year.

Perhaps some of the increase in attendance was due to an election for office of Ringing Master. Visitors B. J. Stone and R. G. W. Robertson acted as tellers and the result declared showed that W. F. Scudamore had been re-elected by a majority of 71 over his opponent, G. Land, who congratulated Mr. Scudamore on his victory. All the other officers were re-elected, there being no other nominees for any post.

Mr. P. M. J. Gray (Bristol City) outlined the work over many years given by Frederick W. Dixon, Hedley S. Gregory and Edwin J. Brown, and the meeting made them honorary life members.

With one exception, subscriptions are to remain the same, 5/- for those over 16, 2/6 for those under 16, but associates go up to 5/- in order to cover the cost of the report, this with effect from the end of the meeting. Parochial Church Councils can still affiliate for the sum of £1 1s., which is fixed for this year and next. There are now 136 P.C.C.s affiliated, which is a record number.

BELL TOWERS IN NEW AREAS

A proposal from Swindon that diocesan authorities and architects should be asked to give consideration to the provision of bell towers for churches being built in newly-developed areas adjacent to existing towns, with particular reference to the proposed expansion of Swindon, was passed and an approach will be made to the parties concerned as soon as possible.

The Ringing Master outlined an award scheme which is designed to stop as much as possible of the drift away of young ringers by giving them something to work for. The Branches had been given full details of the proposed scheme and permission was sought to start with a pilot scheme in selected areas to get experience in how it would work out. This was given, there being eight who were not in favour. If the scheme works there are to be three stages with a certificate and possibly a badge for those who complete the course. There will also be provision for those who take up ringing at a more mature age.

Attention was drawn to the fact that it had been found that not only did insurance not cover the very young but that those over 70 were also excluded, and it was suggested that ringers should have a look at their policy to see just what was covered.

Special thanks were expressed to the secretary of the Tewkesbury Branch, Don Deakins, new to the job, who had made all the arrangements for the day in three days, the towers open, the room for the meeting, the tea and the service which followed. Tea was taken by those who had booked on another floor of the Abbey Mill, and the preacher at the Association service in the Abbey was the Rev. R. E. Hill, of Cirencester.

Many towers were open after the service, and it was found that the "go" of the six at Ashchurch had been greatly improved by J. Garle, who had forgone attending the meeting and had spent the afternoon working on the bells. A most pleasing feature of the day was the very large number of young members who participated, but one felt a wee bit sad at the number of those so familiar in the past who are no longer able to come to these meetings.

C. ROUSE, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 9th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Shirley E. Ruddlesden 1, R. R. Churchill 2, Maureen J. Carruthers 3, Angela M. Wright 4, Audrey J. Alexander 5, R. C. Woodward 6, M. J. Uphill 7, P. Bosworth 8, R. D. Mills 9, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 10. Also on April 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan E. M. Davies 1, B. Read 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, A. M. Stacey 5, J. Cheeseman 6, P. E. Felton 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. Oatway 9, N. F. Felton 10.

NEW LOOK FOR WHITECHAPEL EXPO



A feature of the Lympne (Kent) festival of flowers and music, in aid of the bell restoration fund, was the Whitechapel Expo Belfry. Making its first public appearance of 1969, the demonstration tower was of slightly different form to that seen at the Sussex Expo, and there were some modifications to the fittings of the bells. A good crowd of ringers and spectators alike were there to see the bells in action, and the three trebles in particular soon sorted out the experienced from the novices, although the elders were not always the better in this respect!

The toll of broken stays remained indecently heavy—32 on the first day alone, and it was soon discovered that the lighter bells were most easily rung stayless. We reached our nadir with a touch of Triples with only one stay intact; nevertheless, it was surprising to see how quickly even the novices were at home on these light bells, and at least one well-known ringer was heard to pass comment that they handled rather better than those at another secular campanile.

Other items of the festival of interest to ringers were the demonstration of the original method of casting a bell (on the site of an actual bell casting pit, which had recently been unearthed after 400 years, and had been excavated for the occasion); an ingenious working model of a six-bell tower, complete with ringers manipulating the ropes; and the handbell ringing in the great hall of the beautiful and ancient castle.

The festival was well-organised, of interest to all, and blessed with fine weather, and the people of Lympne deserve the success they are hoping to achieve. N. J. D.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 13th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. Kippin 1, Miss M. M. Lewis 2, C. H. Kippin 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, S. P. Reed 5, H. P. Reed 6, M. J. Church 7, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 8. For Evensong,

POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THIS article, which covers peals in the last six months of 1968, is later than usual. This is partly due to the number of peals which, apparently, were not sent in for publication straight away. May I make a plea, not only for the sake of my own records but also on behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee (of which I am a member), to all conductors to be more prompt in submitting their peals? Also, those who are concerned about space in "The Ringing World" will have noticed the waste of a small amount through the Editor having to insert "1968 Peals" and then "1969 Peals".

But now for the peals in the last half of last year. The 13th peal on Christmas Eve at Long Stratton having been accomplished in 1967, I expect there were no worries about the 14th on December 24th last. Anyway, it was duly accomplished to keep the sequence going. I thought at one time that the Loughborough Bell Foundry was going to beat its own record for the number of peals in one year, for there had been over 30 in the first six months of the year. However, it was not to be, and the final total was 51 for the year—none at all in December it would appear. Although my next remark really belongs to the next article, I have noted that there have been no less than 15 in the first two months of this year—a rate of 90 per annum—and that the 1,300 peal mark has been passed. So we may see their record yearly total beaten this year.

FIRST IN THE TOWER

I confirm that the following towers have appeared for the first time in the peal columns: Crawley, North Lydbury, Shap, Angersleigh, Linkinhorne, Pawlett, Laneast, Lesnewth, Shinfield, Pagham, Wavendon, Much Cowarne, Winterbourne Whitchurch, St. Giles-in-the-Wood seems also to have had its first peal on the bells although this was not claimed. The peal at Grosmont was not only the first peal since rehangings but appears to have been the first peal in the tower as well.

It would seem that rather fewer towers than usual passed various landmarks. Thus Bridgend claimed, quite rightly, I think, that they had rung the 150th peal on August 23rd. The first peal was in 1898 and there had been 15 before the First World War. Between the wars peals were rung every year except in 1920. The most in any one year was 7 in 1931 and the total rung was 84 in the 20 years concerned. The first peal after the last war was the 100th on the bells, and so there have been 51 in the last 25 years or so—a rather smaller average per year. But peal ringing has been quite consistent all through this century at this average rate of 2 or 3 a year.

Two towers reached their centuries—Cadoxton (which was claimed) and All Saints', Leicester, which was not. In the case of the former, most of the peals have come since 1945 and there are now usually 7 or 8 a year there. The first peal was in 1914. The second was in 1921 and there were 13 in the 1920s. In the 1930s there was one more than that—14. Thus there have been 72 since 1945. All Saints', Leicester, had its first peal in 1920 and there had only been 5 before the last war. Of

course, it was a 6-bell tower then and remained so until 1952. But it was a very popular 6-bell tower after the war, for no less than 41 peals were rung from 1946 to the augmentation—a yearly average greater than since the trebles were added. The last 54 peals to complete the century have taken 16 years to ring.

Several towers passed the 50 mark. I confirm the claims of two of them to have done so, viz., Holme Pierrepont and Petersfield. The others are Staines (St. Peter's), Southwell Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral, Chapel Allerton, Rayne, Salford, St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin), Wormingford, Blythburgh, Broughton-in-Furness, Hythe and Whitworth. Of these, Hythe has taken by far the longest time to reach this modest total—over 150 years in fact! I have recorded 22 peals before "The Bell News" commenced in 1881 and 28 since. The most peals I have in one year is 4 in 1845 (there were 3 last year). Obviously, there are long periods without a peal at all. At the other end of the scale are Holme Pierrepont and Chapel Allerton. The former had its first peal in 1921, but all the remainder have been rung in the past ten years. The latter did not have its first peal until 1955. All Blythburgh's peals have also been rung since the last war.

INFREQUENT VISITORS

We now come to infrequent visitors to the peal columns. I think there are rather fewer than usual of these also. Two towers were last seen there in 1927. They are Brinklow (which I confirm) and West Bickleigh. In both cases the 1927 peals were the only previous ones on the bells. This is not the case with the next tower, Rotherhithe, where I confirm that the last peal was 40 years ago in 1928. The Eastern Scholars rang the first peal there in 1749, and so it has a very long history even though it hasn't yet reached the 50 peal mark! The main period of activity seems to have been in the 1920s when 17 peals were rung. Next came the 1880s with 6 peals. Perhaps we are beginning another burst of peal ringing there. The peal at Winchcombe on October 2nd was thought to be the first on the bells. I fear it was not so, for I recorded one there in 1929—the only previous one. Also in that year was last saw mention of Bewdley, as claimed. But the claim for the first of Major does not appear to be correct. I have a peal of Bob Major there in 1782! The only other three peals there have been are Grandsire Triples in 1887 and Stedman Triples in 1894 and 1929. If Old Cleeve had claimed the first of Major on the bells it would have been correct. Only three peals had previously been rung on the eight—all Grandsire Triples in 1925, 1926 and 1930 (the last previous peal). However, there had been four on the six before augmentation—two in 1908 and two in 1910.

I confirm that both Darwen and Dalston had their last peals in 1933. In the former's case it was the only previous one. In the latter's there had also been peals in 1927, 1928 and 1931. I confirm Chalford's claim not to have had a peal since 1934. Before that year peals were rung in 1889, 1914, 1924 (3), 1925 and 1926. Rockland was also last heard in a peal that year. I have recorded peals here also in 1911 and 1912

(2). Both Orcop (only previous peal) and Epping Upland last had a peal in 1935. The latter had peals in 1920 (2), 1921, 1922 (2), 1932 and 1934 as well. I confirm Greinton's claim for the first peal since 1937. Another peal was rung here in 1905. Yateley also claimed correctly a silence of 30 years as far as peals were concerned. The most active period in this tower was in the 1890s when two peals were rung in each of the years 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1899. Only six peals were rung after that before the recent one—in 1907, 1909, 1913, 1930, 1932 and 1938. Finally amongst the infrequent visitors is Llanbedr where the only previous peal was in 1940.

INCORRECT CLAIMS

Other items of interest which I noticed together with some footnotes which I feel I should correct are as follows: Houghton's claim for the first peal on the augmented bells was correct. There had only been one in the tower before—in 1953. I confirm that Branston had its first peal of Doubles on the bells (168 methods/variations, too!). What wasn't noted at the time was that there had been 71 peals of Minor before that. The claim at Litton for the first of Minor was not correct. The first peal on the bells in 1922 was Bob Minor. I confirm the claims of Consett and Newton-le-Willows to have had their first peals of Double Norwich Major—the first tower in a peal total of 23 and the latter 32. Drayton (Oxon) had only had one other peal this century until the recent one—in 1959. There were peals here in 1887 (2) and 1888. Worcester Cathedral had a peal of Yorkshire Maximus in 1962, so the recent one was not the first. At Halliwell I confirm that the recent peal was the first since 1948 and the first in any other method than Grandsire Triples (there had been nine such).

BATH AND WELLS

STRIKING COMPETITION

The seventh annual striking competition was held at the recently-restored church by the River Chew at Publow. The nine teams rang the usual test piece of "120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pulls of rounds before or after", and this was judged by Mr. Arthur Reed, of Taunton.

When all the teams had rung, those present adjourned to the Village Hall at Pensford (opened by none other than Mr. Acker Bilk, a local lad, in 1965), where Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cobb welcomed the party with an excellent tea.

The Vicar was able to join us after tea, when the judge gave his comments and announced the results. These were: 1st, Long Ashton, with 8 faults; 2nd, Backwell, 16; 3rd, Nailsea, 20; 4th, Portbury, 24; 5th, Winford, 24; 6th, Wrington, 26; 7th, Publow, 39; 8th, Yatton, 50; and 9th, Kingston Seymour, 68. Mr. Reed commented on the faults incurred due to not setting bells and said that he felt the ringing generally was good.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and all who had contributed to such a successful occasion, and general ringing was then enjoyed at Compton Dando. M. J. H.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On April 2nd, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Kent, Cambridge): Christine M. Younger 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, F. Chambers 3, J. R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, G. R. Edwards 6. To mark the safe arrival of Dean Andrew to Mr. and Mrs. E. Fowler, of Sibley.

South Wales Proud of Sunday Ringing

Two important pointers to progress were contained in the annual report of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association presented at the A.G.M. at Cardiff on April 12th—the highest number of peals ever rung in a year (86 against 77 previous highest in 1965), and “We can be justly proud of the efforts made in maintaining a good and regular standard of Sunday service ringing in our churches.” Aberdare and Llandaff Cathedral were congratulated on the number of quarters rung for Sunday service. Both these bands scored peals in their own towers.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Mary's, Whitchurch, and at St. John's, Cardiff. The service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. E. C. Thomas, who in his address spoke appreciatively of the work carried out by ringers throughout the two dioceses and reminded them of their duties as members of the Church.

An ample tea had been provided in the schoolroom above Wood Street Congregational Church by Mrs. Pryor and her band of willing helpers. Members who had earlier attended the Rugby International match with England joined in the tea, and the fact that Wales won assisted in making the ensuing meeting a very pleasant one.

The business meeting followed, under the able chairmanship of Canon Thomas. Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Benjamin T. Davies, for 60 years an organist and ringer at Llangynwyd, and David L. Hughes, for over 40 years a ringer at Bridgend.

The hon. secretary, in his report, made the following comments: Membership consisted of 370 ringing members, one honorary member and five hon. life members. This showed a decrease of 23 during the year: the published list did not include any who were two years in arrears with their

subscriptions. A great improvement would result if tower secretaries would collect subscriptions.

The total assets had fallen by £9, but as they had contributed £50 to Grosmont for their restoration work it could justly be claimed that losses had been limited. The Universities Association sent a contribution of £9 to the Bell Restoration Fund at the conclusion of their tour. About 100 members were in arrears with their subscriptions and the Branch secretaries would welcome the assistance of each tower in keeping up to date in this matter.

During the year “Change Ringing”, by W. G. Wilson, had been purchased for the library and Mr. F. J. Hannington had made another gift to the library of an album containing prints of most of the towers in the Association's area.

The report also referred to the Bishop of Llandaff, a joint president, being elected Archbishop of Wales, the restoration of Grosmont bells and the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Association.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, the hon. secretary presented the accounts, which were adopted.

NEW MASTER

Mr. W. T. Petty, of Bridgend, was elected Master for the year and was invested

with his badge of office by the retiring Master, Mr. R. J. Stewart. He thanked Mr. Stewart for the able way that he had carried out his duties and particularly at the anniversary dinner in October. The remaining officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick.

Three resolutions were placed before the meeting on the recommendation of the management committee, as under:—

(1) That the Rev. A. W. McAdam be elected to honorary life membership in appreciation of the work he so ably organised in the rehanging of the bells at his parish church of Grosmont.

(2) That Mr. D. J. Llewellyn be elected as peal recorder to the Association.

(3) That the subscription for ringing members be increased from 3/- to 5/- and from 1/6 to 2/6 for those under 18 or over 65 years old. The new rate to be effective from January 1st, 1970.

All three resolutions were carried unanimously.

Mr. L. Bainham proposed and Mr. R. J. Stewart seconded a motion thanking the secretary for his work in arranging the 75th anniversary dinner and requesting that it should be minuted. The members expressed their appreciation by passing the motion.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in arranging the meeting, and the ringers dispersed for further ringing at St. John's, Cardiff, and at Llandaff Cathedral. The ringing covered a very wide scope, including a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods by resident members.

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Letters to the Editor

A "RINGING WORLD" PEAL-SUPPLEMENT

Dear Sir,—My solution to the problem of finding space for the publication of peals is very simple. It also has the merit of solving the question of cost and of releasing the uninterested reader from the irksome chore of bypassing the pages of peals. It is this: that the peals be published as a supplement, weekly, fortnightly or monthly as proves convenient. "The Ringing World" could then be obtained with or without the supplement, so that those not interested in the peals may purchase a plain "Ringing World" at a price of, say, 9d. or 6d. or whatever it costs. The peal supplement is then printed in the old pre-1964 style, just as we peal ringers want it, and is charged at an economic price of, say, 9d. or 1/- if the extra packing work necessitates this. The peal ringers will then be absolved from the recurrent charge of being mean by comparison with the quarter peal ringers, the Gratefully Acknowledged column will become redundant and, if desired, slightly more space could be given to letters, articles and quarter peals.

I think it might be quite surprising how many copies of the supplement would be sold. Personally, I would be glad to pay an economic price for the supplement: 1/- or even 1/6 weekly. This is right and proper if that is the cost. What I would not gladly do is to pay a levy of 6d. a rope in order to get the peal published. This is not a question of personal cost, as a short calculation will show, but one of principle.

—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans, Herts.

Editor's Comment

The scheme submitted by Mr. Mayne of divorcing peals from "The Ringing World" is uneconomic. It would multiply office work, increase production charges and create problems with the newsagents.

A 16-page "Ringing World" would mean the surrender of the cover. The paper is printed in units of eight pages. It is impossible to produce a cover and 12 pages without a big increase in cost.

Since the beginning of the year more than five pages a week have been devoted to peals. Set in the old-fashioned style with all the trimmings, and allowing a page for compositions, there would be an 8-page supplement most weeks.

Three types of subscribers would have to be dealt with: "Ringing World" with supplement; peal supplement; "Ringing World" without peals.

Assistance would be required in editorial work, accountancy, postal subscribers and newsagents. The cost of the extra work would not be less than £500 a year.

An 8-page supplement would have to be entirely self-supporting and its selling price would be between 9d. and 1/- a week.

A 16-page "Ringing World" without cover and without "Gratefully Acknowledged" would not be less than 1/-. The two together could not be sold for less than 1/6 excluding postage.

Then the gain, no appeal for donations for peals or quarter peals. The other side—an unattractive "Ringing World" that will be a perpetual headache to produce and a constant economic uncertainty to the Committee. It is not a job the Editor could or would tackle.—T. W. W.

FRUSTRATING LOCAL ENTHUSIASM

Dear Sir,—We, the Sunday service band at Penmark, offer our congratulations to the band of visitors who have rung the first known peal on these bells. We do this somewhat ruefully, since it has long been one of our ambitions to achieve this first performance ourselves. Unfortunately the approach for permission was made to our Vicar, who granted it, to someone whose name he did not gather, before he appreciated the significance to his own band of the request. Surely it is customary to make contact with the tower secretary as well in such cases?

No doubt first performances of any sort are fair game, but we feel it should be remarked that to most of us this spoiling of our plans has been our first contact with the activities of the Diocesan Association and of the wider world of ringing; the impression left with us is not a favourable one.

We are, sir, yours faithfully,
E. R. HEATLEY, Mrs. V. J. HEATLEY,
R. DE V. B. KIDWELL, C. B. McKERROW, Miss H. G. OLDHAM, P. D. OLDHAM.

Penmark, Glam.

THE EVOLUTION OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Minor methods have evolved over the years to give the structurally satisfying collection given in the Central Council's book. All other methods were not quite up to standard.

Now, find methods having single changes (Cambridge Major has four places in a change, so why not in Minor?), 5-6 places without the treble (to guarantee 65s at back—musical, I suppose, to some ears), and you have Rosehill, Hanney and Radley, named in 1967.

Next, give the methods irregular lead-heads (do they matter, anyway?) and we have the three things called methods named (politely) for the first time in the peal at Longparish on March 1st, 1969.

The first method cannot be called Winchester Bob as that name is given to a much more worthwhile method in the Major stage. The double version, called "Portsmouth", is as near plain changes as is allowed under modern rules. I wonder whether "Winchester" or "Christchurch" are actually the reverse of already named irregular methods? If so, then these two unfortunate places need not be lumbered with the names.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans, Herts.

UNIVERSAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Regarding recent correspondence on Mr. Humphrey's Universal Composition (appended below), I should like to make the following comments for the benefit of anyone seeking compositions for new methods with unusual false course heads. With the singles rung in 3-4 at the Home, the composition is true as stated, to the following groups of f.c.h.'s (after Baldwin): B.I.L.N.O.P.R.S. a, b, c, e.

In this form it is true to Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Bristol and Rutland of the "standard eight" and has the 3rd in 3+ and 4—, or the 4th in 4+ and 3—, depending on whether the composition is rung forwards or backwards. By the simple expedient of ringing the singles in 5-6 at the Home, the composition becomes true to a slightly different set of f.c.h.'s. These are:—

B.G.H.I.L.M.O.R.S. b, c, d, f.

In this form it is true to Pudsey as well as Yorkshire and Bristol and has either the 5th in 5+ and 6— or the 6th in 6+ and 5— with the same proviso as above.

With regard to the length of this composition, I do not see that omitting a pair of adjacent singles (as suggested on page 242) will reduce it from 5,376 to 5,152. Firstly, a different part-end is produced, and secondly some course (either + or —) would contain calls at both Middle and Wrong, which I would have thought conflicted with the basic construction of this type of composition. Mr. Baldwin's variation, on the other hand, is reducible as the singles to be omitted are not separated by other calls. I assume Mr. Humphrey's other variations may be reduced as he suggests.

Other examples which may provide food for thought include the 5th in 5+ and 4— or the 6th in 6+ and 3— true to B.C.E.G.I.L.M.N.R.S. d (this includes Superlative), and the 4th in 4+ and 5— or the 3rd in 3+ and 6— true to B.C.D.I.L.N.P.R.S. d (includes London).—Yours faithfully,

Birmingham,

S. W. BARTON.

Singles in 3-4 5,376 Singles in 5-6

23456	M	W	H	23456
46352	—		S	43625
53462		—	S	24653
25364	2		S	34265
53624		2	S	46253
64325	—		S	26345
23645		—	S	42356

Repeated twice.

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED

Dear Sir,—Since the last Central Council meeting you have published articles and letters containing criticism of the Council and suggestions for its reform.

Your report of the Herts A.G.M. (page 319) states that there will be 300 seats in the balcony of the Civic Hall, St. Albans. Assuming these to be for those who are not Council members, the coming meeting presents the Exercise with an ideal opportunity to see the work of its elected representatives who devote so much of their time to the betterment of our art.—Yours, etc.,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOL

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HILDA MASSEY'S PEAL WEEK

IT all began with a letter from David to Mum, telling her that a friend from Leicester would be on holiday in Somerset for a week during the Easter vacation. Could he stay with us, and could Mum please arrange a few peals? Despite the short notice—less than a month—Hilda set to work to provide a full ringing programme for the week. Ignoring those Jeremiahs who spoke of the impossibility of getting enough towers in Lent, and who pointed out that it would certainly be impossible to get enough ringers on working days, she wielded pen and telephone to such effect that there were soon 14 peals available for the week, two for each week-day and at least 19 ringers wishing to participate. It was surprising how many ringers were able and willing to take time off from work for the occasion, and Roy and Wally Rice decided to take the whole week.

Despite the cold weather, the week started well with a quick peal of Surprise Minor on the light, easy-going six at Butcombe, a tower chosen because Hilda had not rung there. In the afternoon Roy and Wally Rice were playing on their home ground at Banwell, with a peal of Gainsborough Surprise which produced a rash of footnotes recording 25th peals together, especially for Roy. We were sad because this was a memorial peal for the local stalwart, Jack Ellsbury, whose 90th birthday we had celebrated here only a few months ago.

After a quiet Sunday, our successful progress resumed on Monday with peals at the two neighbouring light eights of Drayton and Huish Episcopi. None of the band complained about Mr. Middleton's composition being used twice on the same day, and David was able to claim his first of Major as conductor as well as adding a "Q" to his Surprise Major alphabet. While these peals were in progress, Hilda was coping with a crisis. An unexpected service was to prevent the planned Tuesday morning peal at Melksham. The problem was solved when Mr. Durston, the kindly rector of Hemington, willingly offered his bells for their second peal within three days, and the Melksham attempt was postponed until the next Saturday.

WARMINSTER CLAPPER BROKE

Tuesday continued cold, but Surprise Minor was rung at Hemington, and Eric at least was warm on the slow-turning tenor which needs more effort than one would expect. This church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, was a most appropriate choice for a peal on Lady Day. The afternoon brought our first disappointment of the week when, after nearly an hour of Superlative, the seventh clapper at Warminster broke to end the proceedings. After a meal we were able to join in a practice at Evercreech, and enjoyed some very well struck Yorkshire Royal.

On Wednesday morning we were honoured to ring at Chilcompton, which has the leading Surprise Minor tower in the diocese, and succeeded in a peal in seven

Surprise Minor. Hilda met us after the peal with the afternoon's reinforcement, and we set off on the long trek to the extreme south of Somerset and the quiet village of Winsham. Here the eight bells, hung in 1894, are in a central tower and are rung from the chancel. Before ringing it is necessary to remove all the choir stalls (which are extremely heavy), a process which tends to discourage service ringing. A peal of Islay was scored on these difficult bells. Ronnie Beck was particularly pleased with a peal in this tower, his 125th in the county. Peals at Winsham are very rare, this being only the second to have been rung in the last half century. Such is the madness of ringers that, from the Dorset border, we rushed to the extreme north of the county to hear the end of a quarter peal at St. Michael's, Bath, and to enable our guest to grab the tower.

Thursday was planned as a "rest" day, with two light eights at East and West Coker to be pealed, but it proved much more of a rest day than we intended. The morning peal of Rutland came to grief after an hour or so, when George foolishly called a Middle that should not have been there. In the afternoon London was flowing nicely at West Coker when, after 40 minutes, the treble rope parted below the sally. Although the rope was repaired before we left, an early replacement was recommended. Once again Bath was the evening venue, this time the practice at St. Mary's, Bathwick.

CHARLIE ANDREWS' 250TH

Friday saw a return to better luck with a peal of Yorkshire on the light eight at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon. There was a shortage of Salisbury Guild members in the band and, because we were uncertain about the local rules governing belfry elections, it was reluctantly decided that the peal would have to be credited to the Bath and Wells Association instead. The afternoon found us on the fine eight at Urchfont, near Devizes. Charlie Andrews was with us now to deal with new members, and a peal of Havant (that alphabet again) was recorded for the Salisbury Guild.

It was a pleasure to ring in Charlie's 250th peal. The magnetic attraction of Bath proved unfortunate this night, when Hilda's car was involved in a slight accident with another vehicle. Although the other driver was entirely in the wrong, he was probably unjustly accused of having imbibed too freely. At least Hilda, on two orange juices, was safe on this score, whatever the state of her passengers. Fortunately no serious damage was done, and the evening passed happily.

Saturday saw the postponed attempt at Melksham, and a good peal of Lincolnshire was rung on the very pleasant bells, despite the long draught and ever springy ropes. This was the last peal on Hilda's programme, as the afternoon attempt was a long-standing fixture at Wincanton arranged by David Orledge. Sad to say,

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting held at Tanworth-in-Arden on April 19th was very well attended by over 60 members and friends. The Master (Miss Muriel Reay), who took the chair at the meeting, proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Jim Corbett and to the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Under "Matters arising from the minutes" the secretary (Mr. J. A. Ainsworth) said that had he been able to be at the annual meeting in January he thought it possible that he would not have allowed his name to be proposed for the office of secretary and treasurer in the particular circumstances. He said that he was a ringer because he wished to give a service to the Church and because he loved ringing, but that he was not willing to play "power politics". He had decided, therefore, to proffer his resignation. It was decided to hold an extraordinary general meeting at St. Martin's on May 20th at 7.30 p.m. to elect a temporary secretary and treasurer for the remainder of 1969.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Clifford Barron) deplored the fact that Mr. Ainsworth, who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Guild in the past nearly six years, had been driven into taking this decision.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Randall, Miss S. J. Titchener and Messrs. C. Bough and W. B. Ellender were all elected as resident members. Messrs. D. J. G. Bates, C. I. Rowson and P. G. Holden were elected as life members.

Discussion took place on whether college students resident in Birmingham for a short period each year should be elected as resident or life members. Some members voiced opposition to the previous custom that they should be elected as resident members and transferred to life membership on leaving the area.

It was decided to hold the next Henry Johnson dinner at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on March 7th, 1970, no member voting for the dinner to return to the city centre.

Derby Surprise Major crunched out after an hour, the only attempt of the week to suffer this fate. We returned home to swell the numbers at the Frome practice, followed by a post-mortem in the Three Swans.

The final peal score, therefore, ten out of 14, was very satisfactory, especially as two of the four losses were from causes beyond the ringers' control.

Sunday was a day of rest after a very exhausting but very enjoyable week, and also a day of farewells. It remains for us to thank all those who made the tour such a success, both incumbents and ringers. The major credit must, however, go to Hilda Massey, for without her organising ability the peal week could not have happened. In addition to all the planning, Hilda, as non-playing captain, maintained a strict discipline, ensured that we were always on time, and drove many miles ferrying ringers from tower to tower. She had little opportunity to ring with us, but managed to find the time to join us in the evenings. G. W. M.

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HALF PEAL

GODSHILL, I.W.—On March 17th, 2,640 Grandsire Doubles: Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, J. Mullins 3, A. Evans 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Lale 6. Longest length for all except conductor.

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

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Karen French (first quarter, aged 12) 1, H. Clayton 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, W. Clamp 4, O. Homewood 5, A. French 6.

ASH, KENT.—On Easter Day 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Chandler (first quarter) 1, A. Austin (first quarter) 2, E. J. Wells (cond.) 4, G. Foat (first "inside") 5, A. Gambrill 6, R. Pilcher 7, P. Marshall 8.

ASTON CANTLOW, WARKS.—On April 9th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): R. M. Andrews 1, Miss J. Riley 2, Miss S. E. Jones 3, Mrs. H. A. Mackenzie 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Critchlow 1, Mrs. A. Murrells 2, B. J. Lear 3, P. W. S. Richardson 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, V. Parker 6. For Evensong and the St. George's Day parade.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain): S. Flint 1, Susan King 2, Barbara Pates 3, B. F. R. Mullins 4, Sheila Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6, A. S. Smith and C. R. Hardy cover.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. C. Hallett 1, Philippa E. Menniss 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss (first Minor as cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. O'Reilly 1, E. Harmsworth 2, Brenda Arnott (cond.) 3, A. Strathdee 4, F. Keen 5. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dudley; also for the 19th wedding anniversary of the ringers of the 2nd.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Price 1, R. Pike 2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3, J. Price 4, R. Price 5, R. Hutchings 6, A. C. Conway 7, E. Boothe 8. A silver wedding compliment (April 8th) to Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, parents of the ringers of the 4th and 5th; also for the birth of Anna James (April 4th), daughter of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. W. James) and Mrs. James.

DUNS FOLD, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,296 Norwich and Beverley Surprise Minor: D. A. R. May (cond.) 1, Jill M. May 2, P. Henry 3, J. F. M. Maybrey 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, P. J. Munday 6. Rung after meeting too late for a peal attempt.

ENFIELD, MIDD.—On April 20th, 1,272 Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Duggan 1, P. Twigg 2, Miss M. Twigg (first Surprise as cond.) 3, R. Luxon 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6.

HASFELD, GLOS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Malcolm Taylor (12, first quarter) 1, Bernard Taylor (13) 2, Hilda Taylor (17) 3, Clare Taylor (14) 4, Eric Taylor (cond.) 5, Mrs. Helen Taylor 6. First quarter for father, mother and four children.

HINDLEY, LANCs.—On April 13th, 1,280 Quedgley Surprise Major: D. Bennett 1, J. Cunliffe 2, D. Lawson 3, A. Greenalgh 4, R. Jolley 5, D. Makin-Taylor 6, J. Ashcroft 7, K. Lister (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. Shalkcross, both ringers at this church, on the birth of their first son.

ILTON, SOM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burns (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R. Dean (cond.) 3, S. Welch 4, R. Welch 5, R. Spiller 6. For Easter, and to mark the engagement of 1st ringer and Miss Sandra Acutt.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On April 14th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Tingle 1, Miss M. Garley 2, A. Garley 3, E. Johnson 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Farby, ringer of this parish.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, Miss D. Rogers 2, S. Robinson 3, D. Bowen 4, S. Franklin 5, C. Groome 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8.

LAVENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, J. Mayle (first quarter of Major, aged 14) 2, F. Hunt 3, P. Mayle 4, W. Jarvis 5, S. J. Twilchett 6, R. Chambers 7, F. Gilbert 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,320 Doubles (7 methods): R. Sainer 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (5 methods): Myrtle Butcher 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Harman. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherton 1, Judith Brooks (first of method "inside") 2, M. Taylor 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. Service for Festival helpers.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, J. Evans 2, J. Lawrence 3, A. A. Lucas 4, J. L. Hough 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. For the Induction of Canon Neil Robinson as Rector.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Mundy 1, Ann Toomer 2, D. Lee 3, F. J. Read 4, W. E. Mashiter 5, P. Minchin 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, J. Fuller 8. First on eight by 1 and 2. First quarter on the new bells.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, W. Hodges 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, Mrs. R. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (75th quarter, cond.) 6.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Miss C. Cartledge 1, L. R. Porter 2, M. R. Bolton 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Copperwheat (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Mann 2, R. J. Sharp 3, M. J. Lockey 4, C. D. Mann 5, K. H. Fleming (cond.) 6. Rung by the Sunday service band during the 700th anniversary year of the incumbency in this parish.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rossell (cond.) 1, M. Scowen 2, Pamela Warren 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. Heyes 5, D. Heyes 6, R. Turner 7, J. Roper 8. A farewell to Pamela Warren who returned to England in April. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, D. Roof 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rossell 6.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Care 1, Mrs. M. E. Care 2, S. Elliot 3, T. Deacon 4, R. Eady 5, B. R. Care (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Eady on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremer 1, Prisca Tremer 2, Philippa Tubbs 3, Catherine Law 4, Jane Dando 5, L. Noakes 6, Katherine Maundrell (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7. Rung for St. George's Day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods and 8 variations): G. Allen (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Nicholls 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Carol A. Eveleigh 6. For Confirmation service.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Bruce 1, Mrs. K. Arthur 2, A. Taylor 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. Sewell 6. For the joy of Easter Day.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ellis 1, Anne Lever 2, Noel Clarke 3, Jill Carter 4, Brian Greenwood (cond.) 5, J. Carter (first quarter) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

OADBURY, LEICS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Salem (first quarter) 1, Kay Farrell (first "inside") 2, Mrs. Margaret Palmer 3, F. Haslum 4, M. Tunnicliff (cond.) 5, Julie Walker 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 6.

OXFORD.—On April 13th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): P. Toccock 1, E. R. Venn 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, A. Gammon 4, B. G. Benstead 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6, C. Coles 7.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On April 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Bryony P. H. Moorby (first T.B. 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first Surprise "inside") 2, C. J. Bennett 3, D. J. G. Bates 4, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 5, S. T. Yates 6. For Low Sunday.

LATE NOTICE

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District. Evening practice meeting, Henley (8), Thursday, May 15th, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W.L.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, Rosemary Guy 3, P. G. Jeans 4, G. W. Riddy 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

FERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Volney Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlla 6, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 7, J. Inaley 8.

PETHAM, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): P. Southon 1, Felicity Wood 2, Dawn Potts 3, C. Beeching (cond.) 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Law, wife of Mr. S. Law, a member of this tower.

PINXTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Dzulba (first quarter) 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, A. E. Solis 3, B. A. Jones (first "inside") 4, E. J. Solis 5. A wedding compliment to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Yarnold. Also on April 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Carol Reeve (first attempt) 1, Marylin Bacon (first "inside") 2, B. A. Jones (cond.) 3, E. J. Solis 4, D. Jackson 5. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Reeve 1, B. A. Jones 2, L. G. Smith (cond.) 3, E. J. Solis 4, S. Marshall (first attempt) 5, S. Dzulba (first attempt) 6. Rung for Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. First quarter for all. For 8 a.m. H.C.

PUBLOW, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Simons 1, N. Clatworthy 2, J. Milton 3, J. Merchant (first quarter) 4, C. Bishop (cond.) 5, B. Wright 6. A wedding compliment to Susan F. Mogford, daughter of F. C. Mogford, a ringer at Publow, and David J. Lyons.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On April 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

SANDY, BEDS.—On March 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mander (first quarter) 1, A. Norman (cond.) 2, Karen Baker 3, M. Mander (first "inside") 4, D. Goss 5, M. Dons 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On March 30th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: J. E. Cawser 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, Sheila Parsons 3, A. A. Rackham 4, G. H. Peers, sen. 5, B. J. Hodgkiss 6, G. H. Peers, jun. 7, G. H. Lane 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, E. Elton 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of N. W. Attaway, father of conductor, died March 27th, verger at Tamworth since 1947. Also on April 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Christine Haynes 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, E. J. Dicken 3, G. H. Peers, sen. 4, Sheila Parsons 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, E. Elton 7, B. J. Hodgkiss 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, A. A. Parsons 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Preb. A. Jones, died April 1st, Vicar and Rural Dean of Tamworth 1955 to 1964.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Phyllis M. Dixon (first in method) 1, Anne Donaldson 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, Anne E. Anthony 4, J. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. E. Dingle (first quarter) 6. For Easter carol service.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. G. Mould 1, D. A. Chapman 2, C. J. Bell 3, G. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, W. G. Exell 8. For Evensong.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Lynda Carr 1, P. J. Franklin 2, W. G. Ledwood 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, D. H. Thorpe 5, C. W. Phillips (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rector (Canon T. R. Franklin).

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Hicks (first quarter) 1, K. A. Hughes (first as cond. in method) 2, E. Wright 3, J. Eyre 4, M. Wareing 5, A. Crowson 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On March 30th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. E. Fullbrook 1, Anne Carpenter 2, P. G. Davies 3, I. P. Storer 4, A. R. Wood 5, H. White 6, J. R. White (cond.) 7, J. C. Baldwin 8. First quarter in the method 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Stanton 1, A. Burton 2, Mrs. E. Smith 3, D. Theodora 4, M. Smith 5, D. Bird 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Bird 8. For Easter Morning service.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Stapleton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Drummond (first "inside") 2, A. J. Marks 3, H. Richardson 4, W. J. Whitmore 5, D. J. Atley (first Minor as cond.) 6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. F. Lewin (first quarter) 1, Leslie Smith 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Yvonne B. Lewin 4, F. W. Lewin 5, Jill P. J. Edwards 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. OLIVER E. G. BARNARD

Mr. Oliver E. G. Barnard, tower captain, Stowmarket, died on February 6th, very unexpectedly. Friends, some of whom I believe to be in Berkshire and the Melton Mowbray area, may still receive the news with surprise. It has taken some time to discover details of his ringing career.

A press cutting of 1929 mentions his longest touch to date of Grandsire Triples. That was soon followed by a quarter peal on the tenor of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, an early indication of his liking for the back-end when he was a fit man. He rang No. 10 to a peal of Little Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in 1946, in honour of the late King George VI's 51st birthday. He also spoke of a proud memory of ringing at St. Paul's. Mr. George W. Pipe gives information that he rang 30 peals for the Suffolk Guild; notable for him was the ringing of the tenor (32 cwt.) to Major and Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the notorious 7th at Hadleigh and the tenor (37 cwt.) at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Of his several peals at his beloved Stowmarket, the last was in July, 1958, prior to the restoration. He frequently conducted his peals.

During his last few years the richest colours of his personality showed up rather like the leaves in autumn. He lived to see the fruit of his labours in the restoration of Stowmarket bells, for which he had raised funds through jumble sales, waste paper collections and every other possible means. He trained enough ringers from scratch, once the bells were returned, and these now ring regularly for Sunday services. His patience as a teacher was outstanding and he loved to impart knowledge on every aspect of the art. He was a churchman and a Sunday service ringer first and foremost, and unfailingly started that duty with prayers.

Two days before his death he was in charge of the Tuesday practice night, and it was remarkable that members of the Guild executive committee came over, Rougham ringers were present giving their ready help and Buxhall ringers also came. Only two months previously there had been a similar large gathering of friends to present him with their gift on the occasion of his second marriage, and this touched him more than anything I can remember during the ten years that I knew him in the service of his church and as a fellow-ringer.

At the funeral service Mr. George W. Pipe, then Ringing Master, read the lesson and, with H. Lister, E. Cracknell and H. Mitson, rang handbells at the graveside, as is the Suffolk custom.

A. ARTHUR MUXLOW.

TO THE POINT!

From a tower secretary

Our head ringer is a coal merchant and during his daily rounds he often takes the opportunity of sounding his customers, particularly the newcomers, on their views and reactions to the church bells.

One lady who had come to live fairly near the church was asked: "Do the bells worry you?", to which she replied: "No, not at all—except when they are ringing!"

BELFRY GOSSIP

A first family quarter peal for Mr. and Mrs. Eric Taylor and their four children was rung at Hasfield, Glos, on April 18th.

We are pleased to see Mr. Edward R. Venn back again in our quarter peal columns (St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on April 13th) after his recent spell in hospital.

The art exhibition in aid of St. Nicholas', Wickham (Hants) Bell Restoration Fund, planned for May 22nd-24th, has been postponed owing to fire damaging the premises.

The quarter rung at St. Nicolas', Brighton, on March 16th (see page 284), was to the memory of the late Harry Stalham.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung without a tenor at New Alresford, Hants, on April 22nd. Miss Katharine Maundrell conducted.

Michael J. Crawley, aged 12, who rang the tenor to a peal at Waverton on April 12th, had previously 360 changes as his longest length.

The latest stamp from Brazil has a picture of a bell similar in type to the sugar-loaf mediæval bells. A copy has been sent to us by Mr. L. Walmsley, of Leyland.

A peal of Plain Bob Triples at Perry Barr on April 26th was sponsored by local ringers and friends of the band. The sum of £47 17s. 6d. was raised for the Perry Barr Bells Restoration Fund.

An idea for Central Council visitors—the Little Munden Festival of Flowers, Saturday-Monday, Ring of six. Write Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. F. I. Hairs had a nasty fall in the bathroom, fracturing her ribs and hitting her head rather badly. She is going on slowly but is still suffering from the effects of shock.

After the quarter peal rung at Pulham Market on April 11th the ringers were entertained to a convivial evening at Church Croft, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roope. The Rector and Mrs. Robin Churchill also attended.

A highly successful teach-in was held at Malvern Link on Sunday, April 20th. Mr. R. Pipe led a two-hour discussion covering many aspects of Surprise ringing, with a special emphasis on proof and composition of London Major. Welcome refreshments were served by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Pipe.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

"The Professor" points out regarding his article on page 324 that the methods No. 60, No. 61 and No. 62 have had their names confirmed at Harlaxton, Lincs (see page 242), and are Elterwater, Wastwater and Lowewater respectively.

The series is not concluded: there are two more 720s to come.

Mr. G. Dodd wishes to correct the end of his letter on page 302. He intended to ask the bellfounders what percentage of re-hangings had been unringable for a period of 40 years or more to those where the bells are ringable when rehung.

In the peal at Warwick on March 2nd the ringers of 5 and 6 were Geoffrey and Peter Randall respectively and not as submitted.

The Peterborough Guild peal given as Winsford on page 330 should be Wansford.

Ringling at the St. Albans diocesan festival (see page 321) is 7 to 8 p.m. An additional date is Tuesday, July 1st.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

A reminder to officers of certain Associations:

On April 30th the following affiliation fees were unpaid: Devon Association, Dudley and District Guild, East Derby and West Nottinghamshire Association, Ladies' Guild, North Wales Association, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Sheffield and District Society, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, and I had not been given the names and addresses of the representatives of the following: Coventry Diocesan Guild, Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, Devon Association, Dudley and District Guild, East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, Essex Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Ladies' Guild, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild, National Police Guild, North Staffordshire Association, North Wales Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Railwaymen's Guild, St. David's Diocesan Guild, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Scottish Association, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, University of London Society, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. May action now be taken, please, by those concerned?

There are some good and obvious reasons why many Associations should bring forward the date on which they elect representatives who would be the principal beneficiaries of a change. I suggest that Associations give consideration to this matter.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

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CENTURY-OLD BELLS DISCOVERED IN LANCASHIRE

Six steel bells have been discovered at the Church of St. Peter, Belmont, Lancs, a tiny village about four miles from Bolton. The bells were bought by Mr. John Hick, of Bolton, from Naylor Vickers and Co., steel manufacturers in Sheffield, on November 22nd, 1860.

A recent survey by Roy Jolley and James E. Andrews proved the bells to be hung at an angle of 45 degrees to the vertical on a large oak beam, three bells being on either side. A rope is fastened to the clapper, which rests on the lower lip of the bell, and passes round pulleys on the wall and floor before descending into the ringing room. Thus when the rope is pulled down the clapper is lifted from the bell, and on releasing it the clapper falls back on to the bell and creates the note.

The bells, with their diameters and weights, are as follows:—

Treble: 30 in., 462 lb.

2nd: 33 in., 526 lb.

3rd: 37 in., 772 lb.

4th: 38 in., 794 lb.

5th: 42 in., 1,033 lb.

Tenor: 45 in., 1,165 lb.

The total cost of the bells and fittings was £205 5s. 6d.

Unfortunately the bells are subjected to mists and rains which sweep down from the surrounding moorlands. This has had the effect of corroding the bells, causing them to sound out of tune, but hymns are still rung on most Sundays by three parishioners. R.J.

TWO CRACKED BELLS IN KENT

In 1959 Messrs. John Taylor and Co. completed the magnificent restoration of the six bells (tenor 15½ cwt.) at Chislehurst, Kent, one of the great occasions of the Canterbury District. Alas, for no apparent reason, the fourth, one of the original bells in the 1729 Samuelli Knight ring, has become cracked and cannot be used. Funds are in hand to have this bell recast.

At the same time another bell by Samuelli Knight, the fourth of the heavy and difficult five at Ivychurch, which was known to be cracked in the crown, has become worse and must become disused for safety's sake. There is no local interest in the bells in this, the greatest of Romney Marsh's churches, owing to a lack of ringers, occasioned by the appalling "go" of the bells—a vicious circle. However, the Rector is seeing that the four sound bells continue to ring occasionally.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the A.G.M. of the Cambridge University Guild in Clare the following officers were elected: Alan T. Winter (Christ's), Master; Dale Barton (Selwyn), secretary; J. Roderick Lebon (Selwyn), steeplekeeper; Graham Band (Emmanuel), librarian.

The president, Mr. W. Ridgeman (Queens'), took the opportunity of thanking the retiring officers for their efforts on behalf of the Guild.

RHODESIAN MASTER MARRIED

On April 12th the Master of the Rhodesian Guild of Bell Ringers and tower captain of Salisbury Cathedral, Ken Cross, was married to Miss Molly Bassett at the Cathedral. Some good 10-bell ringing was achieved during an hour before the service. In addition to all the local ringers, Mrs. Val Grossmith, from Umvukwes, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle, of Que Que, were present. Because of another wedding ringing was limited to a quarter of an hour after the service.

Ken Cross has been ringing at Salisbury Cathedral since the bells were hung in 1961 and is one of the three stalwarts of the original band. At the inception of the Guild he was elected secretary, a post he held until this year when he was elected Master. Ken took over the tower captaincy of Salisbury in 1966, and of those who rang at his wedding five had been trained by him.

LAKENHEATH TOWER CAPTAIN RETIRES

The annual ringing for St. George's Day at St. Mary's Church, Lakenheath, Suffolk, was a special occasion as the tower captain, Gerald Miller, was retiring after 42 years and 60 years as a ringer.

During this time he has taught many ringers, and his patience and tolerance will be remembered for many years to come. The local team showed their appreciation by asking the Vicar (Canon W. A. C. Ullathorne) to present him with an engraved tankard. May his work be an example to those who carry on and may he continue to ring for many years yet. His successor is Mrs. E. M. Peachey.

PEAL OF 16 "IN HAND"

A great achievement in handbell ringing is a peal of Kent Treble Bob Sixteen rung on April 25th at Watford, conducted by John R. Mayne. This is the first peal ever rung on 16 bells and was rung at the first attempt. The conductor informs us that the only practice was two leads of Kent and Oxford immediately beforehand to get the feel of the compass. The time taken was 3 hours and 56 minutes.

CITY RING SCRAPPED

The ring of eight bells in the lantern tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street, which has not been rung almost within memory, has been taken from the tower and sold for scrap. A single bell of 10 cwt. will replace them. The bells were cast by Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, in 1832 from metal of the bells in the previous church, with a tenor of 19 cwt. Several peals are recorded in the porch, together with details of the bells, and it is to be hoped that these records will remain in position. The famous clock jacks will continue to amuse passers-by.

REVIEW

"Death of a Dissenter", by Lynton Lamb

This is a cheerful detective novel which should appeal to many ringers. It is set in a small village, somewhere in or near Suffolk to judge by the idiomatic use of the word "do" in place of "if". One man is very much disliked: he wants to stop the bells ringing; he also confiscates cricket balls so that a match comes to an undignified end. When he is found dead in the ringing chamber no one is sorry, but the police investigations establish that only the well-liked Rector had the opportunity to murder him. P.C. Fell is a ringer, and from his knowledge of the behaviour of bells comes the solution.

Inevitably this book will be compared with "The Nine Tailors": it is a detective story in the classical tradition, with bells as an integral part of the plot, though only the most basic knowledge of bells is required here and the plot is nothing like so complicated. Still, it would be a pleasant addition to a ringer's holiday reading. It is published by Gollancz in their familiar yellow jacket, has 160 pages including a map; price 21/-.

J.S.

PRESENTATION TO GEOFF DODD

At the quarterly meeting of the Andover District at Stockbridge a presentation was made to Mr. Geoff Dodd by Mr. A. W. Alliston of a framed record of the District's history and peals rung for the 40th anniversary. In reply Geoff stressed that it was a marvellous team effort to score 35 peals in the District. He thanked all those who made it possible, with a special mention of Jack Wimlett, hon. secretary during the anniversary year.

A service touch of Cambridge was rung for a rousing service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. After tea, at the business meeting it was decided to hold the striking competition at Goodworth Clatford on October 4th, combined with a quarterly meeting at Upper Clatford.

Evening ringing was on two fives—at Longstock and Leckford.

LATE NEWS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

Although the closing date for tickets (two per member) for the Civic Reception at St. Albans was April 30th, the majority of members overlooked the request. Immediate application must be made to Mr. A. Rex Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts.

The closing date for applications for breakfast following H.C. at the Abbey on Whit Tuesday and also for the coach tour on Whit Monday is May 17th.

HILDA MASSEY'S PEAL WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and London and three of Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Roger I. Kendrick Treble	Geoffrey Hebden 4
Walter S. Rice 2	David G. Massey 5
Roy W. Rice 3	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Malcolm E. Wade.

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.
 Also the 25th peal together by Roy W. Rice with Peter J. England and with Geoffrey Hebden. Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Rung in memoriam Jack Ellsbury, for many years a local ringer.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Victor G. Savage Treble	Walter S. Rice 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	*Roger I. Kendrick 6
Michael G. Bartlett 3	David G. Massey 7
Roy W. Rice 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

HUISH EPISCOPI, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Victor G. Savage Treble	Roy W. Rice 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	Walter S. Rice 6
Michael G. Bartlett 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
*Roger I. Kendrick 4	††David G. Massey Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by David G. Massey.
 * First peal of Quedgeley. † 50th of Surprise Major. First of Surprise and of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

HEMINGTON, Som.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Wells and Beverley and two extents each of Cambridge and Surfleet.
 Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Roger I. Kendrick Treble	*David G. Massey 4
Ronald G. Beck 2	††George W. Massey 5
R. Kingsley Mason 3	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* 50th peal together. † 100th for the Association.

Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHILCOMPTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*David G. Massey Treble	Raymond E. J. Baker 4
Roy W. Rice 2	R. Kingsley Mason 5
Walter S. Rice 3	George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* 50th peal for the Association.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Ronald G. Beck Treble	Peter J. W. Hardwick 5
George W. Massey 2	†Richard C. Taylor 6
David G. Massey 3	Roy W. Rice 7
Walter S. Rice 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * 125th Somerset tower for a peal. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Victor G. Savage Treble	Raymond E. J. Baker 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	†Walter S. Rice 6
Eric Naylor 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
*Roy W. Rice 4	††David G. Massey Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by David G. Massey.
 * 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

URCHFONT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

Victor G. Savage Treble	*Charles F. Andrews 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	Roy W. Rice 6
David G. Massey 3	Walter S. Rice 7
Eric Naylor 4	†R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * 250th peal. † 425th peal. First in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

MELKSHAM, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

*David G. Massey Treble	Charles F. Andrews 5
Roy W. Rice 2	Edward J. Chivers 6
Walter S. Rice 3	Peter J. Eng'and 7
Eric J. Hitchins 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * 100th peal.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

James Phillips Treble	Ian L. Dear 7
William Hibbert 2	John W. Stephenson 8
Roy D. Mills 3	Roger F. Overington 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	Alan R. Patterson 10
Michael V. Chilcott 5	Michael P. Moreton 11
Andrew J. Slade 6	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

Raymond P. Selway Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Trevor E. Marks 2	Michael J. Medley 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Turner, the former being the son of the conductor, and 71st birthday compliment to Trevor E. Marks.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	*Christopher L. D. Munday .. 7
Norah M. Randles 2	Bernard F. L. Groves 8
Christopher M. Movley 3	George H. Randles 9
Christine Andrew 4	Richard S. Starkie 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Basil Jones 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by R. E. G. Dennis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of Stedman.

MARSDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., March 15 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves 6
Richard Starkie 2	Frank Osbaldiston 7
Robert B. Smith 3	Basil Jones 8
Derek Butterworth 4	D. Paul Smith 9
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

STRET福德, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

John C. Baldwin Treble	*J. Anthony Beaumont 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Frank Osbaldiston 6
Giles B. Thompson 3	C. Kenneth Lewis 7
*William J. Irving 4	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
 * First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Anne.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

Clare F. Dolphin Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall 5
Ruth M. Border 2	L. Michael Callow 6
Peter C. Randall 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Ian D. Thompson 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Jackie Quickfall Treble	Jack Chadwick 5
Brian A. Tomlinson 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
Peter Blight 3	Peter B. Knights 7
John S. Harrison 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank E. Haynes Treble	Brian D. Threlfall 5
John G. Gipson 2	Geoffrey Pearson 6
Alan F. Schofield 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Donald F. Murfet 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

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

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

Rung to mark the birth of a son, Brian John, to Philip and Susan Rothera, and a daughter, Emma Jane, to John and Maryl Fielden.

STRETHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent T.B. and one of Cambridge Surprise.	Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.
Donald F. Murfet Treble	Mervyn G. Brown 4
*Gina Carter 2	Roger J. Palmer 5
Alan M. Barber 3	Arthur Yarrow Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Yvonne A. Murray Treble	† Tony Spurgeon 5
* Catherine M. Bew 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds 6
Michael J. Bew 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Richard J. Harrison 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Denis N. Layton.

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

* 50th peal. † First of Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Roderick C. Low and Susanne Smith on their wedding this day at Motherwell.

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Less.

On Fri., April 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
Ian B. Lowther Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
* Geoffrey H. Walker 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
* David A. Tovell 3	Henry Tooke Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold S. Villars, churchwarden 1961-1965.

WETHERSFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 10 methods: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
Mrs. J. E. Poulter Treble	Roy Threadgold 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Elizabeth Campbell 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Donald N. Jennings .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	* W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
* Rowan S. Bradley 3	Michael J. Church 7
* Richard Green 4	* Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

George Kenward Treble	* Laurence Mitchell 5
Terence Barton 2	Brian E. Jemmett 6
Colin A. Tester 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
Timothy D. Wickins .. 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* First peal of Surprise.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
Marilyn J. Chidwick .. Treble	† Charles H. Underdown .. 4
Phyllis R. Chidwick .. 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
* Gordon K. Terris 3	Malcolm Barden Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the "Siege of Kohima."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

James Hedgcock Treble	Robert B. Smith 6
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Ernest Bennett 7
* John O. Freeman 3	Alan Ward 8
Gerald Moorhouse 4	* William H. Dowse 9
Michael J. Platt 5	Derek F. Yates Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a tribute to the life of George Pye (aged 80), oldest serving member of the Cathedral company, who died on March 18th, 1969, and the Very Rev. Herbert Arthur Jones, B.Sc., former Dean of Manchester from 1954 to 1963, who died on February 17th, 1969.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh .. Treble	Roy Jolley 5
James Cunliffe 2	R. Keith Lister 6
Neil T. E. Burnett .. 3	David Makin-Taylor .. 7
John Illingworth .. 4	Geoffrey Fothergill .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

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

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

John Partington Treble	David Howarth 5
Derek Butterworth .. 2	Michael Tompsett 6
Janet Lawson 3	Michael Platt 7
Wyn Pugh 4	Michael Fishwick Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Michael Fishwick.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Unitarian Church.

On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 17 lb. in F.

David Howarth Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Michael Fishwick 2	J. Colin Ashworth 6
Wyn Pugh 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
J. M. Donald Bateman .. 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

Rung to mark the centenary of the church and bells.

STRETTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., three extents of St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
David J. Bennett Treble	* Nicholas Thomson 4
Neil T. E. Burnett .. 2	* David C. Makin-Taylor .. 5
R. Keith Lister 3	A. John Illingworth Tenor

Conducted by David J. Bennett.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. First as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to David John and Guy Flint, born to ringers of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Sheila M. Anthony Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Denis A. Frith 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook 7
David F. Moore 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret E. Chilton and Stanley G. Snyder, who were married in this church on Saturday, April 5th, 1969.

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Tues., April 8, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Brian R. Danby Treble	J. Edward Cawser 5
Shirley E. Jones 2	Robin A. Gilliver 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	Norman W. Attaway 7
Peter C. Randall 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Vaughan Evans Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
*Kathleen Fox 2	Christopher J. Sharp 6
*M. Ian Minns 3	David Phillipson 7
Peter A. Sleight 4	Richard A. G. Inglis Tenor

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Rung for Palm Sunday. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 117 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Chester, Munden and Sandiacre Surprise, (2) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollersbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Combermere Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey), (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskhams, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Edinburgh and Kentish Delight, (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rosethorne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whetton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob, Hull, Bourne, Cranford, Caithness, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (28 methods by S. Humphrey), (5) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning and Linden Surprise, London Delight, Hadfield, Holme Pierrepont, Disley and Shelford Delight (15 methods by S. Humphrey), (6) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (7) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Sandal, Barnsley South Kirkby and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Staverton, Nostel, Blythe, Pilsey, Finchampstead, Neath and Warsop Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey), with 179 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien Treble	William L. Exton 4
Antony R. Peake 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Simon Humphrey 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 117 methods on the bells and for the Guild.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
(North Lindsey Branch.)

On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.
Stephen Hopkins Treble	Robert A. Gillies 4
Frank Kennington 2	John H. Parker 5
*John Plant 3	Arthur Pashley Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(And the Llandaff Cathedral Guild.)

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Lynne Parker Treble	John W. Bull 6
Ruth E. Havard 2	Michael Pilgrim 7
Anne C. Cooke 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 8
Judith Ashcroft 4	William J. Goodfellow 9
Stephen Fenwick 5	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for Easter and an engagement compliment to Geoffrey Stickland and Ruth Havard.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Peter N. Felton Treble	Geoffrey Bridges 6
Eric Edmondson 2	Harold W. Rogers 7
*Katherine S. Hardy 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby 8
John R. Ketteringham 4	Gerald Penney 9
David E. Rothera 5	Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*Andrew Windridge Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Frank Reed 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	David Redfearn 7
G. William Critchley 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal. First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DALSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
G. William Critchley Treble	Frank Reed 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	John Hill 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method. (Corrigan's No. 33 renamed.)

DALSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

58—58.4.—58—36—14—5.—56—7. 2nds place. I.e. a.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., April 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Patricia M. Mills Treble	*Harold Dowler 5
*Norman Sherratt 2	John Hall 6
Paul J. Atkins 3	Raymond J. Ballard 7
Mandi McCallion 4	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Composed by G. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* 100th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.
Mary Wells Treble	Harry E. Wells 5
Henry Lawrenson 2	William Butler 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Alan D. Edens 7
William L. Gilks 4	Ronald C. Christopher Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.

Rung as a compliment to Mary Marshall and Nicholas Stone on their forthcoming marriage at Thatcham on April 12th, 1969.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Geoffrey Bridges Treble	David C. Brown 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Frank Reed 7
Alan Flood 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

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

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Walter G. Knight Treble	Michael Hatchett 5
Alan R. Pink 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
*Rosamund M. Brown .. 3	Michael J. Church 7
Beryl R. Simpson 4	Anthony K. Fortin Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAYTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Barry R. Care Treble	Patrick I. Chapman 6
Barry E. Saunders 2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 7
Raymond A. Vickers .. 3	James Linnell 8
Christopher C. Stokes .. 4	*Murray A. Coleman 9
†Graham C. Paul 5	†Alan A. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 25th peal together. † 250th peal together. First peal in the method.

GAYTON SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—,14—,12—,30—,14—,30—,14—,38—,90. 1.h. 12.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues. April 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

Stephen B. Bell Treble	Barry R. Care 5
*Pamela B. Dacre 2	Richard J. Cowley 6
Terry G. Smith 3	David W. James 7
Mary R. Coleman 4	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. W. Sharpley, Rector 1937-1967, died April 7th, 1969, aged 71.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARDIGAN.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
*David J. Morgan Treble	Derek H. Walters 4
Pamela M. Turner 2	Philip C. Rogers 5
Arthur F. Walters 3	Richard L. Underwood .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Councillor D. P. Griffiths, Mayor of Cardigan, auditor of the Guild and ringer at this church.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John W. Lindon Treble	James W. Belshaw 5
George E. Fearn 2	Maurice F. Edwards 6
David J. G. Bates 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Stephen W. Barton 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Graham W. Elmes Treble	George E. Bonham 5
*Michael J. Young 2	William T. Perrins 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	Robert E. J. Dennis 7
Timothy F. Collins 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. 75th peal as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Fri., March 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 155 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Clifton, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Burton-Joyce and Car-Colston Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Newstead, Blidworth, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods by S. Humphrey), (2) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Crowland and Combermere Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey), (3) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Carisbrooke, Wath, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow Thorpe, Walsby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (21 methods by S. Humphrey), (4) Wollaton, Attenborough, Aspley and Winthorpe Delight, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Misson, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton and Ossington Surprise (22 methods by S. Humphrey), (5) Skipton, Chapstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bagedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whaddon-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Crofton, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob, Hull, Bourne, Cranford, Caithness, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (28 methods by S. Humphrey), (6) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Clarence, St. Albans, Wragby, Charwood, Neasden, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (7) College Exercise, London Scholars', Norbury, Kingston, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchamstead and Warsop Delight (18 methods by S. Humphrey), with 205 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight Treble	William L. Exton 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Simon Humphrey 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Greatest number of Minor methods yet rung in a peal.

Barnby-in-the-Willows:	36—34, 16—12—1236—34—36.	1.h. 12.	54632
Bunney:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—34, 56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Barton-in-Fabis:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—12, 56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Babworth:	—34—1456—12—36—34—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Averham:	—34—1456—12—36—12—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Clayworth:	—34—1456—12—1236—12—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Clifton:	—34—1456—12—1236—34—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Bathley:	—34—1456—12—36—12—36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Brough:	—34—1456—12—36, 12—12, 36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Bothamsall:	—34—1456—12—1236—12—36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Sturton-le-Steeple:	—56—1456—12—36, 12—34, 56.	1.h. 12.	42635
Stapleford:	—56—1456—12—36, 12—12, 56.	1.h. 12.	42635
Shireoaks:	—56—1456—12—36—34—56.	1.h. 12.	42635
Selston:	—56—1456—12—36—12—56.	1.h. 12.	42635
Kilvington:	—56—1456—12—1236—12—56.	1.h. 12.	42635
North Wheatley:	—56—1456—12—1236—34—56.	1.h. 12.	42635
Nuthall:	—56—1456—12—36—12—36.	1.h. 12.	42563
Alverton:	—56—1456—12—36—12—12, 36.	1.h. 12.	42563
Edwinstowe:	—56—14—12—36, 12—34, 56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Cuckney:	—56—14—12—36, 12—12, 56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Cotgrave:	—56—14—12—36—34—56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Collingham:	—56—14—12—36—12—56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Everton:	—56—14—12—1236—12—56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Laxton:	—56—14—12—1236—34—56.	1.h. 12.	42563
Mansfield Woodhouse:	—56—14—12—36—12—36.	1.h. 12.	42635
Misson:	—56—14—12—36, 12—12, 36.	1.h. 12.	42635
Ravenshead:	—56—14—12—1236—12—36.	1.h. 12.	42635
Wollaton:	—56—14—12—16—34—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Aspley:	—56—14—12—16, 34—34, 56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Attenborough:	—56—14—12—16, 34—12, 56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Winthorpe:	—56—14—12—16—12—56.	1.h. 12.	35264
Screveton:	—34—14—56—36—12—36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Burton Joyce:	—34—14—56—36, 12—12, 36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Car-Colston:	—34—14—56—1236—12—36.	1.h. 12.	36245
Holbeck:	—34—16—56—36, 12—34, 56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Clipston:	—34—16—56—36, 12—12, 56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Blidworth:	—34—16—56—36—34—56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Newstead:	—34—16—56—36—12—56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Linby:	—34—16—56—1236—12—56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Brinsley:	—34—16—56—1236—34—56.	1.h. 12.	36245
Papplewick:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—34, 56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Thoroton:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—12, 56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Scrooby:	34—34, 16—56—36—34—56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Bole:	34—34, 16—56—36—12—56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Wellow:	34—34, 16—56—1236—12—56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Thorpe:	34—34, 16—56—1236—34—56.	1.h. 16.	64523
Walsby:	34—34, 16—56—36—12—36.	1.h. 16.	34625
Askham:	34—34, 16—56—36, 12—12, 36.	1.h. 16.	34625
East Leake:	34—34, 16—56—1236—12—36.	1.h. 16.	34625
Ossington:	—56—1456—12—1236—12—36.	1.h. 12.	42563

Winthorpe appears in Stedman's "Campanalogia," 1677, as Cymbridge Bob, and Blidworth appeared in "Bell News" on May 5th, 1883, as Steeple Delight. Neither seems to have been rung to 720's.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	W. Gordon Marsh 5
Pamela J. Clifton 3	Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung with congratulations from all the band to Margaret E. Chilton and Stanley G. Snyder, married at Newark on April 5th, 1969.

BINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Joyce M. Marsh Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 4
H. Geoffrey Wells 2	W. Gordon Marsh 5
Pamela J. Clifton 3	Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Pamela J. Clifton.

First peal as conductor,

Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clifton, parents of the conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. (C.C. Nos. 31 and 32.) Tenor 9 cwt 13 lb. in A.

Margaret Ellwood Treble	Cyril T. Collins 4
*E. John Dolman 2	*Leslie E. Monk 5
Lucy Smith 3	Clive M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., April 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 TREALES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher R. Harris .. Treble	Christopher F. Mew 5
Julie S. Armstrong 2	Rev. Michael Hart 6
Laurence C. Way 3	Alan R. Patterson 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Carver, who is leaving for Treales, Lancashire.

TREALES SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—1458—58—36—14—58—12—78. i.e. A. A clear-proof scale.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

John Pladdys Treble	*Kenneth J. Rider 4
*Nigel Thomson 2	*Michael J. Uphill 5
Alan D. Flood 3	Phillip A. Butler Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* Now completes the Stedman "family" from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's Bob and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Bronwen J. Davies (13) .. Treble	Patrick M. Wills 4
*Susan M. Wills 2	Philip Stevens 5
E. Winifred Keys 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal attempt. † First in seven Minor methods.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

Parker's 12-part Treble	Geoffrey W. Taysom 5
*John Copping 2	F. Malcolm Bowers 6
Harry Miles 3	Canon A. S. Roberts 7
*Marion L. Lidgely 4	*Michael D. Smaldon .. Tenor

Conducted by Canon A. S. Roberts.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. 50th on the bells. First eight-bell peal by members of the Penzance Branch.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Harry Miles, and to mark the baptism of Kirsty Louise, granddaughter of the conductor.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).

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

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Timothy J. Bell 5
Anthony Locke 2	G. William Critchley 6
*H. Gay J. Meyrick 3	Anthony J. Davidson 7
Alan Carveth 4	Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal "inside" and on eight.

SENNEN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Sennen.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Robert Peel Pearce Treble	Anthony P. Smith 4
Anthony Locke 2	Timothy J. Bell 5
F. Malcolm Bowers 3	T. Roy Hart 6

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

First of Minor as conductor.

ST. EVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Eval.

On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 methods/variations in 42 extents: Four methods, St.

Martin, St. Simon, Antelope and Grandsire, and 38 variations.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G sharp.

F. Malcolm Bowers Treble	Anthony Locke 4
Robert Peel Pearce 2	Timothy J. Bell 5
Anthony J. Davidson 3	T. Roy Hart Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORSTMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Michael J. Young Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
William T. Perrins 2	Richard H. Youdale 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
Melvyn J. Hiller 4	Rev. Roger Keeley Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sun., April 13, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Lesley W. Kinston Treble	†Jack C. Wimlett 5
David Goss 2	Howard E. J. Smith 6
†Michael Goss 3	†Roger C. Wimlett 7
Terry T. Tarrant 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." ‡ First on eight bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Verona C. Naylor Treble	*Cyril Griffiths 5
E. Marion Key 2	*Leslie F. Smith 6
Charles F. W. Eyre 3	Alfred W. Glazzard 7
Ian Friend 4	Barnabas G. Key Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Major.

LEIGH, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Edburga.

On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*M. Frederick Stallard .. Treble	Reginald Rowe 4
Royston Grosvenor 2	Thomas W. Lewis 5
Shirley M. Drew 3	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First attempt for a peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, W. Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Meanwood.

On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being five extents each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob, and two extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Graham Miller Treble	Suzanne J. Withers 3
*David Whitehead 2	Ronald J. Snack 4

Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

* First peal of Doubles.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

BEVIS.—On April 19th, 1969, at March, to June and Trevor, the gift of a son, Mark, a brother for Denise and Andrea. 7117

ENGAGEMENT

BOWER—HEAD.—The engagement is announced between Richard Andrew James Bower, of Wroxham, Norfolk, and Carole Julie Head, of Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. 7120

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAVID P. HILLING has now returned to 57, Bryant Avenue, Slough, Bucks; telephone: Slough 32928. 7081

PAUL.—As from May 1st the address of Geoffrey and Margaret Paul will be 9, Oadby Rise, Sunnyhill, Derby, DE3 7LX. 7119

PRIME.—The address of Pat, Dick and children is now 1, Newbury Close, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts (same house, new road). 7083

PERSONAL

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you."—I Corinthians iii, 16.

Would Mr. W. T. HOLMES, of Hyde Valley House, Hyde Valley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned marked "Gone Away".

PEAL TOUR

A few ringers required for leisurely but high-class peal tour during last week in June.—Apply Box 7049, "The Ringing World," Guildford. 7049

HANDBELLS WANTED

REQUEST FROM NEW ZEALAND

Sir,—Prior to coming to New Zealand I was connected to a handbell and church bell ringing team in our local parish. I have spoken to the Rev. R. Kyle, of St. Andrew's Mission District of North New Brighton, about forming a handbell ringing team in this area. I wonder if anyone possesses a full set of handbells that are not in use and would be willing to donate them to the Mission District of North New Brighton where they may be put into full use for the enjoyment of people. All replies will be acknowledged.—J. A. Morgan, 81, Beach Road, New Brighton, N., Christchurch, 7, New Zealand. 7131

WANTED

WANTED.—If anyone is about to dispose of an old frame and wheel (preferably wooden, condition relatively unimportant) for a small 14 in. bell, please contact me as I want one to display the bell.—J. Mann Taylor, 13, Barrowdene Close, Pinner, Middx. 7094

WANTED.—Tandem by two young ringers of limited financial resources, preferably with Derailleur gears and good brakes. Please contact Richard Harris, 11, Haycroft Way, East Bridgford, Nottingham. 7140

CARETAKER REQUIRED

to look after small church hall at St. Mary's, Thatcham. Suitable for couple. Modernised cottage available. Good ring of eight! Reply to Mrs. Belcher, Faraway, Thatcham. Newbury, Berks. 7115

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OUR HISTORY

The Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) gives an historical survey of the journal and details of those who had taken it for 50 years. Printed on art paper. Price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

"RINGING TOWERS" — Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s to 6s to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane North Mymms Hatfield, Herts

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Conductors' course at Braintree, Saturday, May 17th. Theoretical and practical instruction. Write for details as soon as possible to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. 7087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION STROUD BRANCH

The Fifth

Randwick Festival of Handbell Music

(in no way a competition)

will be held at Archway School, Paganhill, Stroud, on Saturday, July 5th. Handbell teams are invited to share this opportunity of listening to each other's music, improving their own ringing thereby and inspiring new interest in unused handbells. Details from E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud, Glos. 7080

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Welshpool, May 26th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by the A.G.M. List of towers and tea tickets (5/-, payable in advance, s.a.e. please) from G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 19th. 7045

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD. NOTTS.—Diamond jubilee year. Flower and industrial festival, May 10th-18th. Five bells available each evening and all day Saturdays. Location: off A611 and between M1 junctions 27 and 28. Refreshments and ample car park available. 7111

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623)

The 346th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Further details later. Please book the date.—L. E. Piistow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road. Phone: 2074. 7093

LITTLE MUNDEN FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Near Ware

Whitsun Week-end: Saturday to Monday, May 24th-26th

A very warm welcome is extended to any groups of ringers who wish to visit this tower at any time during this week-end. A ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.). Make for village of Dane End, Road number B1008 from Ware (six miles). Any further details write (Miss) Elizabeth Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware. 7124

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Round Crawford Cup, May 10th, at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, 2.30 for 3 start. Tea 5.15. Service 6.30. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. B. 7066

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined practice at Lelant, Tuesday, May 13th, 7.30 p.m. Method: Stedman Doubles (from the start). Now is your chance to learn Stedman. Roll up! 7130

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

ANNUAL DINNER, 1969

Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. At the King Alfred Kingsway, Hove, Sussex

Tickets (27s. 6d.) from Miss Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, or other divisional secretaries. Orders for tickets must be accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., please. 6991

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8). Tuesday, May 20th, 7.30-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, Tuesday, May 13th, from 7.30-9.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7137

UNIVERSITY ARRANGEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, May 10th. Carter ringing machine on view at 2 p.m. St. Olave's, Hart Street, bells 4. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to R. C. Woodward, 86, Ferndene Road, S.E.24. 7061

CANCELLED

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting arranged for Saturday, May 10th, at Farnham and Manuden has been cancelled as repairs to tower will not be completed in time.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet. 7099

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Saturday, May 10th, at Cudham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea, cups of tea provided in Church Hall.—Margaret A. Large, Hon. Sec. 7053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7040

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tollesbury, Saturday, May 10th. District Striking Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to R. J. Harrison, 32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 7048

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Striking competition, Gt. Bromley (6). May 10th, 2.30 p.m. followed by general ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Weenden, The Chase, Great Bromley, Colchester. 7059

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western District.—District Striking Competition heats, Chigwell, on May 10th at 6 p.m. starting promptly.—K. Warner, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Minety and Oaksey (6), May 10th. Minety at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. 7110

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Fast Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckereil, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Lower Woolbrook, Sidmouth, Tel.: 2795. 7096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—May 10th, Striking Competition afternoon, Albury. Service 4.30, Tea and meeting. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 7074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 10th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt. 7078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Bearsted (6), on May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Bearsted, Kent. 7097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A practice meeting will be held on May 10th at Littlebourne (6) from 2.30–5 p.m. and Wingham (8) from 6–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea will be available between 5 and 6 p.m.—J.B.K. 7090

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting on Saturday, May 10th, at Diseworth (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Hathern (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. H. Harris, 15 Greenhill Rise, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics.—H. F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7076

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 10th, St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, 3–4.30. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Peter's, Bushey Heath, 7–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. A. Rose, 33a, West Mead, South Ruislip, Middlesex. Special methods: Double Norwich and Bristol.—M. R. W., Sec. 7071

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Modwen's Church, Burton, on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing: Winhill (6), 3–4 p.m.; St. Modwen's (8), after meeting. Service at St. Modwen's 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools 5 p.m. All welcome. 7056

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—

Annual meeting, Burton Parish Church, Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Winhill bells available in afternoon, 3 to 4 p.m. 7056

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 7050

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice, May 10th, Kettering (10), 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 7122

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramfield on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Halesworth (8) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 7, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk.—T.N.J.B. 7041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Walberton, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells in the evening.—R. Wake, Dis. Sec. 7142

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 17th, 1969
AT RUSHDEN

Committee Meeting in the Vestry Hall 2.45 p.m.

Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by Meeting in the Church Institute 5 p.m.

Tea Tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) by Tuesday previous from Mr. B. Whitworth, 42 Bedford Road, Rushden, NN10.0NB

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rushden (8)	3.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wollaston (6)	12 noon –1.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–8.00 p.m.
Wilby (6)	12 noon –1.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Finedon (8)	12.30 p.m.–2.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–8.30 p.m.
Stanwick (6)	2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough	Evening Only 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5), Ecton (6)	10.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m.
Bozeat (5), Earls Barton (8)	11.00 a.m.–12 noon
Mears Ashby (6)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Higham Ferrers (8)	1.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

THE GUILD FESTIVAL will be held at WOOTTON BASSETT on May 10th, 1969. The Festival service will be in the Church of All Saints at 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Biddlecombe. Address by Canon H. V. White.

Tea at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Station Road. (Tickets for tea, 6s. 6d., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts. Strictly No ticket. No tea.)

Followed by Annual General Meeting.

TOWERS OPEN FOR RINGING

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	
Calne (8)	Heddington (6)
Wootton Bassett (8)	Hilmarton (6)
Bremhill (6)	Lynham (6)
Broad Hinton (6)	Compton Bassett (5)
Yatesbury (5)	

By special permission of Gloucester and Bristol Association:

Swindon, Christ Church (10), 12 noon to 2 p.m. Swindon, St. Mark's (8), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Towers in Devizes and Marlborough Branches by arrangement.

F. S. SLATFORD, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. NOTE: Annual Guild Festival for 1970 is due to be held in West Dorset Branch. 7037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Dyrham (6) and Doynton (5), Friday, May 16th, 7.30 p.m. at both towers. Visitors are always welcome to join with us at our meeting, both for their ringing and social value.—N. J. Smart, Hon. Sec. 7121

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Carlton, May 17th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 2, Eridge Road, Guisborough, Yorkshire. 7132

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. L. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, Chesterfield, Tel.: Ashover 283.—M. Phipps, T. Wylie, Secs. 7127

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition, May 17th. Littleton, Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. on or before 14th.—J. S. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Downham (6), Saturday, May 17th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Jamieson, 41, Margarite Way, Wickford, Essex, early please.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Rendcomb (6), Saturday, May 17th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 7098

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stonehouse (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington (6) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 13th, please. 7134

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting, Bagshot, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 3–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Worplesdon 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. B. J. Searle, 4, Church Road, Bagshot, by previous Wednesday.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7128

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, May 17th, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., with tea and meeting. Names please to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. —R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7062

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, May 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea difficult—no name no tea. Notification to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 17th, Little Hadham (5). Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Braughing (8). Names for tea essential to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, ONLY for those who notify Mr. H. Player, Quarry Cottages, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden 6985

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Frome (8), Saturday, May 17th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. J. 7136

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea supplied.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7139

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Joint meeting with the Bingham District (Southwell Guild) at Croxton Kerrial (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ward, Chapel Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham, by previous Wednesday. Skittle match after ringing.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7114

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. Nicholas, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (telephone 4462), by Tuesday, May 13th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—At Blankney on Saturday May 17th. Striking Contest at 2.30 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service at 5.30 p.m. Evening Meeting at 6 p.m.—G.R.P. 7085

NOTICES (continued overleaf)

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., March 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Neil D. Lomas	7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At No. 10, Churchfields.

On Fri., March 7, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 18 in G

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

* 50th handbell peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Tues., April 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Peter Blight	1-2	John S. Harrison	5-6
Gordon A. Halls	3-4	David W. Friend	7-8

*Derek G. Armstrong .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 19 in F.

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	Christopher W. Woolley	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 50th handbell peal. First of York Surprise Maximus by all the band and the Association. The conductor's first peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton (Tel. 316), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: the Capel, Sandal, etc., group. 7112

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—May 17th. ringing at Hatfield Broad Oak 2.30. Stebbing 4, Great Dunmow 5.30. Dinner 7.30. Names to D. L. Gullick (Stevenage 54309). 6961

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Saturday, May 17th. Monken Hadley. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Regret not possible to arrange tea. South Mimms bells available 6.30-7.30.—E. H. Kilby. 7141

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lowestoft, May 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. E. Crowe, 49, Sussex Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 7095

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, May 17th, Dunstable (by kind invitation), 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—A. J. White. 7133

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Codsall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, May 17th. Please note: Committee meet 2.30 p.m. in nave. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for latter to Mr. H. E. Green, 36, Heath Farm Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton (tel. Codsall 2879), by May 14th latest, please.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 7047

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, May 17th, Clapham Common Roman Catholic Church (8 bells), 7.30-8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7011

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Crawford Cup contest meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 17th. Meet 2.30. Draw 2.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, by Tuesday previous.—D. J. T. 7135

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing at Little Horsted (6) in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 6990

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Kidderminster flower festival at St. Mary's Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Teas from 3.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome.—Bernard C. Ashford, Branch Sec. 7089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Saturday, May 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Southern District A.G.M. after tea, Short Evensong 7 p.m., then bells until 9 p.m.—J. Seager and T. Tarbatt, Secs. 7143

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Extraordinary General Meeting at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on TUESDAY, MAY 20th at 7.30 p.m.

Business: The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, having proffered his resignation, to elect a temporary hon. secretary and treasurer for the period May 21st, 1969, to January 3rd, 1970.

Would all members and visitors please note that there will be no Guild practice on this date.

J. A. AINSWORTH, Hon. Sec.
54, Royal Oak Road,
Halesowen, Worcs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed half-yearly meeting will now be held at St. George's, Jesmond (8), Saturday, May 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pardoe, 36, Reid Park Road, Newcastle, 2. 7088

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

THE IRISH SEA.—On "Holyhead Ferry I," between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire.

On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

The "Barrabool" Peal.	Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank	1-2 Hugh N. Evans
Valerie Willard	3-4 Cyril A. Wratten

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., April 11, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Killarney, Original, Plain, College, Single Oxford, Single Court and St. Clement's College.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)			5-6

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16 B, Sutherland Place.

On Thurs., April 3, 1969, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being four different extents and one 2,160 block.

Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham	1-2	Maureen J. Carruthers	3-4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.)			5-6

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.

TORONTO, Canada.—At 50, Ravensbourne Crescent.

On Wed., April 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

David Ingram	1-2	Derek M. Sawyer	5-6
William H. Jackson	3-4	John Owen	7-8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAPLEFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 29, Brisbane Drive.

On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 17 in A.
William L. Exton	1-2 Simon Humphrey
R. Brian Mills (cond.)	

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

90th A.G.M. at Chelmsford

on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday,
May 26th

Service in Cathedral 11 a.m., followed
by meeting in the Chapter House.

Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tea (3s.) in Bentley Village Club 5-6.15 p.m. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, P.O. and s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.15-10.45 a.m. and 3-4. Further details with tickets.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7123

LATE NOTICES

CANCELLED

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—May 10th meeting cancelled (Benfieldside)—tower unavailable.—W. Davidson, Sec. 7146

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—A.G.M., May 10th, Putney St. Mary, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Fulham All Saints', 12 noon-1 p.m. Carter ringing machine, Science Museum, 2 p.m. St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 7145

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7147

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 17th. Holywell (6). Draw for performance at 2.45 p.m. Entries by May 10th. Tea will be booked for competing teams; others to notify H. S. Peacock, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. Further ringing in the evening. 7148

Inner Story of Marlborough's Eight

By the Rev. ROGER KEELEY

ON Sunday, April 20th, the new bells making a ring of eight at Marlborough St. Mary's were dedicated by the Rector (Rev. Jeremy Walsh) at the Family Communion service before a large congregation and in the presence of the president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. C. West. The new trebles were cast from metal from the old ring of eight at St. Peter's Church, Marlborough, and have been inscribed "Peter" and "Paul". The tenor bell, cast in 1922, has been retuned.



The idea of making one good ring of eight for Marlborough began from a casual and possibly careless remark early in 1967. The P.C.C. were considering whether it could afford to employ a parish worker. As debate was reaching a stalemate I chanced to say that we had eight redundant bells in a semi-redundant church which must be worth a lot of money. Fortunately the diocese takes precautions against anyone disposing of church property, so the bells could not be sold to pay anyone's salary. But members of the P.C.C. and the newly-appointed Rector began to think what could be done with them.

It was clear from the start that to rehang St. Peter's bells and restore the tower at several thousand pounds' cost was a luxury we could not afford. Yet it seemed wrong that the daughter church which was only occasionally used should have more bells than the parish church. So the scheme took shape of putting two of St. Peter's bells in St. Mary's Church and selling the rest to cover the cost. It was a hard decision for no one likes to dispose of bells, but offers to buy the ring complete were not forthcoming.

TOOK FRIGHT

Estimates for the work were obtained and we found that we could save a lot of money by lowering the bells ourselves. Two local men offered their services and help but, having surveyed the operation, took fright and said they would rather not

do it! It was then that I rang Peter Minchin in Swindon, who nobly came to the rescue. The tackle arrived from London and, on a Saturday of August last year, we set to work. Immediately there were snags. No one had quite realised that the bells of St. Peter's hung 90 feet up in the tower, with no scope for erecting a second gib. A quick dash to firms in the town and half-an-hour spent on the telephone to obtain another length of chain produced no results. It was obtained by a local ringer

making a special journey to London. Helping Peter Minchin was Allan Keen, from Aldbourne, while I spent most of my time acting as public relations officer. I remember spending a whole morning persuading the Rector to let us take down an old brick chimney stack in St. Mary's tower which was rather an obstruction, but we made a lot of dust which proved unpopular with a firm who were rebuilding the organ at the time.

For six months the local band rang the five remaining bells. Though my own departure from Marlborough came in September, it was encouraging that the scheme had got so far—at least to the point of no return. The new bells arrived on March 25th together with the tenor for rehang. The question in all our minds at this stage was not how they would "go" but how they would sound. It was well answered when we were able to ring them, for the White-chapel Foundry have made an excellent "splice" and we have at last a very tuneful ring.

JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Marlborough and Calne Branches was held at St. Mary's, Marlborough, on April 19th, and it was a unanimous verdict that St. Mary's had a very fine octave. The curate (Rev. J. W. F. Hamblen) conducted the service and based his address on SS. Peter and Paul, with special reference to the new trebles.

After an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. Hamblen and helpers, Mr. G. Newman, Marlborough Branch chairman, welcomed the guests. Officers of the Calne Branch present were Mr. J. D. Hacker (chairman), Mr. J. D. Sankey (secretary) and Miss Maundrell (Ringing Master). Mr. F. Slatford, general secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. Roger Keeley also attended. A glowing tribute to Mr. Keeley's hard work whilst in the Branch was paid by the chairman, and this was heartily endorsed.

Before ringing was resumed Mr. Hacker, on behalf of Calne Branch, thanked the hosts and said a return visit would probably be held at Broad Hinton in the near future.

QUARTER PEALS

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, A. F. Ballam 5, F. J. Potter 6. A belated birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Fergusson 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, W. G. Knight 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 3 and 6. For Parish Communion. Also for Evensong, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dianne Gazeley 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, Wendy Fergusson 4, Dorothea M. Robotham 5, A. F. Warren 6, W. G. Knight 7, B. C. Watson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. D. Mack 1, J. F. Steere 2, P. Bill (cond.) 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, A. Frost 5, J. Mitchellmore 6, J. N. Longridge 7, D. R. Bould 8.

HILTON, DORSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, B. Ridout 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, T. Bleatham 4, D. W. Woodcock 5, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 6.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods/variations): M. Williamson (first quarter) 1, Jane Blackburne 2, Flora Stocker (cond.) 3, A. Nunn 4, Faith Riley 5, P. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. S. K. Salisbury (first on 8 "inside") 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. Locke 4, R. Haines 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Bulleid 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Holy Communion.

KIPPAX, W. YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): G. Miller 1, Suzanne J. Withers 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. Grandidge 4, R. J. Snack (cond.) 5.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 11th, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: Helen Dziubr (first Southrepps) 1, L. G. Smith (cond.) 2, A. E. Sollis (first Southrepps) 3, B. A. Jones 4, R. J. Sollis 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Sandra Percival.

KIRKTHORPE, W. YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Warford 1, C. Grandidge 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, G. Miller 4, D. Whitehead 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, Gillian B. Smith (first T.B.) 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, A. J. Haynes 5, L. G. Pryke 6, W. Jarvis 7, E. A. Cracknell 8. For Evensong. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Codsall, Staffs.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On March 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh Plumb 1, Judith Ascroft 2, Lynne Parker (first "inside") 3, Anne Cooke 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, A. R. Lewis 6, S. Fenwick 7, W. J. Goodfellow 8. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ann Pilgrim 1, Mary Pryor 2, C. Hughes 3, M. Pilgrim 4, D. G. Clift 5, P. A. Williams 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8. For Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6. For early Communion.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On April 6th, 1,320 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, B. Ellis 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. To greet our risen Lord. Also on April 12th, 1,320 Woodbine and Merchants Return Delight Minor by the same band. Also on April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, A. Lunn (first "inside") 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. The last two quarters rung as wedding day compliments to two Sunday School teachers.

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26435	—	2
42635	3	3
62345	2	—
36524	—	—
24536	X	—
25346	—	2
32546	3	—
52436	2	—
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