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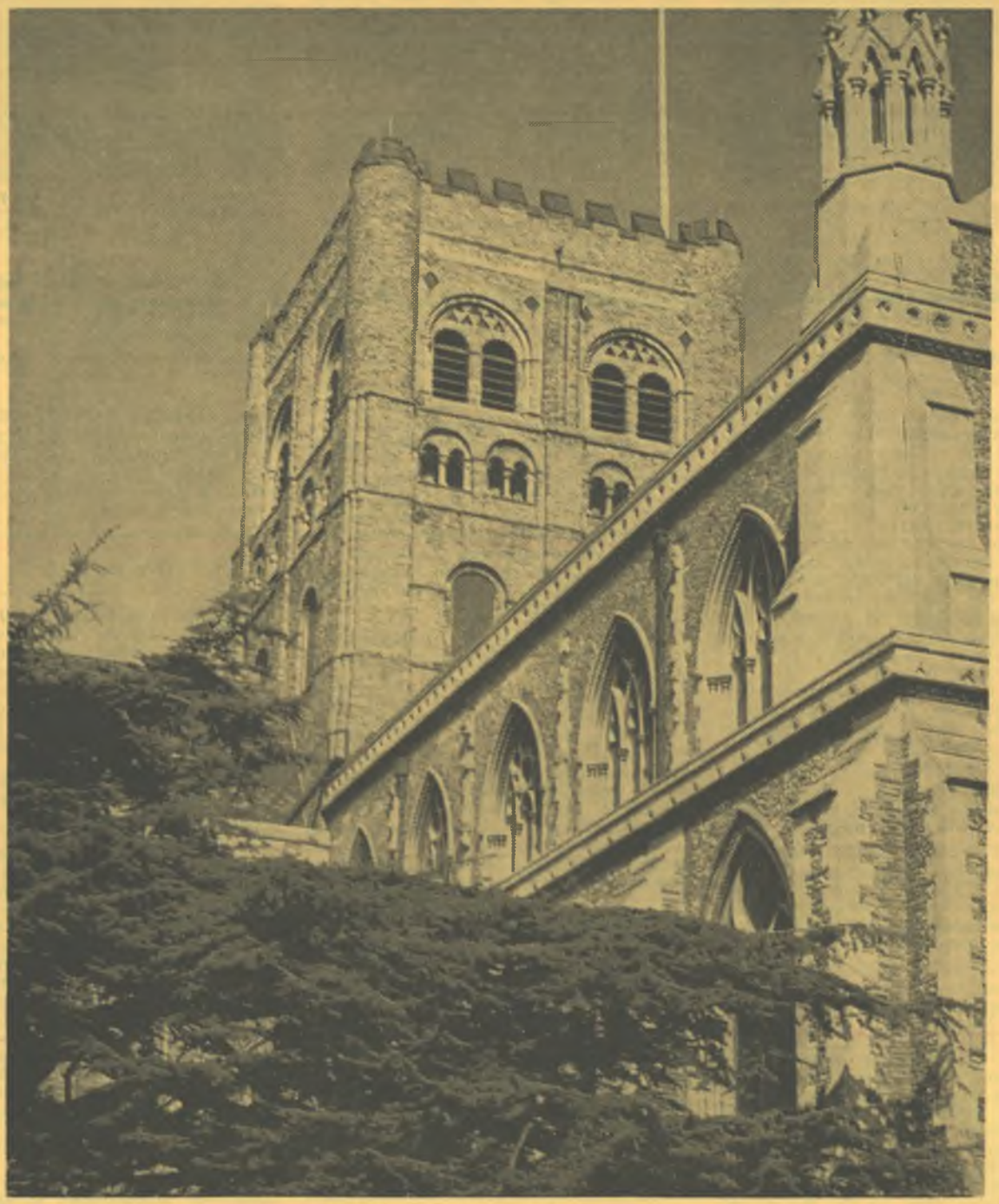

The Cathedral and Abbey Church [*Photo by R. E. Hardy*

YOUR HOSTS

The Fine Tradition of Herts Association

By MARY A. COBURN, Assistant Secretary

THE Hertford County Association came into being in October, 1884, as a result of a meeting convened by the Cathedral Society. The St. Albans Cathedral Society itself was formed in January, 1884, and in September a special meeting discussed the desirability of the formation of a County Association. The secretary was instructed to write to change-ringing Societies within the county inviting them to send representatives to a meeting at the Rectory, St. Albans, on October 29th. The meeting of these representatives resulted in the formation of the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers, with the then Bishop as president.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford in January, 1885, when the rules of the newly-formed Association were agreed. These were based upon those of the Essex Association, with whom there had been some thought of possible amalgamation as a Diocesan Association. In February, 1885, the first peal for the Association was rung at Hertford, being Holt's Original. The first annual report revealed that the Association had 92 ringing members and that eight peals had been rung, being seven of Grandsire and one of Bob Major.

SQUIRE PROCTOR

The bands of "Youths" who had joined together to form the County Association had achieved no little success in the early years of change-ringing. The famous Benington band led by Squire Proctor earned for all time a place in ringing history. In 1849 they rang a peal of Double Norwich, followed by peals of Kent, Superlative, Stedman, London and, in 1873, Cambridge. All were first peals in the method in the county, the Cambridge being the first true peal in the method ever rung. Squire Proctor's band for many years attended the "Great Ringing Days" at Lavenham and Saffron Walden and the openings of new rings of bells or augmentations. Squire Leonard Proctor became the first representative to the Central Council from Hertfordshire, attending the inaugural meeting in 1891. The "Squire" was also president of the Association from 1888 until 1895, the year of his death.

Hertfordshire was much in favour of the formation of the Central Council; indeed at Hitchin in 1889 it was proposed

> "that this meeting is of the opinion that great benefits would accrue to the Exercise if a Council consisting of one or more members selected from each Association could meet together from time to time to consider such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity."

The Braughing (pronounced "Braffin") Youths rang a famous peal in 1779—12,240 Bob Major on May 10th. For over 100 years this peal was annually commemorated by a Ringing Day. Squire Proctor's band went for over 50 years—a saying arose: Braughing bells and Benington ringers. Bands of "Youths" at Hertford, Watford, St. Albans (St. Peter's), Rickmansworth and Hitchin, to mention a few, all achieved peals during the 18th century, the first Hertfordshire peal on ten bells being rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1788, but not by a local band.

All Saints', Hertford, had the first ring of eight in the county in 1674. A "Peal of Tripples" was rung by a local band in 1724, the first great performance of change-ringing in the county. Mr. Trollope decided that this peal was "so evidently the false 5,040 from the Campanalogia" (published in 1702). Westmill, now an unringable five, and Bishop's Stortford (now 10) had rings of eight bells in the early 1700s. The eastern side of the county was alive ringing-wise. Gatherings of ringers took place at week-ends at Hertford and Sawbridgeworth. The years of the 1880s saw considerable activity in the towers near to the Essex border, this being a contributory factor to the proposed link with Essex.

TUESDAY'S TIMETABLE

Headquarters will be the Peahen Hotel, London Road. The Assembly Room will be available for members and visitors on Monday evening.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, City Hall, Tuesday, 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception, Town Hall, Tuesday, 5.30 p.m.

Informal social evening in the Town Hall, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

In November, 1885, a ringing week was arranged for the clerical friends of Canon Wigram, Association secretary; those in the party included Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. Five peals were rung during the week, all constituting records for the Association. 1886 was a year in which a local band rang a peal in St. Albans for the first time since 1810, and the first handbell peal was also scored during that year. The year that followed was one of difficulties; it was even suggested that the Association had broken down.

DEBT TO MR. E. P. DEBENHAM

In 1888 Mr. E. P. Debenham was elected secretary/treasurer, and under his leadership Association matters gained strength. Interest was revived, membership increased, peal ringing progressed, Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected assistant secretary, and these two men, who continued to hold various offices over the years, were a great influence on the Association. In 1907 Mr. E. P. Debenham was elected president, and at his suggestion the presidency became an annual appointment, each District in turn nominating a member for this office. This method is still used. The badge of office was presented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who followed Mr. Debenham as secretary upon completion of his year of presidency.

Annual meetings of the Association are held in rotation around the six Districts into which the county is divided. These Districts, as visitors will find, differ greatly, from the urban community and "commuter land" to new towns and country towns, with the rural areas in the north and east.

No account of Association history, however brief, would be complete without mention of the number of handbell peals rung under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Cashmore. By 1951 Mr. Cashmore had conducted peals in Surprise methods, many new, or new to the Association. Spliced Surprise peals rose to 16 methods in 1952. In the last year a band led by Mr. John Mayne made history, for the Association peal book now records handbell peals rung in 25, 26 and 28 Surprise methods. The band was undoubtedly inspired by the earlier Spliced Surprise bands. 1968 was also a year in which record peals of Oxford (10,784) and Kent T.B. Major (17,824) were rung on handbells in the county.

Another page will be written in the history of the Association with the visit of the Central Council to St. Albans. A new City Hall, opened only a year ago, will be the venue of the Council's deliberations, in a city where the Cathedral stands on the hill looking over the site of Roman Verulamium.

Hertfordshire has no claim to fame for spectacular rings of bells or unusual towers. Hitchin possesses the heaviest ring of eight, although Baldock has the heaviest tenor (26¼ cwt.). Radlett bells (3½ cwt.) are the newest and lightest ring in the county.

One St. Andrew's Day in the mid-1800s, John Carr, of Waltham Cross, walked to Hertford to conduct a peal. On his return he composed a song, which ends:

"May their deeds be recorded in the annals of time,
And long may they live in the steeple to chime."

Those sentiments are echoed as we welcome our fellow-ringers to Hertfordshire.

[With acknowledgments to "Ringing in Hertfordshire", by H. V. Frost.]

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DIOCESE AND COUNTY BID YOU WELCOME

WALTER AYRE, PRESIDENT

For many years it has been my sincere wish to be in a position to invite the Central Council, on behalf of the Hertford County Association, to visit this county. When, as the senior member of our representatives, I was authorised to extend the invitation, which was duly accepted, my pleasure knew no bounds.

This is the first visit of the Council to our county and I am sure it will have no regrets at our choice of venue. We have picked upon St. Albans from the accommodation and other angles, also because of its history, from British settlement origin, through the Verulamium era to present day industry.

The Abbey dominates the city, with its Norman tower made of Roman bricks filched from Verulamium. Even to non-ringers the climb—the second half is worse than the first—is well worth the effort when one looks down on the city and the surrounding countryside, though one has to be fit and not too obese to make the ascent. To ring at the Abbey is certainly an experience—but quite a handy 12.

In the information passed to members will be listed places of interest easily accessible, such as Hatfield House, Luton Hoo, Woburn Abbey, Whipsnade Zoo—besides the museums at St. Albans and the Natural History Museum at Tring. In fact, from Ashwell in the north to Rickmansworth in the south, Tring in the west to Sawbridgeworth in the east, you will find fascination and interests to suit all tastes.

This county is very often mistakenly thought of as purely a dormitory county of London, but I can assure you your eyes will be opened to the contrary if you participate in the tours arranged—open country, unadulterated and only 22 miles from London.

My first real interest in bells was aroused in January, 1901, when the Barton-on-Humber six were rung half-muffled for the death of Queen Victoria. I little realised then that 68 years later I should be the president of this Association—and what an honour I deem it—and as such it gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome all Council members, their wives and friends, who will be coming to St. Albans this Whitsuntide. I can assure you no effort will be spared in making your visit most enjoyable and memorable. All our ringers are determined to give you a hearty welcome in their midst.

I close with the ardent wish that your deliberations will **not** go down in our annals like the historical Battles of St. Albans during the Wars of the Roses.

BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS
(Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, D.D.)

I am delighted to send this message of welcome, through the courtesy of the Editor of "The Ringing World", to all ringers who will be coming to St. Albans for their conference.

On behalf of the diocese, which includes both Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, I write to say we look forward to your visit, and we hope your conference will prove a notable milestone in the Association's history.

I am confident that the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers will do its best to prepare for your arrival, and that the Bedfordshire Association will be co-operative too.

I delight to hear church bells ring, and I am inclined to think I enjoy them all the more because I do not listen to them with the critical ear of a trained ringer. I enjoy visiting bands of ringers though I am not sufficiently skilled to be eligible for election as a ringer member. Just occasionally I am embarrassed to meet ringers in churches in this diocese, for they travel round wherever there is a ring of bells to be dedicated—and I have only one sermon for these occasions. I will not quote from it now for I may need it on May 27th, and on that day I much look forward to meeting many of you.

✠MICHAEL ST. ALBANS.

Service Ringing

Aldenham	(8)	10.15 a.m.	6.00 p.m.
Apsley	(6)	8.45	6.00
Aston	(6)	10.30	6.00
Baldock	(8)	8.30	5.30
Benington	(8)	9.00	5.30
Brent Pelham	(6)	10.15	
Bushey	(8)		5.30
Bushey Heath	(8)	8.30	5.45
Essendon	(6)	10.45	6.00
Great Hormead	(6)	9.00	
Hatfield	(10)	10.15	5.45
Hemel Hempstead	(8)	8.45	6.00
Hitchin	(8)	8.45	5.45
Kimpton	(6)	9.00	
King's Langley	(8)	9.00	6.00
Langleybury	(6)	10.30	6.00
Much Hadham	(8)	8.40	
North Mymms	(8)	10.30	6.00
Northchurch	(8)	7.30, 10.30	6.00
Old Knebworth	(8)	10.15	
Radlett	(6)	9.00	5.45
Redbourn	(6)	9.00, 10.30	6.00
Rickmansworth	(10)	8.45	5.45
Rushden	(5)		6.00
St. Albans			
The Cathedral	(12)	10.15	
St. Michael's	(8)	10.00	5.30
St. Peter's	(10)	10.20	5.50
St. Stephen's	(6)	10.30	6.00
St. Ippolyts	(6)	10.15	
Sandon	(5)	10.45	
Sarratt	(5)	9.15	5.45
Sawbridgeworth	(8)	10.15	
South Mymms	(6)	10.20	5.50
Stevenage	(8)	10.30	5.45
Tring	(8)	9.15	5.45
Watford	(10)	10.00	5.30
Wheathampstead	(6)	10.30	6.00

Other Ringing

Saturday, May 24th, 1969

Northern Tour

Sandridge	(6)	9.30–11.00
Kimpton	(6)	10.15–11.45
St. Paul's, Walden	(6)	11.00–12.30
Hitchin	(8)	11.45– 1.15
Norton	(8)	12.30– 2.00
Baldock	(8)	2.00– 3.30
Ashwell	(6)	2.45– 4.15
Wallington	(6)	3.30– 5.00
Weston	(5)	4.15– 5.45
Benington	(8)	5.30– 7.00
Aston	(6)	6.15– 7.45
Hatfield	(10)	7.00– 8.30

Southern Tour

Radlett	(6)	9.30–11.00
North Mymms	(8)	10.15–11.45
South Mymms	(6)	11.00–12.30
Chipping Barnet	(8)	11.45– 1.15
Monken Hadley	(8)	12.30– 2.00
Northaw	(6)	2.00– 3.00
Cheshunt	(8)	2.45– 4.15
Broxbourne	(8)	3.30– 5.00
Hoddesdon	(8)	4.15– 5.45
Hunsdon	(8)	5.30– 7.00
Great Amwell	(6)	6.15– 7.45
Hertford, St. Andrew's	(8)	7.00– 8.30

Evening Ringing

St. Albans, St. Peter's	(10)	7.30– 9.00
St. Albans, St. Michael's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Monday, May 26th, 1969

Ringing arrangements will be notified to representatives direct, in accordance with the wishes of members expressed at Worcester in 1968.

INFORMATION CENTRE

In the Abbey Room of the H.Q. hotel the Hertford County Association have an information centre and bookstall which will be manned in the evenings and on Sunday.

Maps and guide books will be available and also certain literature relating to ringing, including "The Ringing World".

The host Association has also prepared a handy booklet which has been sent to Central Council members in advance. Of particular value is the map of car parks and directions to various churches listed in the tours. Another thoughtful inclusion is guidance for places to eat at. Thank you, Herts Association, for your careful planning.

The Bells of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban

By R. E. HARDY

DESPITE its great age, the Abbey of St. Alban has only held Cathedral status for comparatively few years, the bishopric having been constituted in 1877. For all its Norman simplicity the building cannot but impress, and it has been once described as "one of the grandest and most interesting churches of England". The continual flow of visitors to the Abbey, and pilgrims to the shrine of St. Alban, is a sure witness to the truth of this observation.

The modern town of St. Albans (not to be confused with Roman Verulamium, which stands on the opposite bank of the River Ver) was built around the Abbey, which itself has a continuous history from the 8th century. It was then that Offa, King of Mercia, smitten by remorse for a treacherous murder, founded a Benedictine Abbey upon the site where the remains of Alban, martyred about the end of the 3rd century in the Diocletian persecution, were discovered, as the chroniclers have it, miraculously, by the leading of a star. There is no knowledge of bells, if any, during the period from its foundation to its rebuilding in the 11th century.

ABBOT'S INTEREST

Paul de Caen, the 14th Abbot, appointed in 1077 by William the Conqueror, was the builder of the Abbey on its present scale, and it is recorded that "he stocked the tower with bells, to which two, larger and more commendable, were added by one of the English nobles, named Lyolf, who dwelt in the woody parts of this country". These bells (and there were probably four) were blessed during the rule of Geoffrey, 16th abbot, on the occasion of a visit by Geoffrey, Bishop of St. Asaph. A further addition of one bell, named after St. Mary, is recorded when William de Trumpington was the 22nd Abbot. Whether these bells were not satisfactory is a matter for speculation, but it is recorded of Roger Horton, the 24th Abbot, that "a great bell truly and a most sonorous one, called by the name of St. Amphibalus, he caused to be made for tolling the curfew daily; other two bells in honour of St. Alban and St. Katherine being made at the same time . . . out of four old bells broken up, without adding the smallest quantity of metal".

The next records are a little confused, but during the rule of the next Abbot, Michael Mentmore, the bell Amphibalus was broken while the curfew was being tolled, and was subsequently recast, as also apparently was the bell Alban, recorded as being "in our time so commendable for its sonorous tone". A further bell, Christ, was added by the 30th Abbot, Thomas-de-la-Mere. It is also interesting to find recorded that in his rule, in 1380, one of these bells fell, but fortuitously became wedged in the beams of the tower, thereby saving both bell and the monks "who sat beneath in the choir". This incident was regarded as a miracle at the time.

No record can be found, despite extensive searches, of bells at the time of the Dissolution (1539). Chauncy records five in 1700, and it is a fair guess that there were also five in 1539. Happily, the Conventual church, together with the lead, iron, glass and bells, was not destroyed, but subsequently granted (in consideration of £400) by Edward VI to the inhabitants of St. Albans.

ANCIENT BELLS REMAIN

These five ancient bells were broken up in 1699 and, with additional metal, were recast by Philip Wightman into a ring of six. Of these, four (present 7, 8, 11 and tenor) still remain. The ring of eight was completed in 1730, when Richard Phelps added two trebles. The lighter of these was recast by John Briant and again, in 1845, by C. and G. Mears. The ring of 12 was completed in 1935 by Mears and Stainbank, when four trebles were added. Other bells have also been recast at odd times (see below).

There is also a Sanctus bell, uninscribed and long-waisted, which now hangs inside and over the west door. This has been dated at about 1290, making it one of the earliest in the county. It is an experience to strike this bell and hear it echo round; by present day standards its tone is nothing short of excruciating!

THE RINGING ROOM

The ringing room and location of the bells are both unusual and worthy of mention. The former is similar to that at Hereford Cathedral, being full of large oak beams which cut across the rope circle. Access is via two stairways, the first in the N.W. corner of the north transept, being a spiral of 68 steps which leads to the triforium. This is traversed by a gallery built in the thickness of the wall, and open on one side, to the base of the central tower stairway. This spiral, of 92 steps, was completed in 1110 and is in places very narrow. Nevertheless, it is surprising how large a person is able to pass along it.

The bells themselves, the only ring of 12 in the diocese, hang in the S.W. corner of the tower, which also houses the clock case. The clock has only one face and this is in the ringing room. The N.W. corner holds the carillon mechanism. In the N.E. corner is a 3,000-gallon, lead-lined water tank, which is always full and acts as a counterbalance. The carillon plays every three hours, except at night, repeating its tune three times. Each day of the week has its own tune. The bells hang in two tiers, the back eight and treble beneath and 2, 3 and 4 on top in a new steel frame. Formerly they were rung from below the present level from a gallery, but after over 40 years' silence they were rehung in 1871 and the ringing room moved to its present level. Despite the rather restricted vision of the rope circle due to the beams, the bells go and sound well and are easier to ring and strike than would be expected.

There is no complete collected record of all peals rung on the bells. A board in the ringing room records a peal, "the first to be compleated in this Church" of Plain Bob Major on December 19th, 1765, and the Cathedral Society, founded in 1884, has recorded about 35. A fuller account of that Society will be found under the article on the Hertford County Association in this issue.

THE BELLS

The four trebles were cast in 1935 by Mears and Stainbank, being dedicated on Monday, May 6th, 1935. In addition to the founders' marks they bear the following inscriptions (translated):—

Treble.—That ye may give praise to God and remember St. Alban, Proto-Martyr of Britain, I lift my voice, ever commemorating Ernest Vincent Wilmer Madge who died aged 21 years in the year of salvation, 1934. Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., note A.

2nd.—The Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers, founded on 29th October, 1884, dedicated me to the honour of God in celebration of its Jubilee, and also to the memory of Edward Percy Debenham, four times elected president, who died 16th December, 1934. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb., note G.

3rd.—William Worthington caused me to be made in the 25th year of the reign of George V. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. For all things give thanks. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb., note F sharp.

4th.—To God and the Church of St. Albans, citizens and friends gave me that I may join in celebrating the twenty-fifth year of our King, George V. 6th May, 1935. The Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, M.A., Dean. H. E. C. Goodenough, Conductor. C. Jeffs, Secretary. J. G. Blow, Treasurer. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr., note E.

5th.—Originally cast in 1730 by Richard Phelps, the present bell bears the following:

(Crown) MEARS AND STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON

(Waist) NATU MINOR LAUDE PRIOR RECAST 1901

W. J. LAWRANCE, M.A., DEAN AND RECTOR

T. KENT
G. WOOLAM } CHURCHWARDENS
W. CLIMMANCE

Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., note D.

6th.—Like the 5th, originally cast in 1730, both bells being paid for by gifts. The inscription is as on the 5th, but the Latin phrase is GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. Weight 7 cwt. 7 lb., note C sharp

7th.—MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1699.

Weight 7 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., note B.

8th.—Same as the 7th; weight 8 cwt. 3 qr., note A.

9th.—OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI.

RECAST IN 1699, 1731 AND 1935 BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN, RICHARD PHELPS AND MEARS AND STAINBANK SUCCESSIVELY. THE REV. EDWARD LOWRY HENDERSON, M.A., DEAN.

REGINALD THOMAS KENT
ERNEST RALPH MITCHELL } CHURCHWARDENS
ARTHUR GEORGE LORAINE CAMLEN

Weight 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., note G.

10th.—THOS KINDER & WM HUNT & CHRS DOMVILL CH. WARDENS 1758—LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT.

Weight 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., note F sharp.

This bell was originally one of the 1699 bells.

11th.—As on 7th and 8th; weight 18 cwt. 17 lb., note E.

Tenor.—JEREMIAH CARTER, JOHN COOKE CHURCHWARDENS 1699
VIVOS AD CELVM MORTVOS AD SOLVM PVLSATA VOCO
MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN, LONDON.

Weight 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb., note D.

TRING, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Badrick 1, Theresa Wright (first "inside") 2, R. M. F. Preston 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, R. G. Ouston 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6. For Mothers' Day.

At the Helm in Herts Association

Rex Agg, General Secretary

Rex Agg was born in Wolverhampton in 1930 and learned to ring on the Barwell eight at St. Luke's, Blakenhall (now unringable), in 1949, being taught by Trevor Reynolds and Eric Speake. In 1951 he took a post in the Research and Development Branch of the Ministry of Supply (now U.K.A.E.A.) at Windscale in Cumberland. Although centres of ringing and groups of ringers were few and far between, the encouragement and enthusiasm of such stalwarts as Stanley Richardson, Nicholas Newby and James Burles did much to foster his interest in ringing.

A move to Hertfordshire in 1955 brought a much wider field of ringing within range. In the next few years he rang regularly with the University of London Society and organised several tours on their behalf. On taking up residence in Hitchin, Rex was at once asked to take charge of ringing at St. Mary's, a fine church with a heavy ring of eight, suffering from a depleted band and relying on support from surrounding villages to maintain any ringing. In the succeeding 12 years many youngsters have been taught and the bells have been rung regularly although, until recently, little progress was made with change-ringing, this being due in part to the weight of the bells.

In 1957 Rex married a former secretary of the Manchester University Guild, Anne Muirhead, and they now have three children — Elizabeth, David and Philip. In his work for the Water Pollution Research Laboratory of the Ministry of Technology, Rex spends considerable time in different parts of the country and has made many friends amongst ringers in this way. His other interests include chess, at which he still represents Staffordshire in correspondence competitions. He captained the Wolverhampton Kipping Chess Club in 1950–51 and was a member of the Stevenage Chess Club team which won the Hertfordshire county championship in its first year in the event.

Since being elected to succeed Harold Frost as general secretary of the Hertford County Association in 1960 Rex has found less time for other pursuits, particularly with the demands of a young family. Not a prolific peal ringer, he regards a happy social atmosphere as a sound basis on which to build a healthy, active Association and to maintain and improve local ringing standards.

Walter Ayre, President

Walter Ayre needs no introduction to members of the Central Council. Elected to the Council as a representative for the Hertford County Association in 1926, he has the honour of being the longest continuous serving member. His work as convener of the Peals Analysis Committee is well known.

Born in Barton-on-Humber in 1891, he went to school there, and later to Hull Grammar School and Grimsby Municipal College. After a period as a pupil teacher he took a teaching post at Gainsborough in 1911. He joined the Army at the outbreak of the 1914–18 war, serving in the artillery in France and Belgium. After completing further training at St. Mark's College he was appointed headmaster at Caythorpe in 1921 and then went as headmaster to Leverstock Green in 1922, in which post he remained until retirement in 1957.

He learned to ring at Barton and rang his first peal, Minor in three methods, in 1911. This was soon followed by a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Hull, and by 1918 he had commenced conducting.

His first 12-bell peal was at Southwark, to which he rang the tenor. He had joined the Cumberlands and was contemporary with John D. Matthews, who conducted his first peal on handbells. He took part in the Cumberlands' first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and also a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. In 1948 he was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Walter served as secretary of the Western District of the Hertford County Association from 1923 to 1947, and was previously elected president in 1935. Under his guidance and leadership the Apsley band, which he joined in 1932, has rung peals in up to 32 Surprise Minor methods. His peal total is 934, of which he has conducted 529. Of these peals, 704 (conducted 394) have been rung on tower bells and 230 (135) on handbells; 572 of his peals were rung for the Hertford County Association.

His other love is music; he possesses a resonant bass voice and has been a member of one choir or another since he was 9 years old. He has taken an active part in local affairs, rising to the rank of Superintendent in the Special Constabulary, which he joined in 1926. In recent months Walter has been seriously ill and his condition caused his friends great concern. Happily he was able to take his place on the platform at the annual meeting at Hemel Hempstead, to the acclamation of all present.

Herts Tower in Danger of Falling Silent

The very fine ring of six bells at the Church of St Helen, Wheathampstead, Herts, will have rung for the last time at Whitsun (when they will be open on the Sunday and Monday for the Central Council visit) unless £1,000 can be raised to pay for urgent repair work to strengthen the central tower, in which a crack has developed.

The seriousness of the crack came to light during the past year when a fund was started to augment the bells to a ring of eight, £350 out of the £1,100 needed having already been raised by the efforts of the keen young band at Wheathampstead, with some help from members of the St. Albans District of the H.C.A.

Readers may remember the photograph of the church on the cover of the "R.W." for November 17th, 1967. The bells were originally a ring of six by Richard Phelps, cast in 1717, with a tenor of 17 cwt. They were recast in 1937 as a glorious six of 14 cwt. by John Taylor and rehung in a timber frame. The bells are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. There are no rope guides, at the insistence of the P.C.C. for aesthetic reasons, and in consequence there is an unguided rope draught of 36 ft. to the dumb floor. This probably accounts for the very few peals rung on these bells, the last one being Cambridge S. Minor on December 31st, 1966.

Until 1962 the band was entirely call-change, but since then, under the guidance of the tower captain, Fred Ellis, many youngsters have been taught and there is now a competent change-ringing band. Any donations towards the total of nearly £2,000 now needed will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.

K. S. H.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Leeds and District Society at its annual meeting at Headingley on May 3rd decided to increase its subscription to 2/6, with juniors 15 and under continuing to pay 1/-. The secretary (Mr. Ian North) reported that the standard of ringing at meetings had normally been high, with courses of standard Surprise methods usually being rung. The Society's first striking competition had been won by Wakefield Cathedral ringers.

The following officers were elected to serve for the forthcoming year: President, Mr. Robin Brown (Rothwell); secretary/treasurer, Robert Cater (Wakefield); Ringing Master, Ron Warford (Chapel Allerton). Irvin Slack thanked the retiring secretary, Ian North, and Ringing Master Alan Clifton for the services they had given.

Ringing continued afterwards on the eight bells of St. Chad's.

Next meeting, May 31st, at Batley.

CROSSWORD No. 14 SOLUTION

The first correct solution for Crossword No. 14 was submitted by Timothy G. Pett, 4, Monnery Road, London, N.19, who is awarded a prize of 10s.

Across.—1 Master of hounds, 10 Oiled, 11 Great Paul, 12 The bell, 13 Deep sea, 14 Thief, 16 Timpanist, 19 Bad humour, 20 Laird, 22 Imbibes, 25 Outlive, 27 Tight rope, 28 Tutor, 29 London Scholars.

Down.—2 All behind, 3 To die, 4 Rigoletto, 5 Fiend, 6 On the ball, 7 Nears, 8 Solo act, 9 Tomtit, 15 Four by two, 17 Merioneth, 18 Initiator, 19 Bristol, 21 Dreary, 23 Begin, 24 Stops, 26 Total.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd (St. George's Day), 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Leggett 1, N. V. Avis 2, R. Knight (first "inside") 3, B. Fairhead 4, D. Mills 5, J. P. Loveless (first as cond.) 6.

Letters to the Editor

HANDBELL PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to read the reply from the Wirral handbell band to Mr. Mayne's letter referring to the handbell compositions being rung and published. Unfortunately Mr. Coventry has, I think, misunderstood Mr. Mayne's letter. What Mr. Mayne deplores is not so much the construction of the peals with coursing pairs but more the compositions being published with the title "suitable for handbells". This conveys the impression that only peals of this type are rung on handbells when, of course, they are not.

Compositions of this type have provided an aid to learning for the Wirral band, but I would hope that they will now move on to non-coursing compositions. To have 3-4 and 5-6 coursing for large parts of the peal necessitates a good deal of non-coursing through the Wrong, Home and Middle. This means that either the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 can ring the other positions of Treble Bob Maximus or the ringing is unsteady at the course ends. I hope the latter is not the case.

On the other hand the very experienced Hertfordshire band would gain nothing from this type of composition. Their experience is such that, more often than not, they are able just to sit down and ring something new, whereas the Wirral band have no such experience but decided they wanted to ring Maximus. This type of composition has made progress come a little quicker. Contrary to Mr. Mayne, I find that there is no sacrifice of music with just one pair coursing. Two of the most musical coursing orders in Plain and T.B. Maximust are 23456 and 65432.

Everyone will agree with Mr. Mayne that handbell ringers should aspire to be able to ring all the pairs in all the positions; it is more difficult for some than others. Even the Hertfordshire band nurse certain people to a certain degree by what pairs they ring, and the first peal of Surprise Maximus outside Leicester was in a method which some people might find easier than Oxford T.B. We must wait and see who rings the first peal of Cambridge Maximus outside Leicester—how about it, Hertfordshire?—Yours faithfully,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Cambridge.

TRUMPINGTON

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read Martin Kitson's letter (page 342). When in Cambridge last year my application for 30 minutes' ringing was refused on the grounds that the tower had to restrict ringing to a bare minimum: yet a peal can be organised at one day's notice. Perhaps there is one rule for the locals and another for outsiders. This was the only refusal of the day.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

SUNDAY MORNING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Norman Mallett ("R.W.", April 25th) suggests that the present series of bell recordings broadcast on Sundays at 7.50 a.m. should be replaced by recordings of other bells.

This is a subject upon which I also feel strongly and which I, as Convener of the Central Council's Broadcasting and Television Committee, have been discussing with the B.B.C. for a considerable time; and I can say now that I shall be surprised —and disappointed—if other recordings are not introduced before the end of this month.—Yours faithfully,

H. N. PITSTOW, Convener,
Broadcasting and Television Committee.

Banstead, Surrey.

NO COLOUR BAR IN MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—As regards the colour bar allegation made at the Middlesex A.G.M. by Mr. Knight, I cannot emphatically deny the existence of such because a coloured person has never been proposed for membership of our Association. Should the circumstance arise that a coloured person eligible for membership be rejected, I would most certainly resign. However, knowing the members as I do, I feel sure that this action will never be necessary. As you correctly state in your report, a few years ago the Association made a grant to Kilifi. I trust this action will give readers a more reliable impression of this Association than your report heading might initially convey. I also deny that Mr. Knight's application for affiliation was refused twice. It was only once owing to special circumstances in the area.—Yours sincerely,

W. S. DEASON
(Master, Middlesex Association)

Bookham, Surrey.

VETERANS BACK IN THE FOLD

Dear Sir,—On March 21st you published a letter which greatly encouraged two new members of our band who are both over 50, and I hope their experience will help others.

One of them learned to handle a bell over 40 years ago and the other 20 years, but neither progressed beyond rounds. They both returned eight weeks ago when our numbers were depleted. It only took a few minutes for them both to be ringing rounds again, although obviously not perfectly.

Providing we are able to fit them in with five competent ringers, they are now both able to ring a plain course of Bob Minor.

During the last few years I have had the pleasure of teaching quite a few young people, but I am sure that the achievement of these two compares very favourably with what the younger ones have done, at least in overcoming the first hurdle of Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS COOPER.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

MUSIC IN HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that John Mayne should write such an "out of character" letter as he did in "The Ringing World" of April 18th

Handbell ringers generally ring handbell peals primarily for the enjoyment of listening to good ringing and secondly for the sense of achievement they get on completing a peal. If a band produces better striking by ringing a simple composition why ring a difficult one?

I mentioned that John's letter was out of character because:—

(a) I felt that inexperienced handbell bands might be discouraged by it (as has been proved by Leslie Coventry's letter).

(b) He talks about sacrificing the musical qualities associated with the method. I believe that handbell compositions of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Maximus with 5-6 and 3-4 coursing are more **musical** than conventional tower bell compositions. Particularly musical coursing orders are those like 65432, 23456, 56342, 24365, and the most musical leads in the course are when the treble is coursing immediately before or after the 2nd.

When one considers that the ratio of changes which are not roll-ups to those which are roll-ups is 23 to 1, both for Plain Bob and Treble Bob, is it not logical to try to obtain the best music within the lead, if not at the lead-end? I would not consider calling a tower bell composition to a handbell peal of Plain Bob Maximus, having heard the music that can be produced by a composition specially composed for handbells.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask, via "The Ringing World", if there is anyone who recognises this Little Minor method:—

—, 16, 56, 14. l.h. 64523. Bob 56423.
Single 65423.

The method can be rung to those compositions true for touches of Little Plain Bob and will also splice with Alliance methods to give an extent, according to the tables given in the Central Council Collection.

In the event of this method being true and unnamed, I would like it to be called "Holderness Little Bob". I don't know what procedure there is in naming methods, but if this is a satisfactory way of going about it then I will be pleased if you would be interested!—Yours sincerely,

P. J. COOK.

Forest Gate, London, E.

AN ESSEX CALL-CHANGE CONTEST

The winners of the Northern District, Essex Association, call-change competition at Stisted on April 19th, were St. Catherine's, Gosfield, under the leadership of Susan Burdon. Sandon were second and others competing were Braintree, Bocking and Terling. Miss H. G. Snowden and Mr. E. W. Roast were judges.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOL
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SURREY ASSOCIATION APPOINTS A PEAL BROKER

The Surrey Association has no shortage of ideas. At its annual meeting at the Chapter House, Southwark, on May 3rd, a new officer was appointed — a "peal broker". Any ringer or tower captain who would like assistance of any kind in arranging quarter peals or peals should contact C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, S.W.15

Explaining the proposal, Mr. Mew said they hoped to assist peal bands with conductors, towers or ringers. Everything was covered in the scheme. He would also be grateful for the names of people willing to join in the scheme and help when appeals for assistance were made.

Biggest debate at the meeting arose over a proposal under any other business to abolish the Guild's service book. This was introduced by Mr. Michael Baughan, who moved that the service book be discontinued. "I am not against a service being held," he said. "If a service was held it should be Christian and not bellringers'. The present service is all 'inward-looking' towards bellringers. All the hymns are in just the same taste."

Mr. Norman Bagworth said the book was prepared by a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. Christopher Marshall, Mr. Pitstow and himself. It was not imperative for the clergy to use the book. The idea was if the clergy wanted a form of service there was one available.

The secretary (Mr. C. A. Cook) said the matter had been referred to the District secretaries for six months. Clergy were told that they could prepare their own form of service; if not a booklet would be provided.

A member said when the booklet was shown to the Vicar of Clapham Park he said it should be burned.

Mr. K. Game said in the Southern District the book had not been used.

Eventually the meeting accepted an amendment, prepared by the secretary, that the formal use of the booklet should cease and the District secretaries when arranging meetings should write to the clergy and inform them that there was a booklet with special hymns and prayers in it, but should stress to the clergy that they need not use it.

An amendment to rules was approved, whereby the assistant secretary should become a member of the general committee, but a proposal to reduce the size of the committee by deleting three members from each District on the general committee and instead making the District assistant secretary a member was heavily defeated. The main objection was that it would be government by officials with no representatives from the rank and file of members on the committee.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee's report, presented by the general secretary, stated that the highlights of 1968 included the dedication of the new bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, for which their thanks were due to the Rev. Tony Clayton for the tremendous energy he put into the task of salvaging the bells and turning them into a tuneful eight. There was also the success of the publication "Simple Compositions for the Young Conductor", and a profitable Redhill dinner.

Membership at present stood at 381, a small drop from the high figure last year. Peals totalled 31 with 109 ringers, a lower number than last year, but perhaps there had been quality rather than quantity. Not only were there a number of new performances but the peal of 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise Major was the longest length yet rung in the method. Nine members rang their first peal.

The accounts showed a balance on the general fund of £84 against £47 brought forward, and in the Belfry Repair Fund £322 18s. 1d. against £304 7s. 5d.

The same team of officers was appointed for 1969, viz.: Master, F. E. Darby (who was in the chair at the meeting); general secretary and treasurer, C. H. Cook; assistant, Miss Juliet Stoy (after a ballot); hon. auditor, M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, N. Summerhayes.

After discussion, Banstead with Kingswood was selected for the 1970 A.G.M. The 90th anniversary dinner is to be held at Croydon on May 16th, 1970, and a dinner committee was appointed of the general secretary and Messrs. C. Mew and Bernard Hawkins.

Mr. B. J. Stone, the librarian, reported that there were approximately 530 peals waiting to be written in the peal book. An approach was being made to the B.B.C. for the controversial film "Blue Peter" to be placed in the library and made available to Surrey members free of charge.

A vote of thanks was moved from the chair to Bishop John Boys for his interesting address and to the Provost of Southwark for conducting the service and the Chapter for the use of the Chapter House; also to Miss Julie Armstrong and her helpers for the excellent tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PASSES PEAL FEE FOR R.W.

BAD weather and the counter-attraction of the F.A. Cup final did nothing to spoil the attendance at this year's annual meeting in the Furness and Lake District Branch. Many travelled the full length of the county but the welcome made the journey worth while.

The service at St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. W. Brassington. Taking "Praise" as the theme, some rousing hymns followed, and our president, Canon Hodgson, developed the theme in his address, emphasising that service ringing and peal ringing should have no basic difference.

The president opened the meeting with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all concerned with the success of the day, and in reply Rev. G. W. Brassington extended a very cordial welcome.

The balance sheet presented by the treasurer showed a healthy financial position (assets £852), with the Restoration Fund now being of useful proportions (balance £262).

In view of the retirement of John P. Partington as ringing secretary, the committee had decided to split the duties—Cyril Crossthwaite to be ringing secretary, dealing with matters relating to peals, Alan Ward to deal with compiling the report. This was accepted by the meeting, with very sincere thanks extended to the retiring secretary for his excellent work in the past.

A resolution was put to the meeting that the peal fee should be increased to 1/- per rope, of which 6d. would be given to support "The Ringing World". This gave rise to a fairly lengthy discussion and was finally passed by a good majority.

In view of the success of the garden party at Goosnargh last year, the president extended an invitation for this year, again on the last Saturday in June.

After the meeting there was more ringing to conclude another very enjoyable meeting.

FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

The peal secretary very regretfully reported that nine peals rung at Hawkshead during 1966 and 1967 had been proved false due to containing one extent of Windsor Single Bob Minor, an asymmetrical method with no true extent. During 1968, 188 peals were rung, an increase of one; 24 were on handbells. First peals were rung by 24 members and 50 shared in conducting, three being their first. Leading conductors were Kevin M. Price 35¼, Jeffrey Brannan 21, and leading peal ringers: Richard S. Starkie 41, Kevin M. Price 40 and Jeffrey Brannan 38.

Peals specially mentioned were 12,096 Glasgow S. Major (longest in method), Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods on handbells (first for Association). 40-Spliced S. Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral (most methods to Maximus).

Biggleswade District members at their meeting at Tempsford received with enthusiasm the suggestion of a visit to the Expo Belfry at the Suffolk Olde Time Rally.

To usher in Helston's Floral Day (May 8th) the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung from 6 a.m. until just before 7 a.m., when the first dance started. The local band was augmented by three Truro Cathedral ringers and Dave Gough, who was on holiday at Penzance.

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DATE TOUCH

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,969 Stedman Triples (by James Topp): S. Brown 1, A. P. Beck 2, J. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Chivers 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, R. G. Beck 8. Rung for St. George's Day.

THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

EXETER.—At St. Mark's on Jan. 26, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, G. Skinner 2, Linda V. Cull 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, J. L. Anderson 5, M. S. Turner 6, M. Leonard (covering) 7.

HEAVITREE, DEVON. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Christine M. Abbott 3, J. N. Longridge 4, K. A. Hughes 5, M. S. Turner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, C. P. Yates 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. L. Anderson 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, P. Henry 6, F. Wreford 7, J. N Longridge (cond.) 8. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, Linda V. Cull 2, T. Griffiths-Jones 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. J. Atkins 5, M. S. Turner 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7 K. A. Hughes 8.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON. — On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Bould 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, F. D. Mack 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, P. L. Bill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to 7 and 8

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Linda V. Cull 1, G. P Smerdon 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, F. D Mack 8.

WOOKEY, SOM.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, C. F. Longridge 5-6.

ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stephens 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, M. Smith 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, G. Lewis 5, R. Horsington 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Roberts, aged 93 years, mother of one of the ringers.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley (first "inside") 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, J. P. Burton (first as cond.) 6 First Minor 1 and 4. For Evensong.

ASHILL, SOM.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (32 M/V/S): R. F Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5. 25th quarter together for 1 and 3, 3 and 5.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On April 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Chambers (first attempt) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Wayman 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J Roberts (cond.) 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Fransella 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5 Valerie Jones 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. First quarter in method by a local band. For Patronal Festival.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jillian Turcan 1, M. Hollis (first Major) 2, Susan Turcan 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon 7, C. Wright (cond.) 8.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Winchester 1, Ann Harris 2, Christine Baldock 3, F. J. Lambert 4, D. R. Reed 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, A. R. Baldock 7, I. S. Holland 8.

BATHFORD, SOM.—On April 17th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (three methods): Erica Pankhurst 1, Kay Whittaker 2, P. J. W Hardwick 3, D. G. Massey (first Spliced as cond.) 4 R L. Coles 5, D J. Orledge 6.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Marilyn Warner 1, Mrs. D. Sennitt 2, D. Burbidge 3, Theresa Wright 4, A. R. Ashby 5, M A. Gilbey (cond.) 6 Rung for Stewardship renewal

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Kift 1, L. Hooper (first quarter) 2, B. Stocker 3, D. Stocker 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, R. Kift 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Anne Simkins 1, Jennifer M Millbank (cond., first in method) 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, Jennifer M Syder 4, C. J. Barker 5, R. J Lindsell 6, A. R. Syder 7, P. G. Brown 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. George 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 7, M. Smaldon (first in method) 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On April 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Marjorie Phipps 1, T. Wylie 2, P. Rose 3, H. Wagstaff 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5, D. Hird (first "inside") 6, D. N. Peers 7, J. D. Arkwell 8. For annual Scout service, and as a farewell compliment to David Maybury on departure to Worksop.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: P. L. Knight (first Minor) 1, W. J. Atkins 2, M. Hatchett (cond.) 3, E. C. Pickton 4, F. H. Walters 5, D. J. Goodman 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. — On April 18th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Hainsworth 1, P. J. Perry 2, N. F. E. Reeve 3, R. Stevens 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. J. Johnston 6.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.—On April 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Cecelia Evans 1, E. White 2, Jennifer Beech 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. Allman 5, P. Evans 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8.

CLIFFE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. K. Terris 1, B. Cousins 2, M. Barden 3, G. H. Terris 4, G. Philpott 5, L. Crouch 6, T. Cross (cond.) 7, G. Partington 8. With best wishes to Brian Trill and Patricia Barlow on the occasion of their wedding.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP. — On April 26th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Timmins 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, A. S. Bayley 3, Miss C. Slater 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, H. G. Thomas 7, P. R. Johnson 8, A. M. Jones 9, W. Norcott 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter Crawford, for many years a member of the Coalbrookdale band, who died on January 20th.

DOWNE, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Kathryn Holman (first quarter) 1, Val Hayward 2, A. H. Long 3, K. Burgess 4, R. A. Grant (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: K. Burgess 1, Val Hayward 2, A. H. Long 3, R. A. Grant 4, P. A. Butler 5, P. R. Butler (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Hopkins on their departure to South Africa. Also on April 24th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob Minor: Val Hayward 1, K. Burgess 2, A. H. Long 3, P. A. Butler 4, P. R. Butler 5, R. A. Grant (first as cond. in more than one method) 6. Rung to welcome home Robin Knox-Johnson, of Downe, on his return from his non-stop single-handed voyage round the world.

HAYES, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rogers (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, C. J. Mundy 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Player and George Gallon.

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HEREFORD. — At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary and Ethelbert, on March 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. A. Sherwood 1, Mrs. E. Pannell 2, R. A. Hatcher 3, P. L. Hughes 4, W. P. Nash 5, T. E. Wood 6, A. G. Semken 7, A. T. Wingate (first Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HODNET, SALOP.—On April 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maire Mothersnaw 1, P. Morris 2, Rachel Gee (first quarter) 3, M. Gee 4, R. E. Morris 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Late birthday greetings for Rachel (15).

HORSPATH, OXON.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Baker 1, Linda Crozier 2, Christine Binks 3, L. Porter 4, T. Smith 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 4 and 5 Rung by St. Andrew's, Headington, band.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. S. K. Salisbury 2, A. J. Davidson 3, D. R. Curry (first "inside") 4, A. Locke 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunstan 1, R. Jones 2, P. Dye 3, H Wells 4, F. Godden 5, R. Finch 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8. Rung to herald the Kingsclere Music Festival (May 11th-17th).

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, C. Gratton (50th quarter) 3 H. Warr 4, E. T. P Field (cond.) 5, M. Eastment 6. A compliment to Mr. T. R. N. Walford and Miss J. E. Odell, married this day at St. Laurence's, Reading.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On April 20th, 1,440 Braintree and Marple Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. To mark the centenary of the Parkwood Methodist Chapel, Longwood.

MACHYNLLETH, MONT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elizabeth I. Salem 1 Mary Pollard 2, Jill P. Gordon 3, Susan E. Davis 4, J. B. Wilson 5, M. H. Tompsett (cond.) 6. For U.C.W.S.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On April 22nd, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, R. Perry 2, S. Brown 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome home Robin Knox-Johnson after his round-the-world voyage.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Booth (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, W. Booth (first "inside") 3, Mrs. S. Sinden 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. Sinden 6.

POTTON, BEDS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Smith (cond.) 1, D. Goss 2, A. Norman 3, M. Mander (first Minor "inside") 4, A. S. Smith 5, C. R. Hardy 6. For Evensong

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,516 Single Oxford Bob Caters Penny Halliwell 1, H. Furminger 2, B. Sadler 3, D. Sloman 4, P. Sadler 5, M. Hallett 6, J. Belcham 7, S. Halliwell 8, A. House (cond.) 9, P. Sloman 10. A compliment to David Sloman and Penny Halliwell on the announcement of their engagement. Also on March 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Furminger 1, Penny Halliwell 2, S. Halliwell 3, A. Cansdale 4, P. Sadler 5, B. Sadler 6, D. Sloman 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rung by the local band for Lenten service. Also on April 6th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Jose Sadler 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sloman 3, Penny Halliwell 4, J. Belcham 5, F Lufkin 6, B. Sadler (first in method) 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. Rung for Easter Day as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd and also as a farewell to Kathie Fance on her departure to Tobruk

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast 2, J Mowle 3, A. H. Roberts 4, F. Sutton 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. C W. Roope 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Bogg and Mr. A. C. W. Roope, verger and Ringing Master at Pulham; also a birthday compliment to Sally Tebble, grand-daughter of the 1st ringer and Mr Cecil A. Thompson.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On April 13th, 1,280 Treales Surprise Major: C. Harris 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, L. C. Way 3, A. E Bagworth 4, C F. Mew (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, A. R Patterson 7, M. J. Uphill 8. Rung as a compliment to Noel Waite and family, leaving for Leicester.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Flook 1, Mary White 2, Janet Yeates 3, B. Pink 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, F. Sherfield 6. Rung for morning service.

YATTON, SOM.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, P. J. England 3, S. G. Smith 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, W. S. Rice 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung to the memory of Mrs. E. Smith, mother of the fourth ringer.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Concern over Redundancy

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association held at Biggleswade on May 3rd, some 92 ringers sitting down to an excellent tea, which preceded the more serious business.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, formally welcomed visitors from other Associations and Guilds and hoped the beautiful spring weather enabled everyone to take full advantage of the splendid arrangements made for their pleasure — those who did their duty faithfully Sunday by Sunday were entitled to relax occasionally!

After the minutes had been approved the election of officers took place. The serving president was elected for the tenth successive year, there being no other nominations, and was greeted with enthusiastic applause as he rose to thank the Association for the great honour they did him and the confidence they reposed in him.

The general secretary, Mr. Alan S. Smith, felt that he could no longer continue in office and was warmly thanked for the devoted service he had rendered over his six-year term of office. The new general secretary, Mr. P. Mehew, was warmly welcomed and wished a happy and successful term in that capacity. The peal secretary, librarian, auditor and trustees were re-elected. Mr. R. J. Sharp was elected a vice-president of the Association.

MONEY FOUND AT MANCHESTER

A large sum of money was found after the last Manchester Branch 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on May 7th. Will the person who lost this money please contact the Branch secretary, Alan Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6AS. Telephone: 766 6786 (STD Code 061).

Great concern was expressed at the prospect of certain churches becoming redundant, and an extraordinary meeting of the general committee is being called to consider how best the Association can work to ensure that rings of bells, in some cases of historic importance, can be preserved for their intended purpose. A practical step in this direction was taken 12 months ago, when the Association decided to issue a revised and less costly form of annual report and devote the money saved to the Bell Repair Fund.

In closing the meeting the president thanked the clergy for their continued co-operation, the officers for another excellent year's work, and the ladies who so kindly provided a most adequate tea.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the quarter peal at Weekley, Northants, the ringer of the second was Miss S. Diamond and not Miss Drummond.

URANGWOT VIII

We regret that a typographical error occurred in Urangwot VIII. In the fifth line an E appeared for an F. The equations should read:—

G+A=J+C
G+E=D+B
G+E=I+H
J+H=C+F
F+D=B+I

A has to ring the treble and B to ring the 4th.

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In the peal of Bob Minor at Ulceby, Lincs, on April 1st (see "R.W.", page 369), for the Lincoln Guild, the footnotes should read as follows: Stephen Hopkins, first in the method; John Plant, first peal attempt.

OBITUARY

BISHOP BROOK

With the death of Bishop Richard Brook the Suffolk Guild lost one of its past presidents. A distinguished scholar, Richard Brook stood out as a strong bishop; his sense of humour was warm and winning, with his native bluntness contrasting strongly with Suffolk's traditional preference for "wrapping up", but with him you always knew where you were. Under his apparently brusque exterior, really the outcome of shyness, lay a kindly, understanding and above all a fair-minded spirit.

A diocesan memorial service was held at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral on April 19th.

A. R. B.

MR. W. T. HOLMES

The funeral took place on April 25th of Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Hyde Valley House, Welwyn Garden City, who was a member of St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, band and a regular visitor to St. Peter's, Tewin, where he helped a number of young ringers. About three years ago he had a stroke which left him partially paralysed. Even so, in the summer months he would still come and ring at Tewin.

To his memory, a band of those who were taught by him or rang regularly with him rang on April 30th at Tewin 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Garrod 1, A. G. Sears 2, H. Shire 3, D. Digby 4, D. S. Harris 5, P. Owen (cond.) 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Gillian Davis (aged 10) 1, Theresa Parker (11) 2, Jacqueline Daisley (first quarter, 15) 3, K. Donnison (first as cond., 14) 4. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Preb. Alfred Jones. First on the bells by a "children's" band.

A COTSWOLD TOUR

Organised by Mr. S. R. Munday, of Bradford, a successful Easter tour was held in the Cotswolds. Race traffic caused a late arrival at Towcester on Easter Monday for the first tower. To add to the preliminary misfortunes the tenor clapper fell out, dislodging its slider. Many thanks are due to Mr. Bellamy, of Milverton, Somerset. Apart from providing three ringers he was very efficient in repairing bells, including replacing clappers.

Generally the days were uneventful, but Saturday was the most heavy day, starting with the 23 cwt. six at Powick. St. John's, Worcester, Stoulton and Bishampton were visited. En route for the last-mentioned tower, one of the cars had to be towed out of a deep, muddy ford by a local farmer, and had four inches depth of water in it. At Pershore Abbey nobody would turn in the 28 cwt. tenor, partly because of the situation of the ringing chamber and also because the tenor men were emptying the water out of the flooded car, using two cups! The tour came to an excellent end with ringing on the ten at Stratford-on-Avon, where the presentation of a week-end case was made to the organiser by Mr. M. Hillary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thorncombe was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held on April 19th. Ringing was under the supervision of the Ringing Master until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. L. T. S. Sims-Williams. A welcome tea was awaiting in the Village Hall, served by the ladies of the ringers.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting, when Frank Knight was congratulated on calling his first peal. Next quarterly meeting, Powerstock, June 21st. Practice meetings: Beaminster, Wednesday, June 11th; Askerswell, Saturday, July 19th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Practice night at St. Mary's, Bocking, is on Thursday, 7.30–9.

Best wishes were sent by the Truro Branch at its spring festival to its treasurer, Mr. A. F. Burley, who was in hospital.

Fifty-eight churches containing 299 bells in the Lincoln diocese are to become redundant.

The first Geoffrey peal of Royal (Yorkshire) was rung at Daventry on May 3rd, conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

The Andover District plan to ring Highclere, Burghclere and Kingsclere Surprise at Highclere for its centenary next year.

At Kettering on May 3rd the 240th anniversary of the first peal on the bells was commemorated by a peal of Grandsire Triples. The actual date of the first peal was February 28th, 1729.

During his six years as ringing secretary to the Lancashire Association Mr. John P. Partington has dealt with 1,101 peals. The previous 6,300 rung for the Association were rung in a time spanning 85 years.

The "Brighton and Hove Gazette" carried in its issue of May 9th a well-illustrated article on bellringing—"Such an appealing hobby". Full credit for this enterprise must go to Mr. R. Ian Vaughan, hon. secretary of St. Peter's Society.

A farewell peal attempt for Frank Carter, who is leaving Ipswich for Wolverhampton, came to grief at Aldeburgh after two-and-a-half hours' ringing. This was on Frank's birthday and would have been his first peal in Suffolk and first of Major.

After much difficulty, Adelaide Cathedral ringers have secured a set of new ropes. Success was finally obtained through the direct intervention of Walter Knight, reports the current issue of "Ringing Towers". The Customs eventually let the ropes in duty free.

A total of £95 11s. was subscribed towards the "Godfrey Walpole Memorial Fund", which at his widow's request has been used to install an electric blower for the organ in Norton Subcourse Church, Norfolk. It was dedicated on Sunday, May 18th.

Mr. Arthur Cuthbert, secretary of the Stepney band, and his wife, Rita, have a son and heir. A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Stepney in honour of the occasion on May 3rd, but the local band hope to join in the rejoicings with a performance on their own.

The Ilchester Branch is very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gratton, who spent many hours in preparing the bells and ringing chamber at All Saints', Kingsdon, for its monthly practice meeting on May 3rd. A pleasant evening was spent on the good-going, heavy six (23¼ cwt.).

Fawley band have conquered St. George and The Dragon — two Doubles methods, This was accomplished on April 23rd at Damerham, the only church in Hampshire with a ring of bells dedicated to St. George. There were four unsuccessful attempts in 1968, and this year on St. George's Day success came at the second try.

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RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

A very large number of spectators and friends attended both the handbell and tower competitions of the Richmond-on-Thames Music Festival. Five teams entered the tune ringing section and the Colchester Handbell Society came out clear winners with an honours certificate. Some first-class ringing was heard in the change-ringing on handbells, the winners being the London County Association band, with a touch of Spliced Little Bob and Plain Bob Major.

After tea the ringers and friends moved over to St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, just opposite the hall, and heard five teams, all of whom set a good standard with their ringing. These varied from Plain Bob Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, and the winners with an honours certificate were the South London Youths. The adjudicator, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, was thanked by the chairman (Dr. D. J. Neal Smith). The Doctor hoped that those present would continue their support as the festival was now an almost fixed event for the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

HAROLD REYNOLDS' BIRTHDAY

On practice night at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, the sallies were a little sticky, as a large iced cake (complete with knife) appeared mysteriously on the belfry table before the door was unlocked. Marked "Happy Birthday, Harold", it referred to the captain's birthday. (Candles were tactfully omitted.) Some stealthy detective work threw suspicion on Mrs. Elaine Baldock, wife of one of the ringers. About 30 ringers, including a complete band of ladies, filled the belfry and were able to put the cake to good use.

THE ELLIOTTS OF KELVEDON

For the 77th birthday of Mr. J. Elliott a short touch of Bob Minor was rung on May 4th at Kelvedon, Essex, by the following: D. J. Elliott (aged 10, grandson) 1, R. W. Elliott (13, grandson) 2, Mrs. C. F. Elliott (daughter-in-law) 3, Miss W. M. Elliott (daughter) 4, J. E. Elliott (son) 5, A. R. Elliott (son) 6. This is the first time the family has managed to achieve a full band of ringers, despite a history in ringing going back to the early 18th century.

Due to their weight (tenor 21 cwt.) and long draught the bells are not the easiest to handle, so a quarter peal will have to wait a little longer.

RAISING LAMBS FOR BELLS

Inwardleigh, Devon, has a novel way of raising funds for rehanging its five bells with new fittings. In the autumn members of the church who kept sheep were asked to buy ewes for the ringers. Last month the ewes and lambs were sold, showing a profit for rehanging the bells. The contract has been placed with Arthur Fidler, late of Loughborough.

THE CANTERBURY NEWSLETTER

The first issue of the Canterbury Newsletter made its appearance at the quarterly meeting at Ash-by-Sandwich on April 12th. The cover has a photograph of Canterbury Cathedral and articles include "A Look Around the District", "The Bells of St. Nicholas', Sturry," by Roger Button, District engagements for the year and a message from the popular chairman, Mr. Bert Luck. Thanks go to Rod Glover and Keith Davis for their initiative in producing this new venture. Copies may be obtained from the District secretary, Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, Market Place, Faversham, price 6d. plus 4d. postage.

Some 55 were present at the business meeting. The glorious ring of eight, originally cast by Thomas Mears in 1790 and rehung in 1926 (when the fifth and tenor were recast by the same foundry), was put to good use. New members were able to take part in the ringing, from Teynham, Ash, Ringwould, Barham, Boughton and Petham.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Perth, Western Australia, is very much a town of transit. The new secretary of St. George's Cathedral Society, Mr. R. J. Carter, informs us that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrens spent a day with them and Pam Warren, after a short stay, is now on her way home to Merrow, Guildford, across Asia and Europe.

Newcomers to the Cathedral band are Ray Skinner and family, from High Wycombe, Tony Willis and family, from Penzance, and John Dunn, from New Zealand. There are also three learners.

Eldred Halton, ex-Edinburgh, was only able to ring on two occasions. While in W.A. he worked at the nickel mining centre of Kambalda, some 365 miles from Perth. He is now going to Thailand for another Australian mining company. Another loss is Dr. Tom Lambert, who is going to Melbourne.

"WATCH YOUR LEADS" CRY IN NORTH HERTS

A drive to improve the standard of striking, concentrating particularly on leads, was decided at the meeting of the Northern District, Herts County Association, at Baldock on May 3rd. This decision was put into effect in the ringing following the meeting and a good standard was achieved. A request was made from Benington for help in their Wednesday night practices.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting held on March 19th, Canon Greville Norburn was re-elected president and chairman of the Society. Miss G. M. James was elected Ringing Master, Mr. T. H. O. Lewis was elected secretary and Mr. R. Wilcox treasurer. The address for correspondence is now T. H. O. Lewis, The Rectory, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

PUBLIC WATCH FESTIVAL RINGING

Many visitors joined the 60 or so ringers at the spring festival of the Truro Branch, held in the Cathedral ringing chamber on May 3rd. Ringing, in charge of Mr. Alan Carveth, ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters. Canon H. A. Blair conducted the service, Mr. Harry Miles read the lesson, and the organist, Mr. Malcolm Blair, also came from Lelant. After a fine tea in the new Chapter Hall, a scheme for proficiency ringing at future festivals of the Branch was adopted at the meeting. Autumn festivel, Kea, on September 20th.

A POINT TO THINK ABOUT

After giving a talk on bellringing to about 30 members of the local group of the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, Mr. Charles Rouse, of Cheltenham, was surprised to learn that their subscription was £1 per annum for their amenities. He writes: "We ringers think we are hard done by if asked to pay 5/- per year, or 1/- for a peal. And we have health, or we should not be able to enjoy ringing as we do."

PERHAPS A LUCKY ESCAPE

Hoping to ring at St. Mary's, Brecon, during their tour on April 26th, members of the U.C.W., Aberystwyth, vainly sought an entrance to the belfry. Later they learned that as they were circling the tower one of the weights fell through the floor into the ringing chamber. Perhaps it was just as well they weren't inside!

Some six towers were visited. The tour ended with a 48-mile dash across Wales to find a Chinese meal at Carmarthen.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Arranged by Mr. Peter Searles, the Eastern District had a successful tour into Leicestershire, except that one minibus had to be abandoned and two cars substituted. The highlight of the day was the tour of the Loughborough Bell Foundry. This was followed by reasonably good ringing at Leicester Cathedral.

Towers visited were Kettering, Rushden, St. Neots and finally Potton, where a course of Cambridge came round before moving to the local hostelry. Mr. E. Newnham, the Ringing Master, looked after the ringing very capably.

MR. A. VICTOR SHEPPARD

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Victor Sheppard, convener of the C.C. Overseas Committee, has decided to give up ringing for a while due to other commitments, particularly in regard to his work as keeper of antiquities as Brighton Museum. Mr. Sheppard has been a valued contributor to our pages and recently wrote about St. Nicolas of Myra Church, of which church he is tower captain. All Brighton ringers hope that his absence will be very temporary: his enthusiasm has done much to advance local ringing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Robert E. Dennis	6
David E. Parsons	2	George E. Thoday	7
John D. Rock	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Alan R. Patterson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
UPHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 15 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9½ lb.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	*Geoffrey Hebden	4
George Prescott	2	Walter S. Rice	5
Roy W. Rice	3	Peter J. England	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung in memoriam P. J. Hall.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STOTFOLD, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*Keith Webb	Treble	Martin Major	4
Anthony H. Smith	2	Roy V. Webb	5
*Trevor Groom	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal, rung at the first attempt in their "home" tower.

HARROLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	Alan D. Norman	4
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Robert L. Piron	5
Alan J. Collings	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
LONG STANTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	Treble	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5
Jenny Field (Newnham)	2	D. Barton (Selwyn)	6
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	3	*G. J. Band (Emmanuel)	7
D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan T. Winter.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	*Brian S. B. Kear	5
*Michael Foulds	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Basil Jones	3	Gerald Moorhouse	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J Parker's 12-part. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

*Nicholas Thomson	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	John W. Griffiths	6
Harry W. Howard	3	John Scott	7
Christopher J. Jones	4	†Eric J. Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and three each of six variations.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
*Valerie Jamson	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	†Michael J. Crawley (12)	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Doubles. † First at first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John R. Scott.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
OXFORD.—At Magdalen College.
On Fri., April 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Rev. S. M. Evans	Treble	Rev. D. Sansum	6
Rev. R. D St. John Smith	2	Rev. P. T. Robbins	7
Canon K. W. H. Felstead	3	Canon C. E. Wigg	8
Rev. E. B. Wood	4	Rev. F. Ross	9
*Rev. J. B. T Homfray	5	Rev. R. Keeley	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal on ten bells. First clerical peal of Royal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	John Harrison	5
Jacki M. Quickfall	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Arthur F. Hall	3	Clive A. Thrower	7
Richard M. L. Wilcox	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
LIFTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*John F. Steere	Treble	Stephen G. Peirce	5
John P. Sims	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Alan N. Frost	3	George E. Mudge	7
John C. Mitchelmore	4	Wilfred C. Boucher	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to Patricia M. Sims and Kevin Tucker on their recent engagement.

STOCKLAND, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

Trevor Marks	Treble	Melvyn Hiller	4
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	Cuthbert W. Powell	5
Raymond Selwey	3	William Turner	Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. Powell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

George S. Deas	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	*Colin C. Monson	6
*David Martin	3	Michael Maughan	7
John H. Taylor	4	James Crowther	Tenor

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Malcolm E. Johnson	2	James Crowther	6
David Martin	3	George S. Deas	7
John E. Anderson	4	*Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal as conductor. Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Bill Hedley and Pat Coburn.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	David Martin	5
Michael Maughan	2	George S. Deas	6
Stephen C. Wells	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Roger Scholes	4	James Crowther	Tenor

Composed by M. S Bruce. Conducted by James Crowther.
First peal as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 85 lb. in G.

Janet House	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
David E. Rothera	2	Alan F. Scholfield	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David E. House.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DORCAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Brian Bladon	7
Maurice A. New	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method.

DORCAN SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—1456—12—36.14—14.58.14—14.5 f.

RANDWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Sara Cornock	Treble	*John E. Taylor	4
E. Mary Bliss	2	*Peter W. Screen	5
Roy P. Nicholas	3	Richard Barnett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Screen.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the Elliot Chapel and augmented ring of bells. Also to welcome Stedman Charles Nicholas, son of Roy P. Nicholas.

COMPTON BASSETT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents in each of the following 14 methods: Stedman, Shipway's Place, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn Place, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Peter W. Holroyd	Treble	‡Brian Evans	3
†Anthony J. Cox	2	Michael E. Stracey	4
Ronald A. Wright	Tenor		

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First in more than one method. First in 14 methods as conductor.
Rung for Evensong. Also as a wedding compliment to Ian and Gillian Stracey, of Duxford, Cambs, married on April 19th, 1969. Also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rowan S. Bradley	2	Tom Page	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Michael J. Church	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.

*Jennifer M. Sharpe	Treble	Peter J. Ostley	4
†Marilyn A. Reay	2	Peter G. Sherwood	5
Angela J. Smart	3	Peter G. Smart	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Smart.
* First peal. † First "inside." First on the bells by an entirely local band.
Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Harry Jackson, inducted the previous day.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Michael R. Rose	2	*Walter G. Knight	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
*Valerie Willard	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. James Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 16 cwt.

Peter L. Hughes	Treble	*Michael V. Powell	4
*Denise Jaine	2	John F. I. Turney	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

George A. Reading	Treble	Brian M. Barker	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Francis M. Byrne	5
Augustine V. Good	3	Reginald E. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald E. Sheppard.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of A. Reginald Goldsney, who was organist and tower captain at this church and interred here the previous day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Peter R. Butler	Treble	G. William Shanks	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Phillip A. Butler	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	Christopher I. Rowson	7
Philip Bosworth	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TARLETON, Lancs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Donald G. Lawson.
* First peal of Major in the method.
The compositition, a three-part, is now rung for the first time.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Alphege of Canterbury.

GREAT SALKELD, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor in three methods on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter Slight	Treble	William A. Lacey	6
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	7
*Sheila M. Anthony	3	Denis A. Frith	8
David F. Moore	4	Roland H. Cook	9
†Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*David F. Moore	Treble	*David G. Massey	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*R. Brian Mills	7
*Christine L. J. Mills	3	Martin Green	8
*Robin A. Gilliver	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
*K. Paul Gilliver	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., April 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	David F. Moore	6
Sheila M. Anthony	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., April 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double and Single Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Geoffrey Bromfield	4
Jack Bray	2	Melvyn Rose	5
Ronald Chafer	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5027 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Paul A. Williams	Treble	James Clatworthy	6
Michael Pilgrim	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Thomas T. Yeomans	3	Stephen Fenwick	8
John W. Bull	4	M. Jack Pryor	9
J. Michael Lakin	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by G. Astbury. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
First peal of Erin by all the band.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*P. Ann Pilgrim	Treble	Roger J. Shea	5
J. Anthony Bennett	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	3	*David F. Moore	7
John T. Parsons	4	Brian S. Neale	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Pilgrim.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First in the method as conductor.
Rung within the octave of St. George to welcome Emma Jane, daughter of Maryl and John Fielden, born April 14th, 1969.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Graham A. Evans	Treble	Peter G. Mayle	4
Derek J. Godfrey	2	Raymond J. Mayle	5
William T. Petty	3	Robert W. Procter	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

PETERSTON-super-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	4
David J. Llewellyn	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Alwyn R. Lewis	3	J. Michael Lakin	Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* Has now "circled the tower."

CADOXTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Susan Harber	Treble	Lawrence C. Hanney	4
Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Ellis N. Thomas	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	*Brian C. Watson	5
John Hill	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F B Speed
* First peal of Surprise.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Frederick S. Sutton	5
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Warboys, of Swynnerton. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watkin.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Murray A. Coleman	Treble	*Barry R. Care	6
Robert A. Reeves	2	John G. Mitchell	7
*Jean Marlow	3	*Edward C. Buckby	8
*Mark W. Sayers	4	Barry J. Davis	9
Diana Reeves	5	Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Caters.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Brian R. White	3	John H. Napper	7
*Barry M. Wheeler	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHECKENDON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Ian G. Judd	Treble	John R. Leary	5
†Carol N. J. Tull	2	William J. Irving	6
Stephen J. Franklin	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
J. Anthony Beaumont	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, containing 640 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 608 each of Cambridge, London and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	John N. Diserens	5
Albert Diserens	2	Brian J. Luff	6
Helen M. Diserens	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
*Brian D. Shingler	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung by members of the local band to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

WITNEY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

William Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. Munday	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Brian R. White	6
*Stephen R. Munday	3	John H. Napper	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.
* First peal of Stedman Triples

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in F.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	5
Philip Bosworth	2	Barry R. Care	6
Richard J. Cowley	3	Barry J. Davis	7
J. Malcolm Tyler	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First in the method for all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mollie E. Care.

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NENE SURPRISE MAJOR
Wratten No. 54. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

Jean Marlow	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Stephen B. Bell	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Christopher C. Clarke	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.

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DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
Being one extent each of Barham, Pembroke, Berkeley, Oswald, Edinburgh, Kentish and Wath. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Raymond Henman	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A Coleman.

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

R. William Smith	Treble	John Cooper	4
Geoff Davis	2	Gilbert F. Cowlin	5
Mrs. P. Ann Smith	3	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Leslie Battison	Treble	David J. Morgan	4
Anne Henman	2	Barry R. Care	5
Philip Jones	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
Rung to mark the visit of the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh, for the consecration of the new altar to the memory of the Rev. N. G. Philips (Vicar of Brafield with Little Houghton 1941–67).

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip. On Thurs., April 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*John N. Lindon	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	John R. Insley	9
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 200th peal. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Aston. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Muriel Reay	2	Stephen W. Barton	7
Norman J. Goodman	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	8
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	9
Terry R. Hampton	5	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston. On Wed., April 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Odd- and even-bob and single 10-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
*John R. Insley	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	Eric Spence	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katherine and All Saints. On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

*David C. Hawkins	Treble	‡Roy W. Rice	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	2	‡Walter S. Rice	7
†George W. Massey	3	Roger I. Kendrick	8
*Michael G. Dodson	4	†David J. Orledge	9
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	5	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal on ten bells and first in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Yorkshire Royal.
Rung with the bells fully muffled at the request of the Vicar.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Graham W. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
William T. Perrins	4	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Thurs. April 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur B. Corry	Treble	John N. Longridge	4
*Susan M. Corry	2	Martin J. Corry	5
*Cyril J. Corry	3	Christopher J. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Longridge.
* First peal. First as conductor.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sun., April 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	4
*William T. Perrins	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
Graham W. Elmes	3	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTWOOD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

*David W. F. Lazzerini	Treble	A. Richard C. Harris	5
†Sheila M. Anthony	2	Philip E. Jones	6
Susan O'Neil	3	R. Brian Mills	7
Peter A. Slight	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. inA.

*Kenneth Greatbach	Treble	Gordon E. Griffiths	5
*Martin Gaskell	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
George L. Roobottom	3	Cyril Griffiths	7
Gillian M. Griffiths	4	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to John A. Roden and Sandra Adams on the occasion of their wedding at this church this day.

WEST BROMWICH, Staffs.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Christine Turner	Treble	David Wilkes	5
Frank Brotherton	2	James Eastwood	6
Anthony Howell	3	Howard Howell	7
John R. Cotterill	4	Maurice Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice Turner.
Rung as a tribute to Albert J. Mills, captain at this tower for 60 years, who passed away on March 21st, 1969.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 8 lb. in F.

Felicity Hamilton	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	*Roy D. Mills	6
*Tony Skilton	3	†Alan D. Elsmore	7
John Pladdys	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Heather M. Craven	Treble	Ronald E. Stillwell	5
Reginald V. Johnson	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Francesca V. McAlear	3	James H. Lilley	7
†Peter D. Hepburn	4	*John E. Weaver	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal. † First in the method.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of a 720 each of: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Geoffrey C. Rix	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
*Patrick M. Wills	2	Philip Stevens	5
Anne M. Stevens	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in 11 methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Stevens.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Christopher Pickford	Treble	Angela Styler	5
Eric Styler	2	Christopher Hims	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Richard Spray	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Roger Hunt of the Feckenham band.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 896 of Bristol, 672 of Cambridge, 640 of Superlative, 608 of Dorchester and 576 of Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method. Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Peter J. Brown	Treble	*Robert Edwards	5
*M. Irene Brown	2	John C. Eisel	6
*Morley P. Tobin	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of 7-spliced.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick V. Nicholls and Mr. Martin D. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	John F. S. Eborall	5
Richard Farnsworth	2	Clive W. Longden	6
Michael J. Austin	3	Cyril Rusby	7
*Philip Charlesworth	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

David Whitehead	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
James S. Webb	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James Apostle.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 VRYNWY SURPRISE MAJOR

G. Armitage	Treble	Peter H. Gardner	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
Ronald H. Dove	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

MARSDEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

G. Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
F. John Nelson	2	Dennis Latham	6
David Vincent	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	7
Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

MIDDLESMOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sun., April 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in B flat.

*Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	4
Robert H. Jordan	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Christopher J. Easton	3	David Featherstone	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

FELIXKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Felix.
On Mon., April 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

Harry Winter	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	4
Christopher J. Easton	2	Robert H. Jordan	5
Alan T. Winter	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.
On Fri., April 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Keith J. Walpole	1–2	*N. David Lane	5–6
†Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	*Robert Peers	7–8
		*F. Leslie Coventry	9–10

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	*Gerald Penney	9–10
John R. Mayne (cond.)	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley	11–12

* First peal of York Surprise Maximus and first in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	*Roger Baldwin	5–6
†Julia A. Fellows	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8
		Christopher W. Woolley	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 400th peal together. † First of Surprise Royal on handbells. First of York Surprise Royal on handbells by all the band and for the Association.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Sat., April 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter T. Dale	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Jean Dale	3–4	Julia A. Fellows	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's, Hart Street.
On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*David A. Town	1–2	Jennifer A. Dunning	3–4
		John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6

* First peal "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

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BIRTH

COUSSMAKER.—On May 8th, 1969, in Istanbul, Turkey, to Jean and the Rev. Chad Coussmaker, a son (Michael Andrew de Bailleul). 7195

DEATH

COOK.—On May 10th, 1969, Charles William Cook, of Meldreth, formerly of Longstanton and Harston, Cambridgeshire, aged 77. Cremated privately. 7213

RETURN THANKS

NOLAN and IRIS GOLDEN express their thanks and gratitude to all members of the Norwich Diocesan Association who contributed so generously to the gifts presented to them at the annual general meeting on May 3rd 7208

PERSONAL

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Please note, general secretary and treasurer is now Mr. P. Mehew, 37, Vaughan Road, Stotfold, to whom all correspondence should now be addressed. 7191

Would Mr. D. Town, of 25, Onslow Gardens, London, S.W.7, please notify this office of his new address as his copy of the "R.W." has been returned marked "Not known".

"And we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."—Romans xii, 4.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Holiday bungalow, 2 double bedrooms, sleep 6, TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, linen provided, car space. Vacant June 21st–28th, July 12th–19th and August 23rd onwards. 7199

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CHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF RINGERS

PLEASE NOTE DATE

On FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 1969

In the TOWN HALL, CHESTER, at 7.30 p.m.

A concert will be held in aid of Chester Cathedral Appeal by the

POTOMAC ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS
from Washington, D.C.

This will be the first performance in this country by this company.

The company will be going to give similar concerts at Edinburgh and Llandaff Cathedrals.

FULLER DETAILS LATER. Henry O. Baker. 7204

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MISCELLANEOUS

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL
BELL TOWER OPEN DAY
Saturday, May 24th

Ringing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments. Film show in crypt on bell manufacture. Proceeds for Cathedral Building Fund. 7167

BUSHEY

Tower badly in need of restoration, and bells of tuning and rehanging.

Please help us with a donation to Bushey Tower and Bell Fund, The Rectory, Bushey, Herts. 7153

CHELSEA MYSTERY OUTING
On Saturday, June 21st

Approximate cost, including lunch and tea, will be 32/-.

For details contact A. Frank Udall, 54, Cromwell Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19 (01-542 7066). 7230

DENHAM, BUCKS.—Whitsun Church Fayre in Denham Village, Monday, May 26th. Bells available 11.15–12.45. All welcome.—S. J. Udell. 7194

GREENHILL BOWER, Lichfield, Staffs.—A Midlands attraction on Whit Monday, May 26th. Ringing at St. Michael's (Greenhill) 1–4 p.m. All welcome.—A. M. 7219

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—1967–68 report now available includes 78 new compositions, price 5/6 each (inc. postage); 1966 (53 comps.), 1965 (11), 1964 (25), 2/6 each; from A. J. Poynor, 20, Kirkland Road, Leicester LE3 2JP. 7231

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RINGING FESTIVAL
Sunday, June 8th
Ringing 3–4.30. Tea 4.30–5.30.
Ringing 5.30–6.30 and after service.
Barbecue 8.30. 7215

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The striking competition will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. 7225

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion, Chewton Mendip, Sunday, June 1st, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. H. Baber, Woodside, Chewton Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7226

SHARESHILL PARISH CHURCH
near WOLVERHAMPTON
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
June 6th, 7th, 8th

A ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.)

Groups of ringers welcome on—
Friday, 6th: Practice, 7.30–8.45 p.m.
Saturday, 7th: Bells available 2–4.30.
Sunday, 8th: For Evensong, 5.45–6.30.

Shareshill is situated on the Cannock road six miles from Wolverhampton, four miles from Cannock and half-mile from M6 motorway. 7207

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ST MARY'S, LEWISHAM.—Surprise Major practice, Thursday, May 29th, 8 p.m. Special method: Lincoln.—D. Hollis, Sec. 7229

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE, Shalford, Thursday, May 29th, 7.45 p.m. Spliced, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative.—F. W. Housden. 7201

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Coach trip to Rothbury and Morpeth, Saturday, June 7th. Coach leaves Central Station 2 p.m. Ringing at Rothbury 3–5 p.m., followed by tea. Also ringing at Morpeth in evening. Cost (including tea) approx. 10/-. Please send names (including those for tea only) to D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, as soon as possible. 7232

MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 24th, evening meeting at West Wycombe. Bells available 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—J. Muller. 7175

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. R. M. Reeve, Wellhouse Farm, Mount Bures, Bures, Suffolk. 7173

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, on May 24th. Bells 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting after tea with further ringing until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Verdon, 23, Chantry Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec.

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

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bentley (5), Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Wylie, 117, Washington Grove, West End, Bentley. 7186

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing, Gainford, 3–5 p.m., and at Staindrop 6–8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—Janet Warwick. 7209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Corse, May 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, GL19 3RE, by 27th. 7211

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Bicker, Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlet Lane, Bicker, Boston, by Wednesday, May 28th.—A. Richardson. 7189

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, May 31st, Little Missenden. Bells available 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea to follow but please bring own food. Evening ringing from 6–8.30 p.m., Chalfont St. Giles. 7188

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. 7206

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food, cups of tea only provided.—Robert Cater, Hon. Sec. 7227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Chipping Norton until 7.30 p.m. and at Great Rollright from 7.45 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Sec., Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 7166

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at CHICHESTER on SATURDAY, MAY 31st.

Service in the Cathedral (ringers' choir) at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Council Chamber, County Hall, West Street, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

10 a.m.–11 a.m.: Rudgwick (6), Upper Beeding (8), Itchingfield (5).
10.45 a.m.–11.45 a.m.: Wisborough Green (6), Findon (6), Billingshurst (8).
11 a.m.–12 noon: Arundel (8)
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: Petworth (8), Rogate (6), Shipley (6).
12 noon–1 p.m.: Lodsworth (6), South Harting (6), Lyminster (6), Thakeham (6).
1 p.m.–2 p.m.: Easebourne (8), Westbourne (8), Felpham (6), Storrington (6).
1.30 p.m.–2.30 p.m.: Bosham (6), Aldwick (4), Pulborough (8).
2 p.m.–3 p.m.: Stedham (6), Pagham (5), Fittleworth (6).
2 p.m.–3.45 p.m.: CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL (8).

If there is time, Chichester Cathedral and Arundel bells will be available after the meeting. 7168

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting, Whissendine, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, 27th. 7216

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Enford, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 27th. 7224

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, West Hallam (8), 3–4.30 p.m.; Ilkeston (8), 5.30–8.30 p.m. Cafés for tea in Ilkeston.—D. Stainsby, Hon. Sec. 7221

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Car tour to the following towers on Saturday, May 31st; Wickham Steith, 3.30 p.m.; Thornham Magna, 4.30. Picnic tea, Rickinghall, 6.15. Redgrave 7.15 p.m. All welcome. 7217

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Alteration to ringing arrangements for A.G.M., Saturday, May 31st.

Findon bells not available. Midhurst (6) available from 1.30–2.30 p.m. 7223

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice at Combe (6), Monday, June 2nd, 7 p.m.—E. Venn, Dis. Sec. 7220

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, June 4th. Bells available from 6–9 p.m. Special method: Aldenham Surprise Maximus. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7210

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, Friday, June 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire.—J. S. King. 7212

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, Friday, June 6th, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. 7218

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting, BIRMINGHAM, JUNE 7th.

11.30–12.15: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral.
1 p.m.: Lunch in St. Martin's Hall, followed by business meeting.
2.45–3.45: St. Martin's, Bull Ring.
3.30–4.45: Birmingham Cathedral.
6.15–7.15: Solihull.

Names for lunch (10s.) to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, 29, Sutherland Place, London, W.2, by May 30th at latest.—J. G. A. Prior. 7183

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bridekirk, Saturday, June 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 7174

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. Ringing until 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Tanner, 36, High Lane East, West Hallam, Derbys, or Ringing Master, St. Mary's; latest June 2nd, please. Local District members very welcome. 7162

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting, Stow-on-the-Wold (8), June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, by June 5th. 7196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Silverdale, Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The 7th annual striking competition will be held at Sempringham (6) on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at Billingborough (8) in the evening. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9, Dale Road, Grantham, by Saturday, May 31st, please. 7222

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's (8), Buckley, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7193

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SOUTHWELL GUILD'S PROGRESSIVE YEAR

THE 23rd A.G.M. of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held in the Nottingham District on April 12th. During the afternoon ringing took place at the churches of All Saints (Nottingham), St. Margaret (Aspley), St. Leodegarius (Basford) and St. Mary (Nottingham).

Evensong, held in St. Mary's, was conducted by the senior curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Canon D. R. Feaver. The ringers' choir of nearly 40 voices, ably conducted by Mr. R. Carlisle, made a most impressive début. Tea followed in St. Mary's Institute, served by the ladies of the Nottingham District, under the directions of Mrs. Elizabeth Beardsley.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton. The meeting opened with a minute's silence for four members who had died since the last annual meeting, namely Messrs. D. R. Brown (Gamston), C. Warden (Misson), T. R. Flint (Warsop) and F. J. Milner (late of Southwell).

Arising from the minutes, the hon. general secretary said that the committee had again considered the cost of the annual report and had again come out in favour of continuing with a full report each year, despite the high cost of printing. Due to delays by the printers, the annual report was not available until just before the meeting. This did not prevent a discussion on the report and it was finally approved unanimously. Due to a printing error, Rempstone bells appeared to be at the bell foundry: this was not correct: the tower concerned was Ruddington.

OVER 500 MEMBERS

The hon. general secretary reported that membership had been maintained at over 500 members and again showed a small increase on the previous year.

Bell restoration had recovered from the previous year's stagnation: Aspley bells had been augmented to eight, East Retford's recast and rehung, Whatton's rearranged in an 8-bell frame and Ruddington's removed to the bell foundry, to be shortly followed by Arnold's. Advice had been sought and given to Bulwell on the condition of the frame and fittings.

The income to the Bell Repair Fund had again been increased and now stood at £449. Of this, £75 had been earmarked for augmentations at both Warsop and Whatton, £60 for augmentation at Arnold and £50 for the recasting of Ruddington bells. All Districts were now embarking on some fund-raising activities.

The hon. treasurer reported a surplus on the year's working of £32, making a balance in the General Account of £76, with £100 in the Reserve Account. This was considered most satisfactory.

PEAL ACTIVITIES

The peal committee reported that the total of 104 peals rung in 1968 indicated that the Guild had recovered from the visit of the Central Council in 1967, when only 75 peals were rung. Twenty-one members rang their first peal, an increase of six. Of the previous year's 15 first pealers only five failed to add to their totals in 1968. Seven members conducted their first peals, an increase of four and the highest figure since 1964. Two of the previous year's three first as conductor called further peals in 1968.

The leading tower for Guild peals was Holme Pierrepont with 15, followed by Nottingham St. Peter's and Coddington with seven. The conducting was shared by 31 conductors, the leaders being H. Denman (12), R. B. Mills and J. L. Millhouse (9). There were 192 ringers involved, 122 of whom are resident members of the Guild.

New methods rung for the Guild were Southwell Surprise Royal, Quedgley and Uxbridge Surprise Major and Rampton Surprise Minor. In the field of Spliced Minor ringing the number included in a peal rose from 46 to 55, 73, 101 and finally 106 Treble Bob methods, the last two containing the greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods ever rung to a peal at that time. Doubles methods also shot to the forefront with a peal in 129 different Plain course methods at Shelford late in December. This peal would probably replace the present record peal at Hambledon, even though 43 extents were used. The first peal of Major by an all-ladies band for the Guild was rung at Tuxford.

Quarter peals totalled 158—a record—the list being headed by Shelford with 46, and Holme Pierrepont with 22 and Beeston with ten. Coupled with peals this means that 60 of the Guild's 92 towers had either a peal or quarter peal rung there in 1968.

Thanks were expressed to all the Guild's officers, who were re-elected, there being no other nominations. These are: Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; vice-chairman, Rev. W. H. Snow; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; auditors, Messrs. C. J. Copp and B. Hough; trustees, Messrs. F. W. Midwinter and W. Nichols, and peal committee, Messrs. R. B. Mills (secretary) and B. M. Buswell. Mr. B. Hough gave notice that the auditors would not be standing for re-election after this year.

BULK PURCHASE OF ROPE

The hon. general secretary said that he had purchased 300 feet of pre-stretched terylene rope, which he would make available at cost to towers who wished to use this type of rope to splice on to the tops of their existing ropes where these had perished and become unserviceable. He also suggested that the Guild should perhaps make this available free of charge to towers where they had no ringers and where the bells were only rung on special occasions by the Guild members and whose ropes were known to break with monotonous regularity. This was agreed, the secretary to use his discretion and the cost to be met from the Bell Repair Fund.

The secretary also reported that he had proposed and Mr. J. D. Clarke had seconded the following motion to be put before the Central Council at its annual meeting at St. Albans this year: "That this Council through its Towers and Belfries Committee seeks early consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches and the principal bellfounders to revise and bring up to date their agreed policy on bells and bell frames, with particular regard to (a) the recasting of bells and (b) the position of bells in churches which are, or are about to become redundant or closed."

He reported the difficulties he had met and anomalies he had encountered in interpreting the present recommendations. After a short discussion it was unanimously resolved to support the motion.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund taken at the meeting realised £5 8s. 5d. After a comprehensive vote of thanks, further ringing took place on the ten bells at St. Mary's and the 12 at St. Peter's.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—One important item of business at the Central Council meeting will be the reconstitution of its various committees, and careful thought and preparation is appropriate before names are put forward. At present the above committee has the following work in hand:—

(1) A Tutor's Handbook, Part 2 (now ready).
(2) Week-end and day courses.
(3) General interest film-strip.
(4) Recordings of examples of good striking.
(5) Liaison with theological colleges.
(6) Hire of Washington film.
(7) Research re possibility of a 16 mm. general interest film.
(8) Miscellaneous enquiries.

Item (8) dealt with by the Convener covers a wide field and it would be helpful to have someone new on the committee who could deal with enquiries about tune ringing on handbells and someone prepared to make available pin-up material as visual aids to instruction and recruiting drives.

The Convener has done much preliminary work on the possible content of a general interest film-strip and made contacts with people prepared to co-operate on the technical aspects of production. Should the Council decide to back such a production it will be helpful to have someone on the committee to deal with the detailed planning and script writing. Present members of the committee are already well committed and any new nominees need to be prepared for a fair "stint" of work of a specialist nature.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener.
Blencathra, Spring Road,
Market Weighton, near York.

LATE NOTICES

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of five or six old, unused handbells for young learners who can only afford a nominal price. Please send particulars to Mr. White, 94, Merley Ways, Wimborne, Dorset. 7234

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of 26 musical handbells, heavy gauge, heaviest 3¼ lb., 8 inches diameter; smallest 1¼ lb. (approx.), 3 inches diameter. Original price £235. Prepared to consider reasonable offer.—G. Bearne, Bancroft, East Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon. 7233

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting and striking competition, Childswickham (6), Saturday, May 31st. Competition commences 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by May 29th. 7236

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Market Bosworth, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Proudman, 20, Market Place, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7232

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, June 7th, 6.30 p.m. Names for half-day outing, please.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Hever, on June 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea, please. 7235

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Bedford 1, S. Bedford 2, Ruth Woodman 3, A. Knights 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, P. Bedford 6. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): J. Dey (first quarter) 1, A. A. F. Peters 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, P. R. Worth (first quarter) 6, N. R. Perrin 7, P. J. H. Dobson 8. For Evensong.

BRYANSTONE, DORSET.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Paulley 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleatham 4, M. J. Corry 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John N. Longridge. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss S. M. Corry 1, A. J. Paulley 2, A. B. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleatham (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss K. M. Andrews 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, A. B. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. J. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Corry 6. Rung after the wedding of Dr. P. Simpson and Jane Carpenter-Jacobs.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Baldwin 1, F. Carford 2, A. Walker 3, R. Reynolds 4, R. Howard 5, A. Key 6, W. B. Dawson 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: S. Yates (cond.) 1, Sylvia J. Hodister (first "inside") 2, I. A. Sheffield 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, D. J. G. Bates 6, C. J. Bennett 7, R. M. Hodister 8.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,259 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Cane (first on working bell) 1, D. Cooper 2, B. Castle (first "inside") 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, M. E. Cass (cond.) 5, A. Gill 6. Rung prior to the christening of five babies.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Pl. and Oxford T.B. Minor: W. Riley 1, Margaret Boam 2, F. D. A. Boam 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Coe 1, D. Chambers 2, L. Shaw 3, D. Cooper 4, R. Chambers (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, R. Haines 2, I. L. Andrews (first of P.B.) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, K. Rix (first quarter) 6, I. Calvert 7, A. D Case 8. With 7, 6, 8 covering.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Susan Abbott 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters 3, A. Munnings 4, J. Hollins 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. — On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Lane 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, A. R. MacKenzie 4, J. Shields 5, D. F. Lane (first quarter) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Susan Hopkin 1, A. W. Bond 2, Caroline Mackie 3, B. J. Read (first in method as cond.) 4, T. G. Williams 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, A. P. Fester 7, N. R. Clatworthy 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Dave Nibbs.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET. — On April 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss E. Gill 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, P. Board 3, J. Vardy 4, C. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

BURITON, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wild (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Maureen Tipper (first "inside") 3, R. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, K. Tipper 6. Wishing Jane Walker bon voyage to Canada.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. George 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, J. Copping 8.

CATFIELD, NORFOLK. — On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Daphne Appleby 1, Rosemary White 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, J. L. Humphreys 4, B. J. Pickup (cond.) 5.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On March 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. L. Mears 1, J. Marshall 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, C. Tidwell 4, R. H. J. Mears, sen. 5, P. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears, jun. 8. By Sunday service band.

CHEW STOKE, SOM.—On April 11th, 1,440 Norwich and London Surprise Minor: Ann Kingcott 1, R. Perry 2, P. J. England 3, A. Perry 4, J. R. Taylor 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Hall 1, H. White 2, A. H. Hall 3, Mrs. M. Hensman 4, H. J. Shuck 5, C. M. Cooksey (first Triples as cond.) 6, M. Green (first Triples "inside") 7, T. Davies 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Christine Murray 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. L. Towler (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 1, which was also her first quarter of T.B. Also on April 13th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mary Roast 1, Susan Spurgeon (first quarter "inside") 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, R. J. W. Housden 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Carol Kemp and Christopher Salter.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Richardson (cond.) 1, Miss S. Roberts (first quarter) 2, V. Bottomley 3, Avis Thompson, Mrs. J. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, J. Wightman 8. For Confirmation service.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, E. Sawyer 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On April 27th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Trudy Newcombe 1, C. Edwards 2, Beryl Platt 3, D. Dorrington 4, Carole Francis 5, Jacky Hedges 6, S. Hardy 7, T. C. Hawkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to congratulate Rev. Clive and Evelyn Taylor on the birth of a son.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Smith 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 2, G. A. Bainbridge 3, Jane Foster 4, Anne Edwards 5, S. A. Waters 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. A compliment to Miss Ann Kingham, daughter of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Kingham), on her marriage on April 12th, 1969, to Mr. Bruce Simpson.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Sennitt 1, J. Hobbs 2, A. V. Good 3, G. A. Reading 4, R. G. Bell 5, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after the burial service of A. R. Goldsney, organist and tower captain at this church.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: R. Rowe 1, Mrs. S. M. Drew 2, T. Lewis 3, R. Cole 4, J. Clements 5, F. Pugh 6, D. Franklin 7, G. Drew (cond.) 8. Rung for the centenary festival of SS. Philip and James', Hallow.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Walton (cond.) 1, Carol Stacey (first of Stedman Doubles) 2, D. Fox 3, D. Hughes 4, D. Hatherly 5, V. Walder 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Fensom (first quarter) 1, R. Reynolds 2, W. B. Dawson 3, W. E. Clarke 4, H. Barsley 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Collins 1, R. Witney 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, F. Absolom 5, W. Fulker 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mrs. P. Fulker, wife of sixth ringer.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On April 1st, 1,320 Plain, Little and Alliance Doubles (11): Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss S. O'Neill 2, A. R. C. Harris 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. First Plain, Little and Alliance Doubles by all, and for the Guild.

LUDHAM, NORFOLK. — On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Burton 1, S. G. Pick 2, N. R. White 3, C. R. Bainham 4, P. R. Johnson 5.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karen French (first on eight) 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton (cond.) 7, A. French 8. To mark the start of the "Forward with Christ" Campaign; also a wedding compliment to Adelaide Day (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Day) and John Ward, both members of the Leicester Guild, who were married in this church the previous day.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: Miss M. Davies 1, C. F. Longridge 2, Miss S. M. Corry 3, R. Jeans 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6. Also same method on same day: Miss K. M. Andrews (first quarter) 1, C. J. Corry 2, T. G. Bleatham (cond.) 3, A. J. Paulley 4, B. R. Jeans 5, R. Jeans 6.

OXFORD.—At New College, on April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Judith H. Harvey 1, L. J. Haines 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, N. C. V. Pollock 5, S. K. Thompson 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. H. Johnston 8, P. H. Mackie 9, N. R. D. Orchard 10. First on ten for 1, 5, 10. For Evensong by Oxford University Society.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dunn (first in W.A.) 1, J. Carter 2, H. Mann (cond.) 3, B. Potts 4, L. Reynolds 5, A. Mann 6. A farewell to Most Rev. G. Appleton, Archbishop of Perth, on translation to Archbishopric of Jerusalem. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 P.B. Minor: J. Dunn 1, B. J. Potts 2, J. Carter 3, L. Reynolds 4, M. Scowen (from Melbourne) 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of Alison Jan Mann (30/1/69). Also on April 6th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: J. Dunn 1, J. Carter 2, B. Potts 3, T. Lambert 4, E. Halton (first in Australia) 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of Julie Norma (April 3rd). Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. B. Potts 1, J. Dunn (first "inside" in method) 2, Pam Warren 3, J. Carter 4, L. Reynolds 5, A. Mann (cond.) 6. A farewell to Pam Warren and a wedding compliment to Dr. Tom Lambert and Jill Moody.

PETERBOROUGH.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Pl. B. Doubles: A. Spencer (first quarter) 1, Joan Parker 2, Ann Smith 3, W. Smith 4, Roy W. Spencer (cond.) 5. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): M. R. Spencer 1, Joan Parker 2, Ann Smith 3, W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Half-muffled on day of funeral of Harry Branston, former churchwarden.

PUCKINGTON, SOM.—On April 15th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: J. Cornelius (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, Roy Welch 3, Reg Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. Drayton 6. First in the variation by all except the conductor.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: J. B. Keeler (cond.) 1, L. A. Huckstepp 2, P. S. Philpott 3, P. M. Hills 4, H. S. W. Seward 5, Dawn V. Petts 6. First Minor "inside" 3 and 5.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, D. Hudson 2, M. Nunns 3, G. Hudson 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, R Brown 6, G. Cox 7, I. North 8.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Muriel Reay 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, D. H. Walters 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): S. G. Pick 1, J. P. Burton 2, J. L. Humphreys 3, P. R. Johnson 4, C. R Bainham (cond.) 5.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean F. West (first quarter) 1, E. Chapman 2, Marion Kemp 3, W. H. Pedley 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (first as cond.) 6.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Groom 1, P. Jewell 2, R. V. Webb (cond.) 3, D. Hope 4, P. Mehew 5, K. Webb 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Webb 1, T. Groom (first "inside") 2, D. Hope 3, R. V. Webb 4, M. Major 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. V. L. North) on the first anniversary of his induction.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — On Easter Day, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: M. Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss J. Horton 3, M. Hutchens (first "inside") 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Evensong.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, Margaret Adams (first "inside") 2, J. Pilgrim 3, S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, Dana Josephson (first quarter) 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whiteman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, N. George 5, J. F. A. Rolph (first Minor "inside") 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (first as cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WELLOW, SOM.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Elkins 1, A. J. Coombs 2, B. Sarll 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, L. J. Ayling (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Skuse, both local ringers; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Elkins.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: I. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Eileen Jayne (first "inside") 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, L. D. Duguid 5, E. Treagus 6, M. Marshall 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers and Music.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, J. M. Swift 2, Susan Harrison 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond., 50th on the bells and 75th of Doubles) 5, R. Funnell 6. First in method by all except conductor. Rung prior to a musical recital.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
By EDWIN TIMBRELL

23456	M	B	W	H
56234		—	2	
46325	—		2	—
62345			2	
45623	2		—	
52436		—		
23564		—		

Repeat twice; contains no 82s and 11 of the 86s, 85s and 84s.
First rung at Tarleton, Lancs, on April 19th, 1969, conducted by D. G. Lawson.

5,056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
By RONALD J. SLACK

M	B	W	H
	X	—	3
		—	2
—		—	3
		S	—
—			2
		2	—
—	X		—
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Repeated twice, omitting any block of 3Hs in one part.
Rung at Sprotborough, Yorks, Mar. 22, 1969.

5,472 (5,088) SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
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