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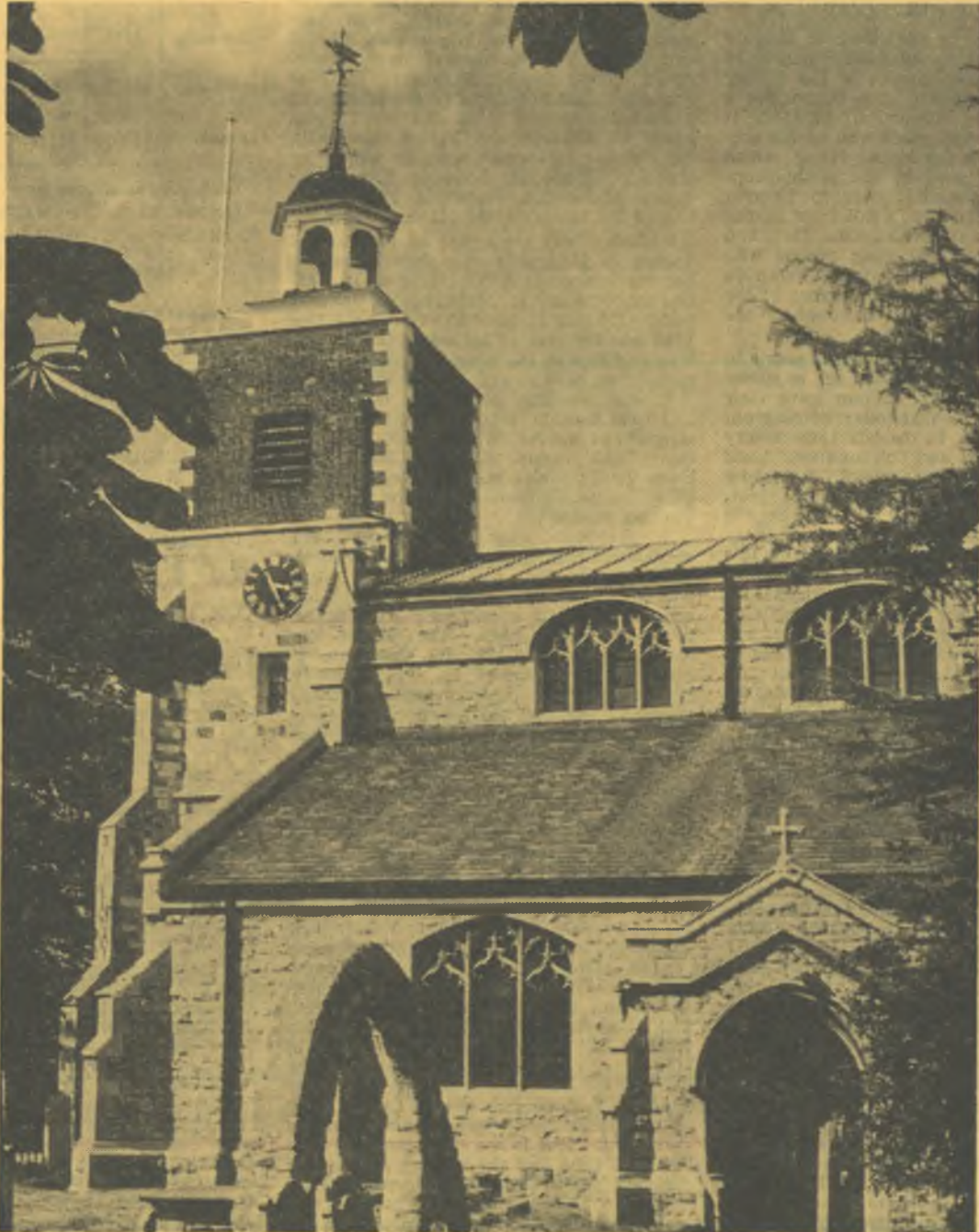
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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mortlake, Surrey

[Photo by L. R. Freeman]

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Mortlake

By LESLIE R. FREEMAN

TO those outside the borough, Mortlake is probably best known as the finishing point of the University Boat Race and for the brewery which stands conspicuously on the Surrey shore just before the finish. The Parish Church of what is now the parish of Mortlake with East Sheen stands back a little way from the river, just east of the brewery. It has stood there since 1543, though the history of the church and parish goes back much earlier; the Archbishops of Canterbury held a manor house at Mortlake long before the Norman Conquest.

The derivation of the name is obscure and it has at varying times been spelt in 19 different ways. Ecclesiastically, the history starts with the granting of a licence for a chapel of ease by Edward III in 1348. It stood a few hundred yards west of the present site, alongside the Manor House, which continued to be used by the Archbishops until Cranmer passed it over to Thomas Cromwell. On Cromwell's fall from favour Henry VIII gave it to Katherine Parr, and it was one or other of these owners who apparently decided on certain alterations which were impeded by the presence of the chapel, so the latter was removed to the present site in 1543.

Henry VIII's mania for changes seems to have infected the parishioners for in subsequent years they could seldom leave their church in peace, so that today nothing but the tower remains. In the late 16th century a vestry was built and still survives. Used for many years as a school, the upper storey, following a restoration last year, now forms a very useful parish room. It would appear from surviving descriptions of the church by visitors that by the middle of the last century the interior left much to be desired, and evidently the parishioners agreed for plans for a complete rebuilding were prepared by Sir Arthur Blomfield. The chancel of the Parish Church was rebuilt to his designs in 1885, but it was not until 1905/6, after Sir Arthur's death, that the final plunge was taken and the nave and south aisle were completely rebuilt.

There are, however, plentiful reminders of the earlier church, chief amongst them being a fine example of a 15th century octagonal stone font presented to the original chapel by Cardinal Thomas Bouchier, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1454-1486. There are three ancient chests, the finest being one of German or Italian manufacture of the late 15th century, and the vestry records are very nearly complete from 1578.

LADDERS FOR STONE STAIRCASE

Throughout the years from 1543 the tower survived without too many alterations, a particularly unfortunate one being the removal for some reason about 1840 of the stone staircase, leaving a rather unnerving succession of ladders to be ascended by future generations of ringers. Of the bells, the earliest mention is in the inventory of the Commissioners of Edward VI in 1552, which left in the churchwardens' care three bells and a sauze bell. The history of bell ringing in the parish really starts in 1695, when the present brick belfry surmounted by the curious wooden cupola was added to the Tudor tower, giving the latter its present-day appearance.

Into this new belfry went a ring of five bells by Philip Wightman, and so far as can

be traced they have never left the tower since. They cost £150, part of the parish being mortgaged to finance the expenditure. They form the present numbers 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 and are plain castings without any decoration or inscriptions except for "Made by Philip Wightman" followed by the date, 1694, except for the tenor which is dated 1695.

A vestry minute dated 18th July, 1703, reads that "for adding three bells to ye church and repairs £180 was expended. The Garter property was charged with payment." In contrast to Wightman's original five, the new bells were distinctly unsuccessful, none lasting 50 years. In 1746 Theodore Eccleston came to the rescue and presented two new bells cast by Thomas Lester at Whitechapel. One of these bells, the No. 2, survives and bears the simple inscription: "Theodore Eccleston Esqr. Thos. Lester of London made me 1746". The fate of the two old trebles is not known.

Eccleston was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths from 1744 and became Master in 1750. He died in 1753 and was buried at Mortlake on January 14th, 1753. It is of interest to note that 1746 was the year of his marriage at Mortlake and that at the same time he also presented two bells to All Saints', Fulham.

It was not long before the other 1703 bell gave trouble, to quote the present inscription of the No. 6: "Recast by subscription of the ringers. Rt. Catin fecit 1751." Even then troubles were not ended for in 1784 Eccleston's treble had to be recast by Thomas Janaway.

So the bells remain to this day. The weights are uncertain but the tenor is something over 14 cwt., a large ring for rather a small tower; the belfry is barely 11 feet square, and it is a decidedly tight fit between the larger bells. The present iron frame was fitted in 1911 and they were rehung on ball-bearings in 1954. Finally, only last year, the clappers were completely restored and refitted with independent staples. All these various repairs have been carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

REPAINTED PEAL BOARD ERROR

Of the actual ringing, few details have survived. Only 46 peals have been rung and only four of these are recorded on peal boards. There were a lot more which unfortunately "disappeared" without trace or record some years ago. The four survivors are all in poor condition but at least their details are recorded and two are of some interest. One bears the date in Roman figures of 1761, but from recent correspondence with Canon Felstead it is apparent that at some time it was repainted and a Roman "X" was mistaken for a "L", so in fact it records the first peal rung on the bells by the Mortlake Society on November 22nd, 1721, 5040 Bob Major Trebles (Bob Triples) in 3 hours 4 minutes and, to quote the board: "This is the third time this peal was ever rung and the first by the method designed and called by William Walker."

Walker rang the 6th on that occasion and many years later his name appears as the ringer of the 7th in a peal of 10,640 Bob Major rung by the Society of College Youths on August 2nd, 1776. This peal came round in 6½ hours. The other two boards record another peal by the College

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Youths in 1823 and one by the Junior College Society in 1829. The great period for peals was between 1891 and 1894, when 13 were rung; but since then they have been very scarce, only one being rung between the World Wars and four since 1945.

However, service ringing continued throughout this period and notable among the ringers were Henry Bullen and his son Tom, both of whom completed 60 years as ringers. It is probably a gross libel of the ringers, but from the memories of older parishioners it appears that some of the band are remembered more for the alacrity with which they made their way after ringing from the church to the nearby "Old George"! Times change. Those ringers have long since gone to their rest, and now the "Old George" has gone, demolished to make the road wider.

Since the Second World War and the death of Tom Bullen it has not been easy to keep a band going, due in the main to a dire shortage of experienced ringers, something essential on bells like Mortlake on which it is not easy for the inexperienced to attain an acceptable standard of striking. The present band had its foundation in 1963 after a period of only intermittent ringing. After reaching the stage of ringing occasional quarter peals for services, it is now beginning to suffer from the effects of business and educational commitments, so the immediate future is a little uncertain.

Young Men's Innings at Central Council

EXAMINATION OF PROCEDURE

Have the seeds been sown for the reorganisation of the Central Council by the notice of motion submitted by Mr. Douglas A. R. May, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild? His motion was carried after an amendment which did not disturb the principle at stake.

But who is to make the investigation? The proposer wanted a new committee and not the Standing Committee. The Council favoured the Standing Committee and then decided to ballot for the new committee. Mr. May was an unsuccessful candidate: in fact it was very much the old brigade back on the Committee.

Will a special meeting of the Standing Committee be called to consider the principles at stake? This year's committee meeting lasted nearly three hours. It will be for the President and the officers to decide how adequate consideration can be given to the questions raised.

The motion in Mr. May's name read:—

"This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner."

Proposing the motion, Mr. May said that after the last Council meeting he wrote an article which was published in "The Ringing World". It was critical of many aspects of the Council's procedure, but no one came to the support of the status quo. Many non-members told him that they thought the Council was irrelevant to the needs of the Exercise. This was not true, and it was unfortunate that many people felt that way.

After pointing out that the annual meeting was all-important to the Exercise, Mr. May said that the time given to the Council's business should be increased so that discussions and debates did not have to be guillotined. The main purpose of the motion, if carried, would be to take steps to bring the Council's operations up-to-date, relating them to the needs of the Exercise, and to make it apparent to the ordinary ringer that the Council had its priorities right. He asked the following questions:—

NINE QUESTIONS

(1) Is the meeting at the right end of the week-end and, in particular, should it be on a Tuesday?

(2) Is sufficient time allowed or should it span two days?

(3) Should there be a one-day half-yearly meeting either in Birmingham or London? On occasions in the past a matter had been referred to a committee and when the committee reported back it was rejected and a year was wasted.

(4) Should topics requiring a decision, especially technical matters, be referred to the committees as now constituted or would it be better to form committees in the Parliamentary sense which would sit during a Council meeting and report back to the same meeting?

(5) Was the Council too unwieldy? Should membership be reduced to make it an efficient debating chamber that it probably was at inception? If so, how should the reduction be achieved? Apart from the two ancient London Societies, there was little justification for non-territorial Societies to be represented because their members were also represented by territorial Societies. Should Societies not requiring an annual subscription have their number of representatives decided upon in a different way? Should the number of honorary members be reduced?

(6) Should the President chair the meetings or should a chairman be elected annually?

(7) Should everyone be entitled to speak as long as he likes or as often as he could catch the President's eye?

(8) The Monday ringing arrangements had not received wide publicity this year. Should the procedure be continued or even extended to the rest of the week-end?

(9) Should local dignitaries be asked to welcome the Council? He suspected that most of them felt as much a duty to agree to do so as they felt to listen.

During the last session a little patching-up of Council procedure had been performed, but he was sure that much could be gained from a thorough investigation into the Council's working. Those responsible should look to the future and not to the past, seeing from an impartial distance rather than the obscurity of close proximity.

Mr. W. Viggers seconded.

RECEPTION ON MONDAY EVENING

Mr. W. F. Moreton said the Yorkshire Association had been thinking about some of the points Mr. May had made in relation to the meeting next year and it was proposed that the reception be held not after the meeting but on the Monday evening. The Council would then be able to start at 9.30 and not restricted to finishing at 4.30.

Mr. C. F. Mew (Surrey Association) moved as an amendment that the Council appoint a committee to examine the position and not put it on the shoulders of the Standing Committee as many of its members were fully occupied with other Council matters. Mr. May had expressed a willingness to sit on such a committee.

He continued that the members were there for three main reasons: to collect information to be disseminated among Associations; to improve relations with the Church and to look after the practical side. The people who elected them might not understand the technical jargon, but they looked to them as leaders of the Exercise to do their best for them. "We must always be willing to be progressive and to change our ways as are necessary."

The Rev. St. John Smith (Derby Diocesan Association) supported Mr. Mew's amendment for two reasons. The majority of the members of the Standing Committee were too busy with other committees and the Standing Committee was too large.

It was agreed to amend the motion to instruct the Standing Committee to appoint a small ad hoc committee (ad hoc meaning that the committee would disperse as soon as the work had been done).

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent) supported the motion because it was intended to do a little investigation into one's private life. His criticism of the previous speakers was that they had not made any suggestions as to what they wanted to do with the extra time.

He felt that the Council had four main objectives:—

(a) To promote Sunday and other ringing required by the Church.

(b) To promote change-ringing as an art.

(c) To promote social contact.

(d) To provide links with the past and maintain an historical continuity.

They had a duty to elect a new Standing Committee. If they thought they were a lot of old dodderers it was their duty to elect the right one. It was the duty of the Standing Committee to look at the constitution.

Mr. Philip Gray (ANZAB) believed it was something like 20 years since the Council looked through its rules. He was sure it was not true that the same rules had remained since the Council's inception. After an interval of 20 years, when the people on the Council



MR. D. A. R. MAY,
Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and
former Master of the University of London
Society.

had almost changed completely, it was necessary to have another check. He supported a motion of this kind.

He would ask the proposer to amend the motion as it implied criticism. The Council could not be asked to vote for something that implied criticism of themselves. The motion should read: "This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and methods of procedure."

This was accepted by Mr. May.

Mr. T. Lock (Middlesex) suggested that each member body be asked to send in their suggestions within six months to be considered by the Standing Committee. It would be more representative of ringers as a whole.

The amendment appointing an ad hoc committee was defeated, but the motion incorporating Mr. Gray's amendment was carried.

THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Worcester meeting, which had been circulated, were adopted.

Mr. R. L. Roper asked if they could be circulated a little earlier. The hon. secretary replied that he had nothing to guide him except precedent.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The following were elected by ballot for the 12 vacancies on the Standing Committee: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. D. Beresford, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Dukes, P. M. J. Gray, R. F. B. Speed, P. A. Corby, W. F. Moreton, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, B. D. Threlfall, H. J. Sanger and P. J. Staniforth.

Mr. H. Poyner (Southwell) asked if the Council was satisfied with the constitution of the Standing Committee. They had only 12 elected members. There were 11 conveners of committees and the president, the secretary, treasurer and the two auditors and the past-president and past-secretary/treasurer as ex-officio members. To what extent was it a self-perpetuating body?

PEALS COLLECTION REPORT

Work has begun on a draft collection of peals in 9- to 12-bell methods, and a manuscript copy may be available in time for the members of the Central Council to inspect.

It was decided to omit Stedman Caters and Cinques in view of the existence of the 1961 collection of these.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener).

28, Brompton Road, Spottborough, Doncaster.

R. F. B. SPEED, G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. W. E. Critchley, moving the report, said there was a MSS. collection in the possession of Mr. Speed which anyone could go through.

The report was adopted and Messrs. W. E. Critchley (convener), R. F. B. Speed and G. E. Feirn re-elected to the committee.

278 More Peals Rung in 1968

LET us first say that we still cannot understand why some conductors are so dilatory in sending in the peals immediately they are rung, or why we still have so many repeats. PLEASE try and amend your ways, writes Mr. W. Ayre in introducing the report of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The 1967 figures shown include four which were queried in our previous report, thus showing an increase in 1968 of 278—tower 3,121, an increase of 194; handbells 334, an increase of 84. This gives a grand total of 3,455.

Interesting comparisons can be made from the other figures and lists in our report. There were 543 first pealers and 79 first as conductor, as reported in "The Ringing World".

In the table below it will be seen that Kent County and the Chester Guild have exchanged positions from last year, but an ordinary look at the figures will explain why. (We consider this a wonderful achievement.)

LEADING GUILDS

	Tower	Handbells	Total
Chester Guild	150	103	253
Yorkshire Assn. (1 in 1967)	209	11	220
Lancashire Assn.	164	24	188
Leicester Guild	156	31	187
Kent County	158	13	171
Oxford Guild	154	10	164
Hertford County	91	51	142
Bath and Wells	127	—	127
Peterborough Guild	120	1	121

These nine give 45.5% of the total peals rung in 1968.

The breakdown is as follows: —

	Tower			Handbells	
	1967	1968		1967	1968
Fourteen			1	—	1
Maximus	67	94 + 27	15	18 + 3	
Cinques	47	51 + 4	5	1 + 4	
Royal	192	219 + 27	27	36 + 9	
Caters	91	92 + 1	4	11 + 7	
Major	1,200	1,359 + 159	107	120 + 13	
Triples	206	210 + 4	4	4 =	
Minor	840	813 - 27	75	108 + 33	
Doubles	279	277 - 2	12	36 + 24	
Minimus	5	6 + 1	—	—	
	2,927	3,121 + 194	250	334 + 84	

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Chester Guild—18,000 Cambridge Royal; 13,140 Kent Maximus and 15,160 Oxford T.B. Royal on handbells. Gloucester and Bristol—23 Spliced Surprise Major silent and non-conducted. Hertford County—10,784 Oxford T.B. Major and 17,284 Kent T.B. Major and 30, 26, 25, 21, 18 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Lancashire Association—40 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral. Middlesex County—28 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—completing six peals of 9 Spliced Surprise Major on one day. Surrey Association 9,600 Lincolnshire S. Major, and the increasing number of methods variations being used in peals of Doubles. Finally, but not least, five peals from America and one from Natal (Doubles) (with four firsts and first as conductor). May the increased peal totals reflect a similar increase in Sunday service ringing!

First pealers down a little, with 543, but not so many first as conductor—79 as against 103 in our last report. Can something be done about this? WALTER AYRE (Convener).

The report was adopted, and Messrs. W. Ayre (convener), Rev. W. H. Felstead, R. L. Roper and F. B. Lufkin appointed to the committee.

Council's Library now Catalogued

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the acting hon. librarian, reports:—

During the year the borrowing of books from the Library increased slightly. The Library was administered until October by Mr. Frank Perrens, and at a meeting of the Library Sub-Committee held in Coventry in August it was agreed that during his absence from this country on a world tour I should become the Council's Acting Librarian. Mr. and Mrs. Perrens left on November 17th, and we wish them a happy journey and safe return, coupled with our most grateful thanks to Mr. Perrens for all he has done during his ten years in office.



MR. F. W. PERRENS,

who received the best thanks of the Council for his ten years in office as Hon. Librarian.

The Library was transferred to Launton in October, and at the present time the periodicals and literature of a similar character are housed in Caversfield Church, by courtesy of the Vicar and churchwardens, to whom our sincere thanks are due. The remainder of the contents of the Library are stored at my home and during a period of recuperation from illness I have catalogued the books and manuscripts. This is a task which I hoped to do when formerly I held the office of Librarian, and one which has baffled the past four holders of this office. Each book has been given a catalogue number and endorsed with the Council's stamp. From the numerical index an Index of Titles has been prepared and is kept in a series of loose-leaf binders with plenty of provision for additions in the future. From the Index of Titles an Index of Authors is being compiled, but is not yet completed.

Gifts to the Library during 1968 are gratefully acknowledged as follows: "Reverberations", from Mr. J. F. Partington; "Irish Bell News", from Mr. F. E. Dukes; "The History of the Bells of Westminster Abbey", from Mr. H. N. Pistow (author); copies of articles from the publication "Copper"—(1) Repair of Cracked Bells, by Mr. K. J. Clews; (2) A

Sound Investment, by Messrs. R. Hollis and D. Hughes (per Mr. D. J. Gay); a copy of the manuscripts of W. Crofts, per Mr. D. Stainsby; "The Bellringers Guide to the Church Bells of Britain", by Mr. R. H. Dove (author) (Fourth Edition).

In conclusion, I appeal to the ten persons who have kept the books they borrowed from the Library since 1967 and earlier to return them for cataloguing, and thank all those who promptly returned books for this purpose in response to the announcement in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the work of Mr. Perrens over the past years.

The report was adopted and the new committee consists of W. Ayre (convener), Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. R. L. Roper and F. B. Lufkin.

BEGINNERS HANDBOOKS SOLD OVER 3,000

Sales of Central Council publications by Mr. J. L. Garner-Haywood during 1968 totalled 5,770. Of these the Beginners Handbook accounted for 3,132. Details are appended.

	Copies sold	Stock
Preservation of Bells	205	83
Beginners Handbook	3132	2094
Popular Major Compositions	104	651
False Course Heads	34	89
Minor Methods	169	163
Stedman Compositions	23	516
Doubles Methods	169	651
Ringing for Service	316	1420
On Conducting	196	231
C.C. Handbook	126	141
Method Sheets D.N.C.	31	622
Method Sheets Triples	51	337
Peals Section III	16	10
Care of Bells	16	—
Model Code of Rules	48	327
Electrical Switch-Gear Cards	18	805
Four-way Minor Methods	51	720
Recruiting Leaflets	525	2685
Change Ringing on Handbells	197	126
Grandsire Caters	37	655
Surprise Methods P.N.	124	560
Surprise Compositions (Written)	61	593
Blue Line Proof	45	54
Spliced Triples	76	111

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Mr. F. W. Perrens Thanked

The Vice-President (Mr. E. A. Barnett) said he felt they were in error in allowing Mr. Frank Perrens to depart from the Library without comment. They were all very grateful for the work he did in that capacity for a period of ten years. Mr. Perrens was one of the senior members of the Council, being a member for 42 years. It was with great regret that they learned he was giving up the position of librarian through moving into a smaller house.

Thanking the Council, Mr. Perrens said he was in Uganda when he was elected librarian.

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Tongue-tied Critics over "Ringing World" Report

For the past four years the reception of the report of "The Ringing World" Committee has given rise to very critical debates. This year there was a complete absence of criticism and not a single question was raised.

The report gave an admirable survey of the past three years of the 26th Council, revealing a 17 per cent. increase in space and 7.7 per cent. increase in sales.

Financially it was not a good year, with a loss of £966, which was aggravated by a bad debt of £518. The forecast for the coming year is that the journal will break even.

THE REPORT

The 26th Council has seen great changes in "The Ringing World", and at the end of this Council's term it is worth placing some of these on record.

In 1966 the standard paper was 16 pp. and only one issue had a coloured cover, but this idea has been developed to where 20 pp. and a coloured cover is the standard, as the table shows—

1966: 1 coloured, 51 white, total pages 868, average 16.7 pp. per week.

1967: 28 coloured, 24 white, total pages 960, average 18.5 pp. per week.

1968: 46 coloured, 6 white, total pages 1,016, average 19.5 pp. per week.

(An average increase in space of 17% from 1966 to 1968.)

The average weekly sales in the three years have been: 1966, 5,646; 1967, 5,878; 1968, 6,081; an increase of 7.7%.

In 1968 the figure for the first half was 6,150 and for the second half it fell to 6,012 after the price increase. For the first ten issues of 1969 the average has been 5,907 and we are encouraged that the loss so far does not exceed 250. The reduction is almost entirely on supplies through newsgagents as Rolls House ordered more than sales to cope with contingencies. Our figures are actual sales.

Improvements cost money, and the accounts show the combined effects of more coloured issues, more pages, increases in basic printing costs and the increase in postal charges in September, 1968. Costs have already gone up again from March, 1969. Income has had to be increased by raising the charges for notices and advertisements and the price of the paper itself was raised to 1/- in July, 1968. The investment policy has been reviewed and further adjustments have been made since the 1968 accounts were completed. The effects of these changes showed through to some extent in the second half-year. As reported at Worcester the draft accounts by the Auditor for January to April, 1968, showed a loss of £458 and, on this basis, it may reasonably be assumed that the loss for the first half of 1968 would be about £750 when additional costs were taken into consideration. The figure for the whole of 1968, less the bad debt referred to below, means that the second-half made a surplus of £300 in the opinion of our Auditor.

GENEROUS SUPPORT

The financial position of "The Ringing World" would be much worse but for the generous donations that many people continue to send. Quarter peal ringers contributed well over half the donations for 1968 and, in addition, there were special donations of £310 from voluntary payments by 600 people of the increased rates on unexpired postal subscriptions. At the time of writing further special donations totalling £112 have been received in 1969. Our sincere thanks are expressed to all these kind donors.

In June, 1968, Rolls House gave notice that they would cease trading because of difficulties with their accommodation. At very short notice Mr. W. G. Wilson and the Editor, with the willing co-operation of the "Surrey Advertiser", negotiated alternative arrangements which have continued the circulation through newsgagents without interruption and have given us a slightly higher proportion of the revenue from those sales. We are now our own publishers.



MR. W. G. WILSON,
the successor to Mr. R. S. Anderson as
Convener of "The Ringing World" Committee.

Unfortunately, Rolls House were not completely frank in their reason for closing down and in September, 1968, a statutory meeting of creditors was held. Mr. W. G. Wilson and our Auditor attended that meeting. On hearing that a very large claim of over £30,000 had been lodged, although vigorously disputed by Rolls House, the committee agreed unanimously that "The Ringing World" claim of £518 should be written-off as a bad debt in the 1968 accounts. It is not possible at this stage to say what, if any, dividend will be received.

STAFF CENTRED AT GUILDFORD

Mr. T. W. White has continued his untiring efforts as Editor throughout. He has also set up a shadow organisation to cope with emergencies but no permanent successor has yet been found. The Accountant's duties were taken over by Mr. C. W. Lucas after the death of Mr. Jeater. This new arrangement, which has brought all the work under one roof at Guildford, has been of material help to the Editor. Mr. Lucas readily took on the extra work on accounts that was entailed in becoming our own publishers. Mrs. Lucas has continued to assist in the office work. All of them deserve our special thanks.

Mr. Jeater's death in May, 1968, cannot be allowed to pass without our written acknowledgment of his many years of faithful service as our Accountant, and to express our sympathy for his family. We are indebted to those who undertook responsibility for transferring his books and papers to Guildford.

A milestone was reached in 1968 with issue No. 3000 on October 18th, and we salute all the select and faithful band who have taken the paper from its first issue. We are grateful to all subscribers, old and new, and to those who supply news and articles to fill the space that has been provided.

COMMITTEE 100%

Of the Committee itself, it may be noted that two major changes were introduced after the Council meeting at Bath in 1966. The size

of the Committee was increased and it began to meet more frequently. During the past three years the membership has varied between 3 and 6 and the total of meetings held has been 10. Since Worcester the present Committee of 5 has met three times and attendance of elected members has been 100%. The Editor and Treasurer of "The Ringing World" and the Secretary of the Central Council have also been in almost 100% attendance throughout and the Vice-President of the Central Council has attended all the meetings in the past year.

On the basis of the 1968 Accounts, received in good time, a budget has been agreed for 1969. At the last meeting approval was given to the recommendations of the Auditor for improvements in the accounting system to provide easier interim checks on the financial position.

Looking to the future, our budget anticipates that the accounts will at least "break even" and possibly show a small surplus in 1969 with the present standard of the paper maintained. Finance is not the only limiting factor at this stage for in some weeks the Editor is short of good copy. It would seem that the next year or two should be a period of consolidation and it is hoped that everyone will give what support they can to increase circulation and to maintain and improve the appeal of the paper by their contributions of news and articles.

We end on a more personal note with thanks to various kind friends who have provided accommodation and hospitality for our meetings:

R. S. ANDERSON (Convener),

76, Dimsdale View, Porthill,
Newcastle, Staffs.

D. BAYLES, R. F. B. SPEED,

P. J. STANFORTH (Mrs.),
W. G. WILSON.

The report was moved by Mr. R. S. Anderson and adopted without comment. The committee consists of Messrs. W. G. Wilson (convener), R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed and Mrs. Stanforth.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Societies	Members	
	Present	Absent
Wholly represented	47	123
Partly represented	10	25
Not represented	7	—
	64	148
Life Members		8
Honorary Members		14
		170
		27

Attendance, 1968: 166.

Attendance, 1967: 165.

NEARLY 43 YEARS BETWEEN PEALS

Dear Sir,—I think that the following information would be of interest to your readers:—

On June 14th, 1926, Mr. H. L. Williamson rang his first peal. This was on the treble to Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Greasley, Notts. On April 26th this year he rang his second peal. This was also on the treble, to Bob Minor at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill, Kent. Although 70 this year, Mr. Williamson showed no ill-effects from his exertions, and said afterwards that he had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing.

H. M. WILLIAMSON,

Biggin Hill, Kent.

Busy Year for Sunday Service and Education Committee

WASHINGTON FILM

During 1968 the film went out on hire six times and so far there are six bookings for 1969. The film is still in very good condition.

FILMS ON BELLRINGING

Following the appearance of our 1967 report in "The Ringing World" two people have written to the Convener offering to help in the production of an 8 mm. instructional film on bellringing. Although the Convener has drawn up suggestions for the content of an 8 mm. instructional film, as requested, progress in organising its production has been postponed because of—

- (1) The question of expense
- (2) The desirability of linking the techniques to be shown in the film with those advocated in the Tutor's Handbook.

It is suggested that the Council offer a number of substantial prizes for the best amateur 8 mm. instructional films submitted to them by a certain date. Any such competition would need to—

- (a) ensure that the content of the film met the Council's wishes;
- (b) attract a high quality of entries;
- (c) provide the Council with the ownership of the films selected so that they would be available for hire on the Council's terms.

We would like the Council to consider this suggestion at its coming meeting.

The Convener has also had an offer of assistance in the production of a 16 mm. general interest film on bellringing, and as requested has supplied an outline of what might be included in the film. As the cost of this suggested film will be approximately £15 per minute for a 20-minute film (£300), it has not been possible to take any definite action until the Council has discussed it.

GENERAL INTEREST FILM-STRIP

The illness of Mr. F. Sharpe has prevented implementation of this commitment, but it is hoped to meet it in the near future.

WEEK-END AND DAY COURSES

In conjunction with the Hereford Guild Mr. Moreton again organised a successful week-end course at Hereford Training College during Easter. For 16 of the students the course was extended to five days, a venture which proved to be very worthwhile and successful. A three-day course is planned for 1969.

Mr. Chaddock assisted the Lincoln Diocesan Guild with their one-day course at Lea in October. Following his 1968/69 evening institute course at Market Weighton, a one-day course has been arranged on May 10th, 1969, for the Beverley and District Society and the East Riding Education Authority.

The Warden of Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, has again invited Mr. Chaddock to organise a week-end course there. This will be during the week ending November 14th-16th, 1969.

Assistance was given to the Lincoln Guild with a week-end course at Brant Broughton in March, 1969.

Mr. Sharpe assisted with the Hereford Course last year and in the period January-September, prior to his illness, gave some 20 instructional and training lectures. Seven of these were given to non-ringing societies or Church organisations and brought in the usual few recruits. Following his illness he gave one lecture in Oxford during December.

GRAMOPHONE RECORD

ILLUSTRATING GOOD STRIKING

Messrs. Saydisc have undertaken to produce this for us from our own master tape. A draft has been prepared of—



MR. N. CHADDOCK,
the versatile Convener of the Sunday Service
and Education Committee.

- (1) The instructional notes to be printed on the back of the record sleeve.
- (2) The list of examples of good striking recorded on the disc, together with a brief note on each. This will be printed on the front of the sleeve with a suitable illustration to make an attractive cover.

Ninety-nine 12in. long play records will be produced. The cost of these, including labels and sleeves, will be just under the £100 allocated by the Council in 1968. The selling price of one record will be around 25/-.

As the recordings are being made from outside the towers, progress has been hindered by the adverse weather of recent months. Mr. Clive Smith is, however, pressing on with the task of completing the recordings.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

We continue to make contact within the Theological Colleges, and it is interesting to note that on one occasion last year a lecture was given by a member of the clergy. Needless to say, a "ringing cleric" is an ideal lecturer and it is hoped to find more of these contacts as time goes by to assist in this field. Any members aware of such contacts are asked to let Mrs. Staniforth know. Thanks are expressed to secretaries of Associations who have volunteered information about their local colleges and so lighten the amount of written work involved.

THE TUTOR'S HANDBOOK

The final re-drafting of this, following the receipt of comments on the draft circulated early in 1968, has been a time-consuming task. However, Part I (Bell Control) is now on sale. Part II (Elementary Change Ringing) is completed and should be available shortly.

NORMAN CHADDOCK (Convener),
Bleneathra, Spring Road, Market
Weighton, near York.

**WILFRID F. MORETON, FREDERICK
SHARPE, JILL STANFORTH, MARIE
R. CROSS, CLIVE M. SMITH.**

THE DISCUSSION

Mr. N. Chaddock moved the adoption of the report with the exception of the paragraph linking a film with the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. Moreton seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson congratulated Mr. Moreton and those responsible for the production of Part I of the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. Chaddock said regarding a film on bellringing, they had several offers of assistance after the last report in "The Ringing World". They had now had the offer of a 16 mm. film through Mr. Richard Bell. It would cost about £500 to £600 for a colour film for about 20 minutes. They would need a working script by next Council meeting.

The General Secretary: It seems to me that financial matters are involved and a small ad hoc committee—perhaps Mr. Chaddock and myself—should be appointed.

Mr. R. L. Roper said they ought to endeavour to get a good film on bell ringing and not just good film technique.

Mrs. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild): Are we right in waiting 12 months before we know what the project is?

Mr. Moreton asked that an ad hoc committee be formed with power to act.

The secretary suggested that the committee be allowed within the limit of the funds in the Clement Glenn bequest.

This was agreed to and Messrs. R. G. Bell, Moreton, the President and Secretary were appointed to this committee.

The Sunday Service Committee was elected: Mr. N. Chaddock (convener), Mrs. S. Staniforth and Messrs. W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe and C. M. Smith.

Miscellaneous items included requests for film-strip and notes on "Bell Control", teaching aids and visual aids, tune-ringing technique and music.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Most of the work may be regarded as routine. I am often asked about the volume. In 1968 there were nearly 500 items of outgoing mail in addition to the 200 pre-meeting packages of reports.

I have not yet been able to find the appropriate authority to whom the Council's interest in the "1970 Report" may be declared. I shall be glad to have the information from anyone with it. I should also like to be given accurate information about redundant bells.

I have dealt with three cases where there has been the threat of action under the Noise Abatement Act. I presume that action has not followed because I have not had any further report. It may be that those concerned have taken my advice to consult the appropriate chapter on sound control in the Preservation Handbook—**VERNON BOTTOMLEY.**

Moving the adoption, the hon. secretary said in regard to paragraph 2, the Paul report was likely to be adopted in every diocese in the country. The Standing Committee recommended that Ringing Associations should seek representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committees in order to give advice and see that the interests of ringers were safeguarded.

The report was adopted.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee for 1968

FROM the regional reports it would appear that there has been a falling-off in the use of bells on the air during this year, but one wonders whether we are being informed of all that happens. We do reiterate our plea of previous years that ringers in the towers concerned should inform this committee when their bells are broadcast so that the event can be recorded.

North Region.—The only bells noted have been those ring before some of the morning services broadcast by I.T.V. The recorded epilogues mentioned in last year's report were broadcast by Tyne-Tees T.V. in 1968—Canon Thurlow's remaining two appearing in July, and three by Denis Bayles on "My Job in the Church" in September. This region's nomination for the Christmas broadcast was accepted by the B.B.C. The outcome was a very satisfactory item from St. John's, Preston, to which proper thought in the organisation may well have made some contribution.

Ireland.—In March, Radio Eireann gave a feature item, "The Bell Invites Me", in which the bells of St. Anne's, Sheldon; St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral, Cork; St. Finbarre's (I.C.) Cathedral, Cork, and Cogh Cathedral carillon were heard. Several members of the St. Finbarre's ringers were interviewed in the programme. Other bells heard on the air during the year were those of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin—muffled and open—Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Mary's, Limerick. This region's contribution to the Christmas bells programme came from St. Mark's, Dundela.

Scotland.—Most of the churches here from which services are broadcast have no bells, and therefore ringing in this region is not heard very often. Ringing at St. James', Leith, was featured in a news item by Scottish T.V. and the bells of this church were heard in the Christmas bells programme.

Midland and East Anglia.—In this region television seems to have been the only medium to broadcast bells. B.B.C. interviewed M. J. Clack, aged 90, of Warboys, in May and later G. E. Symonds, aged 93, after ringing a peal. On Anglia T.V. bells preceded the services broadcast from Yoxford Parish Church, Suffolk, and from St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. The handbell ringers from Redenhall Secondary Modern School, Norfolk, appeared in the programme "About Anglia" on Christmas Eve. In the Christmas programme Debenham provided some well-struck Major ringing.

In the West region bells have been used much less than usual. They were heard preceding services broadcast from Sherborne Abbey on Radio 4, Trent Parish Church, Dorset, and Witheridge Parish Church, Devon—both on World Service.

Wells Cathedral bells were heard for some minutes when shots of the Cathedral were on the screen at the time when the police were investigating thefts from the Cathedral. This heavy ten were recorded and broadcast prior to a service of carols on Christmas Eve, and Harry Sanger was invited to supervise the recordings. The bells were rung by a local band which included several young ringers who acquitted themselves quite creditably.

Wales.—Here we have reports of many more occasions when bells were heard on the air. The B.B.C.'s "Songs of Praise" programme in January came from Ebbw Vale and was preceded for some minutes by Grandsire Doubles. As two of the ringers were needed in the choir only six of the bells could be rung. In June the I.T.V. morning service was televised in Cheltenham Parish Church and from its tower came some 12-bell ringing. B.B.C. 2 visited St. David's in July to make a film of the Cathedral for showing at a later date. Shots were taken of the bells in motion and of the

ringers, and the producer featured the action of the hands of two of the ringers.

July 17th was the occasion of the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Wales, and B.B.C. televised the service. Viewers saw some good shots of Llandaff Cathedral and heard Stedman Caters being rung on the Cathedral bells. The commentator made mention of the fact that the conductor—Nicholas Simon—is the son of the Archbishop.

These bells were heard again on December 31st in the B.B.C.'s "The end of the year from Llandaff Cathedral". When the Archbishop in his address referred to the "sound of the bells" some good Grandsire Caters rang out for about two minutes.

Harlech T.V. programmes for New Year's Eve were introduced with good shots of bells ringing.

For the Christmas bells programme Cadoxton, Neath, provided some well-struck Stedman Doubles.

London.—In this region there is singularly little to report. There was the repeat at the end of the year of the "Blue Peter" programme filmed at All Saints', Kingston, which sparked-off some correspondence in "The Ringing World". There have been two or three occasions when bells have been used very briefly as a background to a view of a cathedral or church.

It is significant that far more news of the broadcasting of bells has come from Wales

than from any other region, and unless one is prepared to accept the conclusion that there is more interest in the Principality in bellringing than elsewhere, this must indicate that other regions do not report what happens. It is to be hoped that this will be remedied in future.

The Convener has had useful discussions with the B.B.C. regarding the Christmas bells programme, and particularly the use of bells to introduce Sunday morning broadcasts, and although at the time of writing this report no decision has been reached, there is reason to hope that changes will be effected in the near future.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener),
"Saffron", High Street, Banstead, Surrey.

D. A. BAYLES, J. T. DUNWOODY, R. S. WILSON,
G. E. FEARN, A. G. THURLOW, J. S. KING
(Mrs.), H. J. SANGER.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow said regarding Sunday broadcasting, the report finished with an expression of hope. Since then the B.B.C. had agreed to eight records instead of four being used for Sunday mornings. Up to the present to the old four they had added three more—St. Peter Mancroft (10), West Wickham (6), St. Philip's, Birmingham (12). His interview with them was in February and he heard the result in May.

GLOSSARY OF RINGING TERMS DEBATE

A motion proposing the publication of a booklet containing a glossary of technical ringing terms to supersede that previously published circa 1901 was proposed by Mr. C. F. Mew. He said that there was a list in the ringing handbook by Powell and also by Mr. Wilson. With the exception of Mr. Wilson's "On Conducting" there was no book containing an explanation of the terms used. When he was learning he had to go to two old ringers for an explanation of some of the technical terms used.

Mr. G. W. Shanks (London County) seconded.

Mr. P. Gray said the Tutor's Handbook had a good glossary of terms. It would be published by the Council and cover the terms of the motion.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) supported the publication of a new glossary.

Mr. Norman Chaddock confirmed that all technical terms for beginners were explained in the Tutor's Handbook.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said ringing terms were often local and not national. The 1901 glossary had to be given away to get rid of it.

Mr. John Seager (Yorkshire) said it was important that what was published should be understood nationally. An agreed vocabulary was needed.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) warned the Council that among many Devon ringers a rise and 60 changes constituted a peal. They would not change their term.

There were only 39 votes in favour of the motion which was heavily defeated.

(To be continued)

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on May 10th, 1,260 Pl. B Minor: Miss F. Pollard 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, Miss F. Templeman 4, J. Draze 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6. Rung following the funeral of Canon Alan Lawler, Vicar 1954-1969.

DEATH OF MR. J. SAXTON

Many ringers in Derbyshire will regret to hear of the death on May 18th of Mr. Joseph Saxton, of Bolsover, aged 56. Six years ago he had to give up ringing through heart trouble.

Joe was taught to ring at Bolsover by John Flint when his services as a choirboy ended. He served in the Royal Navy during the last war and rang in Sydney when stationed in that part of the world. In the belfry he was completely reliable both as a ringer and in maintaining the bells. He was a member of the former Midland Counties Guild and a founder member of the Derbyshire Association, for which he rang 39 peals.

The funeral service on May 22nd was conducted by the Rev. G. Lansdell, and Mr. J. Swain accompanied the singing of two of his favourite hymns. The bells were rung half-muffled and again in the evening to a peal of Double Norwich, a method of which he was very fond. D.C.

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As rung at Colwall, Herefordshire, on April 19th, 1969.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Quarter peals rung to commemorate the 89th anniversary of the Association

On May 18th

BEDDINGTON.—1,299 Stedman Caters: F. D. Jennings 1, N. Thomson 2, R. J. Cook 3, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, D. G. Spittle 6, Juliet S. Stoy 7, L. A. Bance 8, R. J. Talbot 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BENHILTON.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Moore 1, Ann Murrells 2, R. J. Lear 3, D. T. Haine (first "inside") 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, L. Murrells 6, First quarter 1 and 6. For Parish Communion.

CLAPHAM PARK.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Rev. J. E. P. Tredennick 2, Pamela Gough 3, E. J. Adams 4, M. Morris 5, G. W. Stevens 6, S. Mortimore (cond.) 7, K. Game 8. For A.M.D.G.

COULSDON.—1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: G. Long 1, Geraldine Flook 2, A. Smith 3, J. Saysell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

EGHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. P. Baker (first quarter) 1, N. Summerhayes 2, Miss C. A. Elliott 3, S. R. Elliott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, A. D. Flood 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, G. R. Tickner 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6.

KINGSWOOD.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. V. Boustred 1, B. Hawkins 2, Barbara Minnion 3, E. W. Taylor 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, D. Meador 6.

MERTON.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Newton (first quarter) 1, M. Newton (first "inside") 2, G. Hawkes 3, M. Stanley 4, F. Seabright (cond.) 5.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Christine M. Cobb 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Josephine R. Paterson 3, E. W. Allen 4, R. J. Stewart 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. F. Mew 8.

On May 25th

ADDINGTON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Wilthru (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Louise Powell 4, N. Bennett 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

REDHILL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Illman 1, Mary Dallison (first "inside") 2, K. Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Sireeter 6, G. West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8.

HALF PEAL

CARDIGAN.—On May 17th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Morgan 1, Miss J. Gordon 2, A. Walters 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Miss M. Twigg (cond.) 5, M. Tompsett 6. First half peal for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

ASHHEAD, SURREY.—At Overdale, on May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bromley 1-2, N. D. Robinson 3-4, D. W. James (cond.) 5-6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On May 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, R. F. Shepherd 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Wayman 8. First in method for all. 50th quarter together for 6 and 7. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. J. Osborne 1, Miss H. J. Osborne 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, E. M. Macadam 5, F. Smith 6. A compliment to Hilary J. Osborne on gaining her Queen's Guide Badge.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all Singles): M. D. Barshy 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, H. Christine Younger 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Gray 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, A. Elliott (first quarter) 5-6, Also on March 19th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason (first on working pair) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Cammide (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 27th, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: A. Gibbs (first on working pair) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Cammide 5-6. By the Barstable School Society.

BENTWORTH, HANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. M. Hadley 1, D. G. Hatherly 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, R. A. Stone 4, B. E. Pink 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Tuckett 1, R. J. Edden 2, Valerie Stephens 3, John Read 4, William Wayman 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Matins.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLACKLEY, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Pink 1, Margery Wratten 2, Angela Newing 3, C. C. Clarke 4, Valerie Willard 5, W. Birmingham 6, B. W. Hall 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8. A farewell to Peter and Angela Newing.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John-the-Evangelist Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, Sally Cooksey 2, Hilary Gardiner 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, Dorothy Gardiner 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, L. Boyce 8. For Matins, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. Spittle.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 2, J. R. Hartung 3, I. L. Andrews 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6. 50th quarter together 2 and 5. A birthday compliment to I. L. Andrews.

BREMILL, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. J. Frayling (first quarter) 1, R. A. Wright 2, A. J. Cox 3, B. Evans 4, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 5, W. Frayling 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. J. Jackson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carolyn McInnes (first Major) 1, Susan Hopkin 2, Caroline Mackie 3, B. J. Read (cond.) 4, A. W. Bond 5, A. P. Fester 6, T. G. Williams 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. In memoriam Mrs. Elsie Hains, former member of St. Peter's Society.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. K. A. Marriott 1, C. S. Branson 2, R. Chapman 3, B. L. Crisp 4, F. C. Hulatt 5, D. A. Hammond 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. F. V. Stanton, a member of the local band.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. T. Yeomans 1, P. Thomas (first Plain Bob Major) 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, D. Cornell 4, W. H. Harford 5, R. J. Hall 6, A. E. Marsh 7, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

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CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. E. Baker 1, Mrs. G. S. M. Macadam 2, Mrs. M. Thorpe 3, A. Turner 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. A wedding compliment to Carole Vine and Brian Horne, married at Keymer Parish Church.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On May 15th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: S. W. Illidge 1, D. Head (first in method) 2, A. D. Collins 3, P. Bryan 4, S. G. Pick 5, A. G. Richards 6, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. For the Deanery Festival.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, B. Dudd 4, C. Field (first "inside") 5, J. Radford 6. For St. George's Day.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Legg 1, D. J. Beeken (first "inside") 2, B. N. Butler 3, A. J. Leves 4, R. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. W. Webb 6. For Sung Eucharist.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Dummall 1, E. Barnett 2, J. A. D. Woolford 3, Jean F. Woolford 4, H. E. Audsley 5, W. J. Lomon 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. L. Bond 8. Rung on the 70th anniversary of E. Barnett's first peal.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pip Hall (first quarter) 1, Lesley Tibbitts (first "inside") 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, P. Dickinson 4, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 5, J. E. Murfit 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bubb 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, Lesley Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfit (cond.) 5, P. Dickinson 6. Both rung for the flower festival.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.—On April 19th, 1,262 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: B. Jones 1, D. F. Yates 2, M. Fishwick 3, M. Platt 4, C. Mowley 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 7, R. Skarke 8, F. Osbaldiston 9, R. B. Smith 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Vicar (Rev. John Heywood) and Mrs. J. D. Haworth which took place at this church earlier in the day.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen Mackrell (first quarter) 1, Ronda Purkess 2, Anne Buchanan 3, B. Mackrell 4, J. Harless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover, omitting 2): P. Shonck (first quarter) 1, Miss Healy 3, P. Clarke 4, T. Culver 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Hall (first quarter) 8. A compliment to P. Clarke and Janet on the birth of a daughter (Sarah Janet).

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 16th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. Aronson 1, Ann Williams (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Asridge 3, S. N. Mortimore 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, Felicity S. Hamilton 6, J. C. Davidge 7, P. J. Munday (cond.) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Denise A. Wood 1, Roy Collins 2, Judith M. Collins 3, J. A. Collier 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Fletcher (first as cond.) 7, E. Olives 8. Also on May 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Judith C. Couperthwaite 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, Margaret M. Lewis 3, J. R. Perrett (first Yorkshire) 4, B. W. White 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, M. J. Church 7, H. P. Read (cond.) 8. Both rung for the Farnham Festival.

FETCHAM, SURREY.—At Gatenes Road, on March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Bromley 1-2, D. W. James 3-4, N. D. Robinson 5-6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7-8. First on eight handbells 5-6 and 7-8.

FITZHEAD, SOM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bellamy 1, C. G. Barnes 2, Miss J. Blanch (first as cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

GLATTON, HUNTS.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: D. Knox 1, C. Roffe 2, J. R. Charlton 3, A. J. Dolby (cond.) 4. First quarter 1 and 2. For "Women's World Day of Prayer".

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilcock 1, T. Greenhall 2, M. Lashford 3, B. Ellmore 4, A. Pickering 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, I. Clissett (cond.) 7, E. Woodall 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Major Hackett former churchwarden.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, F. Gibbard 2, H. France 4, N. Hall (first quarter) 4, H. Wood 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, G. Edmans 7, I. Charlton 8. Rung for morning service to celebrate christening of Roderick Nigel, son of No. 4 and grandson of the conductor.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELSIE L. HAIRS

An appreciation

With the death on May 20th of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, wife of Frank I. Hairs and mother of Olive D. Barnett, there has passed on one of the most distinguished lady ringers of her generation and one who, in a ringing career which began 60 years ago, was one of the pioneers who showed that women could not only hold their own but outstrip many men in an activity which was then regarded as almost exclusively a male preserve.

Born at Guildford on October 22nd, 1892, the daughter of Frank Bennett, who himself rang 1,600 peals and is remembered by many as a most gifted all-round conductor, she learned to handle a bell at St. Alphege's, Greenwich. In her early years, however, her main interest was in handbell ringing; her first peal was Grandsire Triples on handbells on August 22nd, 1911, and she had rung 75 peals, including six of Stedman Cinques, before her first on tower bells, Stedman Caters at Hillingdon on May 1st, 1920. In all she rang 320 peals, the last being a handbell peal of Stedman Caters in which her husband also took part, on their golden wedding anniversary, January 15th, 1966, thus repeating a performance on their wedding day—a unique "double".

Mrs. Hairs was rightly proud of a number of the peals in which she took part. They included the first 10-bell peal by ladies, Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' in 1926, and the first all-ladies peal of Surprise, Cambridge Major at Crayford in 1928. She was the first lady to take part in a peal of Surprise on handbells, ringing 1-2 to Superlative Major in 1923, and among her other handbell peals were Carter's Odd-Bob Stedman Triples and an 8,099 of Grandsire Caters. One of her most cherished possessions was a letter from Sir Arthur Heywood congratulating her on her handbell ringing at the social after the Central Council meeting in 1912.

On tower bells she was, in June, 1924, the first lady to ring in a peal of Cambridge Maximus. One of her early tower bell peals was of Grandsire Triples by four married couples, and later she and her husband took part in a similar peal of Cambridge Royal. Her last was one of Bob Major in March, 1962, when she was in her 70th year, arranged so that she could ring a peal with her grand-daughter, now Jean Woolford.

Apart from peal ringing she was for some years secretary of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild, of which she was a founder member. For a number of years she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association and more recently represented that Association on the Central Council. At different times she was secretary of the Southern and the Northern Districts. She was extremely proud of her membership of the College Youths, to which Society she was elected in 1917, and the last ringing function she attended was the College Youths' Dinner in November last.

The funeral took place at Withyham Church on May 23rd, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Peter Scott, a member of the local band, in the presence of a representative gathering of ringers and other friends. Among those present were Messrs. R. V. Johnson and A. R. Baldock (Master and secretary of the Sussex County Association); Miss Joan Beresford

(treasurer), representing the Ladies' Guild, and Air Cdre. J. S. Mason, representing the Ancient Society of College Youths. Others included Mrs. A. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ladd, Messrs. G. Francis, A. E. Laker and W. Rogers, together with Mr. and Mrs. C. Osbon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. Parkyns and Messrs. R. D. Divall, R. Osbon and Miss R. Heighes, of the Withyham band. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by P. A. Corby 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6 and W. Rogers 7-8.

The list of Mrs. Hairs' peals is as follows:

Tower bells.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 16.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 12, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 21, Superlative 14, London 4, Bristol 6, Yorkshire 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 17.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 17, New Sambridge 1, Middlesex 1, Yorkshire 2, Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3, Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 3, Total: 133.

Handbells.—Minor: Plain Bob 1; Triples: Grandsire 13, Stedman 10; Major: Plain Bob 62, Double Norwich 6, Kent Treble Bob 5, Superlative Surprise 1; Caters: Grandsire 11, Stedman 31; Royal: Plain Bob 26, Kent Treble Bob 4; Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 12; Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1. Total: 187, Grand total: 320 peals.

MR. F. V. STANTON

Mr. Frederick Venn Stanton, a member of the St. Owen's, Bromham, band, Beds, died suddenly at his home on May 10th, aged 78 years.

He learned to ring at Colmworth in 1911, leaving the village soon afterwards: owing to family circumstances he did no further ringing until ten years ago, when he retired from farming and moved to Bromham.

Mr. Stanton was a quiet and unassuming man with a sense of humour. Always a dignified countryman of a type rapidly disappearing, he was highly esteemed in all the circles in which he moved, and will be greatly missed. He rarely missed ringing for Sunday services, practices and local meetings.

The funeral service at St. Owen's, where Fred Stanton worshipped regularly and at which he was also a sidesman, took place on May 15th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Evans; it was followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. The bells were rung half-muffled afterwards by members of Bromham and Kempston bands, and on the following evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung to his memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton recently celebrated their golden wedding. He is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters.

D. A. H.

A LOSS TO HOBART

Mrs. Smith, the wife of Mr. Sidney Smith of Hobart, Tasmania, died suddenly from a heart attack on May 26th. Although not a ringer, Mrs. Smith over the past 30 years always extended hospitality to visiting ringers.

The funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Church, and as the cortege left for the crematorium the bells were rung half-muffled by a mixed band from the Cathedral and Trinity towers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With his recent peal at Woolwich, Mr. John R. Ketteringham has completed the Surprise Major alphabet.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett writes that he has been a railway enthusiast for 55 years, a ringer for 33 years and a railway employee for 30 years.

The quarter peal at Redruth on May 16th as a farewell to E. H. Langley, who is leaving for South Africa, was the first to be rung entirely by the local band for 16 years.

In a recent peal at Edington Priory, Wilts, which is dedicated to St. Mary, Katharine and all Saints, there was a Mary and a Katharine in the band. A comment was made that all the rest must be the Saints.

In consequence of his business taking him to South Wales for two years, Mr. John Chilcott has resigned from the post of conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers. His place has been taken by Mr. Michael Chilcott.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths are very proud of scoring peals of Bristol Surprise Maximus at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, at the same time and using the same composition.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Bert Audsley is home from hospital. A "get well quickly" peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Maidstone on May 31st and Bert was notified of the success.

A handsome silver salver has been presented by members of the Society of College Youths to Mr. Cyril Watts in recognition of his services as hon. treasurer for the past 12 years. His work has unexpectedly taken him to Cuba for a year.

Congratulations were bestowed upon Muriel R. Page, the popular secretary of the Central District, after calling "Middletons" Cambridge at Fransdeh like a "champion". This was the first occasion she had conducted any method.

The peal of 5,040 Spliced Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile in 2 hours 17 minutes is claimed by the conductor, Mr. R. Kingsley Mason, as the fastest peal ever rung on ten bells. The previous fastest was Stedman Caters in 2 hours 22 minutes at this tower.

Geoffrey J. Hemming had a big disappointment on Saturday, May 31st. He was calling a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Badsey, Worcs, on the 50th anniversary of his first peal on the bells when the 3rd rope broke after one hour and 40 minutes' good ringing.

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100 RINGERS AT ONE-DAY COURSE

Over 100 ringers attended the one-day course at Market Weighton County Secondary School on May 10th, run by the Beverley and District Society in conjunction with the East Riding County Council Education Committee.

Under the able direction of Mr. N. Chad-dock, the lecturers—Messrs. I. Campbell, J. N. D. Chaddock, E. Critchley, R. Ducker, J. H. Fielden, D. S. Johnson, W. F. More-ton and N. Pailing—covered a wide range of subjects, including raising and falling in peal, elementary change-ringing, learning and ringing methods on 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 bells, handbell ringing (double-handed and tune ringing), basic conducting and composition and proof.

During the day practical experience was gained at Hutton Cranswick, Pocklington, Howden, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Market Weighton, Walkington, Beverley St. Mary and the Minster, and Nunburnholme.

Grateful thanks go to all those who helped to make the course such a success, including the ringers at Walkington for a splendid tea, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Chad-dock whose hard work made it all go like clockwork.

BARCLAYS AND MARTINS BANKS JOINT MEETING IN LONDON

Despite bad weather on May 17th, about 12 ringers and friends assembled for a tour of four London towers. The first was St. Olave's, Hart Street, where some enthusiastic comments were made about this fine eight.

From there the party moved on to St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and then St. Clement Danes', where a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters and some good Cambridge Major were rung. After refreshment at a "nearby" corner-house, the party moved off to St. Andrew's, Holborn. Perhaps the best ringing of the day was here Stedman Triples.

All those who went were grateful for the excellent choice of towers and would like to thank those concerned with the arrangements, particularly the incumbents.

Another meeting is being planned for later this year. Would all ringers in the **Barclays Bank Group** please send a note of their name, branch address and details of preferred meeting venues to either C. F. Pocock, c/o Martins Bank Limited, Liverpool City Office, or P. W. Harper, c/o Barclays Bank Limited, Hatfield Aerodrome, Hatfield, Herts.

CORRECTIONS

The peal of St. Clement's Major (page 416) rung at Tarleton, Lancs. on April 19th was composed by Ronald R. Warford and not as printed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Eastwood (page 410) should be credited to the Society of Sherwood Youths and not the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

NEW TOWER CAPTAINS



MR. WILLIAM T. PETTY

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

The Llandaff and Monmouth Association elects a new Master each year, and this year the honour was bestowed on W. Tom Petty, of Bridgend.

He was taught to ring at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, by the late C. H. Perry and rang his first peal a year later in 1926 at the age of 17. Unfortunately he lost interest and did not ring for many years. However, whilst on leave from the Army in 1943 he was persuaded to take part in a peal by Charlie Perry, and since that time has taken a very lively interest in his own and neighbouring towers. In 1948 he was elected Ringing Master of St. Illtyd's and had the immediate problem of building up from a very depleted band. He has succeeded in maintaining a regular Sunday service band and has given very valuable assistance to other towers in the area.

He has rung 158 peals and these include a high proportion with first-pealers in them. Many of these peals were of Doubles and these have provided an opportunity to many ringers from 6-bell towers achieving a number of peals to maintain their interest. By trade he is a general foreman in the building industry.

NINE DAYS' TOUR

A band of Australian ringers have had a 9-day tour, travelling by train, ship and air, visiting Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and crossing the water to Hobart, Tasmania. A highlight was three quarters in a day at Hobart Cathedral on May 17th of Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Triples. Major would have been attempted, but the plane left for Sydney at 3 p.m.

LONG LENGTH

Dear Sir, An attempt to ring 12,096 Little Bob Major on handbells will be made at 55, Wick Avenue, Wheathampstead, Herts. on Sunday, June 15th starting at 12 noon. Visitors wishing to listen will be welcome. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Composition		
W	M	H
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S	3	S
—	3	
S	3	

11 times repeated. Single for bob half-way and end.

LOSSES TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL COMPANY

Lincoln Cathedral company has lost two valuable and efficient members by the departure of Mr. H. Leslie Pask and Mr. Geoffrey Paul from the City.

Mr. Pask, who is going to Nottingham on retirement, joined the company in 1928, and except for a short spell away while working at Plymouth has been a very loyal member whose services will be greatly missed in the Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Paul's association with the company dates back to 1953, and he is a most efficient and reliable member. When a change of officers took place in 1961, Geoffrey accepted the office of hon. secretary, a position he has filled with great capability. Lincoln's loss is Derby's gain and the company wish him every success in his new job.

A small presentation was made in the Cathedral belfry to both members as a token of respect and appreciation for their regular attendance and loyalty.

A 70th ANNIVERSARY

Not many ringers are fortunate enough to be able to celebrate actively the 70th anniversary of their first peal—Mr. George Symonds, of Ipswich, being one of the most notable exceptions—but Mr. Edwin Barnett did so on May 18th by taking part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Crayford with a band that included his son and grand-daughter. Also taking part were Herbert E. Audsley and William E. Bond, whose eldest brother and father respectively rang their first peal along with Mr. Barnett.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT RINGING SCHOOL

The Rochester District's ringing school, held at Milton Regis on May 17th, was attended by 30 people. The 20 or so youngsters were given verbal instruction on the basis of change-ringing and later practical work in ringing Plain Hunt, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. It was a very worthwhile afternoon and thanks are due to the Rev. Peter Lloyd and to Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who kindly provided a very adequate tea.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

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

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Eric Naylor	Treble	Alan F. Lee	6
S. Arthur Read	2	George Prescott	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Norman G. K. Knee	8
Ronald G. Beck	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
*Marjorie Legg	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.				Tenor 12 cwt.
Marjorie Legg	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5	
David Gay	2	Sidney G. Smith	6	
Roy W. Rice	3	George Prescott	7	
Geoffrey Hebden	4	John K. Baker	Tenor	

Conducted by George Prescott.

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

On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.	
Eric Naylor	Treble	Edward J. Chivers	4
Gwilym Salmon	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Ronald G. Beck	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor
Conducted by		Eric Naylor.	

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sheila Hallett and Mr. Christopher Jenkins.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Alan Rothwell	Treble	Michael Thomson	5
*Peter Broadbent	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	*Michael Foulds	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Treble Bob. * First in the method.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Schofield.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roy Worrall	Treble	John Hall	5
*Sheila A. Taylor	2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
Raymond J. Ballard	3	*Frederick S. Sutton	7
Norman Sherratt	4	Frank R. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 NANTWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

T. Felicity Ashford	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Gerald Parsons	3	Roy Worrall	7
John Hall	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

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

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.			
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.			
A. Doreen Edwards	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. .	4
Roland W. Morant	2	*John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor
Conducted by Frank R. Morton.			

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 200th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
Peter Border	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	5
Joan P. Hutchinson	2	John W. T. Taylor	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ian D. Thompson	7
Percy Stone	4	John Ariss	Tenor
Conducted by		Peter Border.	

Conducted by Peter Border.

Arranged for Joan P. Hutchinson, of Strafford, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.			
Allan Keller	Treble	Harold Wagstaff	5
Tymothy Wylie	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	Michael T. Fellows	7
Dennis Cooper	4	David W. Friend	Tenor
Composed by R. W. Pipe.		Conducted by David W. Friend.	
Rung half-muffled in memory of		J. Saxton, buried on this day.	

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Conducted by David W. Friend.

Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Saxton, buried on this day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.			
*Gary Bainbridge	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Richard J. W. Housden	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
†Tony Spurgeon	3	Yvonne A. Murray	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ 650th peal and
500th of Surprise. First in the method on the bells.

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Major. * First in the method. * 650th peal and 500th of Surprise. First in the method on the bells.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
*Susan Burdon	Treble	Colin H. Gillingham .. .	4
Keith W. Brown	2	Roy Threadgold	5
Josephine A. Quilter .. .	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor
Conducted by Peter G. Brown.			

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.			
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.			
Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Bernard W. Fairhead	5
Harry J. Millatt	3	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

Rung following the marriage of Jennifer M. Andrews, ringer at this tower, and Neville F. Whittell, ringer at Bramford, Suffolk.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and

Indivisible Trinity.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.			
Donald F. Murfet	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Philip J. Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Frederick Shallcross	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Peter G. Brown	4	James L. Towler	9
S. Clarke Walters	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Louise, to Mr. Michael Heather, head verger, and a grandson, Michael Robert, for Leslie Barry, Master of the ringers.

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MITCHELDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F.			
William A. Farmer ..	Treble	George T. Cousins ..	5
*Margery A. Wratten ..	2	*Leonard C. Edwards ..	6
Frances Fairbank ..	3	*Patrick H. Allen ..	7
Valerie Willard ..	4	Cyril A. Wratten ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method.
Rung on Ascension Day.

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on Ascension Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.			
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.			
Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
Roger Baldwin	2	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Roger D. R. Brown	4	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman.		Conducted by Roger Baldwin.	
* First pair of eight-spliced.			

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of eight-spliced.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).		Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
*Kenneth Foster Treble	†John Bagnall 5		
Stanley Walmsley 2	Kevin M. Price 6		
Geoffrey Tembey 3	Alan Capstick 7		
William Wall 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor		

Conducted by Alan Capstick.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 100th peal, and "circled tower" to peals.

Rung for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church, May 18th, 1869.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.	
*John S. Gomersall .. Treble	B. Michael Boardman .. 5
Wyn Pugh 2	Peter J. Malloch 6
David W. Howarth .. 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Keith P. Tompsett .. 4	Derek Butterworth .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal at first attempt

Rung for the church anniversary.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in A flat.	
*John G. Lifton Treble	*Robert Peers 5
*Charles F. Pocock .. 2	Eric J. Gilbert 6
*Lucy P. A. Hopkins .. 3	Keith J. Walpole 7
*Geoffrey C. Sparling .. 4	Bruce Wakefield .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Rutland.

CARTMEL, Lancashire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob		Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
David H. Garrett Treble	Kenneth Foster 4		
Nicholas M. Newby .. 2	Kevin M. Price 5		
Alan Capstick 3	*Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor		

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe

* 100th peal for the Lancashire Association.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. T. C. Ledgard, inducted on May 15th

(Preston Branch.)

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On May 11, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.	
*Martin Mansley Treble	Frank Anderton 4		
Dennis H. McCormick .. 2	Roger Barns 5		
Walter Mansley 3	Cyril Crosthwaite .. Tenor		

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
Joseph Whalley Treble	Stanley Walmsley 4		
Kevin M. Price 2	*Alan Capstick 5		
Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 3	Nicholas M. Newby .. Tenor		

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* 175th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Whitaker) being installed as the Second Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Comprising 2,240 Cambridge and 2,800 Yorkshire, with 27 changes of method.		Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 6		
W. Ernest Rawson .. 2	Martin Green 7		
David G. Massey 3	R. Brian Mills 8		
Robin A. Gilliver .. 4	John E. Cook 9		
David F. Moore 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor		

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Royal by all the band except the ringer of the second.

COLSTON BASSETT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DERIDENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.	
Sheila M. Anthony .. Treble	David G. Massey 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	R. Brian Mills 6
David F. Moore 3	Roland H. Cook 7
W. Ernest Rawson .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A	
David F. Moore Treble	David G. Massey 5
Sheila M. Anthony .. 2	R. Brian Mills 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 3	Denis A. Frith 7
Roland H. Cook 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in the following 95 methods: Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall, Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, Raveningham, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Runemede All Saints, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Colne, Reverse St. Sebastian, Bristol, Poyle, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonhorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Sereveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Fornett, Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Stedman S.C., St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire Place, Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Julian, Reverse St. Faith, St. Owen Place.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
Vaughan P. Evans .. 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Owen Homewood .. 3	David E. Leafe .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

Most methods by the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHFIELD, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 TEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.	
*William H. Harford .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	J. Michael Lakin .. 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Stephen Fenwick .. 7
Paul A. Williams .. 4	†Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Treble Bob Surprise Major † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, London, S.W.13.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 5 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 10,752 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	John R. Pratchett .. 5
Geoffrey Bridges 2	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3	Timothy G. Pett .. 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	Tony Lewis .. Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

Longest length on the bells and by all except ringers of 3, 5 and 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., March 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.	
Joseph W. Cotton .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
Jennifer M. Beech .. 2	Richard C. Warrilow .. 6
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3	John K. Smith .. 7
Frank Beech 4	Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr, 25 lb. in G.

Percival W. Grice Treble	Frank Chambers 5
Arthur E. Rowley 2	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Mary Barrass 3	John K. Smith 7
Sheila Parsons 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Arranged by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Holt's Six-Part Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 1 lb. in A flat.	
*Leslie Haywood Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Arthur E. Rowley 2	Percival W. Grice 6
Sheila Parsons 3	Derek P. Jones 7
Norman W. Attaway 4	Herbert Shaw Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

* First peal attempt.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., April 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr, 18 lb.

John Hall Treble	*Michael Wilshaw 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Harold Dowler 6
T. Felicity Ashford 3	Roy Worrall 7
Gerald Parsons 4	Raymond J. Ballard .. Tenor

Composed by Len Goodall.

Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

* First peal of Bristol

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr, 22 lb.

David J. Midgley Treble	Roy Worrall 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Harold Dowler 6
F. Hector Bennett 3	*Raymond J. Ballard .. 7
John Hall 4	David J. Danby Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

* 175th peal First in the method on the bells, in the county, for the Association and by all the band.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman Sherratt and John Hall.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 4 lb.

Roy Worrall Treble	T. Felicity Ashford 5
*Sheila A. Taylor 2	Michael Wilshaw 6
Norman Sherratt 3	†John Hall 7
Harold Dowler 4	Raymond J. Ballard .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by N. Sherratt.

* First peal. † First of Cambridge Major.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr, 13 lb. in F.

Rosamund M. Brown .. Treble	David A. Cornwall 5
J. Keith Ward 2	William Butler 6
Michael Hatchett 3	*William Birmingham .. 7
Alan R. Pink 4	Frank W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

* 400th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Rung silent and non-conducted.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr, 23 lb. in E.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Peter G. Holden 5
John R. Leary 2	Bernard E. Matthews .. 6
Melvyn J. Hiller 3	Rupert A. Clarke 7
Robert H. Newton 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood

Conducted by John R. Leary.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ULLSWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.

William Birmingham .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 12 lb. in G.
Alan R. Pink 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Ronald K. Russ 3	Peter H. Mackie 6
David C. Brown 4	D. K. Adkins 7
	Barry J. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method. (Tipler's B 61/1.)

Rung for Ascension Day.

ULLSWATER SURPRISE MAJOR

B—58—16—12—38. 14—14. 38—1256—78. 1.h. 2nds.
Bob 4ths. b falseness

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Alfred H. Webb Treble	Leonard F. Cox 5
Henry L. Bishop 2	George W. Bishop 6
Clifford J. Garlick 3	Michael Bishop 7
*Patricia Aplin 4	Edward J. Sawyer Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate Alfred Webb and Mary Webb's 51 years' membership of the Guild.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter Le Bailey.

On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

360-course block reduced.

Charles H. Coles Treble	Tenor 4 cwt, 3 qr, 19 lb. in B flat.
Jennifer A. Dunning 2	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 5
Anne M. Carpenter 3	Robert H. Newton 6
David A. Town 4	Peter G. Holden 7
	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr, 19 lb. in F.

*Edward H. Langley .. Treble	†Arthur Newton 5
†Robert H. Newton 2	Roland Biggs 6
§A. Reginald Blaby 3	Jonn E. Camp 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First peal of Treble Boh. † 50th peal, and first of Surprise as conductor. ‡ 25th peal together. § First of Yorkshire.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ted Langley on his departure to Rhodesia.

OLD HEADINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 720 of St. Simon and 1,440 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

*Linda J. Cozier Treble	Tenor 7 cwt, 3 qr, 6 lb.
Tom Smith 2	Paul C. Lucas 4
†Christine S. Baker 3	Leonard R. Porter 5
	John F. Sear Tenor

Conducted by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Directed by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Paul Lucas (vice-captain).

TADMARTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Kent and three extents of Plain Bob.

*Clifford T. Wightman .. Treble	Tenor 114 cwt, in G sharp.
Jean Marlow 2	Robert A. Reeves 4
Diana Reeves 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
	Barry J. Davis Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as an appreciation for the work in this parish of the Rev. Dr. L. W. A. Ahrendt upon his retirement.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.
On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Michael Hatchett .. Treble	Michael J. Palmer .. 4
Patricia A. Copas .. 2	Anthony K. Fortin .. 5
* Louise A. M. Evans .. 3	David A. Cornwall .. Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the re-dedication of the organ, and as a farewell to Rev. C. E. Vogel, curate, who is going to Childrey.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EDENHAM, Lines.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F

* Alan J. Marks .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. 5
Edward C. Buckley .. 2	Raymond H. Daw .. 6
† J. Malcolm Tyler .. 3	Richard J. Cowley .. 7
‡ Peter M. Fleckney .. 4	‡ Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

William J. Chester .. Treble	Christopher C. Stokes .. 5
Barry R. Care .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. 7
Graham C. Paul .. 4	Alan A. Paul .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung in appreciation of the gift of the new ringing chamber and porch donated by Mr. John White.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., May 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kilby R. Holtom .. Treble	Barry F. Saunders .. 5
Patrick I. Chapman .. 2	Graham C. Paul .. 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. 7
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band, except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

MILTON MALSOR, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

* John P. Sale .. Treble	John S. W. Townley .. 3
† Julian C. Parker .. 2	Raymond Henman .. 4

George F. Roome .. Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal. * First of Doubles.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Julian C. Parker.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5030 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, Primrose, Berwick, Hexham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

* Murray A. Coleman .. Treble	Peter M. Fleckney .. 4
† David J. Morgan .. 2	J. Malcolm Tyler .. 5
‡ Raymond Henman .. 3	Barry R. Care .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* Has "circled the tower." † First peal of seven Surprise. 75th peal on the bells.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon Bob, St. Nicholas Bob Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Colin F. Stanton .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. 3
J. Malcolm Tyler .. 2	David J. Morgan .. 4

Raymond Henman .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

FRESHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

* P.Sgt. Michael Blencowe .. Treble	† P.C. William A. Page .. 4
W.P.C. Geraldine G. Winnett .. 2	Ch. Supt. Ronald J. C. Hagley .. 5
* P.C. Trevor A. Davies .. 3	P. Sgt. Harold A. May .. Tenor

Conducted by Police Sergeant Harold A. May.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal for the South East District of the N.G.P.R.

Rung by members all currently serving with the Surrey Constabulary.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.

St. Katharine and All Saints.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

* Melvyn J. Hiller .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes .. 6
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	† Timothy F. Collins .. 7
Mary E. Elmes .. 3	‡ Robert E. J. Dennis .. 8
* Ross G. W. Robertson .. 4	Frank D. Mack .. 9
John N. Longridge .. 5	Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal. ‡ 150th of Surprise. First on ten bells as conductor.

Rung fully-muffled with the band's best wishes to the conductor on the occasion of his 18th birthday.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter Church .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell .. 6
Alan H. Bridges .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 7
Paul Bagshaw .. 3	Ronald Ducker .. 8
* Peter Slight .. 4	Simon Humphrey .. 9
Robert W. Sherriff .. 5	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pine. Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of

St. John of Beverley.

On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	J. David Clarke .. 4
John C. Shonfield .. 2	Thomas O. Greasley .. 5
Thomas G. Goodwin .. 3	* William L. Exton .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 325th peal

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. Richardson (curate) and his wife on this their last Sunday in the Cranmer Group of Parishes, and with all best wishes for the future at Lowdham.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., May 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

* Harold Denman .. Treble	Philip Rogers .. 4
Harry Poyner .. 2	Raymond G. Fanthorpe .. 5
Stephen W. Knights .. 3	* Paul N. Mounsey .. Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 25th peal.

Rung to mark the election of Cdr. G. Cooper as Mayor of East Retford

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Penelope Sedgwick .. Treble	† Victor E. F. Holland .. 4
Cyril T. Collins .. 2	David J. G. Bates .. 5
* Ken G. Parker .. 3	Clive M. Smith .. Tenor

C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 21 and 23. Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside".

NETHERTON, Dudley, Wores.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge; with 122 changes of method

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen T. Yates Treble	J. Dennis Holden 5
Michael Elson 2	Antony W. T. Cleaver 6
Eric E. Speake 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Michael W. Fairey 4	John H. Allen Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
Most Surprise Major methods rung for the Society.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup Treble	Peter Adecock 6
Cecil W. Pipe 2	David Cubitt 7
Trevor A. Cross 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 8
Janet House 4	Martin L. Howe 9
Arthur G. Mason 5	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by David E. House.

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

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*Walter W. Miller Treble	*Ernest G. Pearce 5
*Howard W. Egglestone 2	*Vernon B. Bedford 6
Muriel R. Page 3	*Stephen J. Bedford 7
*Adrian Knights 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 6). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Amsterdam.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. E. G. Pearce.

of Melton.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Katharine M. Thorley 2	Leslie G. Brett 5
*Cynthia E. Barnett 3	Ernest G. Pearce Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London Borough of Wandsworth.—At the Church of

St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Wed., May 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ALEXANDRIA SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Alan D. Flood Treble	Peter J. Munday 5
Keith G. Game 2	Andrew W. R. Wilby 6
Michael J. Uphill 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
Roy D. Mills 4	*Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method

A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey R. Alexander (past Master of the U.L.S.C.R.).

ALEXANDRIA SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 1456 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 12 x 38. L.h. 2nds. Group B.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra.

On Sat., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg 6
George Francis 2	Richard Hayes 7
John A. Howard 3	Peter S. Muchlinski 8
Charlotte M. Harris 4	Andrew J. Corby 9
*Philip J. Simmonds 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby

* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside".

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

SKETTY, Swansea.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

William T. Petty Treble	*Lawrence C. Hanney 5
Edmund J. Morris 2	William J. Thomas 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Gwyn I. Lewis 7
Rev. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland 4	Alwyn R. Lewis Tenor

Composed by B. Annable.

* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., May 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G

Michael J. Thomas Treble	*Richard Green 6
David J. Forder 2	Derek C. Jackson 7
*Katherine J. Maundrell 3	*George E. Evenden 8
Robert E. J. Dennis 4	Thomas H. Francis 9
*Roger H. Heyworth 5	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of London. † First of London Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Wores.—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. 26 lb. in G.

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

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew

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

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger H. Hunt, a member of the local band

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 OMEGA S. MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G

Christopher Hims Treble	John Clements 5
Thomas W. Lewis 2	David Franklin 6
Austin T. Wingate 3	Adrian G. Semken 7
*Shirley M. Drew 4	*Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* Have now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods
First peal in the method

OMEGA S. MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1238.56.14.56.7. L.h. 12 B.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Shirley M. Drew Treble	Gerald C. Hemming 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Valerie Willard 6
Hugh N. Evans 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
John Clements 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method

JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 1256 x 7. L.h. 12 B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BRIGHOUSE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Alan Newbold Treble	Robert H. Jordan 5
Christopher J. Easton 2	David Featherstone 6
*Graham Jones 3	John J. Durham 7
Peter H. Gardner 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. 25th peal on the bells.

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

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald Crabtree Treble	*David Featherstone 5
*A. Pattie Clapham 2	*John J. Durham 6
*Christopher J. Easton 3	*Robert A. Beresford 7
*Robert H. Jordan 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.

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

On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Ronald Crabtree Treble	Alan E. Hatley 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	David Featherstone 6
John J. Durham 3	Robert A. Beresford 7
Robert H. Jordan 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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BIRTH

STREETER.—On May 31st, 1969, to Freda (nee Hankey) and Alan, a son, Neil Robert, a brother for Alison and Karl. 7374

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CARRUTHERS.—The home address of Maureen Carruthers is now 6, All Saints' Close, Chigwell Row, Essex. Tel. 01-500 1137. Term, still 01-722 6154. 7353

FLOYD.—As from June 28th the address of David and Marilyn will be 15, Selworthy Gardens, Nailsea Bristol, BS19 2JZ. 7391

YEO.—As from June 27th, 1969, the address of David G. Yeo (Sec., Chew Branch, Bath and Wells Assn.) will be Cheriton, 45, Ravens Cross Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9EA. 7380

PERSONAL

FOUND.—Many thanks to Annita Wilson and Alan Ward for enabling the recovery of the money lost at Manchester Town Hall on May 7th.—P.G., B.-K. 7357

LOST.—Bell brooch, silvery metal, engraved JS. Whit Monday in Wales. Reward.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. 7363

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Romans X: 12.

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.—L. Walters, Statten's Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin. 7100

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

SET of 26 musical handbells, heavy gauge, heaviest 3½ lb., 8 inches diameter; smallest 1½ lb. (approx.). 3 inches diameter. Original price £235. Prepared to consider reasonable offer.—G. Bearne, Bancroft, East Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon. 7233

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX, FLOWER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

Towers open:

2.30 Braintree (for choral evensong) (8), Stebbing (6).
2.30–3.30 Felsted (8); Stisted (6), Rayne (6).
3.30–4.30 Gosfield (6), Wethersfield (6).
3.45–4.30 Finchingfield (8).
4.15–5.15 Braintree.

Teas at Braintree Church Hall, New Street, 5.30–6.45.

Numbers to R. J. Lindsell, Ringers, London Road, Black Notley, Essex, by 20th.

Evening ringing: 7–8, Bocking (8); 7.15–8, Sible Hedingham (8);
8–9, Halstead (8), and as arranged 7385

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

RINGERS' DIARY, 1970

To all Association and Guild secretaries.—Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1970, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly. No guarantee of reminders this year.—W. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 7382

MISCELLANEOUS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST

To be held at Cawthorne on the second Saturday in June (14th). Names for tea to Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne. Entries to be sent to the secretary, I. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. No names no tea 7277

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX FLOWER AND BELL FESTIVAL

July 19th and 20th, 1969

Visit this lovely old country town church. Bells (6) all day Saturday and usual times for Sunday service. Refreshments available both days. 7386

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

Waddington, Saturday, June 28th

Cricket Match, 2 p.m.

(All welcome)

Tea in Village Hall at 4.30 p.m.

Towers available:

Sleaford (8) 9.30–10.30 a.m.
Ruskington (6) 10.00–11.00 a.m.
Blankney (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.
Metheringham (8) 11.00–12 noon.
Dunston (5) 11.30–12.30 p.m.
Nocton (6) 12.00–1.00 p.m.
Bransdon (6) 12.30–1.30 p.m.

Cricket Match, 2.00–4.30

or

Wellingore (6) 2.00–3.00 p.m.
Navenby (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m.
Harmston (8) 3.00–4.00 p.m.
Waddington (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m.
Tea 4.30–5.30 p.m.
Waddington (6) 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Lincoln St. Giles (8) 6.00–7.00 p.m.
Nettleham (6) 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Scottern (6) 7.00–8.00 p.m.
Dunholme (6) 7.30–8.30 p.m.
Welton (6) 8.00–9.00 p.m.

Name for tea to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln, not later than Tuesday, June 24th. 7381

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION GARDEN PARTY

Goosnargh Vicarage

Saturday, June 28th. Open 2.30 p.m.

Tea 2/-.

Side-shows, Amusements.
Goosnargh bells available. 7274

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Festival and Annual General Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, June 28th.

11 a.m., Service in Cathedral.

12 noon, Annual Meeting in Chapter House.

12.45 p.m., "Get-together" in Dining Hall.

1.15 p.m., Luncheon in Dining Hall (tickets 10/6 each).

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, June 23rd.

Ringling arrangements.—List of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—Marie R. Cross. 7354

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND FLOWERS

June 22nd to 29th

All welcome. Ringling Wednesday, June 25th, 7 to 9 p.m. No practice Thursday, June 26th. 7321

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COBHAM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing for Sunday Evensong from June 1st, 1969, until further notice. 7315

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Estd. 1623)

The 346th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day

will be held on

Saturday, June 28th

Ringling arrangements and towers as follows:

2 p.m.: 12-bell peal attempt by invited band at Saffron Walden.

Radwinter (8) 1.30–2.15 p.m.

Hempstead (6) 2.15–3.00 p.m.

Thaxted (8) 3.00–3.45 p.m.

Newport (6) 3.45–4.30 p.m.

TEA

No arrangements have been made. There are cafés in Newport and Saffron Walden.

Wenden's Amho (6), 5.00–5.45 p.m.

Service (Saffron Walden) 6 p.m.

Saffron Walden (12) after service till 8.30 p.m.

Any further information from L. F. Pittow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Tel.: 2074.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', PITSFORD,
NORTHANTS

Annual Fete, Saturday, June 14th

Bells (6) 2.30-6 p.m.

Teas available. All welcome. 7318

ST. NICHOLAS', WORTH, SUSSEX
FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 13th, 14th and 15th

Tower open for ringing each day
from 2 o'clock till 8 (6 bells).

7365

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S,
CROYDON

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, June 24th, at 8 p.m.

No practice—quarter peal attempt.

7370

DUPLICATING and ELECTRONIC PRECUT STENCILS. Letterheads, Diagrams. Typewritten matter, etc. 24-hour service.—THE ALDERSHOT STORES (Duplicating Dept.), 37, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot Telephone 20876. 7157

NETHERTON, WORCS.—Flower Festival. Bells available 6.30 to 7.30, Thursday, June 19th; 3 to 4.30, Saturday, June 21st. All welcome.—John Eisel. 7368

AMPTHILL, Bedfordshire (6).—Church Fete, Saturday, June 28th. Tower open to ringers, 1 to 3 p.m.; 5 to 7 p.m. Parties of ringers welcome. Information from J. W. Yates, 'phone Flitwick 3273. 7383

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Worplesdon (8). Tuesday, June 17th, 7.30-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7387

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.—Ringing will be as normal on Sundays and Tuesdays, but on the front eight only.—Mrs. K. S. Hardy, Hon. Sec. 7360

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Winscombe Parish Hall, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (5-6) 5.15 p.m. Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, by June 7th. Full details in annual report (2/6 post free to non-members). 7270

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gawsorth (8), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. 7261

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Service after tea.) Free tea for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. 7343

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop. Notts. Tel.: Creswell 370—M. Phipps, Sec. 7342

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 14th, Fulbourn (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting at Bottisham 5.45. Ringing (5) from about 7 p.m.—J. S. 7264

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Epping. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 7316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual striking competition will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Boughton-under-Blean. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Keeler, Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent. 7288

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 7339

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Madstone District.—Bye-meeting and striking competition, Hunton, Saturday, June 14th. Contest at 2.30, followed by service, tea and general ringing. Names for tea to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7339

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch striking competition, Saturday, June 14th, Eccleston. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ellison, 58, Richmond Road, Eccleston, Chorley, by Wednesday.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 7339

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Barton-on-Humber. Bells: St. Peter's (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30-4.30. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Barrow-on-Humber, followed by meeting and ringing there. Names for tea to A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs.—C. A. H. 7299

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Llantrisant, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Henley-on-Thames, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Caversham 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Tigwell, 34, Gainsborough Road, Henley-on-Thames. 7349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (free) to A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, please. 7279

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Carmarthen, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest 4240. 7373

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, June 14th, Calverton and Woodborough, afternoon: Lowham in evening. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Woodborough. Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Hayward, The Vicarage, Woodborough, Nottingham, NG14 6DX. 7330

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting at Gamston, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by the Thursday previous. 7340

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 14th, Ufford (8). Ringing 3-4.30. Service, tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringing 7-9 p.m. Please book for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Thorpes Hill Cott., Hadleigh Road, Hintlesham, Ipswich.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 7345

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Itchingfield (5), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. and after tea, Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea.—M. J. Wake; Tel: Sidlesham 325. 7352

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Church Lench (6), Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Village Hall. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. Bishampton bells (6) available 6.45-8.30 p.m. 7344

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting Suckley, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Church Fete Ground, followed by business meeting in the church. Broadwas bells (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 7348

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on June 17th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 17th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 24th, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 1st, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 8th, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 7361

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Edgware, Wednesday, June 18th. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. (Two minutes Edgware Station—Northern Line.—E. M. Kilby. 7362

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Portishead (8), June 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7378

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton (Salop), by June 18th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 7389

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After business meeting a meeting of the District committee will be held (committee members please note).—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7364

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, June 21st, Magdalen Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7389

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Striking competition, June 21st, Coln St. Aldwyn (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Competition at Hatherop 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairfield Road, Quenington.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 7272

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Standish (6), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Haresfield also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 17th. 7366

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting and striking competition, Saturday, June 21st, West Clendon. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewin, Thorneywood, The Street, West Clendon, by previous Wednesday, please. 7314

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Bredenbury, June 21st, 5.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—R. I. Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 7355

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, June 21st, North Myms (8), 3 p.m., with service and tea. Monken Hadley (8) available, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, N. Myms, Hatfield. No name, definitely no tea.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7266

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Hoby (5), 7-9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7355

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South-Eastern District.—Ringing meeting in the Stony Stratford area, Saturday, June 21st. Meet 1.30 p.m. at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Buckingham. Names for tea, please, to me before June 15th.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 7342

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Great Kimble, on June 21st, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 7342

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury, June 21st. 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 7334

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Powerstock, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 7369

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), 3.30-4.15 and after meeting, together with St. Chad's (4) and St. Mary's, 7.30 p.m. No ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. (Guest preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A.) Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 18th. Tel.: Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7280

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, South-over, Lewes (10), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7197

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hartlebury, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, or you may be disappointed. Catering limited.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 7304

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Bye-meeting at Hoo, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, 7309

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 21st. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Colley, 6, Graham Street, Newport, Mon., by June 13th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King, 7351

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Howden, June 21st. Bells available 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, by previous Wednesday. Eastington bells will be available 2.15-3.45 p.m. for Plain Hunt, Plain Boh. Voting will take place for vice-president and committee members. All welcome. Reports available: subscriptions due.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting Frittenden, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Because of catering difficulties tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. D. C. Manger, 3, Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Cranbrook (Staplehurst 517), by Thursday, June 19th.—A. P. S. B. 7341

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting Cleckheaton (8), on June 21st. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m. and after meeting. Liversedge (8) available 3-4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by Wednesday, June 18th. No name, no tea.—A. B. Sullivan, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothamptorpe, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1, Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton, NN7 1BA, by Monday previous. Milton Malsor, 7.30-9 p.m. 7372

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Wednesday, July 2nd. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45-10.30; Salford Sacred Trinity, 10-10.45; Miles Platting, 10.30-11.15; Hyde St. George, 2-3; Mottram St. Michael, 2.30-3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3-4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30-4.30; Manchester Cathedral, 4.30-5.30. Town Hall after tea. 7377

Letters to the Editor

THE ST. ALBANS BOOKSTALL

Dear Sir.—This was the first year that a bookstall was run over the Central Council week-end, and readers may like to know how sales went.

Total turnover, £84 5s. 3d. This includes £30 9s. for Central Council publications. Books supplied locally, e.g., maps, guides, "Nine Taylors," etc., accounted for £12 11s. 4d.

Apart from these, nine other ringing publishers supplied books and we are most grateful to them for making the most comprehensive display of ringing books ever assembled for sale.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS,
Herts County Assn. Bookstall.

LATE NOTICES FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

FLOYD—BIRD.—The marriage between David and Marilyn will take place at St. Giles' Church, Oxford, on Saturday, June 28th, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church.

MEETINGS

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Drayton (6), June 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. 7396

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Combe St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, 7393

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry monthly meeting at Chilvers Coton (10 bells), June 21st. 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, followed by more evening ringing. **Note:** There will be no practice at Chilvers Coton on Thursday, June 19th.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 7397

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Curtailed ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 6.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. T. Symonds, 7394

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Chiseldon, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 17th. 7392

SUITABLE FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—I have been surprised at the rumpus created by John Mayne's letter on the composition of handbell peals: I am sure he did not intend to disparage anyone's performances or discourage anybody. But I must say that to apply the label "suitable for handbells" to a composition seems to me to be the result of muddled thinking. What is really meant is that such a composition is easier to ring than some others. Any composition is "suitable for handbells" provided the band is good enough to ring it.

If Alan Scholfield will read John Mayne's letter again he will see that he has misquoted it in his last paragraph. I see no reason why everyone should be able to ring all pairs, any more than that a member of an orchestra should be compelled to learn every instrument! Having, in my time, done a certain amount of fiddling round the front, I now prefer to beat the big drum.

Finally if, as Robert Smith asserts, compositions with 3-4 and 5-6 coursing are more musical than others, why not label such peals "suitable for tower bells" and have done with it?

I intend that our next peal shall have the footnote "Unsuitable for handbells. Not so hard as Cambridge Maximus."—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir, I am afraid Mr. Dodd is on the wrong track when he upbraids Mr. Brian Mills for "having to change the name of an old method when they ring it to a peal" (p. 423). At its meeting at St. Albans this Whitsun the Central Council officially endorsed the tradition that the first band to ring an extent of a Minor method, or to include it in a peal, has the sole right to name it, and this tradition Mr. Mills has been careful to follow.

I have already compiled extensive records of Minor methods and ringing, on behalf of the Council's Records Committee and, as I recently pointed out in these columns, this information is at the disposal of anyone who cares to contact me. The list of methods and names that appeared with Mr. Mills' peal at Holme Pierrepont was indeed first sent to me for checking, and I suggested that the previous history of Winthorpe and Blidworth should be given, in order to simplify other people's record-keeping.

On a point of detail, the correct name of "King Edward" (rather than "Keston") was established by a peal at Wath-on-Dearne in 1927, while the correct name for "Queen Victoria" is Sprothorough; the latter method has never been known as Queen Victoria—apart, that is, from Mr. Dodd's peal at Beenharn last May. The entry in Chant's valuable Index of Minor Methods is incorrect.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—On page 35 there appear some 720s of Spiced Surprise Minor by M. S. Bruce (corrections appear on page 105). The third of these, in six methods (Sutton, Warkworth, etc.), is false. 564231 occurs as row 12 in lead 2 and as row 15 in lead 9. —Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

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QUARTER PEALS

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Frost 1, G. Austin 2, E. Edmondson 3, R. A. Cochrane (first Stedman) 4, A. R. Carter 5, B. J. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, S. Huckle 8. Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. T. Holmes, past president of the Hertford County Association.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Timms (first quarter) 1, D. Francis 2, A. Newton 3, J. Simmonds 4, L. A. Timms 5, J. E. Camp 6, S. M. Bailey 7, R. H. Newton (arr. and cond.) 8. Rung during the mayor's weighing ceremony.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral, on May 17th, three quarters in a day. 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Delwyn Logan 2, D. Brown 3, R. Bampton 4, K. Hendry (cond.) 5, C. Herbert 6. 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Bampton 1, J. Smith 2, D. Brown 3, P. Brown 4, C. Herbert (cond.) 5, K. Hendry 6. 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Symonds (first quarter) 1, N. Shaw 2, S. Smith 3, J. Smith 4, R. Bampton 5, C. Herbert 6, P. Brown (cond.) 7, K. Hendry 8. First Triples in the tower.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): E. Allum 1, Mrs. S. A. Randle 2, Mrs. V. N. Castle 3, C. A. Eccle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, B. C. Castle (cond.) 6, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer joining the Oxford Diocesan Guild in January, 1919.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. E. Drabble 1, J. P. Richardson (first "inside") 2, W. R. Birchall 3, D. C. Simpson 4, G. K. Austin (cond.) 5, P. G. Bell 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Ascension Day.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Monica Coningsby 1, Merryyn Hutchings 2, D. Lilley 3, L. Flitton 4, A. T. Winter 5, G. Lilley 6, D. Barton (cond.) 7, A. S. Marland 8. For the weddings of the churchwarden's son and the previous Vicar's daughter.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Gagen 1, W. Houghton 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, W. W. Cousins 4, C. Cousins 5, R. Newson 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, Wendy Twite (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Read 1, Gillian Read 2, B. S. Gambrell 3, D. Fox 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, Jennifer Lintott 6. First in method 1 and 2.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grand-sire): Jane Battison (first quarter) 1, E. Hastings 2, D. Morgan 3, R. Henman 4, L. Battison (cond.) 5.

LOCKING, SOM.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Gwen Hooper 1, Jane Markham 2, Susan Stott 3, S. Lewis 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, C. Field 6. A birthday compliment to Jane Markham.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,277 Stedman Caters: W. Rawlings 1, Maureen Caruthers 2, T. Pett 3, R. Mills 4, R. Woodward 5, P. Bosworth 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Bullen 8, R. Overington 9, J. Pladdys 10. For the 10th anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, R. Venn 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, R. J. Hunt 6. A welcome to Simeon, third son of the Vicar and Mrs. Marshall, born the previous day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. J. Callow 6. Rung to honour the christening of Zoe Ann White, grand-daughter of the conductor.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): R. Stainer 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. G. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. J. R. Smith 1, S. T. Smith 2, Mrs. H. F. Carter 3, K. A. F. Record 4, J. R. Smith (cond.) 5, H. F. Carter 6, D. Pardon 7, D. Phillips 8. First Major 2 and 4. For Ascension Day.

MILVERTON, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Bellamy 1, Miss J. Blanch 2, C. Barnes 3, R. Coleman 4, R. Cross (first Triples "inside") 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6, W. R. Trickey 7, A. Knight 8. First of Triples 2, 4, 8. For the wedding of the Milverton captain.

MORETON CORBET, SALOP.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Newton 1, F. Leech 2, M. Cecilia Evans 3, P. J. Evans 4, M. J. Orman 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bennett (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Tickle 2, Miss L. Macraeth (first quarter) 3, R. Dorling 4, D. C. Makin-Taylor 5, K. Edwards 6.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Brook 1, Jane Simon 2, Mrs. D. Brassington 3, Ruth Talbot 4, W. G. Talbot 5, G. Simon 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5. Rung in honour of Mr. Charles Swire on retirement after being churchwarden for 30 years.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wyn Pugh 1, L. Kathleen Miller 2, L. Miller 3, J. P. Partington 4, J. Kershaw 5, D. W. Howarth (cond.) 6. To mark the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the rehanging of the bells, by courtesy of Messrs. F. and E. Dunkerley.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): H. Instance 1, F. R. Harris 2, T. Bound 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. Preece 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Williams on retirement.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. C. Wood 1, G. Mason (first "inside" on tower bells) 2, Joan Hills 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott 5, F. W. Blach 6. Rung prior to the christening of David George Hull, son of Elizabeth and George Hull; also a 21st birthday compliment to his godmother, Jean Metcalf. Both parents and godmother are members of the local band.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Butler (first Minor) 1, Miss C. Slater 2, D. G. J. Bates (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. Davies 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, G. J. Gammon 5, J. H. Hunt 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. For Lloyds Bank service.

QUATT, SALOP.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Walton (first Minor) 1, Mrs. S. Hodister 2, I. A. Siefeld 3, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 4, R. Hodister 5, D. J. G. Bates 6.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss M. Bowman 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, T. R. Jones 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss E. Ilman 1, Mary Dallison (first "inside") 2, K. Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Streeter 6, G. West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Whitsunday Evensong.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): E. S. Seymour 1, W. H. Seymour 2, E. H. Langley 3, D. Escott (first "inside") 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5, D. James (first quarter) 6, S. R. Curnow 7, P. R. White 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Ted Langley, leaving for South Africa.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss C. Russell 1, R. Towler 2, W. Merritt 3, T. Russell 4, J. Lonsbrough (cond.) 5, K. King (first quarter) 6. Last quarter before bells are lowered for re-tuning.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Hodgkin 1, B. Whitworth 2, Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, S. Hodgkins 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall 7, D. Mason 8. Rung prior to United Men's Service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, N. Skelton 3, R. N. Marlow 4, L. Page 5, J. Mussell 6, R. Jones 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to N. Skelton.

SANDY, BEDS.—On May 22nd, 1,260t P.B. Minor: R. Mander 1, D. Goss 2, M. Mander 3, Karen Baker 4, C. R. Hardy 5, C. D. Corby (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Antony Smith and F. Raisen on their Ordination.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Henry 1, Jill M. May 2, J. H. Payton 3, W. Savill 4, F. W. Housden 5, J. F. M. Maybrey 6, D. J. Tubbs 7, D. A. R. May (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4. A welcome to Alison Mary Struckett, born on April 27th.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. W. Illidge 1, P. R. Johnson 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. Leech 4, R. H. Newton 5, F. Beech 6, L. Roberts 7, M. J. A. Orman 8, N. Holland 9, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 10. To welcome the Rev. H. H. Follis as Vicar.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): J. Bailey 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, J. Hemsley 3, B. G. Butcher 4, M. J. Taylor 5, W. J. Beeching 6.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Moore 1, J. Berrett 2, L. Edwins 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney (cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. V. Ashby, former churchwarden.

STONE, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Collins 1, G. G. C. Minors 2, C. Legg 3, E. Martin 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, L. Martin (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Minors on the birth of a son (Richard Graham).

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, M. Davies 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Linfield.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Ring (cond.) 1, R. A. Lucas 2, R. C. Offen 3, P. R. Staples 4, E. J. Clifton 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Grover 1, D. Goss (cond.) 2, R. Wellman 3, M. Goss 4, P. Watts 5, G. Green 6.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Morris (first quarter) 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Miss M. Griffiths (first of Triples) 3, W. Chandler 4, R. W. Balls 5, R. H. Ling (first Triples) 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, R. Iredale 8. For Ascension Day.

WALKINGTON, YORKs.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Shirley Waddingham (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Vicky Bond (first "inside", 13) 2, Eileen Waddingham (first as cond., 13) 3, Joan Gray 4, P. Carey 5, R. Carey 6. Birthday compliments to Vicky Bond and Mr. R. Carey.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,254 Grand-sire Cinques: J. Hoath 1, R. E. J. Dennis 2, Mrs. Jane Chapman 3, Glynis E. Perry 4, Susan F. Thomas 5, June Whitcher 6, D. J. Hawkins 7, G. H. Walker (first on 12) 8, J. E. Muffitt 9, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 10, M. C. Austin 11, E. T. Newnham 12. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Gamble 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Susan Turcan 3, C. T. Coles 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. A. Wright 6, A. M. Faulkner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. For the christening of Catherine Mary Shepherd, grand-daughter of the 4th. Also May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Gamble 1, Susan Turcan 2, Jillian Turcan 3, K. Ward 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. Coles 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, D. A. Wright 8. For Evensong. Also May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, K. Warner (cond.) 6, D. A. Wright 7. For Ascension Day. Also May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Knott (first quarter) 1, Janet Gamble 2, K. Warner 3, D. A. Wright 4, C. T. Coles 5, C. G. Wright (cond.) 6, E. E. Holman 7. For Evensong.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherryman 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. W. Skinner 3, Mrs. S. Verrall 4, B. Farhall 5, C. Longhurst (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. Favell, churchwarden.

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