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The Church of SS. Peter & Paul, Kingsbury, Warks

OUR COVER PICTURE

SS. Peter & Paul, Kingsbury, Warks.

KINGSBURY is a large parish situated between Tamworth and Coventry on the A423, the village only occupying part of the parish.

The church, which dates back to the 11th century, is built of grey sandstone and stands on high ground overlooking the River Tame and Bodymoor Heath Boating Lakes. In origin the church was Norman, but additions have been made through the centuries, the tower being built in the 14th century. In 1610 additions were made to the tower to accommodate a fifth bell. During the next 230 years one of the bells disappeared, the reasons for this being unknown.

In 1849 the remaining four bells were recast into five by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, the event being recorded by inscription on the tenor bell. It is interesting to note that the opening ringing was performed by the Stoney Stanton ringers, Leicestershire.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1921 and immediately afterwards ringing ceased until tower repairs could be carried out. These were completed as recorded by the stone on the tower in 1928. Ringing was entirely call changes for festivals only. A curfew bell was rung until 1939, and for a short period after the war. This was a means of ringers learning to handle a bell at Kingsbury. Call change ringing continued after the war until 1948, when Walter, Gordon and Keith Lane were taught Doubles ringing by the late W. C. Rhodes and other ringers of Coleshill. The Lane family then taught method ringing at Kingsbury. The first peal was rung on December 17th, 1949, on the 100th anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell.

In 1950 the ringers saved all wedding fees to buy a set of 18 handbells, then used these at Christmastime to raise money, in addition to wedding fees, towards a new treble bell. This was dedicated in 1959, the cost of which was £362, paid for from the ringers' fund. The ringers then increased the set of handbells to 26, costing £56.

Ambition was still prevalent, the next project being eight tower bells. Estimates were obtained for tuning the old bells, and hanging in a new eight-bell frame a floor lower in the tower, separate estimates being given for two trebles. An all-out effort was made to raise the money by collecting scrap iron, travelling many miles with acetylene cutting equipment to fetch it in; collecting, sorting and counting paper farm food bags, at the rate of 200 plus a week, then transporting at 2,000 a time to a firm who bought them. Scrap paper was collected for a while, but storage was a problem. Scrap batteries were transported 50 at a time to Leicester. A few items were salvaged from the scrap, repaired and sold.

Tunes on handbells were rung at functions far and near; ringing carols at Christmas eight or ten nights without a break, counting money one Christmas Eve until 2 a.m. Ringers past and present rang for weddings, and all fees went to the fund. Mr. Joseph Basford, ringer at Kingsbury since 1915, although unable to assist in the more strenuous efforts, was always ready to stand in for weddings. Various donations were received; a generous gift came from the Barron Bell Trust Fund and the late Mr. W. E. Davies, Churchwarden, bequeathed a sum of money also.

It was evident after about four years of this concentrated effort that it would be possible to recast the old bells, and add two trebles at the same time; the order was placed in 1967. The estimate was on the understanding that the local ringers removed and transported the bells to the foundry, brought the new bells, frame and fittings back, and assisted in their erection.

On Thursday, July 11th, 1968, the treble was dismantled from its frame and on Saturday, July 13th, the old five bells were rung for the last time at 2 p.m. for a wedding. By 11 p.m. all the bells were halfway down the tower. On Saturday, July 20th, the tenor bell was transported round the parish on a trailer for people to see, at the same time a "Guess the Weight Competition" taking place. On July 27th a crane was loaned from a local firm, Messrs. George Cohen, to load the bells on a lorry, also loaned by a local contractor, Mr. V. Alton, and the bells transported to Loughborough.

Whilst the tower was empty, all floors were removed and renewed by local labour and the bell frame was collected by another local transport contractor, Mr. E. Watts, on Thursday, April 3rd, 1969, and unloaded with the aid of a tractor loaned by a local farmer, Mr. B. Wathes. Ringers and other helpers worked part of Good Friday and all day Saturday to hoist up and position the frame, which was finished and ready for the bells. Mr. J. Walker the bell hanger came on the Wednesday to find everything done, but the bells were not ready at the foundry, so he returned to Loughborough to help in the preparation of the bells. Owing to delays the bells were not finished until April 28th. Mr. Walter Lane helped the bell hanger throughout, and others helped as their spare time would allow.

The ringers met Mr. T. Clayton from the bell foundry on May 22nd to try out the bells fully muffled, with the tower closed in, so that the bells would not be heard in the village. Details of the bells are as follows:

Treble.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1969. The gift of Gordon H. Lane to the memory of his father Howard A. Lane and Cousin Joyce Lane, both ringers at this church. Diameter 2ft. 4in. Weight 5 cwt. 0 qt. 9 lb. Note E.

Second.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1969. This ring was restored and augmented by the assistance of the Barron Bell Trust and the bequest of Mr. W. E. Davies, Churchwarden, 1935-1964. Diameter 2ft. 5in. Weight 5 cwt. 1 qt. 16 lb. Note D sharp.

Third.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1959. I came by many "Lanes." Diameter 2ft. 6½in. Weight 5 cwt. 3 qt. 12 lb. Note C sharp.

Fourth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

The names of the ringers here listed below,
Raised most of the money for our music to flow.

Robert Farmer, Gordon H. Lane, Anthea C. Richards, Nigel W. Richards, D. Keith Lane, Walter G. Lane, Keith C. Richards. Diameter 2ft. 8½in. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qt. 10 lb. Note B.

Fifth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

Ringers are taught, some don't stay,
Some have been ringing for many a day,
The kind who keep the art alive
Raised to eight our previous five.

Diameter 2ft. 11in. Weight 7 cwt. 3 qt. 3 lb. Note A.

Sixth.—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

The treble was added in '59,
The old bells recast in '69.
Then two more trebles were hung alongside,
To the glory of God we ring out with pride.

Diameter 3ft. 1¼in. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qt. 17 lb. Note G sharp.

Seventh.—John Taylor and Co., Founders. Loughborough, 1849. Recast 1969.

Kenneth E. Hood, Vicar. W. Herbert Davies and Albert E. Wright, Churchwardens.

Diameter 3ft. 5in. Weight 12 cwt. 1 qt. 15 lb. Note F sharp.

Tenor.—R. Glover and J. Clarkson, Churchwardens. The old four bells recast into five 1849. Taylors, Loughborough, recast 1969. "There must be the beginning of any great matter, but the continuing unto the end until it be thoroughly finished, yields the true glory." The bells dedicated by John W. Bennett, Vicar, 1953–1964. Diameter 3ft. 10in. Weight 17 cwt. 1 qt. Note E.

The dedication is on Saturday, June 28th, at 3 p.m. Sunday ringing will be 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice, Fridays 8 p.m.–9.30 p.m.

Keith C. Richards.
Gordon H. Lane.

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Research proves H. William Barrett a 1,000 Pealer

FOR the second time in its history the Norwich Diocesan Association extends heartiest congratulations to one of its members on having rung his 1,000th peal. Through many hours of careful researching by Mr. Leonard Stilwell, it has recently come to light that Mr. H. William Barrett scored his 1,000th peal as long ago as June 29th, 1968, when he rang the fifth, as conductor, to a peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk.

Bill, as he is affectionately known throughout the Exercise, was born at Loddon on November 26th, 1905, and it was there he rang his first peal. This was a four methods Minor peal rung on October 2nd, 1923, and conducted by his tutor, Mr. F. A. Finch.

During the nineteen thirties and forties he lived at Tolworth, Surrey, and was attached to Kingston Parish Church where he was tower secretary. At this time he made many journeys to Guildford and Burnham on his bicycle to ring peals with Alfred H. Pulling and George Gilbert, and even after he had returned to his native village of Loddon it was not unusual to see him turn up at Burnham for a peal, after which he would cycle some forty miles to a convenient railway station where he could board a train for the remainder of the journey to Norfolk.

He is a member of the Central Council having represented his Association since 1954. He was Association Ringing Master from 1955 to 1962, when he became General Secretary, which office he holds to this day, assisted by his wife Evelyn. Although many hours have been taken up to ring a thousand peals, a great deal of his time has been devoted to teaching youngsters throughout Norfolk, including about 40 in one parish.

Apart from the war years he has been in the Civil Service, and is at present an Officer of the Ministry of Social Security in Norwich. He extends grateful thanks to Mr. Leonard Stilwell for compiling his list of peals as follows:

NORVING.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT'S 1,000 PEALS

Doubles.—1-13 49, (hand 5), (conducted 30).

Minor.—1-14 264, (h. 3), (cond. 80).

Triples.—Carshalton 2, Grandsire 28, Plain Bob 6, Stedman 33, various method 9.

Major. — Double Norwich 87, Double Oxford Bob 4, Little Bob 5, Plain Bob 80 (h. 8), (cond. 18); St. Clement's 3, Spliced 2–9 methods 10, various 24, Plain and Little (h. 3).

Treble Bob.—Albion 1, Kent 33, Oxford 23, Kent and Oxford 3.

Surprise Major.—Bristol 19, Cambridge 36, Lincolnshire 13, London 2, Pudsey 4, Rutland 5, Superlative 42, Yorkshire 39, 2- and 3-Spliced 7, 18 various methods 24.

Caters.—Erin 2, Grandsire 26, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 23.

Royal. — Cambridge 7, Double Norwich 2, Kent 8, Little Bob 4, Plain Bob 19 (h. 1); Yorkshire 2, various methods 5.

Cinques.—Grandsire 14, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 4

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 5, Pudsey 1.

Total: Tower 980, handbell 20: cond. 128.

WINNING TICKETS IN PORTSMOUTH "SPONSORED" PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—The "sponsored" peal attempt at Portsmouth Cathedral in aid of the D-Day Memorial Appeal was not successful. The attempt to ring 5,040 Grandsire Caters was lost after one hour seven minutes good ringing when there was a slight upset in the rhythm of the striking and two bells changed over. The breakdown occurred after ringing 1,612 changes.

Only one person who took part in this competition had forecast the correct answer and wins £100, the other prize-winners having guessed to within seven changes of the point of breakdown.

The winning numbers are:

First for £100: Ticket No. 54880 from Berkshire.

Second for £50: Ticket No. 16922 from Yorkshire.

Third for £25: Ticket No. 65167 from Hampshire.

Fourth for £10: Ticket No. 53861 from Cornwall.

And Three at £5 each:

Ticket No. 6921 from Somerset.

Ticket No. 22344 from Middlesex.

Ticket No. 71071 from Somerset.

On behalf of the Appeal Committee I should like to thank all ringers, home and abroad for making this competition such a success. The proceeds are being given to "The Society of the Golden Barque." This entitles a donor, either in the form of an individual or a collective body which has given £100 or more to the Appeal, to have a suitable inscription placed on one new chair which is to be placed in the completed Cathedral.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.
Tower Captain, Portsmouth Cathedral.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ILCHESTER BRANCH VISIT THE "SINGING CHURCH"

The Ilchester Branch quarterly meeting on June 7th was held (to use the Bishop's words) in the "Singing Church" of SS. Peter and Paul, Chiselborough (12 cwt. 5). The Rev. B. N. Carver conducted the Guild Service and in his address stressed the importance of bells in service and worship, and said that Chiselborough could also now be called a "Ringing Church." Mrs. Langdon was at the organ.

The business meeting was chaired by Mr. Gilbert Rendell, who welcomed members and visitors (including the Association's Secretary, Mr. John Gilbert). New members elected and re-elected were Messrs. W. Cole, I. Passek, G. Holman, R. Beale and W. Monckton of South Petherton.

The following "milestones" were recorded: The birth of a third son, Simeon, to the Branch Chairman (the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall) and Mrs. Marshall; the marriage of Mr. Michael Turner and Miss Francesca Maddigan of Hardington Mandeville; Mr. Robert Parker's (Langport) 75th quarter peal; and the loss the Branch had sustained by the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. H. Westlake of Langport. The company stood in silence to his memory.

Votes of thanks were recorded to the Rev. B. N. Carver, Mrs. Langdon and Mr. Lewis Cavill (the Tower Master) for their courtesy in helping to make the meeting a success.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and included rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon Bob and Winchendon Place Bob, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell.—M. M. L.

A NEW SOMERSET SIX

The bells of Sampford Brett, Somerset (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.), have recently been rehung with a new treble added. They were rededicated on May 21st, and consequently the choice of these bells for the Dunster Deanery quarterly meeting on June 7th was appropriate. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed ringing them, although one or two found them a little on the light side.

After the service, taken by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, an excellent tea gave strength to get speedily through the business meeting. Several new members were welcomed, and Branch practices for the next quarter arranged. The weekly learners' practices were cut to once a fortnight until September, when it was felt there would be more time to spare for them.

The ringers then returned to the tower where various methods (some a little more "various" than others!) up to and including Cambridge Surprise were rung. At 9 p.m. the bells were lowered, and midges under the yews outside the ringing chamber were left replete!—P. T.

ST. PAUL'S TO HONOUR PRINCE CHARLES

In honour of the investiture of the Prince of Wales, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus will be attempted by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 1st, starting at approximately 5 p.m.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REFORM

Dear Sir,—The pace of change is increasing all the time and it is necessary therefore to be constantly examining the workings of any organisation to ensure that it is geared to the needs of the present time.

Now that the Central Council has agreed to its Standing Committee looking into its procedural rules we hope that it will meet to commence discussion at an early date so that they can have concrete proposals to put before the Council at its next meeting. Agreed it will be difficult to convene frequent meetings of such a large committee, so one hopes that they will divide themselves into small "Ad Hoc" sub-committees each to examine a specific section of the procedural rules with definite terms of reference and when they have got something to work on get down to examining the whole, for surely as one criticism of the Central Council is its size the Standing Committee should not leave itself open to the same comment.

In this matter the Standing Committee must surely go to the Exercise for suggestions so that it can ascertain what ringers in general feel is wrong with their Council, for if the Exercise decides that their Council is not working and is, in their opinion, a self perpetuating body concerned only with its own glorification, and refusing to alter its constitution, then let us make no mistake about it there will be, in their opinion, no need for the Central Council and it will die! A state of anarchy resulting.

If the Standing Committee refuses to make any changes or does not come up with any recommendations for improvement then it is tantamount to saying that the procedural rules of the Central Council and its constitution are perfect. However, it must be ensured that change is made only for the better and is not made for change's sake to appease the Exercise. It is the responsibility of the Central Council to consider very carefully the recommendations made to it. May it be suggested that more than one reading is given to any proposals put to it on this matter, so that due consideration can be given to any amendments brought up by the full Council without discussion having to be curtailed due to lack of time and in view of the great importance of this matter a short period be given for members to reflect upon the items to ensure that the Central Council does not make any rash decisions.—Yours faithfully,

G. WILLIAM SHANKS.
Clapham, London, S.W.4.

NOTE.—Reader Shanks, who is a new member of the Council, will, we trust, note the announcement of the General Secretary and co-operate by sending his suggestions forthwith.—Ed.

RULES ON REPORTING WANTED

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that any attempt to tell ringers what they should ring is doomed to failure. Local traditions will persist obstinately in spite of any committee's activities, and ingenious composers will continue to discover methods and compositions not covered by rules and ones that obey the letter but not the spirit.

But what is very necessary is a nationally agreed vocabulary for describing methods and their structures, to avoid a "Tower of Babel" situation in which different composers use different names for the same thing or use the same name for different things. Unless we can achieve agreement on this, at least in official publications and "The Ringing World," confusion and muddles will continue. I therefore suggest that the most reasonable attitude would be "Ring what you like, but report it clearly according to standard rules." This will not prevent people ringing "rubbish" if they want to, but will ensure that it can be recognised as such when it is reported.

Emotional attitudes such as "Spliced Surprise; that's the fancy stuff the nobs ring." are quite out of place in technical descriptions. But the words "surprise" and "spliced" both seem useful and well-established technical terms. (Incidentally, it seems a pity that the suggestion I put forward at Worcester, to introduce the terms Plain Spliced, Reverse Spliced and Double Spliced to denote the joining of methods at the lead-ends only, at the half-leads only and at both, did not find favour with the Committee.)

Ideally the rules should prevent ambiguity both ways; one composition and set of method names should lead to only one series of changes, and one series of changes should only be described in one way. The detailed working out of this principle would be a long and complicated matter, and some arbitrary decisions would probably be needed. For example, a set of changes might be described as a lead of an asymmetrical method, or as two symmetrical methods spliced at the half-lead. A rule against asymmetry might therefore be needed; but to prevent ambiguity, not because asymmetry was thought inherently improper.

I do not know how far the Methods Committee or the Central Council as a whole would accept this attitude of "Rules on reporting, to avoid ambiguity and confusion," rather than attempting to lay down "Rules on what should or should not be rung." But if there appears to be enough support for the idea and no major snags I will probably propose a motion for the next meeting asking the Methods Committee to attempt to develop rules along these lines.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. JOHN SEAGER.

MR. MAY—"A GREAT SERVICE"

Dear Sir,—I am sure that Mr. May has done the Exercise and the Council itself great service by successfully initiating an examination of constitution and procedure. All my natural inclinations are those of a traditionalist (i.e., "a reactionary"), but it does no harm to clear our collective minds, so that what is valuable—even if not new—may be retained, and what has served its turn may be discarded.

Having seen the Council at work but once—this year—I would be rash to offer any detailed suggestions. But one thing stood out a mile at St. Albans: the occupation of something over the first hour by ceremonial business. I do not agree with Mr. May's hint that much of this be done away with by not having a V.I.P. welcome. The Council fulfils ambassadorial functions as well as deliberate and executive ones, and I therefore consider this kind of ceremonial contact between hosts and guests is valuable.

Nevertheless, as one much occupied with meetings and procedure I am well aware that one hour before lunch is worth two in the afternoon when speaking in terms of productivity.

Could the Council not build upon the change which next year's hosts, the Yorkshire Association, have already announced? Let the Council proceedings open (for about an hour) on the previous evening for speeches of welcome, introduction of new members and other ceremonial or purely formal business. What could be more appropriate then than an adjournment to a reception at which V.I.P.s, new members and old can all get together? Then bright and early next morning get straight into the committees' reports and other business requiring careful consideration, and often meriting debate.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID GULLICK.
Stevenage.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR HON. MEMBER

The Exercise offers its congratulations to Mr. John Betjeman, who has had a knighthood conferred upon him in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. It was in 1965 that the Central Council elected Mr. Betejman an honorary member in recognition of his great love of bells so vividly expressed in many of his poems.

A SUGGESTED SOUVENIR

Dear Sir,—It would be a pity, I think, to have to wait nearly twelve months before drawing attention (in a formal report) to a publication that may have immediate interest and which may be obtainable only at the present time

Mrs. Coburn has kindly sent to me a copy of the June issue of "Hertfordshire Countryside." The issue is illustrated with a most attractive selection of views of the county's countryside, among them a most striking picture of the fine tower at Watford, and a charming cover depicting the Abbey at St. Albans in springtime. Mrs. Coburn has contributed to this number a concise and excellently planned article on the visit of the Central Council, and (what is somewhat rare) an account of the Council and its work.

I feel that many who enjoyed the memorable weekend at St. Albans (and possibly others) will like to know of this publication, for I cannot think of any more suitable souvenir of the Council Meeting and the kindness shown to all of us by the Hertford County Association.

"Hertfordshire Countryside" is published by Letchworth Printers Ltd., Norton Way North, Letchworth, Herts, price 2/6.—Your sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,
Convener, Literature and Press Committee.
Warminster, Wilts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1968

A. New Methods and Performances on Tower Bells

January
4 5152 Whitehall S. Maj., Hertford.
19 5024 Littleport Little S.R., Peterborough.
20 5184 Greasley S. Maj., Derby.

February
1 5088 Belmont S. Maj., Middlesex.
3 5056 Burford S Maj., Oxford.
8 5024 Honiton S. Maj., Middlesex.
13 5280 Wollaton S. Maj., R. Cumberlands.

March
2 5040 Putney S. Royal, Surrey.
2 5088 Osmaston S. Maj., Derby.
2 5024 Ulpha S. Maj., Peterborough.
9 5088 Ugley S. Maj., Essex.

April
3 5184 Whalley S. Maj., Hertford.
4 5152 Zebedee S. Maj., Worcestershire.
14 5080 Cork S. Royal, Peterborough.
15 5184 St. Simon's Coll. Bob Cat., London.
20 5088 Basing S. Maj., Win. and Ports.
27 5184 Rothwell S. Maj., Peterborough.

May
3 5152 Vanderplanck S. Maj., Peterborough.
4 5152 Dougal S. Maj., Worcestershire.
12 5040 Shortheath S. Royal, Peterborough.
23 5056 Isis S. Major, Oxford.
24 5056 Stour S. Major, Worcestershire.
30 5056 Morley S. Major Derby.

June
6 5152 Haymarket S. Major, Hertford.
15 5024 Quainton S. Major, Oxford.
22 5088 Westhoughton S. Maj., Lancashire.
29 5056 Vectis S. Major, Oxford.

July
9 5184 Benson S. Major Yorkshire.
24 5056 Badsey S. Major, Worcestershire.

August
15 5184 Horncastle S. Maj., Middlesex.
15 5056 Ipplepen S. Maj., Sussex
17 5056 Moulton S. Maj., Peterborough.
28 5056 Hungerford S. Maj., Hereford.
31 5024 Petworth S. Maj., Sussex.

September
8 5000 Banbury S. Royal, Peterborough.
27 5152 Colegate S Maj., Norwich.
28 5184 Barnes S. Major, Surrey.
28 5056 Kinver S. Major, Glos. and Bristol.

October
4 5056 Hillmorton S. Maj., Peterborough.
14 5056 Southam S. Maj., Coventry.
19 5184 Welford S. Maj., Peterborough.
24 5056 Ulceby S. Maj., Hertford.

November
2 5040 Faxton S. Royal, Peterborough.
2 5152 Holbeach S. Maj., Kent.
10 5040 Everdon S. Royal, Peterborough.
16 5056 Mortlake S. Major, Middlesex.
23 5088 Yorktown S. Major, Guildford.
28 5024 Reigate S. Major, Middlesex.

December
3 5056 Yass S. Major. Midland Counties.
5 5152 Double Glasgow S. Maj., Hertford.
6 5056 Zanzibar S. Major, Oxford.
7 5088 Rockingham S. Maj., Peterborough.
8 5040 Harpole S. Royal, Peterborough.
12 5056 Inglewood S. Major, Middlesex.
15 5088 Thanet S. Maj., Lancashire.
21 5040 St. Martin's Bob Triples, Yorkshire.
23 5056 Grandpont S. Major, Oxford.
23 5120 Lambeth Delight Maj., Middlesex.
26 5088 Fourgates S. Major, Lancashire.
27 5184 Okeford S Major, Sussex.

March
2 5040 50-Spliced Sur. Royal, Glos. & Bris.
16 5040 14-Spliced Sur. Royal (all the work), Lancashire.

April
6 5600 25-Spliced Sur. Major (all the work). Middlesex.

August
17 5040 40-Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

February
18 5152 23-Spliced Sur. Major (all the work), silent, Glos. and Bristol.

January
6 12096 Glasgow S. Major, Lancashire.

February
10 16559 Grandsire Caters, Oxford.

April
20 18000 Cambridge S. Royal, Chester.

June
8 9600 Lincolnshire S. Major, Surrey.

B. New Methods and Performances on Handbells

March
21 5088 Glasgow S. Major, Hertford.

September
27 5152 Nettleden S. Major, Hertford.

October
18 5088 Kent and Oxford T.B. Maximus (Ilkeston Var.), Hertford.

December
3 5120 Real Rev. Bob Maj., Glos. & Bris.
17 5040 Real Double Bob Maj., Glos. & Bris.

February
27 5072 48-Spliced Pl. Maj., Birmingham University Society.

March
12 5384 61-Spliced Pl. Maj., Birmingham University Society.

August
26 5120 26-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

September
23 5120 28-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

December
2 5120 30-Spliced Sur. Major, Hertford.

May
5 10784 Oxford T.B. Major, Hertford
26 17824 Kent T.B. Major, Hertford.

July
6 13140 Spliced Kent T.B. and Kent Little Court Maximus, Chester.

December
21 15160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Chester.

C. Work is proceeding on the completion of records of all methods rung to peals, of their record length peals, of their extension to higher numbers and of the Edith Fletcher Memorial Volumes.

F. T. BLAGROVE (Convener),
57, St. Andrew's Crescent,
Windsor, Berkshire.
J. A. AINSWORTH. G. DODDS,
J. R. MAYNE, D. E. SIBSON,
C. A. WRATTEN, C. M. SMITH.

Mr. G. Dodds asked for another name than Double Glasgow to be chosen. He knew there was a precedent in Double Dublin. They knew that Glasgow was the name for a most difficult of methods; could they not seek two different names and ask for the name to be changed?

The committee elected was Messrs. F. T. Blagrove (convener), G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith and C. A. Wratten.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE RINGING

Methods in which Ten or More Peals were Rung in 1968

Compiled by Peal Analysis Committee

Maximus.—Cambridge 54, Plain Bob 16.

Cinques.—Stedman 50.

Royal.—Cambridge 72, London 20, Yorkshire 33, Kent T.B. 14, Plain Bob 51.

Caters.—Grandsire 50, Stedman 50.

Major.—Spliced Surprise over 12 methods 10; 9 methods 16; 8 methods 20; 5 methods 12; 4 methods 43; Bristol 64, Cambridge 133, Glasgow 20, Lincolnshire 67, London 95, Pudsey 26, Rutland 86, Superlative 33, Yorkshire 195, Kent T.B. 25, Oxford T.B. 14, D. Norwich 65, Plain Bob 264, Little Bob 14.

Triples.—Grandsire 98, Stedman 71, Plain Bob 36

Minor.—Over 30 methods 11; 15–30, 31; 14, 12; 13, 12; 11, 14; 9, 12; 8, 16; 7, 174; 6, 28; 5, 57; 4, 66; 3, 52; 2, 42; 1, 376.

Doubles.—Over 40 M/V, 34; 15–40, 42; 14, 11; 7, 24; 6, 12; 5, 21; 4, 12; 3, 27; 2, 18; 1, 78.

The sorting out of the Doubles M/V may not suit all tastes, but the members will obtain some idea of what has happened with the figures shown.

Note the rise in Cambridge Maximus and Royal, Bristol, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire and **Double** Norwich Major, with the decline of Kent T.B. Major.

ADDITIONAL PEALS, 1968

Chester G.—Frodsham: 5,056 Plain Bob Major, September 9th, cond. J. R. Bibby; 5,056 Plain Bob Major, September 23rd, cond. J. R. Bibby.

Kent C.—Putney: 5,088 London S. Major, December 14th, cond. E. F. Bryant.

Shropshire A.—St. Martin's: 5,040 Minor, 1 method, December 28th, cond. D. Parry; 5,040 Doubles, 2 methods, December 31st, cond. D. Parry.

Southwell G.—Clowne: 5,040 Minor, 3 methods, July 27th, cond. H. T. Rooke.

These are **not** included in the Analysis.

W AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD, H. L. ROPER.

FROME BRANCH COMPETITION

Leigh-on-Mendip Church is as "Somerset" as they come, and this was the tower —tall and imposing—which welcomed the Frome Branch on May 31st. It was half hoped that this year would see Midsomer Norton the winners and thus spread the honours round the main supporting teams of this event, previous winners having been Frome, Chilcompton and Farmborough.

However, it was not to be, and Chilcompton romped home with only seven faults in a nice touch of Cambridge. Midsomer Norton took second place with 16 faults. The judges, Albert Tyler and Fred Hancock, noted that this had been an extremely close contest, seven teams all having below 28 faults.

Ten senior teams took part and one junior team rang with the seniors as there was insufficient response for juniors to run a separate section. Thanks are due to Leigh-on-Mendip ringers and friends for organising tea and for their help with local arrangements.

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More Letters to the Editor

METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—I see my "singular" namesake has joined battle on method naming. Yes, I admit the views expressed on the methods which are "Kent places" variations on Plain Bob are my own, but I am sure they are shared by a very great number of other ringers. A certain standard was set by the Central Council collection of Major methods, in which the methods chosen had "natural" or Plain Bob lead-heads, had no fewer than triple changes and only "coursing-pairs," the right way round, on the back. This last condition omitted any 7ths place without the treble behind. Of course there are many methods rung which are below this standard.

Perhaps the least important of the above conditions is "only coursing pairs" behind, as 68's and 48's can then be introduced to vary the music. Most ringers feel that certain combinations of bells behind at backstroke should be avoided, particularly 28's and 87's. Aldermaston starts with the 7ths place bell lying still one blow and the 8ths place lying still two blows behind (i.e., giving 3 blows in 8ths), thus ensuring 87's at back, if the method stands on its own, as it should, without covering it up in spliced.

I have nothing against Reverse Canterbury Pleasure or Hunslet Bob Major. It is just that they can be improved a little by adding places in 56 and in 34 respectively when the treble is in 78. This would then give natural lead-ends without learning much extra work. The former would be called Brentford Bob incidentally. Also, Geoff, I believe Plain Bob Major with Kent places in 34 instead of dodging is called Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, the same as the Minor.

Oxford Bob can be called Single Oxford Minor or even, to cover all its features, Single Oxford College Bob Minor. Any of these will define it, from Double Oxford, Oxford Imperial Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Old Oxford Delight.

With reference to the methods named in the Longparish peal, true the conductor is entitled to name methods rung for the first time, **providing** the name does not belong to another method in the same class. Winchester Bob Major bears no relation to the "Winchester Bob Minor" rung, so the latter must be renamed. This is not opinion, it is a Central Council requirement.

Lastly, providing confusion doesn't arise, I am pleased to see the old names being revived. Many of them had very attractive names.—Yours sincerely,

St. Albans. GEOFFREY DODDS.

RECORD PEAL OF 6,728 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I had pleasure in umpiring the record peal of 6,728 Little Bob Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on May 25th. The peal was of an excellent standard throughout and came round in three hours and six minutes.—Yours faithfully,

R. M. HEYWORTH.

NEW DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—As the Central Council has approved the recommendations placed before them on the matter of nomenclature of regular methods and extensions, we, the band of Carhampton, Somerset, would like to name the following Treble Place methods, having rung an extent of 240 changes of each consisting of three round blocks joined by bobs.

5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 125, bob 145, Exmoor.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Brendon.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Somerset.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 125, bob 145, Quantock.
5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, h.l. 3, l.h. 123, bob 125, Dunkery.

No doubt other bands will be quick to see that these five methods can all be rung starting 3531, and it would be pleasing to us it the bands who first ring them could choose West Country names for them so that all methods based on this particular treble path could be generally known as West Country Doubles methods. We have found these methods interesting and musical but during the summer months are unable to collect a band to ring any more of them.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. TYNDALE-BISCOE.

Minehead, Somerset.

"RINGING TOWERS"

Now edited by Mr. R. L. Clark, 133 Parramatta Road, Concord, N.S.W., "Ringing Towers" has a very readable issue to start 1969.

Opening feature is about the 1969 Festival of A.N.Z.A.B. which was held at Melbourne from June 14th to 16th. On the Saturday there was ringing in the two City churches and the annual dinner at Chadstone about seven miles away.

The annual meeting was held at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon and a house party followed at Jenny Murphy's home in the evening. Before breaking up on the Monday, the morning was devoted to ringing and then came a barbecue lunch at St. Mary's Church, Caulfield.

To those contemplating visiting Australia, there is the first of a new series dealing with Australian towers. The first is on Adelaide with a wealth of detail. Brian Lawes of Perth contributes "Itchy Feet," the story of his travels. One of the ringing novelties was ringing Grandsire Doubles at Marlborough from a card on a music stand in front of each ringer.

There is a dip into the past from Len Stilwell. This is an extract from the "Bell News" of March 30th, 1889, telling of the visit of the Victoria Society, Melbourne to Sidney. The issue also contains one peal and 20 quarter peal reports and two good pages of Belfry Gossip.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Standing Committee has been instructed to examine the constitution and the procedural workings of the Council as the first step towards possible revision.

In order that the Council may effectively serve the whole Exercise, an opportunity is offered to **all** ringers to submit suggestions. These should be made to me within three weeks. I shall acknowledge receipt, but I shall not extend any reply beyond this.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

MARSTON ST. LAWRENCE, NORTHANTS

On Wednesday evening, June 11th, the five bells of the church of Marston St. Lawrence were rung after a silence of some 30 years. This was at the request and invitation of the architect responsible for the massive restoration work on the fabric, Mr. A. J. Frost, of Leighton Buzzard, who had asked ringers from the Daventry District to meet him and try the bells.

Very little attention was required in order to ring apart from grease on the bearings and the provision of one second-hand rope. The bells, tenor 12¼ cwt., are a major five, the third being slightly out of tune with the others. After being raised singly, with Mr. Frost upstairs, several six-scores were rung without incident and too much difficulty. There is a fair amount of noise in the ringing room due to the bells being immediately overhead, but a little ingenuity could easily cure this.

It would appear from knowledge gleaned locally that ringing ceased in the 1930's due to tower oscillation, which in turn was caused by the near collapse of the whole length of the south aisle. This was shored up both inside and outside until recently. The south aisle has now been rebuilt, together with other restoration to the fabric and tower movement is not now apparent.

The village of Marston St. Lawrence, of under 200 people, has raised some £4,000 in the last 20 years, much of which has now been spent on immediate and temporary repairs. Another £10,000 is needed for further extensive fabric restoration work. Large or small donations will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, the Rev. Sir Clifford Wigram, Bart., Marston St. Lawrence Vicarage, Banbury.—K. R. H.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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"OLD MUGS" REUNION

Whitsuntide had been chosen this year for the annual reunion of the "Old MUGs" (life members of the Manchester University Guild), in the hope that more people would be able to attend. This was in fact the case, although there were still a number of absent friends, several of whom sent their best wishes.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of John and Beryl Baldwin, and it was at their home in Grove that the party began to assemble on the Friday evening. After a pleasant chat, those who were staying at Ridgeway House set off in the direction of Harwell, guided by the flashing red beacon on the A.E.R.E. establishment.

Saturday morning began with a kind of treasure-hunt—finding a mysterious building called "B—Mess," in which breakfast was to be served. The first tower was Drayton, famous as the home of Rev. F. E. Robinson, and we made a good start by ringing on the pleasant light eight. At Harwell we were joined by Edward Bryant and Pat Newell. It also began to rain heavily. On, then, to East Hagbourne, a good heavy eight, followed by lunch at an excellent hostelry in East Hendred. Attempts to find a short cut to Marcham ended in defeat, and eventually we were all able to join in the fun with the tricky anticlockwise six. At Appleton the ringing fell short of expectations, especially when our ringing-master retired to eat his ice-lolly, but at West Hanney we had obviously recovered, and there was some good ringing on the very fine six.

Tea at the Baldwins' was a highlight of the day, the main topic of conversation being whether the cat would open the kitchen door by swinging on the handle. The cat, of course, considered this quite unnecessary when there were twenty-odd people there, all capable of doing it for her. There was more good ringing at Wantage in the evening, when we were honoured by a fleeting visit from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Benfield. After a leisurely drink at the "local," the MUG motorcade once again found its way to Grove for a showing of the famous Poly-slides.

On Sunday morning, those who were staying in Wantage rose early enough to ring at Christ Church, Oxford, whilst the Harwell party had breakfast and then met the others at St. Aldate's. After coffee, and a stroll through Christ Church Meadows, we succeeded in losing Ian Goldthorpe while he was leading up (from the rear) to "a very good place for lunch." However, no one went without food, and suitably refreshed we all proceeded to Dorchester Abbey, where the group photograph was taken with much hilarity. For service ringing the married couples rang a quarter of Bob Major at Wantage, whilst the rest went to ring on the light but not too easy six at Ardington.

The weekend was concluded by ringing at Yarnton, Eynsham, and Witney on Monday morning. Our thanks go to John and Beryl for a most enjoyable time, to the incumbents and local ringers for making us welcome.—J. P.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

The blustery wind all but drowned the sound of the bells at the spring meeting of the South-West Branch. Wembury church overlooks a beach more often frequented by holidaymakers than bellringers, but because of the weather the cove was deserted apart from the 30 or so Guild members who attended the meeting.

Inside the church, the pleasant little six were audible, and were rung to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge, as well as rounds and call changes for the less experienced. A touch of Stedman Doubles was rung immediately before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. K. R. Gray.

After a fine tea, ably organised by Mrs. Gray, the business meeting opened on a sad note when we learned of the death of Albert Chubb of Launceston. He will be sincerely missed by everyone. Don Callow was elected to membership.

It was agreed that Branch officers should make arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary dinner, to be held on Saturday, November 8th. Concern was expressed over the condition of the bells at Peter Tavy, the venue for the Branch's first meeting fifty years ago, where we hope to ring before the dinner and hold the autumn meeting. The Ringing Master, D. R. Bould, agreed, however, to visit the tower with Arthur Fidler (whom we welcome to the area) to give the bells some attention beforehand.

Brixton had been chosen as the tower for evening ringing as the Cornwood bells were not available. The Brixton six were found not to deserve their unenviable reputation as hard going, and the methods rung rivalled the afternoon's ringing for variety. The highlight of the evening's ringing was a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung by an encouragingly young band.—J. F. S.

LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch)

A small but successful meeting of the Kent Branch was held on June 7th at Wrotham. Following a delicious tea, prepared by Mrs. Sills and Miss Stone, a short business meeting took place at which the Midland Region's suggestion regarding the future of the Ladies' Guild was discussed.

Some enjoyable ringing on the eight bells followed, a variety of methods being covered. Our thanks go to Mr. R. Sills for making the necessary arrangements and assisting us in the belfry.—I. M. P.

IRISH ASSOCIATION INCREASES SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association was held at St. George's, Dublin, on May 3rd. In the absence of the President, Mr. A. F. Bogan, due to a fractured ankle, the meeting was chaired initially by Mr. George McGregor, Vice-President.

After the reports of the Association and the "Irish Bell News" were adopted and the accounts approved the election of officers took place.

The new Council is as follows: President, Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick (who then took the chair); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. V. R. McCormack, G. McGregor and L. Douglas; General Secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Whitecross, Drogheda, Co. Louth, telephone (041) 8848; Master, John T. Dunwoody; Librarian, Charles J. Reede; Auditor, Miss E. A. Buttimore; Badge Secretary, J. T. Dunwoody, 11, Church Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down (Badges 3/- each plus postage); Editor "Irish Bell News," F. E. Dukes (subscription 3/- per annum).

It was decided to raise the subscription rates for certain classes of member as from January 1st, 1970, as follows: Ringing members from 2/6 to 4/- per annum; members under 17 years from 1/3 to 2/-; non-resident members (life) from 5/- to 10/-.

The new Central Council publication "The Tutor's Handbook" is to find its way into every tower in Ireland. It was recommended that it should be retained in the ringing room itself so that every ringer will have access to it.

A new but smaller Membership Certificate is to be produced to meet the demand for a continuance of such certificates.

The question was raised about judges always sitting together when judging striking competitions as a certain amount of distraction was bound to occur. It was decided that in future contests the judges should sit apart from each other.

Prior to the meeting the contest for the Murphy Cup was run off on the bells of St. George's Church. The Cup was won by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, the qualifiers from the Southern District. The Northern qualifiers were second, viz., St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The Eastern team, Christ Church, Bray, came a close third. The judges were Messrs. G. McGregor and W. L. Douglas along with Mrs. J. Jeffery. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody was the Ringing Master.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Newton Hall, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—D. M. 7500

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Meeting, Middleham (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 2.30–8. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, by July 3rd. 7501

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HALF PEALS

MARKET DEEPING, LINCS.—On May 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. Leafe 1, J. E. Coleman 2, J. Riley 3, V. P. Evans 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the Rev. D. E. Davies' 20 years in the Ministry.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On May 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, R. Bing 2, H. Page 3, R. Miles 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5. Rung in memoriam Mrs. A. Gammon (mother of Mr. Alec Gammon) and Mr. F. Nipress.

BANWELL, SOM. — On May 2nd, 1,280 Eastcote Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, Diana Bridle 2, P. J. England (125th quarter) 3, J. Brain 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, P. Bridle (cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. First in method by all. Also on June 4th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: W. S. Rice 1, B. Mills (first Major "inside") 2, G. Prescott 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebden 6, S. G. Smith 7, M. T. Hebden 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Sarah Tiley.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Wilson 1, W. J. Marlow 2, Lynette M. Holbrook 3, M. G. Palmer 4, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. F. Whittear 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, Miss S. A. Cox 4, P. J. Devrell 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Pugh 3, B. Sarll 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, D. C. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Lee (first quarer) 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, D. Francis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6, D. Wood 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. Rung to commemorate the seventh centenary of the granting of a Charter for Beaconsfield Fair, this Charter being granted to the Abbess of Burnham.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, Pamela Court 2, Marion Kemp 3, H. Deacon 4, P. Staples 5, J. Hemsey (cond.) 6. With the band's compliments to Elizabeth Ballard and David Smith on their wedding.

BINFIELD, BERKS. — On May 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Excell (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Rance (first "inside") 2, S. G. Scott 3, G. N. Scott 4, A. J. Rance (cond.) 5, R. Butler 6. For Confirmation service.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, W. Hunt 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, L. Luck 2, R. Hayden 3, P. Glazebrook 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff (first away from cover) 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb (first "inside") 5, E. Duff 6. Rung by the Sunday service band to the glory of God, for Trinity Sunday Parish Eucharist. First quarter by entirely local band for many years.

BRENT KNOLL, SOM.—On June 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Kent (first T.B.) 1, G. Marchant 2, C. T. Clarke 3, E. Dibble (first Surprise Minor) 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On March 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Ruth Blackshaw 1, Pamela J. Clifton 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4. A compliment to Glynda Wyrill and Clive Wagstaff, married this day.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Bell 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, R. Perry (first "inside") 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, E. H. Langley 6. Rung by a band of servers to mark the annual festival of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, held at St. Ives later in the day.

CONGRESBURY, SOM. — On June 2nd, 1,282 Cassiobury Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, P. J. England (cond.) 2, E. T. Lee 3, Diana Bridle 4, S. Brown 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8. Rung for the 16th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — On April 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: V. Cross 1, E. P. Duffield 2, N. Avis 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, B. Vaughan 5, A. R. Andrews 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 5. Also on April 27th, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major: B. Vaughan 1, V. Cross 2, E. P. Duffield 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. Avis 5, A. R. Andrews 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 2. Both rung for Evensong.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading). Mrs. S. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, D. Rimmell 2, Mrs. C. Miller 3, Mrs. C. Eldridge (first "inside") 4, E. Eldridge 5, D. Hartley 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, T. Tocock 8. Rung to mark the opening of the second Cookham Festival of Arts. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): P. Dieppe 1, A. Harris 2, Mrs. C. Eldridge 3, Miss M. Salter 4, T. Tocock 5, E. Eldridge 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Hartley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — At St. John's Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burry 1, W. Beaven 2, Pamela Osborne 3, G. Beaven 4, J. Turney 5, B. Osborne 6, D. Bailey (first Triples as cond.) 7, F. Cannings 8. First Triples "inside" 5, 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is tower secretary of St. John's and has moved to Bristol.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. H. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, C. J. Garlick 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, Mrs. H. J. Garlick 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EAST MALLING, KENT. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, Mrs. Bingeman 2, M. Pring 3, S. Garner 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Brandon 6. For Confirmation service.

EVERTON, LIVERPOOL. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lucy Hopkins 1, Dianne Hatfield 2, Patricia Jenkins 3, A. J. Macefield 4, D. Parks 5, G. C. Sparling 6, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. For Evensong.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): F. Bowley 1, D. Osborne 2, J. Eborall 3, A. Newell 4, T. H. Kirkman 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam P.C. E. Bancroft, father of two local ringers, who died following a road accident.

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GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On Easter Sunday, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss M. Cheesewright 1, H. L. Squires 2, P. A. Slight 3, D. Leafe 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, P. A. Hill 6, B. Buttery 7, D. A. Frith (cond.) 8. H. R. Woods 9, V. P. Evans 10. First of Plain Bob Caters by all. For Evensong. Also on June 1st, 1,080 Plain Bob Royal: V. P. Evans 1, R. A. G. Inglis 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. E. Leafe 4, A. Crawford (first Royal) 5, P. A. Hill 6, D. A. Frith 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, B. Buttery 9, H. R. Woods 10. Rung for Evensong, and to congratulate Mr. H. R. Woods on completing 50 years as a ringer, 40 of them at Grantham.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Bailey (cond.) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, W. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, J. Twinney 5, R. Whiting 6. First Stedman Doubles for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS. — On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): James Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, John Thorley 3, E. Thorley 4, D. Thorley 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Thorley.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S. Flatman 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Before Evensong on Ascension Day.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,320 Jacobstowe Doubles (6, 8, 7 covering): Barbara J. Duck 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Locke 5, R. S. K. Salisbury 6, Janet Evans (first quarter) 7, D. R. Curry 8. A compliment to Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Larkin on the birth of their third child.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): D. Roberts 1, Leona Roper 2, P. W. Gay 3, C. J. Morey (cond.) 4, M. J. Robinson 5, P. Gosling 6. For morning service. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Leona Roper 1, P. Gosling (first Minor "inside") 2, Janet Lawson 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M. J. Robinson 5, C. J. Morey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For evening service. Both rung by the Keele University Society.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On June 8th 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, L. Toseland 2, Miss D. Rogers 3, S. Robinson 4, D. Bowen 5, B. Austin 6, J. G. Mitchell (first Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. First Stedman 1, 3. Rung by the local band to welcome the curate, Rev. J. Ellis.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, Mrs. K. Horne 2, Mrs. D. Young 3, E. Eldridge 4, D. Young 5, J. Muller (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Colin Hagger (ringer at this church) and Pauline Edwards.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, A. Newman 3, H. Read 4, D. Newcombe 5, T. Stephens 6, E. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. A. D. Clarke, churchwarden for 34 years and a close friend of the ringers.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Judith Ashcroft 2, S. Fenwick 3, P. A. Williams 4, J. M. Lakin 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7, F. W. Corney 8. For parish Evensong. Also on May 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. G. Clift 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, P. A. Williams 5, J. W. Bull 6, S. Fenwick 7, M. Pilgrim 8, J. M. Lakin 9, W. J. Goodfellow 10. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Canon Buckley and Fr. Scudamore, who had both passed away.

LONGPARISH, HANTS. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Crook 1, A. M. Donaldson 2, J. W. Maundrell (first "inside") 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. J. M. Bavin 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, R. Guppy 4, G. W. Rendell, jun 5, A. Hill 6. The 2nd ringer has now "circled the tower" as conductor of quarter peals. For the Patronal Festival.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Cartlidge 1, R. Jones 2, H. Page 3, M. Bolton (cond.) 4, L. Porter 5. A welcome to the Bishop of Dorchester, and for Confirmation.

CORRECTIONS

VERY IRREGULAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cook's Little Minor method (page 402) does not appear in H. Chant's Index of Minor Methods. It seems unlikely that it has been rung before since it is very irregular, having both a bell striking 3 blows in one place (6ths) and 5ths place made without the treble in 6ths.

It will not splice with any regular Alliance method. In fact, any Alliance method splicing with it will need to have both the above mentioned properties. That is, at best, will start x 14.56.16 or x 14.56.36. —Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

King's College Hall, London.

A FALSE COMPOSITION OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I regret that Mr. Len Martin's peal of Plain Bob Major on page 342 is false, even allowing for the curious course ends accompanying the composition. The use of a single Before is dangerous, for this effectively cancels our guarantee that only the back-strokes of course-heads need be checked to prove the peal. It is easily seen that a course-head 3254768 will produce rounds at the hand-stroke of the next treble-lead, and in fact the course rung from this course-head is identical with a plain-course, except that it is rung backwards, starting as it does from a back-stroke which is in fact the hand-stroke row of the first treble-lead of plain course. So although 24 courses are possible in the 678 position, and 24 in the 768 position, these will be the same courses, except that the latter group will be rung backwards from different starting points. Thus no extra music is gained by using the 768 position, but extra work at proving the peal is. In this case falseness occurs between the first parts of the 3rd and 11th courses.

However, I agree that courses with the 7 in 6ths and the tenor home are unusual, and suggest that as we would wish to avoid 768 (although for curiosity's sake a composition with 12 courses each of 678 and 768 can be produced), we should use 748, which is in fact the tittums position and capable of good music, as well as producing a hand-stroke home effect.—Yours sincerely,

MARCUS C. W. SHERWOOD.

University of Manchester.

OBITUARY

MRS. ELSIE HAIRS—AN APPRECIATION

The news which "The Ringing World" gave me on page 425 re the passing to higher service of Mrs. Elsie Hairs reminds me of the years prior to World War I when handbell peals were few, and on August 22nd, 1911, at New Cross a girl of 19 rang her first peal. Before her 20th birthday she was ringing peals of Major, Caters, Royal and Maximus, including an 8,099 peal of Caters. Other pens have recorded tributes to this brilliant lady, but having called her first peal and taken part in 37 others from 1911 to 1920 her friendship was loyal and true and my wife and I extend true sympathy to those left behind. I regret it is not possible to write more at this stage, but perhaps the future will reveal many of her sterling qualities. R.I.P.—Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

MR. HARRY J. GRAVETT

When the ring of eight bells was completed at St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Burgess Hill, Sussex, in 1904, Harry was recruited to the belfry. He rang 24 peals and continued to ring until last November when, although health and eyesight were failing, he was determined to ring for a few minutes on the bells after their re-hanging.

Present ringers will remember him more for his willingness and desire to help the younger members of the tower and the obvious joy he derived from their achievements. He died on Sunday, May 18th, at the age of 89, and the present band were proud to ring a half-muffled quarter peal as a tribute to his service as a member of the tower for so many years. D. S. A.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Placings in the Bingham District Round of the Crawford Cup contest were: Whatton 1, Shelford 2, Radcliffe 3, Cotgrave 4, Gedling 5, Holme Pierrepont 6. The contest was at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds on May 10th and was judged by Messrs. S. Humphrey and R. Preston.

The Vicar conducted Evensong with Miss P. Clifton as organist. The ladies were thanked for a good tea by Mr. T. Greasley in a general vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist.—R. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In aid of the restoration of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Wickham, Hants, an art exhibition will be held at the Victory Hall, Wickham, from July 3rd to 5th.

The Irish Association has a total membership of 819 which includes 421 non-resident. Fifty-three resident and 47 non-resident were elected in 1968.

The first all-ladies' peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was rung at Randwick, Glos, on June 14th, conducted by Miss Valerie Willard. It was Minor in four methods.

Eight bells weighing over two tons have been stolen from the disused church of St. Mary's, West Tofts, near Thetford, Norfolk, reports the "Yorkshire Post" (June 7th).

Following the quarter peal at Stowmarket on June 14th the bells were rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Jim Dale, tower keeper for many years, who died earlier in the week, aged 90.

By ringing in a peal of Cambridge Maximus at High Wycombe on Whit Monday, Anthony Fortin has completed the Cambridge family from Minor to Maximus. Congratulations, Tony.

Congratulations to Mr. H. R. Wood of Grantham on completing 50 years as a ringer. Forty of these years have been at Grantham where a congratulatory quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung on June 1st.

Old Wykehamists in residence at Cambridge University rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Trumpington on June 7th. We doubt whether any other school has had a resident Surprise Major band at a university. Congratulations.

The Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association has only one 8-bell tower which is not available for a Branch peal. The band who rang at Shepton Beauchamp are indebted to this tower for allowing them to make the attempt.

On June 7th the Malvern Link ringers held a very successful 12-bell practice at Tewkesbury Abbey, under the guidance of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth.

The band that rang a peal of Union Triples at St. John's, Erith, on June 9th, for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norman North, wish to thank them for their kind hospitality after the peal.

The Ancient Society of College Youths had a fruitful day in Lincolnshire on June 14th with a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh, and of Stedman Cinques at Surfleet, conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

For their visit to Keswick on July 5th, the Potomac Handbell Ringers will join forces with the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers. The proceeds will be given to the Abbeyfield Society of Keswick, whose main purpose is to provide the elderly with their own home within the security and companionship of small households.

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CHURCH BELLS AND SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

The position of church bells under the Sunday Entertainment Bill, which is now in its final stages in the House of Commons, has given risen to anxiety. Mr. A. Purdom, of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, asks that the Central Council should make sure now that the Bill will have no adverse effect on the ringing of church bells for their intended function.

Lord Constantine, in a letter to "The Daily Telegraph," writes: "Many areas have their Sundays disturbed chiefly by church bells. In this age of the juke box and Concorde, noise is something which deserves investigation in its own right. The Sunday Entertainment Bill, by the way, has provisions for complaints on this score and does not free Sunday until 2 p.m."

WEST WICKHAM COURT

Wickham Court, the Manor House of West Wickham, which adjoins the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, was built in the fifteenth century, and in 1952 was acquired by the Convent of the Ladies of Mary, Croydon, becoming Coloma College, a teachers' training establishment.

To celebrate the quincentenary, the College produced a performance of Son et Lumiere on the four evenings of May 28th-31st, outlining in this fascinating manner the history of Wickham Court. After each performance, the spectators were conducted along the yew avenue (one of the oldest and finest in England) and into the house to inspect the beautiful woodwork and heraldic stained glass in the banqueting hall and other rooms. The evenings were concluded by a recital of sixteenth century music, given in the library by students of the College.

Before each performance the bells of the Parish Church were rung by local and neighbouring ringers. John Smith of Hayes arranged a band to ring a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor on Wednesday, the ringers on the other three evenings coming from West Wickham, Biggin Hill, Spring Park and Sidcup. Chris Sims of Sidcup was able to score his first extent of Minor.

FORTHCOMING LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Saturday, July 5th, 1969, at 10 a.m., 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major at Aspenden, Hertfordshire.

A N.Z. AUGMENTATION

St. Paul's, Papanui, N.Z., according to "Ringing Towers," has on order with John Taylor and Co. a sixth bell. The Society, which has a membership of 15, has raised sufficient money to cover the cost of the bell itself, but installation expenses have still to be met.

TOWER CAPTAIN FOR 50 YEARS

Mr. Williams Dobbins was for 50 years tower captain at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, Swansea. Mr. Dobbins, now in his 85th year, started his ringing career as a boy in his native Tewkesbury and he came to Wales as a coachman for a local doctor.

His arrival coincided with the completion of the new church and his experience of ringing was invaluable for he had to set about training a team of ringers immediately. It is his proud boast that he has rung the bells in every tower in South Wales between St. David's Cathedral in the west to Cheltenham in the east.

Illness and increasing deafness has prevented Mr. Dobbins from churchgoing for some years, but he is an avid reader of "The Ringing World," at present his only link with his beloved bells.—W. A. W.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND DISTRICT TOUR

Ringers from Bishop's Stortford and district held their usual Whit Monday outing, organised by Peter Warboys, the objective being Southern Cambridgeshire.

The eight at Ickleton (18 cwt.) provided some of the best ringing of the day with methods ranging from Grandsire to Double Norwich. At our next stop, the heavy six at Whittlesford, we seemed unable to alter our usual fast ringing pace to the slower one required for these bells. On the pleasant six at Harston we rang Oxford, and our final towers were the light but musical eights at Trumpington and Meldreth. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the ringers and incumbents at the towers visited.—P. C. W.

DROXFORD, HANTS, AUGMENTED TO FIVE

The ring of bells at St. Mary and All Saints', Droxford, near Southampton, has now been augmented to five.

A redundant bell dated 1625 was given by St. Margaret's, Canterbury, and has been recast to make a new treble by John Taylor and Co.

The original four bells, dated 1606, 1631 and 1672, and one recast as the former treble, hang in the original wooden frame, which was large enough for five. The inscription on the new treble records its history and that it was recast and hung as "my gift to the memory of my parents."

The rededication by the Bishop of Portsmouth is to take place on July 20th.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD

New officers of the University of Sussex Guild are: Master, Brian Read; Secretary, Terry Williams; Treasurer; Christopher McKay.

The annual dinner was held on March 15th. After a day's ringing members attended Evensong at St. Peter's, Brighton, conducted by the Guild president, Canon J. H. Keeling.

A company of 48 sat down to dinner in the New Refectory with representatives from Southampton, Oxford, Bristol, Reading and Nuneaton. The president was in the chair and speeches were made by Susan Hopkin, the retiring secretary, Rev. M. Jacobs, University Chaplain; David Nobbs, Guild treasurer; Philip Daniel, O.U.S.; and Caroline Mackie, retiring Master.

Drinking and raving were provided for, first in the Refectory bar and then at the well-known 8, Shanklin Road, writes our correspondent.

A START AT CODDINGTON, NOTTS

Before the bells of Coddington, Notts, were rehung and augmented to six in December, 1965, they were extremely difficult to handle, and there was only a call-change band. Since then, one of the band has learned to change-ring and rang in the first peal of Coddington Delight Minor at Coddington on June 7th. Also in the band were two more local ringers, one ringing his first peal, who have learned to ring since the augmentation. All the members of the band are regular attenders at the local Friday night practice

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The venue on June 7th was Barley and Barkway. Ringing commenced at 5.30 at Barley and, although the poor attendance prevented a very high standard being reached, it enabled the less experienced ringers to get plenty of ringing.

At 7.0 the company commenced ringing at Barkway, on an easy-going 16 cwt. eight. Numbers greatly improved here and amongst methods rung were some well struck Stedman, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Major.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Brian D. Threlfall	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
David E. Rothera	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	J. Henry Fielden	10
George E. Thoday	5	John H. Fielden	11
John S. Mason	6	Philip A. F. Chalk	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 16. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
David C. Brown	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Roy D. Mills	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

*Alan G. Kent	Treble	Cecil T. Clarke	5
Brian J. Wylde	2	*Edwin T. Dibble	6
D. Keith Lane	3	‡Michael J. Stone	7
†Graham Nabb	4	Ronald D. Short	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells. ‡ First in the method. First on eight bells as conductor. First of Major by a Bridgwater Branch band.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	5
Katharine J. Maundreli	2	William T. Perrins	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
David Wilson	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* 50th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	†John Hall	6
Harold Dowler	2	Ivor R. Nichols	7
Gerald Parsons	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Walter Sherratt	4	Roy Worrall	9
*Frank R. Morton	5	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* 300th peal and has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Josephine A. Quilter	2	John C. Slater	8
Robert J. Chapman	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Peter G. Brown	4	Christopher H. Rogers	10
John Armstrong	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
Richard H. Youdale	6	John E. Murfitt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung for the 909th anniversary of the foundation of Waltham Abbey by King Harold.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Traditional. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	*Peter G. Brown	5
*Robert J. Lindsell	2	Josephine A. Quilter	6
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Walter Arnold	7
†Anne C. Simkins	4	Cecil J. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Superlative. † First of Major and Surprise.
Rung for the Braintree Carnival and as an 88th birthday compliment to Frank Claydon, life member of the Association, which he joined in 1907.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Judy Harrison	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Keith W. Brown	5
Ruth Gay	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by James L. Towler.
Rung a a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to mark the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Essex Association.

PLESHEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., June 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Stedman and Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Richard J. Harrison	3
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Keith W. Brown	4
James L. Towler	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 100th peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) Bogedone, Wilmslow, Rostherne and Knutsford Delight, (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Bernard W. Fairhead	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLEVUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Roger Fry	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Lewis F. Cobb	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
W. Bertram Kynaston	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

GLEVUM SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—12—36—12—58—14—5 f.

WINDRUSH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Terence J. Hester	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Peter Pearce	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
*G. John Collett	3	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Andrew Wilby	Treble	George E. Feirn	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Cecil J. Pipe	7
Richard F. Prime	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

TRING, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Hilary Adcock	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Martin Green	2	Michael D. Frost	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
David F. Moore	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	6
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Thomas Cullingworth	7
*Tony Lewis	3	Frank J. Matthews	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	*John W. Smith	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Mason.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Terence Barton	Treble	*Gordon K. Terris	6
*C. Douglas Linington	2	Trevor A. Cross	7
Christopher T. Osenton	3	*Laurence Mitchell	8
†Barry J. Couzens	4	*Timothy D. Wickins	9
*Malcolm J. Hitchcock	5	*George Philpott	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 1.) Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal and first peal of Caters. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Gripper, daughter of Canon Gripper of Rochester Cathedral, and Roger Stanley.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
John A. Howard	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Richard Hayes	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

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

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. John, Deptford.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 COMBINED KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
Liversedge variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Jennifer A. Dunning	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Nigel Thomson	6
Kenneth J. Rider	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
David A. Town	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John Pladdys.
First peal in these two methods combined by all the band.

MERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat, May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth A. Todd	Treble	Leonard Mannering	5
*Pamela E. Powell	2	*P. Charles Sinden	6
*Rachel J. Sinden	3	Crawford T. Hillis	7
*James Hedgecock	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Tony Lewis	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Percival W. Cave	2	‡Samuel A. Nicholls	6
†Graham A. Duke	3	John W. Smith	7
Percy J. Spice	4	‡John A. Powell	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* Has "circled the tower." † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

James T. Stevens	Treble	Frederick J. Cullum	5
*Timothy D. Wickens	2	*John Pladdys	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*John W. Smith	7
*Kenneth J. Rider	4	Thomas W. Blewitt	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norman North, also for the birthday of K. J. Rider.

RODMERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

David Parks	Treble	*Graham H. Terris	4
Timothy D. Wickens	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Malcolm J. Hitchcock	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	*William E. Court	5
*Dianne M. Hatfield	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Martin E. Snape	7
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	4	*Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the Vicar back after a long illness.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

David F. Moore	Treble	David G. Massey	6
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John M. Jelley	8
Martin Green	4	Roland H. Cook	9
William A. Lacey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard M. Wilson and Jill Howitt, married at Newtown Linford earlier this day.

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon. May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Edward W. Martin	Treble	Frank C. G. Arnold	5
Hazel G. Nichols	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Raymond H. Balls	3	Richard G. Chantler	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	*Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 50th peal, all rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Clive J. Mobbs	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Eileen J. Goodall	2	J. Edward Cawser	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Monica M. Jelley	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Karen French	Treble	Harry Clayton	4
Peter Slight	2	Charles Cooper	5
Walter Clamp	3	Richard E. Manton	Tenor

Conducted by Richard E Manton.
* First peal, aged 12. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

WIVETON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Cambridge and one each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

Sidney Marshall	Treble	Guy Slater	4
*Hazel G. Nichols	2	†Raymond H. Martin	5
Richard G. Chantler	3	†Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal together.

WHITWICK Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., May 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Plain, (5) Double Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

John W. Rawson	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
Arthur E. Rowley	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
*Frank Chambers	3	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 100th peal.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Bridget Critchlow	Treble	§David L. Alderton	4
†Frances A. Pegg	2	A. James Poynor	5
‡Hilary Watson-Walker	3	Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First in the method. § First of Minor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Jill Howitt, of Newtown Linford, and Richard Wilson, of Loughborough, married at this church earlier in the day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

*Gillian Radley	Treble	*Phillip C. Pitchford	6
Mary C. Poyner	2	Harold F. Gibson	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	John Freeman	8
*David Phillipson	4	Peter A. Sharp	9
Walter Tomlinson	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Royal. First of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

*Thomas A. Relf	Treble	‡Vaughan P. Evans	4
†Denis A. Frith	2	*David E. Leafe	5
Edgar A. Cole	3	†Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First in the method by all except ringer of 2nd. First of Treble Bob as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. V. P Evans.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*Paul Raithby	Treble	Colin W. Reed	4
Walter Tomlinson	2	*David Phillipson	5
*Harold F. Gibson	3	*Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.
Rung for the Flower Festival. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Aidan C. A. Hopkins	Treble	David Phillipson	4
Gillian Radley	2	Christopher J. Sharp	5
Edward W. Colley	3	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in the following 14 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire—and 80 variations.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Edgar A. Cole	Treble	*Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	4
Peter A. Slight	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal in 94 methods/variations.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Annette Draper.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 XYSTUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	Philip Bosworth	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Nigel Thomson	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

XYSTUS SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—16—14—38—36—18. B 60.

LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Stephen D. Clarke	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	4
Lesley A. Warwick	2	John Weaver	5
John R. Ketteringham	3	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AYLSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Janet House	2	*David Heighton	7
*Carole A. H. Patey	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	8
John R. Smith	4	Martin Cubitt	9
Thomas E. Spight	5	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal on the bells. Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E flat.

DRAYTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.

*Michael A. Frost	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	4
†Robert G. Walker	2	David E. House	5
†Janet House	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. First in the tower since the recasting of the tenor and first in the tower to include members of the local band.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Elli.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	John Hill	5
Susan Harber	2	John Prytherch	6
Simon P. Rogers	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	7
Philip C. Rogers	4	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Arranged by Geoffrey Davies. Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Society of Raving Ringers.)

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Raymond A. Vickers	2	Michael W. Coleman	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael J. Church	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in the method for the Society.
Rung for the birth of a daughter, Alison Jane, to Heather and Tony Mann.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Ronald C. Christopher	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Ronald D. Hughes	4	Ronald C. Noon	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	William Birmingham	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Leonard Stillwell	6
*Lesley A. Warwick	3	Alan D. Flood	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Geoffrey Bridges	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.
* First peal on eight bells.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*G. John Collett	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	4
*Martin J. Turner	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Terence J. Hester	3	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARSTON, Oxford, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, St. Quintin, Ladbroke, Stanton, St. Helen, Beckley, St. Anne, Longparish and Jacobstowe. Tenor 6 cwt.

Howard Page	Treble	*Roy H. Jones	3
Leonard R. Porter	2	Frank E. Godden	4
Alec Gammon	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* 51st peal on the bells. The conductor is the second Marston ringer to ring more than 50 peals at Marston on the same five bells; the other was Mr A. Gammon.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John G. Mitchell	Treble	*J. Malcolm Tyler	6
Richard J. Cowley	2	Barry R. Care	7
Mary R. Coleman	3	Edward C. Buckby	8
Murray A. Coleman	4	*Terry G. Smith	9
*Stephen B. Bell	5	*Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Edward C. Buckby (May 12th).

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of All Saints, Fulham.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	†Edward F. P. Bryant	6
Susan E. Smith	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
*John R. Pratchett	4	†Douglas A. R. May	9
Christopher P. Starbuck	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 150th peal. † First of London Surprise Royal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	7
Muriel Reay	2	Eric N. Harrison	8
Maurice F. Edwards	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
James W. Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	10
Norman J. Goodman	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Crowther	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
James W. Belshaw	2	Clifford A. Barron	7
Susan E. Smith	3	George E. Fearn	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)
WIMBORNE MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Cuthberga.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

David Wilson	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	2	William T. Perrins	7
*Ross G. W. Robertson	3	George E. Bonham	8
Timothy F. Collins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	9
John N. Longridge	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

STEEPLE ASHTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

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

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	4
Mary E. Elmes	2	†Graham W. Elmes	5
*David L. Cull	3	Melvyn J. Hiller	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on six bells. † 50th for the Guild.

LONG BREDY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods and three variations, being seven extents of Stedman and five extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

*Graham W. Elmes	Treble	†David L. Cull	3
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	4
*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor		

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Doubles m./v. to a peal. † First peal of Doubles First on five bells for all the band. First on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, Salop.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 13 methods—Stedman, Huntley Bob, Eynesbury, Bob, St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire —and 18 variations.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in A.

S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Linda M. Wilkinson	2	Ian Friend	5
Gillian Bosworth-Smith	3	Stanley W. Illidge	Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Peck.
First peal in 31 methods/variations by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST DRAYTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Killamarsh, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Cambridge and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Mary C. Poyner	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Harry Poyner	2	Harold Denman	5
Philip Rogers	3	David W. Jack	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
Rung to the glory of God.

ORSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Buxton, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3, 4 and 5) Plain Bob, (6) Plain and Rev. Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*Stephen E. Richards	Treble	†David W. F. Lazzerini	4
David Stainsby	2	Susan O'Neill	5
J. Richard Anthony	3	A. Richard C. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Susan O'Neill.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Harold Denman	5
F. William Midwinter	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Christine M. Wright	4
Paul N. Mounsey	2	Philip Rogers	5
Stephen W. Knights	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

CODDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CODDINGTON DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

*Paul F. Curtis	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
Derick E. Kirton	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
Keith C. Vernon	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal. First in the method.
For Place Notation see "Ringing World" No. 3019, page 170.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5160 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*Rosemary E. White	Treble	Vernon Bedford	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	†J. Barry Pickup	7
†Frederick W. Gunton	3	†Richard C. L. Brown	8
†Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Stephen Bedford	9
†Richard Hunt	5	†Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † First of Oxford Royal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ralph Bickers, of Beccles, Eastern Branch chairman. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Francesca V. McAlear	Treble	Terry G. Williams	5
Albert W. Bond	2	James H. Lilley	6
Reginald V. Johnson	3	Ronald E. Stillwell	7
Brian J. Read	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Francesca V. McAlear.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon H. Baldam	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
*Robert Peel Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	6
Canon A. S. Roberts	3	Timothy J. Bell	7
Anthony Locke	4	*T. Roy Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Valerie C. Allen, of Truro, and Roger Pengelly, of Paul, on their recent engagement.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Ruth Richardson	Treble	Christopher Forster	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ronald R. Warford	7
Frederick A. Munday	3	Ronald J. Snack	8
Stephen R. Munday	4	Ronald Ducker	9
Richard E. Price	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Vernon Bottomley	Treble	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Alan Clifton	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Ian North	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 100th peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

BINGLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Janet R. Jurica	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	John J. Durham	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

LIVERSEDGE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Belinda M. Gilbert	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Featherstone	6
*Alan Newbold	3	John J. Durham	7
Robert H. Jordan	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside." Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Idle.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	*Graham Jones	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
*David Whitehead	3	David Featherstone	7
*Rev. Nicholas Webb	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

EARLSHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	Graham Jones	5
*David Whitehead	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	David Featherstone	7
Alan Newbold	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 400th peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Harry Winter	Treble	Christopher J. Easton	5
*Ronald Crabtree	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Robert H. Jordan	3	David Featherstone	7
David Whitehead	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Eric Lord	Treble	Arthur Rogers	5
Frederick A. Munday	2	David Smith	6
†Stephen R. Munday	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
A. Barry Sullivan	4	Giles C. Galley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal. † First in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DRIGHLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

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

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
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LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.).
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald Crabtree	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Christopher J. Easton	2	Graham Jones	6
David Whitehead	3	John J. Durham	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	David Featherstone	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Gail Cater	Treble	Patricia Lockwood	5
Valerie M. Gill	2	Ian North	6
*David Hudson	3	Alan Clifton	7
Robert Cater	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robin Brown.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to mark the opening of the church's "Festival '69."

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent St. Clement's, two Kent T.B and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	Margaret Warford	4
Alan Newbold	2	*Jane P. Lawrence	5
*Graham S. Miller	3	*Christopher N. Grandidge	Tenor

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ENGAGEMENT

HANNEY—CARRUTHERS.—The engagement is announced between Maureen Carruthers, of Chigwell Row, Essex, and Lawrence Hanney, of Swansea, Glamorgan. 7466

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HOLDCROFT—RICHARDSON.—The marriage arranged between Ian and Ruth will take place at the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone, on Saturday, June 28th, at 2.30 p.m. 7470

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT.—The address of Neil and Ann is now 2, Brookdale Avenue, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 7HP. Telephone: 061-427 5942. Applications for Manchester Town Hall bells to this address.

BRYANT.—Would ringing friends please note that the address of Clive and Joyce is now 77, The Greendale, Hill Park Estate, Fareham, Hants. 7482

HEDGCOCK.—As from June 21st–September 4th my address will be 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lancs. From September 4th: c/o 31, Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe, Kent. 7475

NEWING.—Angela and Peter will not be moving until August 5th, after which their address will be The Rectory, Tibberton, Gloucester. Telephone: Tibberton 286. All ringing friends (particularly avid gardeners) welcome. Licensing by the Bishop of Gloucester, Tuesday, August 12th, at 7.30 p.m. 7485

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July 5th
Ringing: 10 a.m.–12 noon; 2–4.30 p.m.
All visitors welcome.
Refreshments available.
7419

DRAYTON BASSETT, TAMWORTH, STAFFS.
At St. Peter's Church
A FLOWER FESTIVAL
June 27th, 28th and 29th
Bells (4) available Saturday until 9 p.m.
7474

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM
St. Mary's Church
ARTS FESTIVAL
July 2nd–8th
Open ringing (8 bells), Sunday, July 6th, 1.30–6 p.m. and 7.15–9.30 p.m.
Light refreshments available.
7422

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NAILSEA
FLOWER FESTIVAL
July 11th, 12th and 13th
10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
Services:
Friday, Organ Recital, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.;
Family Service, 10.30 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6.30 p.m.
Anyone wishing to ring, bells open before services and after, please contact L. Derrick, Old Church Road, Nailsea. Five miles from Clevedon and nine miles from Bristol. 7458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Preliminary Notice
The Annual Dinner–Dance will be held on Saturday, October 11th, at the Mollington Banastra Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 30/- each. Application for tickets to Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. Evening dress optional. —Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7462

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 12th
Danbury (8), 3–4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, Great Baddow, followed by meeting.
Great Baddow (8), 6.30–8.
Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

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(Near Bourne, Lincolnshire, on main A15 Bourne–Peterborough Road)
Six bells, tenor 9¼ cwt.
DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLE
Sunday, June 29th
at 3 p.m
Ringing from 2–3 p.m.
4–6.30 p.m.
7.30–9 p.m.
Hymn singing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Teas available at moderate price.

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET
RINGERS' SERVICE
Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, July 13th.
Ringing from 5.30. Ringing and refreshments after service. Preacher, Rev. H. D. Anderson M.V.O., M.A., B.D.
Visitors welcome 7437

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

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KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—Dedication of new ring of eight bells, Saturday, June 28th, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Ringing also on Sunday, June 29th, 2–4 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
GARDEN PARTY
Goosnargh Vicarage
Saturday, June 28th. Open 2.30 p.m.
Tea 2/-
Side-shows Amusements.
Goosnargh bells available.
7274

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Estd. 1623)
The 346th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day
will be held on
Saturday, June 28th
Ringing 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 Ambo (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. E. Pitstow, 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Tel.: 2074.

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Burrington (6), Saturday, June 28th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 7453

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meetings, 7–9 p.m. Sat., July 5th, South Petherton (8, 23 cwt.); Friday, July 11th, West Coker (8, 12 cwt.), for floral festival, with skittles and refreshments.—M. M. L. 7441

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice. Brasted (6), Friday, July 4th, 7–9 p.m. 7455

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.—10-bell practice, first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All visitors are welcome. —Edna Pannell, Dis. Sec. 7465

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Surprise Minor practice, Brafield. Saturday, July 12th. Bells 7–9 p.m.—Anne Henman 7371

WESTLEIGH (6), Bideford three miles Practice night. Friday, 7–8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Local band most grateful for help.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Curdridge, Friday, July 4th, 7.30–9 p m. Methods: Stedman, Plain Bob and Erin Triples 7430

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waverton, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr M. A. Speed, 1, Abbots Road, Waverton, near Chester. 7424

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting. Swanwick, June 28th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dzuiba, 201, Park Lane, Pinxton, Notts, please.—B. Jones. 7293

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition, Frensham (6). Saturday, June 28th, commencing 3 p.m. Bells available 3–9 p.m Normal ringing after tea. Notifications for tea to Mrs A. Beadle, Longlands, West End Lane, Frensham, please. —S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7414

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual cup contest and meeting, June 28th, at Sowerby. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. A Briggs, Faircroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge. 7413

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District. — Quarterly meeting, Much Marcle, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upton Bishop (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 7459

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Appleby Magna (5), Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 7–9 p.m. All welcome. — Hilary Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec 7401

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Callis, The Farm, Mears Ashby, by June 24th. 7460

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Addington. Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. West Wickham (6) also available 3–4.15 p.m Addington bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Cocks, 11, Crossways, Addington, Croydon (Tel. 01-657 5713). — E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7375

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere, Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr P. Watts, Grange Cottage, Burghclere, Newbury, Berks 7331

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton, Som. 7423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Freshford (5), July 5th. Usual arrangements Claverton (4) available 7.30 onwards. Names for tea essential to M. White, Rose Cottage, Park Corner, Freshford, by July 3rd.—A. F. L., Sec. 7464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moorlynch, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd, please.—J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford; tel. Holford 345. 7434

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Snitterfield. Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., following by more ringing. Also Sherbourne bells (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Woodward Court, Snitterfield Vicarage, Stratford-upon-Avon, please.—H. A. M 7472

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Joint Branch meeting Crosthwaite, Keswick (8), July 5th. Bells 2 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumberland, by July 2nd Grand concert in the Rawnsley Hall at 8 p.m. by the Potomac Handbell Ringers, U.S.A., and the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers, Keswick.—J. W. B., Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer quarterly meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting till 8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Rev. F. Ross, Hon. Sec. 7411

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 7356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Summer meeting, Madeley, on July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, by July 2nd. 7461

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, July 5th Bells from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. —Mrs C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7477

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.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Aughton (8), Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. All welcome, especially learners. Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescot Road, Aughton, not later than Thursday, July 3rd. — C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 7481

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Evening meeting, St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, July 5th, commencing at 6 p.m. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7479

LINCOLN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Willoughby, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by June 30th. 7426

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Dereham, Saturday, July 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring picnic teas.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Packwood (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Business meeting 17.45. Please bring your own picnic tea. Bells till 21.00.—R. J. Tibbetts, Hon. Sec. 7442

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge (12) on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m., followed by service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. H. Lucas, 29, Harford Street, Trowbridge.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—S. Adams.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, July 5th. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Drink provided but please bring own cups and food. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Everyone welcome.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7483

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Business meeting 6 p.m., approx. Names for tea by June 28th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 7417

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at Monk's Kirby. Other towers will be available in the morning and afternoon; details later. — H. M. Windsor, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 12th: Higham-on-the-Hill, 9.30 – 10.30; Stoke Golding, 10.30 – 11.30; Hinckley, 11.30–12.30; Stoney Stanton, 2–3; Barwell, 3.15–4.15; Earl Shilton, 3 to service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, not later than July 9th. Room available in the evening. Annual dinner, September 20th. Striking competition October 5th.—A. J. Poynor. 7471

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 12th at Bassaleg. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by July 7th. 7456

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30–3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30–4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30–7.30: St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday. No name no tea.—M. R. W., Sec. 7406

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 8th, please. 7463

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH MYMMS, HERTS
FLOWER FESTIVAL
July 4th, 5th and 6th
North Mymms Park and Rose Gardens also open. Refreshments available. Bells (8), Saturday, 4.30–8.30.
7492

MEETING POSTPONED

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch — Will all ringers please note that the Branch meeting due to be held at Horwich on June 28th has been postponed until July.—R. K. Lister, Branch Sec. 7498

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Monthly meeting at Doddington on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 7490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Cranford, Saturday, July 5th. Ringing at Norwood Green, 3–5; Cranford, 7–8.30. Tea at Cranford 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. —M. J. Palmer. 7499

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Boddington, on Saturday, July 5th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Baughen, Poplars Farm, Upper Boddington, Rugby.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec 7493

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch—Meeting, Kelmarsh, on Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea to Mrs. Storey, The Farm, Kelmarsh, by Tuesday previous. 7495

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1969

The A.G.M. of the Guild will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 5th. The arrangements are as follows:—

Annual General Meeting in the Priory Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Service in the Priory, 4.30 p.m.

Tea in the Priory Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. Young, Gina, Sopley, Christchurch, Hants, by Tuesday, July 1st.

Ringing:—
10.00–11.00, Lyndhurst (8) and Brockenhurst (6).
10.30–11.30, Lymington (8).
11.00–12.00, Hordle (6).
12.00– 2.00, Christchurch (12).
7.00– 8.45, Fordingbridge (8).

It is hoped to announce further evening ringing at the meeting. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7496

Other Late Notices on page 503.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
HARSTON, Cambs.—At The Granary.
On Fri., May 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 16 in B.
Christopher W. Woolley .. 1–2 | *J. M. Hadley Hunter .. 5–6
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 3–4 | Vivian Nutton 7–8
*Brian D. Threlfall 9–10
Composed and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
* 25th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
Alan A. Potts .. .. .. 1–2 | Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3–4 | John Gander 7–8
Herbert M. Heaton 9–10
Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,752 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 512 each of Reverse Bob and Little Bob, and 240 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, with 271 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank .. .. 1–2 | Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3–4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7–8
Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Rung as a compliment to the officers and members of the Irish Association who helped to make a recent tour of Ireland by Mrs. Wratten's "Wringers" such an enjoyable and successful week.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., May 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Trevor A. Cross .. .. .. 1–2 | Frank J. Matthews 5–6
Edward J. Beer .. .. .. 3–4 | *Peter S. Muchlinski 7–8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ENNERDALE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
John Vernon .. .. .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 5–6
*Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3–4 | John L. Morris 7–8
Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1–2 | †Alfred Ballard 5–6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. 7–8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Surprise "in hand." † 400th handbell peal.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, Deborah Bishop 3, H. V. Young 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Youde 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Hardwidge (78), wife of 6th ringer. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Barnes 1, Miss H. R. Kirkpatrick 2, M. J. K. Griffiths 3, S. H. J. Edwards 4, V. J. James (first as cond.) 5, L. R. Sutherland 6. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, D. Willis 4, J. Everard 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Yeates, cremated this day.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,820 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Wilson (first quarter) 1, M. Parker 2, W. Booth 3, C. Sharp 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, L. Lawrence 6. For Evensong.—June 1st, 1,300 Bob Doubles: Miss L. Redden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, A. Sinden 3, Mrs. S. Sinden 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, W. Booth 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

NEWCHURCH, KENT. — On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. J. Beeching 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Annie Rayner 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. Butcher 5, L. W. Beeching 6. First quarter on rehung bells. A "Thank you" to all who helped us to make rehanging possible.

NORTH TAMERTON, DEVON.—On June 4th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: T. Chapman (cond.) 1, Margaret Chapman 2, Diane Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, H. Stacey 5, D. J. Forder 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Tom and Margaret Chapman and Brian and Penny Vince.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,350 Grandsire Caters: Hilary K. Derham (first quarter) 1, Alison M. Brown 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, H. J. Baker 4, J. M. Rice 5, R. M. Day 6, S. Humphrey (cond.) 7, P. N. Mackley 8, P. J. Bagshaw 9, W. J. Nichols 10. First quarter on ten for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and for Nottingham University. Rung for Evensong.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, L. Tremeer (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins 5, S. Goodley (first quarter) 6. To celebrate four wedding anniversaries.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: A. Leeves 1, Margaret Jenner (50th quarter) 2, Marion Kemp 3, Pamela Court 4, B. Johnson 5, R. A. Birch 6, J. Hemsley (first Triples as cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, on June 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, D. Cooper 2, Jenny Unsworth (first Kent) 3, P. W. West 4, N. R. D. Orchard 5, N. C. V. Pollock 6. By O.U.S. for morning service. Also on June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Scarsbrooke (first Minor) 1, Linda Cozier (first Minor) 2, R. Jones (50th quarter on the bells) 3, P. Lucas 4, T. Smith 5, L. Porter (first Minor as cond.) 6.

OXFORD. — At New College, on June 8th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Judith H. Harvey 1, Sue M. Heyworth 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, S. F. Royal 4, R. H. Johnston 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. A. Yeates 8. By O.U.S. for Evensong.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6. To welcome the new curate, Rev. Simon Gedge.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,344 Double Oxford Major: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, S. Halliwell 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss V. Nash.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, D. Hudson 3, I. North 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, G. Hudson 6, E. G. Cox 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On May 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): Brenda M. Bindon 1, Deborah Bishop 2, F. C. Arscott (first in method) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sims (first quarter) 1, T. Lewis (cond.) 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, M. Hansford 5, D. Ketley (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Barker 1, Mrs. B. Parsons 2, P. Trend (first "inside") 3, Miss M. A. Thow (first in method) 4, A. L. Westwood 5, W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 6, H. T. K. Haslam 7, J. L. Boylin 8. For the opening service of the festival of flowers and music at St. Mary's.

SHERBORNE, DORSET. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Newman 1, Mrs. D. Bishop 2, Miss M. M. Lewis 3, J. Smith 4, K. Newman 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, A. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. A compliment to the tenor ringer and to enable him to achieve a long-cherished ambition.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary B. Suthers 1, A. Crabtree (first "inside") 2, G. E. Fearn 3, T. J. Warner 4, P. L. D. Grove 5, D. H. Walters 6, R. J. Cann (cond.) 7, E. J. Cole 8. First of Grandsire for 1 and 5.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. Mead 1, W. A. Osborn 2, K. L. Laver 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5 E. Snook (first quarter) 6. For Whitsunday; also a compliment to W. A. Osborn, who still rings regularly in his 81st year.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Dzuiba (first Minor) 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. A. Jones (first Minor "inside") 3, E. J. Sollis (first Minor) 4, D. R. Chambers 5, L. G. Smith (cond., first Minor) 6. Longest length 1, 4, 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jennifer Chambers.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Adams 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, W. G. Wilson 6, K. J. Rider 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. T. Richards 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

SOWTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Panter 1, W. Reekes 2, W. Panter 3, A. Tapley 4, G. Retter (cond.) 5, J. Glanville 6, F. Willmington 7, H. Willmington 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to parents of 1, 7 and 8.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: M. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, A. Walters 3, R. Kersey 4, J. Munnings 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Rector (Rev. E. A. Wells) and Mrs. Wells.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Barrett 1, A. Cantwell 2, G. Elms 3, W. F. Judge 4, M. J. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Hicks 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of B. D. Costar, a ringer and chorister at this church for over 60 years.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Pink 1, Pamela Osborne 2, P. Barrett 3, B. Osborne 4, J. Twinney 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. First of P.B. Minor "inside" for 3 and 5.

STONELEIGH, WARKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Sweeney 1, Penny Coomber 2, Joan Hutchinson (first "inside") 3, T. M. W. Weedon 4, R. D. Baker (cond.) 5, S. C. Walters 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Parsons 1, E. Elton 2, G. H. Peers, sen. 3, J. E. Cawser 4, R. G. Howell 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 7, A. A. Parsons 8. To mark the election of Ald. H. Coggins ac Mayor of Tamworth.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Offen 1, Helen Rowland 2, P. Stapies 3, R. A. Birch 4, H. Deacon 5, D. Manger 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, J. Hemsley 8. To congratulate the conductor on his recent wedding.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: "Fiz" Wilson (first quarter) 1, Joyce Pickering 2, Jane Tooby (cond.) 3, G. Pickering 4, J. Morris 5, M. Chaplin 6. Rung as a farewell to "Fiz" on leaving for Scotland.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS.—On May 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. H. Campling (first as cond., aged 14) 5, P. G. Butler 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. N. Brown 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Betty A. Christopher 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Myhill 1, Miss M. Cosgrove 2, J. Wardle 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Lee 5, R. Waterhouse 6. A wedding compliment to Barbara Davis and Robert Waterhouse, married at this church on May 31st.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, P. Carter 3, M. Pring 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, T. Wickins 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of 1.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilda Oakshett 1, Jane Reynolds 2, F. Reynolds 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, D. P. Smith 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on May 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sims (first extent of Minor) 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner (cond.) 3, A. H. Long 4, J. A. Hopkins 5, T. Lewis 6. Both rung as a prelude to performances of Son et Lumière at Coloma College (Wickham Court) to celebrate the quincentenary of the Manor House of West Wickham.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Deacon 1, J. Hemsley (first in method) 2, P. Richardson 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, R. Carlton 5, P. R. Staples (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Maundrell (first Minor) 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, R. J. M. Bavin 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, H. E. J. Smith 5, A. J. Mason (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WITNEY, OXON. — On May 31st, 1,250 Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, R. H. Johnston 3, J. P. Coad 4, N. C. V. Pollock 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, L. J. Haines 7, B. H. Mackie 8. By O.U.S.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On June 7th, 1,296 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jennifer R. Lush 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. A birthday compliment to Thomas Wagg.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Alderton 1, Maureen Clulow (first "inside") 2, B. S. Payne 3, R. N. Scholes 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, C. J Mobbs (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. M. Smalley, Hugh Thomas and Maurice Kirk, all on Sunday.

WORLE, SOM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Stott 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, C. Field 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Foster) upon his retirement. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. E. Vallance Cook, a former vicar.

YATTON, SOM.—On May 30th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, P. J. England (cond.) 2, Diana Bridle 3, G. Prescott 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. Brown 6, S. G. Smith (first Surprise Major) 7, R. W. Rice (has now "circled the tower") 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A good attendance was attracted to the Marlborough Branch meeting at the Collingbournes on May 24th. Ringing commenced on the medium weighted six at Collingbourne Ducis, and after some delay, when the rope of the 4th parted near the wheel, some good ringing was accomplished.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Kidd) with Mr. A. Keen as organist. Local ringers provided an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Sandra Fisher, and appreciation was shown by a collection on behalf of Church Funds.

Previous to the meeting, with Mr. George Newman in the chair, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Ramsbury in honour of Miss Ann Toomer's birthday. She is a member of the Chisledon tower and took part in the quarter. A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved from the chair and ringing resumed at Collingbourne Kingston. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, and those who had not previously rung there were very appreciative of the tonal qualities of the bells. —W. A. E.

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

By the Professor

(Continued from page 334)

No. 6 (5 methods—all irregular)

23456	Jervaulx	
34625	"	
46532	"	
S 65423	Selkirk	
43256	"	
— 26345	Dorney	
— 63245	"	
32564	"	"A"
25436	"	
54623	"	
— 46523	Wenlock	
53264	Selkirk	
24635	"	
65342		

Repeat "A" twice with a "Single" at the end brings up:—

65243	Jervaulx
— 52643	Ilstone
26354	Jervaulx
63425	"
34562	"
— 45362	"
— 53462	"
34256	

Repeat twice omitting "A".

No. 7 (4 methods)

23456	Thelwall
42635	Ewenny
64352	"
S 35624	Ragstone
63245	"
26453	"
— 54236	"
— 32564	"
53642	"
65423	"
46235	"
24356	"
— 53264	"
S 26543	Thelwall
52364	Xanten
24536	Thelwall
52643	Ewenny
65432	"
46325	Thelwall
34562	Xanten
42356	

Twice repeated.

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