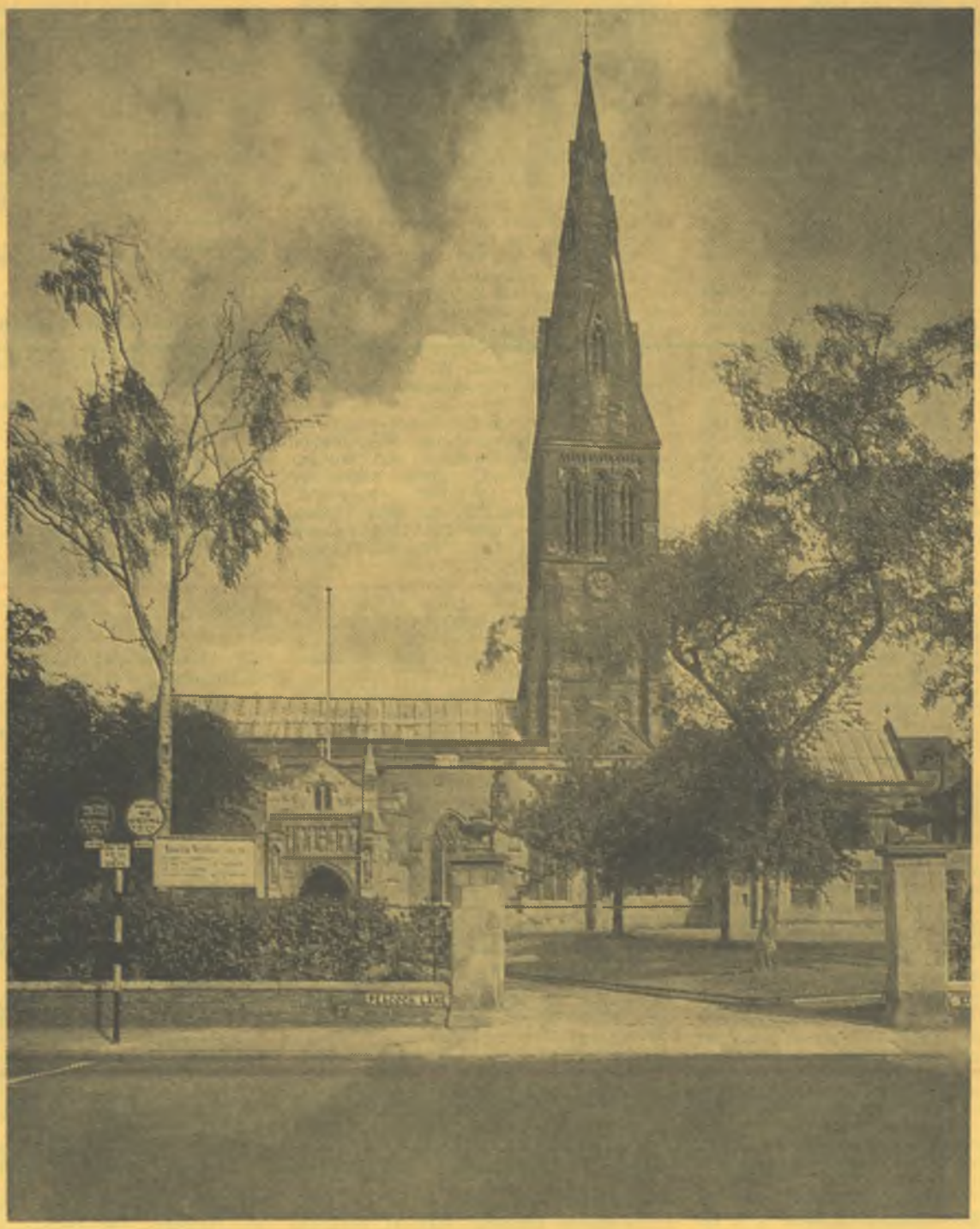
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The Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester

OUR COVER PICTURE

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THIS week-end the Leicester Diocesan Guild is honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the city, Ald. and Mrs. Edward Marston, at their annual dinner being held at the Stamford Hall of Residence of the Leicester University. It is therefore quite appropriate that the picture of the Mother Church of the diocese should be featured as the frontispiece of our paper this week.

Following the modern industrial growth of Leicester from 1072 to 1837 in the diocese of Lincoln and thereafter for 90 years in that of Peterborough, the See of Leicester, embracing the city and county, was restored in 1927 and the ancient civic parish church of St. Martin became the Cathedral.

The church was built at different times between the 13th and 15th centuries, being heavily restored—and in places rebuilt—in the 19th century. St. Martin's is very much a large merchants' town church, as the many memorials to past Leicester worthies show. The known list of parish priests goes back to 1225. Before the Reformation the church and parish were served by clergy appointed by Leicester Abbey, the remains of which can still be seen in the Abbey Park.

Within the church is St. George's Chapel, enclosed by a carved wooden screen and restored in 1921, containing memorials to the men of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, founded in 1688 and now merged in the Royal Anglian Regiment. During the Middle Ages this was the chapel of the Guild of St. George, whose effigy of the national saint, kept there, was borne through the streets annually on April 23rd.

A second chapel known as the Herrick Chapel in the north choir aisle contains tombs of members of the celebrated Leicester family of Herrick, the earliest one dated 1589. The chapel was restored in 1928 by the generosity of members of the Herrick family in the U.S.A. The father of the poet Robert Herrick was a Leicester Herrick; so, too, was the mother of Dean Swift.

A third chapel named after St. Dunstan, the patron saint of bellringers, is on the south side of the chancel and was rebuilt in 1865. The vivid south-east window recalls incidents in the life of St. Dunstan who, with four evangelists and St. Martin, appear in the modern reredos. Passing from St. Dunstan's Chapel to the outer south aisle, this section, after the Reformation, became the Archdeacon of Leicester's court and is now also the bishop's consistory court. The royal arms are those borne by the first three Georges from 1714 to 1801. Here in the Middle Ages was the Lady Chapel, serving the Guild of Corpus Christi, founded in 1343, and here the churchwarden's accounts were received by the Mayor each year on Palm Sunday.

The massive towers and broad spire, over 220 feet high, were rebuilt from the foundations between 1861 and 1867 by Brandon in the course of his extensive restoration of the church. When the foundations were dug deeper for the new tower in 1861 remains were found of what may have been a Roman temple. It was the Saxons who probably converted the site to Christian use.

Among the Cathedral archives it is recorded that St. Martin's had a ring of five bells in the reign of Henry VIII. There are accounts for various recastings between that time and 1657, when Norris, of Stamford, undertook to convert the five bells into a "tuneable" ring of six. Norris failed in this and the six bells were recast by George Oldfield, of Nottingham. In 1700 William Noone, of Nottingham, recast No. 5 and he recast the tenor in 1704. Eayre, of St. Neots, recast the 2nd in 1765. Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, recast the six bells in 1781 and made them into a ring of eight. Arnold's bellfoundry was removed to Leicester in 1784. In 1787 he cast two more bells, bringing the ring up to ten. In 1854 John Taylor recast the four smallest bells. In 1879 John William Taylor recast the 5th and 9th. In 1937 Messrs. John Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, recast and rehung all the bells and added three new ones.

THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

The old inscriptions are inscribed on the shoulders or waists of the bells.

XII.—Weight 25 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George VI. Recast by the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland. May 12 1937. F. B. Macnutt, Provost. C. F. Oliver, Provincial Grand Master. God save the King. H. Watchorn Esq Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold St. Neots. Fecit 1781.

XI.—The North Bell. Recast by Alderman Sir Jonathan North, J.P., Mayor of Leicester 1914–1918, and William Albert North, J.P., High Sheriff of Leicestershire 1935–1936. May 12. 1937. God save City and Shire. Recast by J. Taylor and Co. 1897 Edward Arnold Fecit 1781. Thomas Ingram 1879.

X.—The Bell of the Congregation. Recast by the Congregation of the Cathedral. May 12. 1937. God save his Church. H. Watchorn Esq. Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold fecit 1781.

IX.—The Samson Smith Bell. Recast by Samson Smith of Leicester. May 12 1937. Christ is Risen. Alleluya. H. Watchorn Esq. Mayor. J. Nichols W. Capp Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold Fecit 1781.

VIII.—The Jarvis Bell. Recast by William George Jarvis, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's May 12. 1937. Adeste fideles. Gaudete. Orate. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. 1781.

VII.—The Partridge Bell. Recast in memory of Samuel Steads Partridge J.P. by his wife Elizabeth Partridge. May 12. 1937. God send us Peace in Christ. J. Taylor and Co. Founders Loughborough MDCCCLXXIX Continentia.

The Half-tone Bell.—The Stelfox Bell. Given in memory of James Walter Stelfox, Lay Canon, Churchwarden, and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's by his wife, Evelyn Marsland Stelfox. May 12. 1937. Non Clamor Sed Amor.

VI.—The Daniels Bell. Recast by Samuel Kilworth Daniels, Lay Canon of St. Martin's, IN Memory of his Wife, Caroline Daniels. May 12 1937. In His Will is our Peace. John Taylor and Son, Bell-Founders, Oxford and Loughborough 1854.

V.—The Fielding Johnson Bell. Recast in memory of Thomas Fielding Johnson, M.A., J.P., Lay Canon of St. Martin's, and his wife, Florence Lyne Johnson, by their children, Florence Julia Fielding Everard, J.P., Agnes Miriam Fielding Johnson, William Spurrett Fielding Johnson. May 12. 1937. Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh. Revnd. Edwd. Thomas Vaughan Vicar. Hy Sharpe Jones, Joseph Simkin C. Wardens. John Taylor and Son Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford Bideford Devon and St. Neots, Hunts: Successors to the old and celebrated Founders, Newcombe, Watts, Eayre, and Arnold of Leicester, names of high repute, dating as early as 1560.

IV.—The Gertrude Ellis Bell. Recast in memory of Gertrude Ellis by her Daughter, Freda Lorrimer, and her Niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12. 1937. This truth I tell, In Christ all's well. John Taylor and Son Founders Oxford and Loughborough. A.D. 1854.

III.—The Bowmar Bell. Recast in memory of Walter Hammond Bowmar by his Wife, Eva Bowmar, May 12. 1937. Jesus Christe Miserere Nobis. John Taylor and Son Founders Loughborough. A.D. 1854.

II.—The John Edwards Ellis Bell. Given in memory of John Edwards Ellis, Lay

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THE END OF AN ERA

A Farewell Tribute to Our Friend the Editor

WHEN "The Ringing World" Committee accepted with the greatest possible regret the resignation of Mr. T. W. White from the editorial chair of our paper, I was honoured to be asked to write this, the Committee's farewell tribute to him for his great work for the Exercise. But it is a task the necessity for which I greatly regret, as I am sure do all our readers. As I write this there run through my head the words of a pre-war Western type popular song — "For twenty-one years, folk, is a mighty long time". In Tom's case it is 23 years. A very long time indeed to hold the key position in any job. To some of us I know that it is surprising that he has been in the chair since 1946. It must be the smoothness and efficiency with which the paper has come to us regularly every week, maintaining a constant high standard of editorship, that made it possible for a well-known ringer to suggest the other day that Tom had been Editor for only about half that time.

The Golden Jubilee issue of "The Ringing World", on March 24th, 1961, was a high spot in Tom's work for us all. Copies of it are still obtainable and they show how, with the limited financial resources and help available, he was able to produce an excellent celebration issue. It contained biographical details of our Editors since 1911 and from it I must summarise briefly Tom's career for the benefit of new readers.

Thomas W. White, born at Guildford on July 22nd, 1894, was the son of T. H. White, Editor of "The Surrey Times", and he was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. He started work with the Woodbridge Press, soon becoming a junior reporter. He served from 1914–19 in the Queen's Royal Regiment, was mentioned in despatches, took part in the landing at Suvla Bay in the Gallipoli campaign and had three years in Mesopotamia. On demobilisation he returned to "The Surrey Times", becoming their Chief Reporter in 1923, Deputy Editor in 1931 and Editor (and a director of the company) in 1946.

FIRST INTRODUCTION

When John S. Goldsmith, our founder and first Editor, visited Australia on the tour of 1934–35, he arranged for Tom to be released to undertake the editorial side of "The Ringing World", while J. A. Trollope contributed the major articles. This gave the opportunity for Tom's first introduction to practical ringing and at the age of 40 he became the pupil of A. H. Pulling, caretaker of the famous school mentioned earlier. Tom rang the first of his few peals in 1937 and from that year until 1961 he was hon. secretary and treasurer of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford. Thus although his official connection with "The Ringing World" ceased for many years on Mr. Goldsmith's return, his interest in ringing continued and thrived.

His connections with J. A. Trollope were renewed and grew into friendship during the war, following on Mr. Goldsmith's illness and death in 1942, and he was with J. A. T. at the Council meeting in Norwich in 1946. I well remember a walk with him just before the start of the meeting when, with his usual modesty, he hoped that J. A. T. would be well enough to carry on, as he (Tom) doubted his ability to cope with the job without the technical background of previous Editors. In spite of this



MR. T. W. WHITE

doubt, he answered the urgent call to help "over the succeeding few issues"; in the event more than 1,200 of them! As Mr. E. A. Barnett wrote in 1961, "from the first the hand of the trained journalist became apparent and 15 years later he continues in office with undiminished vigour and enthusiasm". Now nearly a decade later we still have weekly evidence and many of us personal evidence of that enthusiasm.

In 1955, when the second Australian tour took place, it was fitting that he and Mrs. White were able to be of the party and in consequence "The Ringing World" benefited by his regular reports of their progress, while overseas ringers have had a friend at court ever since.

CHURCH AND PUBLIC WORK

Apart from ringing, taken up as we have seen when most of us would be reluctant to start a new and completely different pursuit, Tom has been active in an incredible variety of ways. First I know he would put his work for the Church, and especially his connection with Holy Trinity, Guildford, where he has been rector's warden for two periods of three years. He is also a member of the Diocesan Conference and Ruridecanal Conference. For 31 years he has been a member of Guildford Rotary, of which he is a past president, and whose weekly gatherings afford very real pleasure to those fortunate enough to attend as his guest. He is also a Freemason. He has been President of Guildford Chess Club, has played for Surrey and still devotes a part of his holiday to participation in chess tournaments.

Tom has always been greatly concerned with the welfare of his fellow men and before ringing affairs made a demand on his leisure had been secretary of the Guildford Guild of Social Service. He was also hon. secretary of the Personal Service League, whose object was to provide clothing for those in the distressed areas during a time of high unemployment, and served on the Advisory Committee of the Surrey Scheme for Jarrow and the Guildford Work Scheme. His educational interests include membership from 1933 to 1944 of the Guildford Education Committee and later, until this year, membership of the South West Surrey Divisional Education Committee. He was for 16 years a governor of the Royal Grammar School, a governor of the Guildford County School for Girls and chairman for 15 years of the Sandfield group of schools.

How, one may ask, was he able to find the time and energy for all these pursuits and interests in addition to his journalistic and editorial work for a busy local paper and yet, when the call came, still be able to take on the editorship of our journal? How could he week by week, year by year, carry out with such skill and patience and devotion and enthusiasm the work he has done since 1946 for the Exercise. Apart from the unending task of seeing that the paper goes to press on time each week, there is the pleasant but none the less tiring duty of attending the annual round of annual meetings, ringers' socials and dinners. After all these, and of course the Central Council meeting, there are reports to write for publication. I have asked myself this question many times and then I recall (and he will, I hope, not blue pencil this) that he still keeps every Sunday afternoon free from other engagements so that he can visit his mother, now at the wonderful age of 99 years.

INTENSE ENJOYMENT IN WORK

One reason for his ability to cope with such a huge volume of multifarious activities is his intense enjoyment of his work. Knocking-off time has no meaning for him. A job has to be done. It is fun doing it. Therefore let it be done now. I know personally that after a Central Council meeting, when we relax for an hour or two before dinner, he will start writing his report. The next morning at breakfast he will say quietly that he has already been writing for some two hours, so that ringers all over the world can have as soon as possible his preliminary account, with the highlights, of the events of the meeting.

Another—and I am sure the main reason why he has been able to do so much at such a pace for so long—is his happy and contented and well-run home life with Kathleen, to whom he was married in 1923. The whole Exercise will join me in wishing them both many more years of good health and happiness together.

The Central Council has already recognised Tom's great work for ringing. At Chelmsford in 1957 he was made an hon. member and in 1968 a life member. A tribute to him at any Council meeting is the attention and respect with which he is listened to whenever he addresses the Council. There have been occasions when the effect, after perhaps a not-too-peaceful "Ringing World" debate, has been particularly noticeable.

The members of "The Ringing World" Committee have been in a specially privileged position in working with and being advised by such an Editor. They know, as no others can, what a financially unrewarding task his has been during the paper's time of financial stringency. They also know that at times the Committee have been, to put it mildly, difficult. They are as reluctant to let him go as they know he is to lay down his blue pencil. But they have had the comfort of knowing that Tom would never let them down. He promised, and has kept that promise, that although

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NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

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(The English emigrés, on a week-end ringing tour in New England, had visited Kent School, Connecticut, and Smith College for Ladies at Northampton, Massachusetts. After the ringing at Smith, the ringers had gathered and were admiring the beauty and serenity of their surroundings.)

SATURDAY NIGHT—AND SUNDAY MORNING

And this was not all. Margaret Rawson, of well-known Leicestershire lineage, may not be a ringer yet; but that does not dull her qualities as a party hostess. Living and teaching now in Northampton, Margaret has kept close connections with the ringing at Smith College, and this evening she opened her doors wide to the delighted multitudes and provided a first real opportunity for scattered Englishmen to get to know each other better, as Margaret oiled the hinges of our tongues with Ringers' Brand. Only Eric Roberts and his wife, Rosemary, had travelled less than 200 miles to be there. Eric, ex-Cambridge University Guild, now works in optical engineering in a Norwalk, Connecticut, company that contributes camera lenses to lunar expeditions, whilst Rosemary contributes a tiny daughter who came willingly along.

By geographical contrast Derek Sawyer and his wife, Sue, had driven 450 miles from Toronto, Canada, to be there. Derek, one-time Master of the Bristol University ringers and in 1968 the conductor of Canada's first handbell peal, was another New England trip veteran. Sue and he were feeling rather pleased with life altogether: they were clinching a house deal back in Toronto that would relocate them strategically in the centre of the Toronto–Hamilton handbell group.

Groton School. Russell Young. Stedman Caters. So this was the real thing. We knew the sound, of course, just as **you** know the sounds if you've heard the "Washington" record. And our veterans had been here anyway. But the rest of us were enchanted by the slender stonework of that graceful, tree-framed chapel tower presiding so majestically over the circular expanse of lawn and its surrounding school buildings. There was something colonial about the texture of that brilliant Sunday morning scene, as the boys and their visiting relatives gathered for service. The England in New England, perhaps.

Russell, who is a teacher on Groton's staff, told us afterwards that most of his first team of ringers were due to leave the school this summer and that prospects for continuing high standards next year were a little unsettled. But there was nothing unsettled about his band's welcoming touch of Bob Triples, which was a masterly display of well-known American disciplined application to the task in hand. We responded enthusiastically with Caters on the fine ten. Joining us was 83-year-old Mr. Laker, who had left Kent for America half-a-century and more ago and now lives in Massachusetts' holiday peninsula Cape Cod, fostering a handbell group of change-ringers among his contemporaries there. Two of them, Ralph Putt and Reginald Reed, had joined him in the 100-mile drive up to Groton and later, in Russell's suite over a beer (gratefully received and remembered), the Canadian handbells were produced by David Ingram and well exercised by young and old alike. David, a Nottingham University graduate who is designing geography computer programmes at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, for his doctorate study course, had collected these handbells on a visit back home to Nottinghamshire in late 1968, following the return to England of Ruth Gaye and her handbells.

Also at McMaster, John Owen had accompanied David and his friend, Jan Reckie, on this trip from Hamilton and now joined in the handbell ringing. John, who learnt his ringing in South Wales, emigrated to Canada five years ago, and after a spell working in the frozen north at Elliott Lake settled with his wife in Hamilton to work for a bio-chemistry degree.

HARVARD—AND HINGHAM APPLAUSE

Eastwards to the port of Boston, Massachusetts, and then down the coast a few miles to the little town of Hingham. We passed famous Harvard University's campus, its baseball practices and its crews on the "lordly Charles", and we feasted at one of Boston's many restaurants of character, the Greek Athens Olympia. Last year the English visit to Hingham had been compared in the local press to a Yehudi Menuhin concert. This year the welcome was as warm as ever from David Gifford's team of enthusiasts, and Gene and his father, Professor Gardner, and the ladies had generously provided tea for us afterwards —just like a Saturday Association meeting.

Hingham's ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.) are hung in a fragile brick tower, with a long draught of rope, and although much good work has been done to improve their "go" David mentioned that the ambition is to have the bells lowered and/or put into a much stronger structure inside, and independent of, the brick tower. Meanwhile the local band, which includes some teenage boys, although limited in its repertoire is making spirited progress. Each touch we rang was greeted with applause below in the churchyard from onlookers who had gathered in response to our pre-arrival press: and a fine, sonorous fall rounded off a couple of very satisfying ringing days that every one of us will savour until the next opportunity to collect again in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Thank you, David Gifford and your band.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY

It had certainly been some trip: 1,435 miles. Derek Sawyer's mileometer recorded back in Toronto. He had taken with him Bill and Heather Jackson, recently settled in Toronto from Cookham, Berkshire; and a co-driver makes it a little easier. In addition the American highways are fast and do not seem as crowded as Britain's motorways. Motels are easy to find and reasonably priced, so that one can drive late into the night without fear of not finding accommodation. Best of all for the Canadian contingent, the birthday of Queen Victoria is still celebrated by a public holiday in Canada!; for it was during her reign, in 1867, that Canada came into being as a Confederation. This meant that Monday could be spent on a leisurely drive home past the lovely Catskill Mountains, the Finger Lakes (so called because of their configuration, like the five fingers on a hand) and the unbelievably English countryside that we no longer take for granted.

A FAREWELL TRIBUTE—continued

his eyesight made it imperative for him to go soon, he would not do so until a suitable successor had been found. In the circumstances it would have been unfair to delay the changeover any longer, but the Committee are glad to know that with his ever-readiness to help, he has agreed to assist until the year end as consultant Editor. I am sure there will be few days when the new Editor will not receive—and look forward to—a visit from Tom; and I propose, here and now, to be the first to say to him that we shall look forward to the occasional well-written and very apposite article for the journal on which he has lavished so much care.

A TESTIMONIAL FUND

"The Ringing World" Committee have decided that a Testimonial Fund shall be opened so that the whole Exercise will have the opportunity to show its appreciation of Tom's work for ringers and ringing throughout so many years. Part of the scheme will consist of a request from the Central Council officers and the Committee to every affiliated Society for a corporate official donation from Society funds. But we feel that, over and above this, very many readers of our paper will wish to show their personal affection and esteem for Tom by making their own personal donation. A full announcement of the fund will be found on another page. We also propose that extracts from the many written tributes already being received or which we are sure will accompany contributions shall be published in our columns during the next few weeks so that Tom will have a permanent printed record for the future.

May I end on a purely personal note. My respect for Tom has increased yearly as I have grown to know him since the time at Norwich in 1946 I have referred to. After my earlier connections with "The Ringing World" through Mr. Trollope, my pleasure at being allowed to help at times at Guildford was enhanced by the fact that it was to help Tom. The friendship which, with respect, I think I may say exists between us has been strengthened since my membership of the Committee. Our journeys together to attend meetings of committee of the Council have brought me great pleasure. Dare I say that the faster we travelled the better I believe he liked it too! I know that while I have this present duty for the Exercise I shall miss greatly the wealth of his experience, his wisdom, his quiet sense of humour, his willingness to help and guide at all times. It is good to know that he will still be there to turn to in time of need, and I hope to have this comforting thought for many years to come.

WILFRID G. WILSON,
Convener of "The Ringing World" Committee.

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ALBURGH BELLS RING AGAIN

Opinions differ as to the number of Norfolk towers with genuinely or doubtfully unringable bells—but one thing is certain . . . the county holds the sad record of the highest number of "unringables" in any county in Great Britain! And so, when the suggestion was made to the writer by Mr. Edwin Goate, of Beccles, that investigations be made regarding the possibility of getting the light 18th century octave at Alburgh, Norfolk, ringing again it was taken up with alacrity. Restoration of the tall, slender 15th century tower of All Saints' Church has been recently completed so that it is now in good order; and approaches were made to the Rector (Rev. R. W. S. Close) regarding permission to examine the bells, do any necessary clearing out of the bell chamber and, if all was in order, to try out the bells—which had last been rung about 1951 and were now reputedly unringable.

The Rector was most interested and gladly gave permission; and so it came about that a number of willing helpers from the area climbed the high ladder from the ringing room to the bell chamber (contrary to expectations, all the bells had quite fair ropes fitted) to examine the bells. We found that the louvres now had wire netting fitted to exclude birds and the frame and fittings surprisingly clean; the octave was rehung in a good solid metal frame by Bowells, of Ipswich, in 1908, and the frame had apparently been repainted when the upper part of the tower was restored; bearings and fittings were in good order. Two bells were slightly cracked, but these had been drilled by Mr. Bowell to prevent spread of cracks, with apparent complete success. Some rubbish was cleared, ropes were spliced, bearings and pulleys oiled, and the bells raised singly. As all seemed well the bells were rung for a short time and were found to "go" very well indeed, although the 4th and 5th are rather odd-struck! Subsequently the ringing chamber and spiral staircase were thoroughly cleaned: one or two very interesting 18th and early 19th century peal boards remain to be cleaned—Alburgh was quite a popular tower for peals in days gone by.

On July 12th an hour's good ringing was enjoyed on the bells by the Beccles outing party and caused very great interest and delight in the village; the Rector willingly agreed to a peal attempt and an "open day" on the occasion of the church's flower festival over the week-end of September 6th/7th. As will be seen from the peal columns, a peal attempt for Bob Major was successful—and our grateful thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the welcome refreshments provided after the peal—and the bells were kept going throughout the Saturday by a good number of visiting ringers.

So yet another silent Norfolk tower returns to life, to the joy of the Rector and his people: a number of volunteers to learn to ring have come forward, and it is hoped that a preliminary meeting will soon be held—let us hope that ere long Alburgh bells will ring regularly for Sunday services.

Mr. Close tells me that he will welcome requests for ringing by visiting bands, either for outings or peal attempts: his address is Alburgh Rectory, Harleston, Norfolk ('phone: Homersfield 257). Intending peal bands should note that the bells will need to be oiled and ropes checked! If any tower has good second-hand ropes available as gifts these would be gratefully received by the Rector, as parish funds will not run to new ropes as yet. PETER N. BOND.

TO ALL OUR READERS

T. W. WHITE TESTIMONIAL

A NEW Editor has been appointed to take over from October 1st, when Mr. T. W. White's resignation will take effect. In this issue appears "The Ringing World" Committee's tribute to Mr. White, with an account of his career. In the 23 years he has occupied the position he has upheld and enhanced our weekly journal during a most difficult period of its history. He stepped into the breach in an emergency in 1946 and his long professional experience enabled him to overcome the difficulties inherent in his then lack of knowledge of our art.

The size of the funds which now enable the Committee to produce an interesting and presentable paper at reasonable cost are in no little measure due to the unremitting and unselfish efforts of Tom White, for what, by no stretch of imagination, could be called a commercial reward. During this time he has become the friend of us all.

We have accordingly decided to open a Testimonial fund and to invite contributions from the Associations and Guilds affiliated to the Central Council. That is being done. We are sure, however, that individual readers will wish to make their own personal contributions and thus pay their tribute to Mr. White's magnificent efforts on our behalf.

We accordingly invite you to contribute to the T. W. White Testimonial. We hope that at the Central Council meeting in Yorkshire in 1970 we shall be able to express our appreciation by a personal presentation to Mr. White of a sum which will worthily show him the regard in which he is held by all of us. If all our readers sent in half-a-crown, or half of them five shillings, or double those amounts if they can, we should be very proud of you all.

Will you please send contributions, as soon as possible but certainly by the end of January, 1970, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, a member of "The Ringing World" Committee, who has kindly agreed to accept and acknowledge all of them. Her address is Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, and cheques, etc., should be crossed and made payable to the T. W. White Testimonial.

We look forward with confidence to your generous response.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

A VISIT TO KILIFI

MR. James Stredder, who holds a teaching appointment in Kenya, tells us of his visit to Kilifi in August. "I was delighted to find," he says, "that the six bells, which are rather curiously hung exposed to the wind and rain, are in good enough condition to be rung. While I was examining the bells a certain Mr. Hammond pulled up in his car and shouted up to me: 'You must be John Rank from Marhakos.' Apparently John Rank had arranged to visit Kilifi to do some ringing, but he did not turn up while I was there.

"Mr. Hammond, though not a ringer, is very keen to keep up the interest of a small group of local boys and men who apparently had been taught to handle a bell about 12 months previously but who had had no teacher since. He assured me that two or three were competent and that one other 'could usually set his bell without breaking the stay'!

"I had already noticed a quantity of stays and broken stays around the bells, which made the belfry floor look rather like a carpenter's shop: but the incredible lightness of the ring (tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E) must have helped in protecting the wheels and frame, etc., for all six went quite smoothly.

"Mr. Hammond arranged to tell the ringers to be present for service ringing for Evensong. Of the four who came, two turned out to be capable of raising their bells and ringing rounds. We therefore concentrated on making as pleasant a sound as possible on the back three. We rang call-changes, which the two Africans were astonishingly quick in picking up. The next morning we had a practice before breakfast, as I was moving on to Malindi that day. I was sad to leave Kilifi ringers with no teacher, but maybe a ringer will settle in the village some day."

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, was available for afternoon ringing at the Society's last meeting on August 31st. The light eight are rung only infrequently and some enthusiastic members had thankfully removed much of the debris from the ringing chamber earlier in the week. Despite a spate of broken ropes, a course of Watford Surprise Major—the Society's "special method of the day"—was successfully rung.

After the Society at the previous meeting had enjoyed a visit to Leathley, its only 4-bell tower, it was a pleasure to visit its only 5-bell tower, Meanwood, at this meeting. With tea and the business meeting at Chapel Allerton over, most of the company went in a convoy of cars to try this 17 cwt. five.

General evening ringing took place on the light six at Chapel Allerton and included a well-struck touch of Cartwheel Oxford.

Next meeting, September 27th, Woodlesford and Rothwell—joint with the Western District of the Yorkshire Association.

G. C.

Letters to the Editor

C.C. DEBATE RE STANDING COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Poyner might well be able to make out a case that the Central Council as a body is lethargic and unenterprising but his implied contention that its proceedings are undemocratic is absurd.

I am aware of the intervention he made at the end of the recent Council meeting to which he refers in his letter to you, but the fact that his inaccurate statement on that occasion was not contradicted at the time does not make it an accurate statement.

He stated that only a minority of the Standing Committee are elected. This overlooks the fact that all the members of the other committees are duly elected and by the rules, surely sensibly, the convener of each of these committees is appointed to serve on the Standing Committee. Thus the Council has full control over the elections to the Standing Committee—both direct elections conducted by ballot and the indirect. The Council is entirely free to change the constitution of the individual committees and on occasions has done so with quite some emphasis—remember Bath!

Mr. Poyner's letter came a few weeks after the elections. There was every opportunity to bring about any changes he or any other member desired if the normal democratic options had been exercised.

What could be more logical than to charge a newly-elected Standing Committee with the task of considering and reporting upon possible reforms? I hope in any case Mr. Poyner accepted the secretary's recent invitation to the Exercise at large to write to him with opinions and suggestions.

I cannot be certain but Mr. Poyner may well have done poor Mr. Gray an injustice. Certainly in my speech I made the point that the Standing Committee was the appropriate body to fulfil the wishes of the Council in considering and reporting upon possible reforms. Mr. Gray may have made this point as well, but if not I would be sorry that he should take the blame instead of myself.

There need be no further dubiety about the "confident rumour" to which Mr. Poyner refers. Deliberately, soberly and advisedly I did move on one occasion that the Council pass to the next business. This was put to the vote and a majority of the Council agreed. Quite properly, therefore, the President proceeded to the next item on the agenda. I have the greatest sympathy with the motives that inspired the motion on bell restoration work before the Council at that time, but this was a clear case in which further public debate would inevitably have led to indiscreet remarks about another body. The body in question has a far better hearing with the Established Church than the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has so far been able to establish, and derogatory remarks reported in the press or listened to from the public gallery would have done far more harm than good.

It may seem like hole and corner business to Mr. Poyner and others who share his suspicions, but if ever there was a case in which diplomacy is called for rather than uncontrolled and irresponsible rhetoric publicity uttered—this is it.

Towards the end of his letter Mr. Poyner questions the advantages of membership of the Council as far as the supporting Associations are concerned. This is a very valid question with which I for one greatly sympathise. I suggest this should be the item in his letter to which your readers should address themselves. Hints about power-drunk bogeymen and communists under the bed are very diverting, but alas all too absurd. All the democratic means are available to the Exercise and the Council—it remains in the end more important to know **what** reforms are wanted. This is a very broad subject but remarkably little has been published on it so far, either by Mr. Poyner or anyone else.—Yours very truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that what I said and proposed at St. Albans was reported quite correctly in "The Ringing World", hence my previous letter to you. I am absolutely certain that neither what was said nor reported bears any resemblance to Harry Poyner's recollection.

If anyone is still interested in who said what, which I doubt, they will find the report of the debate on page 459 (June 13th) of "The Ringing World" and my letter on page 620 (August 8th). I know that during the debate I felt it would be wisest to appoint a special committee to look into Council affairs rather than the Standing Committee. This is still my view. I would not have troubled you with a letter at all, sir, if I had not thought that I had been wrongly accredited with the proposal that the **Standing Committee** should do it.

However, in the end, the Standing Committee was asked to do it and I do not think that anyone should be too ready to assume that they will necessarily make a hash of it. Everybody and anybody have been invited to put their views to the Committee and I hope they are doing so; I hope, too, that they are constructive. Harry Poyner did have a point in A.O.B. which I, for one, sympathise with.

The idea that Central Council debates are rigged by an old pals' conspiracy is an odd one. After many years of attending Council meetings and many other ringers' meetings I would be more inclined to agree with the viewpoint that ringers incline to be argumentative, if not quarrelsome, rather than submissive.—Yours faithfully,

P. M. J. GRAY.

NOT A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In his latest article on recent peals, Canon Felstead referred to a peal in 36 methods at Bingley, Yorks, in 1826. This performance is periodically quoted as an early example of the fine multi-method peals of Minor that the Yorkshire men were to become renowned for later in the century, but unfortunately it was not a peal. Jasper Snowdon discovered that in fact three separate "heats" of 2,880 changes were rung, each consisting of twelve 12-scores.

A contemporary report said (quite accurately) that "on Shrove Tuesday, February 7th, 1826, the Society of Change Ringers, Bingley, Yorkshire, met in the tower of the Parish Church, and rang, without a single break down or a false change, the extraordinary number of 36 twelve-scores, in all 8640 changes, in the following various methods", and goes on to list the methods rung. The conducting was shared by Hezekiah Briggs and Isaac Rhodes, and the "time occupied in ringing [was] 5 hours and 11 minutes." It is perhaps only natural that this should have been construed as meaning that a peal of 8,640 changes had been rung, although no such claim was ever made by the Bingley men at the time.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

JOHN SUTTON'S OUTING

A very enjoyable half-day's outing was arranged by John Sutton, of Wortwell, Norfolk, on Monday, September 1st. Ringers from Wortwell, Diss, Thetford, South Lopham, Wymondham, Bunwell and Rougham (Suffolk) met at Swaffham at 1.45 and after an hour's ringing moved on to Gressenhall and North Elmham, and after a picnic tea in Dereham rang at St. Nicholas' Church. The last tower was Hingham, where ringing finished at 9 p.m., and before dispersing Harry Fuller, on behalf of all, thanked John for the excellent arrangements he had made. Grateful thanks to all incumbents and the ringers who met us at the churches.

A. G. H.

DAVE'S RAVE

On Saturday, August 30th, a "select" band of Liverpool Youths invaded the neighbouring provinces of Cheshire and Derbyshire.

Ringing took place on the fine eights at Prestbury and Buxton, the beautiful 12 at Macclesfield and the very pleasant eight at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Other towers visited were Poynton, Bollington, Bosley, Sutton, Burbage, Marple and St. George's, Stockport.

Ringing was of a fairly high standard but, being a small band, the effects of some hard bells were being heard at Stockport. The evening was concluded in fine style at a Chinese restaurant in Stockport. Thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains for permission to ring and meeting us respectively.

Thanks for a great day, Dave. How about raving again when the wanderer comes home!

J. H.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

AN ANALYSIS OF SHORT TOUCHES OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By D. P. TREBLE

I have recently written a computer programme to compose touches of Group G Plain Minor methods Since the number of touches produced multiplies rapidly as the length increases, I imposed a cut-off at 120 changes. This resulted in the composition of 169 touches with no 65's at backstroke. These are a complete list of touches up to 120 changes in length. I have drawn up a list of 25 distinct touches, all the others being simple variations of these 25 The notation used here is somewhat unusual, but should be self-evident.

The programme will compose for other groups of Plain Minor methods with a simple programming change, and other programmes are being developed to compose 720's. A fairly simple extension to compose extents of Treble Bob Minor methods is also envisaged.

Details of the programmes, which are being run on the Bath University, English Electric 4-50 computer, will be described in a subsequent article.

Touch No.	Leads									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	B	B	B							
2	B	S	S							
3			B			B				
4		B	S		B	S				
5		B	S		S	B				
6	B	B	S	B	B	S				
7	S	S	S	S	S	S				
8				S		B		S		
9	S		S		S		S			
10			B			S	B	B	S	
11			B			S	S	S	S	
12			B	S		B		B	S	
13			B	S		B		S	B	
14			S	B		B		B	S	
15		B	B		B	B		B	B	
16		B	B		B	B		S	S	
17		B	B		S	S		S	S	
18		S	S		S	S		S	S	
19		B	B	S	B	B		B	S	
20		S	S	S	S	S		B	S	
21					S					S
22				B	B				B	B
23				B	B				S	S
24				S	S				S	S
25		B		B		B		B		B

Note.—All except touches 8, 9 and 21 can be rung starting at any lead and in reverse. Touch 8 can be started at leads 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Touch 9 can only be started at lead 1 and finishes with a plain lead. Touch 21 can only be started at leads 1, 2 and 5. All touches except No. 9 finish with a call.

"PEALS AROUND THE PEAKS"

The same group of people who in the past have held peal tours such as "Peals around Portishead" and "Peals around the Pennines" assembled this year at Crowden Peak National Park Youth Hostel. Their week, which resulted in 19 successes, is given the heading "Peals Around the Peaks".

During the tour the 100th peal in this series was rung—Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. A very good performance was given by Mrs. Hazel Mackenzie with 11 peal successes in the week. The conducting was shared as follows: Tudor P. Edwards, John H. Fielden and Frederick Shallcross 4 each. Peter S. Bennett 3, James L. Towler 2, Kenneth J. Heskett 1. J. Barry Pickup 1.

TWO SPLICED (NO SURPRISE)



TWO members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, Miss Christine Margaret Leslie and Mr. Anthony Ronald Carter, were married at St. Albans Abbey on August 23rd

During the service, which was conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, four members rang a course of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress, made by her mother, of white crystal satin with lace sleeves. The collar and hem were trimmed with matching lace. A short veil was held in place by a petal headdress. She carried a bouquet of apricot rosebuds, white carnations, gladioli and stephanotis.

Christine, who is a librarian at Hatfield Polytechnic, was attended by Miss Roseann Baker, and Tony, who is a senior engineer at the Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Space Division, had Mr. Michael Pickering as his best man.

After the reception held at the Pré Hotel the couple left for a honeymoon in the West Country. An attempt to ring a peal of Kent Major unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing. M. D. F.

[Photo by R. J. Frost, Bayfordbury, Hertford.

MISS LEWIS IN LONDON

On Monday, September 1st, a number of Margaret Lewis's large circle of friends converged on St. George's, Borough High Street, at 9.30 a.m. As no one had told Norman Bagworth that the Borough Station was closed he was a little late with the key, having hurried back from the next stop. The pleasant eight were soon going to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

A short trip up the road took us to Southwark Cathedral, where John Euston had things ready for us. Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Bob Royal went well on the lovely 12.

We followed Margaret's Volkswagen via Rotherhithe Tunnel to St. George-in-the-East, Stepney, a marked contrast to the previous tower with its 6 cwt. eight. Bristol and Cambridge were rung at handbell speed, or so it seemed after the heavy 12.

Those of us who admired Margaret's rigid observance of the speed limit in the tunnel were somewhat taken aback when she blithely ignored a "No left turn" signal at almost the next junction!

Lunch was taken at the Gun, Blackwall. This 16th century pub, hidden deep in dockland, provides excellent views of the busy river, with good food as well. It also claims to have been the meeting place of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. We were all rather puzzled as to how Margaret found it.

First tower after lunch was Leytonstone, with a pleasant little eight, where Oxford Bob Triples was added to the methods. We were pleased to see the youthful veteran Charlie Hughes here for a ring with us.

The bells at the next tower, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, provide some curious music in the ringing room but are pleasant enough outside.

The lovely bells of St. John's, Hackney, came next. A respectable course of London was rung here, also Double Oxford Major. The 16 cwt. eight by Mears are a real joy to ring or listen to.

The final tower was St. Paul's, Homerton. This curious wooden tower houses a 9 cwt. six, not at all easy to ring. To add to the difficulty is a centre post with branch-like arms which move considerably as the bells are rung. Minor and Doubles were rung, with a very reasonable lower to end a pleasant day. R.C.

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ALDERMASTON, BERKS. — On Aug. 6th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Livingston 1, Freda N. Wilcox 2, W. Butler 3-4, P. Corderoy 5, J. J. Hill 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 8. For the Cockroft Society.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, N. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First Single Oxford by local band. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. L. Humphreys 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, J. P. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. To mark the wedding of Michael Mulvey, tower captain here for six years. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: Gwynneth Dorrall 1, M. Allery 2, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, R. Riley 5, J. P. Burton 6. First in five methods 1 and 4.

BEETHAM, WESTMORLAND. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary W. Whalley 1, J. Whalley 2, A. Capstick 3, K. J. Foster 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anna Tobias (first Triples) 1, Pip E. Menniss 2, J. C. Hallett 3, R. Le Marachel 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, A. L. Guille 8. First in method by all except 5th.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shadbolt 1, D. J. Cooper 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, M. E. Cass 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Welch.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, A. Freeston 2, H. Barsley 3, R. Freeston 4, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6, W. E. Clarke 7, R. Stephenson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. F. Brown.

BRADFIELD, YORKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Crawshaw 1, R. Fletcher 2, R. Plant 3, M. King (cond.) 4, T. Cairns (first "inside") 5, R. Grundy 6.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Scott 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Susan Brocklehurst 3, J. D. Broadbent 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. J. Higgins.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Pilgrim 1, Judith Ashcroft 2, Patricia Mills 3, Mandi McCallion 4, J. Barton-Plumb 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, Mary Pryor 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,296 Spliced Plain Bob and Rev. Cant. Bob Minimus: J. B. G. G. Clarke 1, Flora M. Stocker 2, A. A. Nunn 3, B. J. Fry (cond.) 4, B. F. Peachey 5, B. G. Curtis 6. First Minimus 1, 2, 3. Longest length 1, 5, 6.

BRUTON, SOM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clarke (first quarter) 1, H. G. White 2, W. Tiley (cond.) 3, R. Waller 4, F. Andrews 5, J. Palmer (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Patricia Lloyd, and also to commemorate 45 years of ringing in the same tower by Messrs. H. G. and W. P. White.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Perry (first on eight) 1, H. Miles 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, T. R. Hart 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8. Rung as a compliment to Dr. A. E. A. Hudson and Mrs. Hudson, of Tennessee, on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

CHENIES, BUCKS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Minor (720 Single Oxford, 720 Pl. Bob): W. J. Atkins 1, P. L. Knight (first Minor "inside") 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. A. Rees 4, F. H. Walters 5, M. Hatchett (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Everest 1, M. W. Thompson 2, N. Butcher 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest 5, R. Hayes 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, W. J. Bear 8. For Chiddingstone Festival.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marion A. Cass (first T.B.) 1, Maureen J. Carruthers (first Surprise as cond.) 2, G. H. Walker (first Camb. Minor) 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, L. C. Hanney 6. Rung for Evensong, and to celebrate the conductor's First Class Honours Degree in chemistry.

COLESHILL, WARKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Ensor 1, Dawn Holly (first Triples) 2, Lynda M. Deebank 3, Anne E. Deebank 4, L. L. Willis 5, D. L. Hooper 6, M. F. Edwards (cond.) 7, H. Walker 8. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Taylor 2, J. Aldridge (first quarter) 3, I. Coleman 4, B. Knight 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. To mark the 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. T. W. Dealy (former curate, now of Lincoln) and Mrs. Dealy.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 20th, 1,280 London S. Major: Amette Bradbury (first T.B. Major) 1, Christine Baldock 2, Janet Percy 3, Ann Smith 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Fox (first Grandsire) 1, H. Reynolds 2, G. Welch (first Grandsire) 3, G. Beeney 4, I. Rees (first attempt as cond., first Grandsire "inside") 5, S. Green (first quarter) 6, D. Ramsay (first Grandsire) 7, S. Rees (first quarter) 8. Rung prior to an Anglo-Methodist Youth Service

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss R. J. Sinden 2, R. J. Elliott 3, B. L. Marks 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. J. Birch 6, L. Mannering (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung following the wedding of Alan P. S. Berry and Anne Barber.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. C. Fisher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Joy Brown 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. H. Gould 4, P. G. Erith (cond.) 5, T. Cole 6.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. C. Glazebrook 1, A. C. Berry (cond.) 2, H. B. Scholfield 3, J. E. Whittall 4, P. S. Robertson 5, P. D. Warren 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Grinnell, of Pershore.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. K. Miller 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, E. Rice 3, L. Miller 4, R. C. Beale 5, R. A. Welch 6. Rung as a 2nd birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the third and godson of the sixth ringer

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Joan Downing 3, I. Vaughan 4, I. Pickard 5, J. A. Downing 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, G. Standen 8. A farewell to Joan Downing, who has accepted a teaching appointment at East Africa Conservatoire of Music, Nairobi, Kenya.

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HINDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Minor: J. R. Hobbs 1, Miss S. Moore 2, J. E. Newman 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. F. Lee (cond., Kent) 5, R. L. Coles (cond., Cambridge) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Anne Pullan 2, J. Fowler 3, Joan Peacock 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, and to welcome Michael Colin Pain, a son for Chris and Margaret Pain, born August 28th.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. I. Cox 1, G. Featherstone 2, A. Stott 3, V. M. Bean (first "inside") 4, M. Hillary 5, R. Crabtree 6, P. Norman 7, D. Featherstone (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Hull 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Bryony P. Moorby 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone 6, N. Thomson (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Stracey 1, A. J. Cox (first as cond.) 2, A. G. Frost (first "inside") 3, P. C. Fleming 4, P. R. Fletcher 5, P. Lovelack 6. For the forthcoming wedding of A. Frost to Miss J. Donegani on Sept. 6th at Wellington, Salop.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, R. P. Pearce 2, H. Miles 3, T. R. Hart 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,330 Pl. Bob Major: E. H. Mastin 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, Clare R. Taylor 3, V. Bowen 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, O. Needham 6, E. J. Taylor 7, R. Harrop (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 5.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Smart 1, F. Harper 2, R. Balls 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, R. A. Currell (first quarter) 6. Rung for the institution of Rev. Eric Hague.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S.C. D. Irwin 1, Ex-S.C. T. E. Marks 2, S. Sgt. G. W. Rendell (cond.) 3, Ch. Insp. F. Sandy 4, G. W. Rendell 5, S.C. H. Greenham 6. Rung half-muffled by a representative band of the National Police Guild as a tribute to S.C. J. Guppy, of Montacute, after his funeral.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. F. Porter 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, R. Boultbee 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, J. K. Baker 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Little Bob Minor: W. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, M. H. Sinden 4, D. Phillipson 5, C. Sharp (cond.) 6. Longest touch in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Le Marachel 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Pip E. Menniss 3, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 4, R. S. Parratt (first Minor) 5, D. A. Fallick 6. A birthday compliment to Ian M. McCallion.

ODCOMBE, SOM.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Rendell, jun. 1, G. W. Rendell, sen. (cond.) 2, R. E. Guppy 3, D. J. Pollard 4, A. G. Woodhouse 5, H. Lloyd 6. A farewell to the sixth ringer: it was also his first quarter.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,292 Plain Bob Minimus: R. Turner (first quarter) 1, J. Leary (first quarter) 2, J. Arkwell (cond.) 3, P. Rose 4, P. Attwood 5.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND. — At St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Spence 1, R. H. Idle (cond.) 2, Gillian Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, E. S. Tillman (first quarter) 5.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 27th, 1,800 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Patricia Oliver 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, T. J. Bell 5, T. N. Hitchens 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On July 27th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, S. B. Bell 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Linfoot (cond.) 1, Miss J. Pollard 2, Miss A. Barmby 3, A. R. Naylor (first quarter) 4, A. Rogers 5, D. Smith 6.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 25th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. J. Bell 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. N. Hitchens 3, D. A. Trethewey 4,

OBITUARY

Ald. SIR THEODORE PRITCHETT, M.C., D.L.

A member of a famous ringing family, Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett died on August 29th in a Birmingham hospital at the age of 78.

Sir Theodore's father was one of four brothers who rang London Surprise Major at King's Norton at a time when it was rare to find a local band capable of ringing the method. One of Sir Theodore's uncles was Ald. John S. Pritchett, who was for many years presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild. John S. will be remembered by many ringers for his dignified chairmanship at the Henry Johnson dinner and for his ready wit and silvery voice.

Sir Theodore was the senior partner in a firm of solicitors and had completed 45 years on the Birmingham City Council, 16 of them as leader of the Conservative Party until 1964. He occupied the high office of Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1939–1940, an office subsequently held by his staunch friend, the late Ald. Paddon Smith. He was a fine advocate and his reputation for courtesy and integrity was widely acknowledged —even by his political opponents. His love of the country was inherited from his father, who farmed at King's Norton where Sir Theodore was born.

In his early years, although he remembered being taken up the tower at King's Norton to watch the ringing on various occasions, he was not encouraged to learn. It was not until much later in life, and no doubt due to the enthusiasm of his friend Paddon Smith, that his interest in ringing was roused. Commencing to ring at 60 years of age necessarily limited his progress, although his enthusiasm was boundless. He visited St. Martin's for practice on many occasions and rang as one of the local band at Tanworth-in-Arden. His home was at Ullenhall, where his spare time was happily spent on his 60-acre farm.

Sir Theodore leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. Such a friendly and lovable man was Sir Theodore that he leaves a host of friends who will feel a sense of loss at his passing. G. E. F.

MR. E. GREENACRE

Mr. Edward (Ted) Greenacre, 57, Columbia Way, King's Lynn, died suddenly on July 17th, aged 69 years. The funeral took place at St. Faith's, Gaywood, followed by cremation at Norwich.

He was a bellringer for 54 years at the churches of St. Faith, Gaywood, and St. Margaret, King's Lynn (with the exception of the war years when bellringing was not allowed), and was also a member of the Gaywood band of handbell ringers.

He had rung several peals in the district, being a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had helped teach many of the younger generation the art of bellringing.

He was so enthusiastic that he acquainted himself with the science of campanology and bell manufacture, in so much that he had on occasions given lectures on this subject.

On July 20th at St. Faith's, Gaywood, and on July 22nd at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, the bells were rung muffled in his memory.

CANON H. R. WILDS

Whilst on holiday in the Isle of Wight Canon Hedley Ralph Wilds, Vicar of Rowledge, Surrey, had a heart attack on August 30th and died three hours later in Ryde Hospital, at the age of 67. Canon Wilds in his youth learned to handle a bell rope in the Weybridge, Surrey, area but did not continue in the art, although his interest in bells and bellringing never flagged. He became Vicar of Thames Ditton and later Rector of Farnham, in the Guildford Diocese, and in both these incumbencies was a popular and regular visitor to all organised ringing functions. Both the churches at Thames Ditton and Farnham were restored through the efforts and leadership of Canon Wilds, and at the latter this included the recasting and rehanging of the ring of eight bells. On the evening of the funeral a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Andrew's, Farnham, by the local company and a memorial service is to be held later.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In connection with our feature article re Leicester Cathedral (pp. 727/739) the Dinner Committee would like to thank the Very Rev. J. C. Hughes, Provost of the Cathedral, and Mr. Shirley Burton, the Ringing Master, for their help.

His many friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, Surrey, is in Milford Chest Hospital with a recurrence of bronchial asthma, the complaint which has kept him away from ringing for some time. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick Davies are returning to England at the beginning of October after three years in the United States. While there they were instrumental in setting up the North American Guild, which now holds regular meetings in the East Coast area. Geoff is taking up an appointment in the Chemistry Department at the University of Kent at Canterbury and is hoping to resume his former peal ringing activities. Elizabeth, who was taught to ring at King's Norton, Birmingham, is interested in getting back into practice, and Warwick, who is now three years old, will probably want to join them in their visits to the Kentish towers.

Next on the list for 1,000 peal honours is probably Bernard F. L. Groves. He rang his 950th peal at Morpeth Watch Tower on August 31st.

Miss Ann Gardner, of the Washington Cathedral band, arrives in England this month. She is taking a two-year post-graduate course at Oxford University.

The latest programme schedule of Radio Nederland tells the story of the Hemony brothers. Copies may be obtained free from Radio Nederland English Section, P.O. Box 222, Hilversum, Holland.

Mr. Charles Denyer, who takes up his duties as editor of "The Ringing World" on October 1st, is grateful to the many ringing friends and acquaintances who have sent messages of congratulations and good wishes on his appointment. He hopes to reply individually in due time.

During the recent Bank Holiday weekend peals were rung at Tewkesbury Abbey, Bristol Cathedral and Cheltenham, methods being Cambridge Maximus, Spliced Surprise Major and Yorkshire Maximus respectively. Taking part in the peals of Maximus was Mr. George Fearn, who reached yet another landmark by ringing his 2,300th peal at Tewkesbury.

Comment

PEAL RINGING

Why is it that many of today's Branch members are against peal ringing? Basically, I am sure that all ringers have the same object in mind, that is to improve the standard of ringing for Sunday service. Why, then, when a band of ringers get together to ring a peal of unusual methods are they condemned by the anti-peal ringers?

I think it is about time we took a critical look at ourselves and answered a few questions truthfully.

Firstly.—Are we not a bit envious of these peal ringers? If this is the case then we should do something about it, such as asking these ringers if they would allow us to stand in some of their peals, or alternatively, to arrange a peal of our own and invite one or two of them to ring in it. I am sure they would be willing to oblige.

Secondly.—I am sure that 95% of all peal ringers do their main job of ringing at their own towers on Sundays and practice nights (when they are held) and also help to teach new recruits in their towers, and often at other towers too!

If one takes the trouble to look up some unusual methods one finds that they are not so difficult and well within the comprehension of most of us. Therefore, because at first sight the methods seem to be above us, we should not condemn those who do attempt to ring them.

Surely we should not condemn others until we are perfect ourselves: none of us are perfect (or are we?).

I hope this article will give room for thought. Perhaps if we think about it we might bear with peal ringers a little.

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HIGHCLERE "WELCOME HOME" PEAL

Regarding recent correspondence in "The Ringing World" on local band peals and resident bands of Guilds attempting something new with outside help, it has been the policy of the local Sunday service band at Highclere since 1967, when Plain Bob Minor was first rung by a Sunday service band.

Since then Kent Minor has also been rung and in January, 1968, and 1969 Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples.

It was in January that thoughts turned to Bob Major and a date in August was fixed then when all the band would be available, one being away in the Royal Navy at Plymouth, and as a surprise to the Rector it would also be a "Welcome home" peal for him on his return from America after a two-month exchange visit with the Rev. Johnson, of St. John's, Bernardsville, New Jersey, U.S.A., at the end of August.

The peal was well rung with a good beat throughout and the band were well pleased to add Major to their other achievements.

With another member due to join the R.A.F. it is hoped to attempt Cambridge Minor before he goes. G. D.

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ALL SAINTS DOUBLES

Mr. W. L. Exton informs us that the first peal of All Saints Doubles was rung at All Saints' Church, Swinderby, on May 27th, 1954, conducted by F. G. Hooper. He believes that a quarter peal had been rung previously in the West Country.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY

Five new members were elected at the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at East Hoathly on August 26th. Owing to the Association committee meeting the October meeting will be held on the first Saturday in November at Brede, if possible.

Owing to the often high cost of tea it was decided to pay no more than 3s. 6d. and, if necessary, to make own arrangements for tea.

The latest date for obtaining tickets for the 1969 dinner from the divisional secretary is September 20th.

About 35 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, when ringing ranged from rounds to London.

"ELY SENTINEL" NOTES

"The Sentinel", the production of the Ely Diocesan Association, has many items of interest in its September issue. The cover picture, in colour, of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton-in-the-Isle, is the pièce de résistance.

It is stated that on a recent outing the ringers discovered Holt, a village near Norwich, which until recently only had two bells. They were augmented to six with bells from a disused church at Norwich, the tenor being 8 cwt.

At Cromer there hangs in the tower a lamp used in olden times to warn ships at sea. There is an opening in the tower, oddly named Harry Yaxley's Hole. Harry was a mischievous schoolboy who went birdnesting up the tower. Quarrelling with another boy over the plunder, he was picked up and dropped through the opening, happily landing on the roof of the nave more frightened than hurt! The ringers were more occupied with ringing the six bells (these should be an octave) and no one was reported missing! The view from the battlements is outstanding and the tower is open to visitors most days.

At Buxton the six bells were utilised. The party noted with interest a tablet in the church with a cherub above it lamenting the death of Mary Ann Kent in 1773. This little girl, aged four, had received an inoculation—which was by no means as safe as now—and this evidently caused her death, for "her fond parents, deluded by a prevalent custom, suffered the rough hand of Art to wound the flourishing root of nature and rob the little innocent of the gracious gift of Life."

As from March next "The Sentinel" will appear twice yearly instead of three times.

RESEARCH

At Slapton, Northants, in a tower of a very old edifice, is a badly cracked bell, bearing replicas of the royal heads of Edward III and his Queen, Philippa (1327–1377), together with a Latin inscription—VLTIMA SV TRINA CAMPANA VOCOR KTERNA, which translated means "I am the last of the three—I am called bell Katharine".

Apart from a small sanctus bell hung in an opening of the tower **there are only two bells**, the other inscribed XPE AVDI NOS. The 1552 inventory of all church goods quotes Slapton (near Towcester) as then having ij great bells and a sanctus, as does the inventory of 1700.

In 1634 a Thomas Cooper, of Woodend (a nearby hamlet), rehung the two **in a new oak frame for two** which bears his name. So the question arises: When had the tower **three** bells? unless the sanctus was counted, which is not, and never has been, the usual practice.

If there was a third (and I have no doubt that from this inscription there was) it must have been at some time between the mid-14th and mid-16th centuries (Edward III to Edward VI), very likely after the Reformation and destruction of the monasteries in 1538, and before 1552, when looting of Church property caused the 1552 inventory to be compiled.

Recently at Welford, a silver chalice of 1518 was unearthed—believed hidden from those lootings. A third bell (possibly a treble) could have gone the same way about that time—it would be interesting to know the truth, which, like the 1518 chalice, may one day be revealed: this cracked bell's inscription cannot tell lies! Being pre-Reformation (as the replicas of Edward III and Queen Philippa prove it to be) it is doubtful whether it could be recast, despite the fact that old inscriptions can be replaced.

Who cast the two bells (and the possibly missing third)? It is generally believed to be Simon-de-Hazfeld. As for the sanctus bell, this is older and bears the inscription RD DE-WYMBIS ME FECIT. De-Wymbis was operating during the reign of Edward I and part of that of Edward II.

In a clock tower at nearby Catesby Hall (pulled down soon after the last war) was another Richard-de-Wymbis small bell. I was once asked by a librarian and museum curator if I could identify plaster moulds taken from its inscriptions and tell its age.

Slapton's Church of St. Botolph is one of the oldest in Northants and worth a visit (ringing apart) if only to see its small but very strong tower. Paintings on its walls (covered up since Puritan times) have recently been uncovered. P. A.

MISS DOREEN EDWARDS' ACCIDENT

All ringers who know Doreen will sympathise with her as she has met with a serious accident, a car crash being responsible.

Miss Edwards lives at Sandbach, Cheshire, and is a keen member of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and rings regularly for Sunday services.

It is to be hoped that it will not be too long before she has recovered sufficiently to take her place again in ringing activities.

J. H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The village of Salle was the venue for the Northern Branch meeting on Saturday, September 6th.

The Vicar (Rev. W. F. P. Kelly) conducted the service and gave the address; he reminded ringers of their duty not only to call people to church by the message of the bells but to set an example and take an active part in the life of the church.

The lesson was read by Mr. F. N. Golden; Miss B. Jewell was at the organ, accompanied by Mary Nicholls on the trumpet.

Over 40 members enjoyed an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Kelly, local ringers' wives and widows; as it just happened to be the secretary's birthday, his wife had made a birthday cake, which it seems was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Marion Gilbert, of Drayton, was elected a member; Brian Bladon (Christ Church, Swindon) and Simon Wigg (St. Michael's, Maidstone) were elected life members; the belfry election prior to a peal at Mancroft was ratified.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. B. Howchin, who died on June 28th: he was for some years Master of the Mancroft company.

Margaret A. Bunting, Roy E. Smith and Adril Walton were congratulated on ringing their first peal.

The secretary felt it should go on record what the Association owed to the skill and knowledge of David House: for the few years he had been here great advancement had been made in method ringing. Both Janet and David are leaving the district for a time and our best wishes go with them.

The Association Ringing Master (Mr. P. Adcock) told the meeting that the final of the striking competition would be held at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, October 11th.

It was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Hethersett on Saturday, December 13th.

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped make the meeting a success.

The president (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow) joined in the ringing at Reepham during the evening, having had a prior engagement during the afternoon. C. B.

PEALS AROUND THE PEAKS

PEALS RUNG FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRETFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Peter Randall	5
Christine A. Andrew	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
John F. Thorne	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck and S. Humphrey.
Conducted by John H. Fielden. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

John F. Thorne	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	6
J. Barry PUickup	2	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Josephine A. Quilter	3	John H. Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Donald F. Murfet	5	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Aug 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Peter Randall	Treble	Michael J. Platt	7
Edward Jenkins	2	Peter G. Brown	8
Christine A. Andrew	3	Peter S. Bennett	9
David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	10
Hazel A. Mackenzie	5	Richard S. Starkie	11
Tudor P. Edwards	6	Dereck Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
John H. Fielden	2	Peter Randall	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

SWINTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 7 lb. in D.

J Barry Pickup	2	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
James L. Towler	3	John H. Fielden	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

MILES PLATTING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G

Donald E. Murfet	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	David E. Rothera	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

SALFORD, Lancs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Frederick Shallcross	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter Randall	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Donald F. Murfet	7
Susan Rothera	4	Michael D. Fishwick	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
J. Barry Pickup	3	Dereck Butterworth	9
John H. Fielden	4	Peter S. Bennett	10
Basil Jones	5	James L. Towler	11
Peter G. Brown	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWCHURCH KENYON, Lancashire. — (Unknown.)
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	David E. Rothera	7
John F. Thorne	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

James L. Towler	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
R. David Baker	3	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	R. David Baker	6
Maryl R. Fielden	2	David E. Rothera	7
Susan Rothera	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Anthony H. Smith	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Michael Platt	5	Donald E. Murfet	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Peter G. Brown	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
James L. Towler	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Michael D. Fishwick	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	John H. Fielden	6
Hazel A. Mackenzie	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by James L. Towler.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

John F. Thorne	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Peter Randall	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Hazel Mackenzie	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Michael D. Fishwick	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb.

Neil Bennett	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	John H. Fielden	8
Susan Rothera	3	Basil Jones	9
James L. Towler	4	Robert B. Smith	10
David E. Rothera	5	Richard S. Starkie	11
Peter S. Bennett	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 576 changes of Ashtead and Lincolnshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb.

Peter Randall	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	John H. Fielden	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	James L. Towler	7
David E. Rothera	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

R. David Baker	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Peter Randall	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James L. Towler.

PEALS IN PEMBROKESHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. David.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Christine Andrew	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Derek H. Walters	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Christine Andrew.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Alec Marsh on his birthday.

TENBY, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
David J. Llewellyn	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Christine Andrew	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Robert B. Smith Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

CARMARTHEN, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
Christine Andrew	2	*Alexander E. Marsh	6
Robert B. Smith	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.
* 100th peal.

HAVERFORDWEST, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Richard L. Underwood	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Ronald F. Andrew	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Arranged from C. K. Lewis'. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Gillian M. Morrison	Treble	Robert Peers	5
Charles F. Pocock	2	Geoffrey C. Sparling	6
*Lynda M. Roberts	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Donald Peers	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to two local ringers—Elizabeth Tann on her marriage to Geoffrey Paice, and Carol Cross-Rudkin on her engagement to Barry Edwards, and also to congratulate Angela and Bob Peers on the birth of a daughter, Jane.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
BRAMPTON, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*David G. Kealey	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
†Geoffrey Tembey	2	†Harry Byrom	5
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	3	‡Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal. † First in seven methods ‡ First in seven methods on tower bells.
Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Tembey.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BRIDGERULE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

A. Nicholas Hine	Treble	Christopher F. Longridge	5
D. Roy Bould	2	John C. Mitchelmore	6
Timothy C. Hine	3	John N. Longridge	7
John L. Anderson	4	Peter L. Bill	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

MODBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Two 2,160's and 720. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Norman Mallett	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore	4
D. Roy Bould	2	John N. Longridge	5
Merryn D. Hutchings	3	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
S. Clarke Walters	3	Alan McFall	9
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Richard Youdale	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Basil Jones	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.

ROKER. Sunderland, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Ann Lawson	2	†Basil Jones	7
*Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Brian Harris	9
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. † 800th peal.

MORPETH. Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Basil Jones	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Alan McFall	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 950th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	6
Christopher Forster	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Heather M. McArthur	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	8
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	9
Michael J. Hallett	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.) Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 25th peal.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Stephen G. Halliwell	Treble	Kevin H. Hughes	5
*Peter G. Giles	2	Gerald A. Bacon	6
Thomas R. Sharp	3	David Sloman	7
Bernard C. Sadler	4	Michael J. Hallett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Sloman.
* First peal.

THAXTED. Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert J. Lindsell	Treble	Alan R. Syder	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Cecil J. Barker	3	Walter Arnold	7
*Anne C. Simkins	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.
Rung in memory of Robert Charles Heazel at the church where he was a ringing member.

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Philip J. Rothera	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
*Robert W. Leavett	2	James L. Towler	6
*Keith W. Brown	3	*Yvonne A. Murray	7
*Richard J. Harrison	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Thomas H. Francis	Treble	John Hartless	7
Neil Bennett	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Richard H. Youdale	3	Philip N. Tubbs	9
Michael J. Best	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
R. Roger Savory	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Robert C. Kippin / David E. House	Tenor

Composed by R. E. J. Denris. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,200 each of Lincolnshire and Rutland, with 80 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	6
David F. Moore	2	Martin Green	7
Christine L. J. Mills	3	R Brian Mills	8
John M. Jelley	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Monica M. Jelley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation and Collegiate Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
On Sat., Aug 16, 1969, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Martin Green	Treble	John M. Jelley	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*Alec R. Jones	5
John M. Jelley	2	David F. Moore	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal in the method.

SWITHLAND. Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Hilary F. Watson-Walker	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
*Bridget Critchlow	2	George A. Barber	5
David F. Moore	3	†Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted, by David F. Moore.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal.
Rung with best wishes to Mrs. Mary Harris, of Swithland, a former chorister at this church and aunt of the tenor ringer, for her birthday.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Trevor Newlands	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	6
Bruce Martin	2	Philip M. J. Gray	7
J. Michael Lakin	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Stephen Fenwick	4	James R. Taylor	9
*Paul A. Williams	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 50th peal for the Association. First of Royal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

LLANDILO, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Teilo.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and four variations. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Ruth E. Stickland	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	3	Edmund J. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. G. J. B. Stickland as priest-in-charge of the Conventional District of St. Dyfrig's, Llanrumney.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Alan D. Flood	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Michael J. Church	6
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
William Birmingham	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (Tipler's B58/17.)

BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR
B. 34, 58, 34, 16—12—38—14—58—16—78. b. d. falseness.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

*Kevin S. Hohl	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	6
*Carole A. H. Patey	2	David Cubitt	7
Janet House	3	Peter Adcock	8
Martin Cubitt	4	David E. House	9
*Thomas E. Spight	5	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Martin Cubitt	Treble	David G. Adams	5
*Heather A. Kippin	2	Peter Adcock	6
George P. Adams	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Janet House	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Rutland
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon R. G. E. Dodson, with grateful thanks for his kindness to ringers.

EAST HARLING, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
*Henry Tooke	2	Clifford Bird	5
David Cubitt	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* 500th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Patricia May King and Mr. Christopher Barrell on the eve of their wedding. (Miss King is a member of the East Harling company, of which her father is Master.)

BERGH APTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
*Adrial Walton	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H William Barrett.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHECKENDON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's six-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Ronald W. Webb	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
William J. Irving	2	Robert B. Blond	6
†Ian Judd	3	William L. Gilkes	7
†Augustus K. Gray	4	*David Coppock	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of George J. Hearns, a ringer at Checkendon for 30 years, tower captain for 20 years, who was instrumental in getting the ring augmented to eight. Died suddenly on August 17th, 1969.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St. Clement's Bob, Buxton and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

David J. Thorne	Treble	†Raymond Henman	4
*Christopher G. Chiplin	2	†Barry R. Care	5
J. Malcolm Tyler	3	David J. Morgan	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal "inside." † 26th peal together.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 864 Watford, 832 each Superlative and Pudsey, 800 Cambridge and 736 Bristol, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Stephen Barton	3	*Maurice F. Edwards	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., July 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5232 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*John L. Anderson	Treble	*§Timothy F. Collins	7
*†Melvyn J. Hiller	2	Graham W. Elmes	8
Mary E. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	9
‡Alan D Flood	4	‡¶Michael J. Church	10
‡§Katharine J. Maundrell	5	Richard H. Youdale	11
‡¶Rowan S. Bradley	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Maximus. § 25th together. ¶ 25th together and first of Kent T.B. First of Kent T.B. Maximus by all except the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	William L. Exton	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	George A. Dawson	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	David J. Marshall	9
Harry Poyner	4	James W. Raithby	10
R. Brian Mills	5	Simon Humphrey	11
Paul Raithby	6	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard Inglis.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, benefactor to this diocese and donor of these bells; also in memory of George Edward Foster, for many years a ringer at this tower, who died on August 8th, 1969.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard B. Dorrington	Treble	David J. Bates	5
Richard J. Warrilow	2	Ian Friend	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
Clive M. Smith	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being one extent each of Stedman, St. Osmund and Rev. Canterbury, six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire, and 21 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Vernon B. Bedford	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Christine Broadley	3	†A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Roger N. Scholes.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Cecil Longhurst	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Harold Wood	2	Geoffrey C. Rix	6
Timothy D. W. Banner	3	David D. Smith	7
Reginald V. Johnson	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David D. Smith.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Raymond Wood.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

REDRUTH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Euny. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Janet S. Evans	Treble	†T. Roy Hart	5
Alan Carveth	2	Timothy J. Bell	6
Canon A. S. Roberts	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
F. Malcolm Bowers	4	Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

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

Rung as a farewell to Roy Hart, of Redruth, on leaving for college.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints. On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 18 extents (10 callings) and four each of Pitman's, Morris's and Price's 12-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*R. Diane Carter	Treble	*Robert J. Perry	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	†F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

LUDGVAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Ludgvan. On Fri., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Newark, Antelope and Wollaton—and 60 variations, in 42 extents.

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

*E. Lesley Evans	Treble	F. Malcolm Bowers	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
T. Roy Hart	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.

* First peal at first attempt.

GWENNAP, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Weneppa. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five methods—Plain Bob, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 60 variations, in 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

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

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* 25th peal. First on the bells for 42 years.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter, Paul and Swithun. On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Jessie M. Kippin	Treble	*Michael J. Young	7
*Philippa M. Tubbs	2	Charles H. Kippin	8
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Graham C. Grant	9
Ann M. Tubbs	4	Gordon Benfield	10
*Geoffrey Cooper	5	Richard H. Youdale	11
Philip N. Tubbs	6	*J. Ashmore Dodd	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal by a resident Sunday service band on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Very Rev O. H. Gibbs-Smith on his retirement.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

*Jean Dale	Treble	†David Wilson	5
Rev. Roger Keeley	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
David L. Cull	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,824 Bristol, 1,248 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method.

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

Timothy F. Collins	Treble	William E. Cheater	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
William T. Perrins	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	7
Richard H. Youdale	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

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

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., July 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being five methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Cambridge, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) Cambridge, (5) Wells, (6) London, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 3¼ cwt. in C sharp.

John F. M. Maybrey	Treble	*Dale Barton	4
Richard Green	2	Richard H. Youdale	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Minor.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Richard H. Youdale	Treble	John P. Colliss	4
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	†William T. Perrins	5
Richard Green	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* 150th peal. † 100th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Michael L. Lashford	Treble	Joseph Warr	5
M. Irene Brown	2	John J. Durham	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Geoffrey Westwood	7
Peter J. Brown	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by Richard F. J. Speed.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BROADWAY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Eadburgh. On Sat., Aug. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Shirley Drew	Treble	Geoffrey Drew	4
Christopher Himms	2	Roman Sadowski	5
Richard Tibbles	3	Peter S. Robertson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.

Rung as a compliment to Barbara and Nicholas Strombeck after their wedding on August 21st, 1969

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Scottish Episcopal Church of All Saints. On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 4 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Maris C. Stephenson	Treble	Ian M. Holland	6
John J. L. Gilbert	2	*Richard S. Dirksen	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Ronald Ducker	8
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Ian G. Campbell	5	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

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NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

COLBORNE—DAVIES.—The engagement is announced between Graham Colborne, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and Jane Davies, of Bath, Somerset. 7718

WAKE—CLARK.—The engagement is announced between Michael J. Wake, of Felpham, Sussex, and Patricia Clark, of Pagham, Sussex. 7729

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEW.—Mike and his bird (Catherine) are moving nest, to 13 West Way, Harpenden, Herts, on September 18th. 7702

HEDGCOCK—The address of Jim Hedgcock as of now is The Rectory, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent. Tel.: Hythe 66932. From September 20th the address will be c/o 71, Chart Road, Folkestone, Kent. Tel.: 76542. 7733

HOUSE.—David and Janet House are now living at Flat 5, 43, The Chase, Clapham Common, London, S.W.4. Telephone: 01-720 2604. 7699

PETT.—The address of Tim and Gillian is now Flat No. 1, Paddock House, Brook Street, Benson, Oxon. Sorry no telephone but ringing friends welcome to call. 7707

PERSONAL

"Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another."—Galatians v, 26.

U.A. TOUR, 1969.—Sincere thanks. Nice to be remembered again. Regret unable participate. Return greetings to all.—YORK. 7714

DO any of the following ring a bell?—Kingsway, Faraday, Anchor, Newhall, Woodcroft, Tunbridge Wells, Trunk. If interested please contact: Director, 32, Bridge Down, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. 7713

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY is pleased to welcome all freshers. For details of our activities write to Miss Gillian Cleaver, Cedars, Durrant Lane, Northam, Bideford, Devon. 7549

RINGERS coming up to University College, Cardiff, this term, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral: Sunday, 10.15–11, 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6; P.N., Tuesday, 7.15–9. 7708

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Meet us at the Freshers Bazaar or at St. Mary-de-Castro's (Leicester) at 7.30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6th. If you'd like further information please write to Ann H. Whaley, Ornsby Hill House, Lanchester, Durham. 7700

RINGING COURSES

BELLRINGING COURSE.—Class in bellringing, based on Market Weighton Evening Institute and local towers, Monday or Tuesday evenings. Details from Norman Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, York. 7715

RESIDENTIAL WEEK-END COURSE IN BELLRINGING.—The next course at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon, Yorkshire, will be from November 14th/16th and will be designed to meet the needs of tutors and beginners and cover a wide range of topics. **Tutors:** Norman Chaddock, Nolan Golden, Frederick Sharpe and Wilfrid Moreton. Write now to the Warden, Grantley Hall, for details and application form. 7716

MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Swindon Festival will be held on Oct. 11th. It is hoped to have all Branch towers open. Names for supper to Mrs. Jaques, 59 Swindon Road, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, by Sept. 30th. Programmes also available from Mrs. Jaques. 7720

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—Open Day, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing from 2 to 6 p.m. W.I. stall, teas, etc. Country dancing. Traction engine. 7712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Hotel, Preston.
Tickets (27/6) from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 7705

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
TRIENNIAL DINNER
On October 25th, 1969
At the Green Man, Kingsbury
Tickets, 30/–, now available from
E. H. Kilby, 190 Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middx.
W. S. Deason, 78, Strathcona Avenue, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 7686

BUSHBURY PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC
From 3 p.m., Friday, September 26th, to 9 p.m., Monday, September 29th. Church and tower open until 9 p.m. each day, and with the exception of Sunday and each afternoon from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. (various musical recitals) the bells will be available.
Saturday morning has been reserved for a peal attempt.
Dedication Service, Friday, 26th, at 7.30 p.m
Address: Bishop of Lichfield.
All ringers welcome—especially for services. 7692

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 1st, 1969

The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, London, E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m

Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary.

Remittances to be made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements will be published later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7648

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER
Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, Saturday, October 18th, 1969,
7.15 p.m
Tickets (one guinea) from F. C. A. Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, Nr. Wolverhampton. 7525

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL
September 20th and 21st
Ringing:
Saturday: 3–4, 6.30–7.45
Sunday: 3–4, 5.45–6.30
All welcome. Refreshments available. 7693

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford
On Saturday, October 18th
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-.
S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, by Wednesday, October 15th. 7723

Come to
BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS
September 27th and 28th
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Local History—River Pageant (27th)
Ringing at St. Michael's (10):
Saturday: 2.30–4.30, 7.30–9.
Sunday: 2–4.
All ringers welcome. 7730

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Autumn Meeting at
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Saturday, September 27th
PROGRAMME
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J. A. Hoare, Hon. Secretary 7698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Canterbury District
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, SEASALTER
(Whitstable High Street)
DEDICATION OF THE NEW RING OF SIX BELLS
Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.
By the Lord Bishop of Dover.
Sunday, 21st September, 1969 at 11.15 a.m.
General ringing: 12.30–1.15 p.m.
2.30–3.30 p.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
All ringers will be particularly welcome at the service, and are invited to stay on for the ringing sessions.—David L. Cawley, Tower Captain. 7746

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 21/- each, from J. L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Marne Gardens, Lincoln (Tel. 23662), or from Branch hon secretaries.

Ringing: St. Giles', Lincoln (8), 2–3 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), 3–4 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6), 3.30–4.30 p.m.; Washingborough (8), 4.30–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6), 5.30–6.15 p.m. 7689

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District, Roydon.—No ringing until further notice owing to fire damage.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 7673

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown Friday, Sept. 19th, 7.30–9 p.m 7650

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice. Ashtead, on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Ashtead, Rutland. 7584

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—There will be no practice at St. Woolos' Cathedral on Tuesday, September 30th. 7719

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—Practice nights will now be on Tuesdays, 7.30–9 (alternately at St. Nicolas' and St Helen's), instead of Wednesdays as previously. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Smith, 3, Westfield, Abingdon. 7630

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Huntingdon District and Peterborough Branch.—Joint meeting, Sept. 20th, Woodston. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business meeting. Also Fletton (5) 3–4 p.m. only; Stanground (6) evening only. Names for tea to L. Brighton, 165, Belsize Avenue, Woodston.—R. Daw 7696

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7691

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, South Weald, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. R. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood, Essex. Further ringing after tea 7596

HERTFORD AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint District meeting.—Bishop's Stortford and North West Essex. Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Satudray, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sept. 20th, St Paul's, Walden. 3 p.m Tea and meeting follow. Evening ringing at King's Walden 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. F. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Sellindge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Silver Spray Restaurant, Sellindge, for those who notify Alan P. S. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone ('phone Folkestone 75651). 7667

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, Christ Church, Southgate. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 7669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual District meeting, Ludgarshall, Bucks, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 7660

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—A meeting of the Calne Branch will be held at Lyneham on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Godwin, 83, The Green, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 7704

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday Sept 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 7670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Wingfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th, 6.30–9 p.m. 7663

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting. Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 7.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 7647

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—St. Kea, Saturday, Sept. 20th Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. BARBECUE 8.15 p.m. Towers open: St. Clement, St. Gluvias, Kenwyn and Perran-ar-Worthal Names, please, to Miss B. J. Duck, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 7690

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Pensnett bells (8) also available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Flower Festival All welcome. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Tel.: Stourbridge 3470. 7592

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting at Lacock (6), Monday, Sept. 22nd 7.30 p.m 7724

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Merriott, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, etc.—R. J. Dean. 7739

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Striking contest, Silsoe, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells for practice ringing 2.30 p.m. Contest 3.30. Tea and judges' remarks in Flitton Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing at Flitton in evening. Names, please, to Mr. T. Harris, 10, The Grove, Silsoe, Beds, as soon as possible. Advanced practice, Woburn, Wednesday, October 1st. 7701

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eccleston, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. E. Stubbs, Eaton Park, Eccleston, Chester, **by Wednesday, Sept. 24th, without fail.** 7732

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Warburton (8), on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Definitely NO NAME—NO TEA! Names to Mr. P J. Powell, 38, Hopefield Road. Lymm, by Monday, Sept. 22nd. 7608

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Campsall, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. 7717

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the Rules can be obtained from Gen. Sec. Names for tea, please, except competing teams, to H S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, by September 24th. 7681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Chrishall (6) from 6.30–8.45 p.m. Names for tea to G Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7672

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Croome Trophy Ringing Competition, South Cerney, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Competition ringing 2–5.30 p.m. Buffet tea (4/-) 3.30–5. Service 6 p.m Ringing in neighbouring towers afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by Sept. 22nd 7680



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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

Neil Donovan	Treble	*Richard C. Stevens	6
*Stephen T. Yates	2	Richard Farnsworth	7
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Ian Friend	8
*Elizabeth Timmins	4	David Nicholls	9
Kathleen Higgins	5	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

(The Beverley and District Society.)
HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Paul Scrowston	Treble	Peter Church	5
Maris C. Stephenson	2	John R. Leary	6
Iris E. Piper	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Roderick R. Horton	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John R. Leary.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In seven methods, being 1,440 of Rutland, 720 each of London (No. 3), Wembley and Bollington and 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*C. Kenneth Lewis	7–8
		Gerald Moorhouse	9–10

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of 7-Surprise Royal "in hand." First of Royal in 7 methods as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 23, Culver Road.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Katherine S. Hardy	1–2	Michael D. Frost	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Robert E. Hardy	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
First handbell peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, comprising 2,800 of London (No. 3), 600 each of Cambridge, Clifton and Yorkshire and 400 of York, with 110 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
		†Julia A. Fellows	9–10

Composed and Conducted by John R. Wayne.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells. † First of Spliced Surprise Royal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
and THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY, D.C.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Frank C. Price	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	*Richard S. Dirksen (U.S.A.)	7–8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal "in hand" on eight bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—On the grass verge of the M1 Motorway.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven sightly different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Peter G. Holden	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
		Keith J. Walpole	5–6

Rung in memoriam Wirksworth Post Office.

NOTICES—continued

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Bramley, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting in Hall 5.15. Service 6.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. Davis, Mayfield, Linersh Wood Close, Bramley (Tel. 2610), by Tuesday, please. 7711

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sept. 27th, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Lawrence, 1, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, Ware, Herts.—P. Searles, Dis. Sec. 7741

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sharnford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Leics, by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 7728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Sept. 27th, West Hendred. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to C. Corderoy, "West-Wynds," Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 23rd. 7615

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Shrivenham, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea at the Boffin, High Street. Business meeting after and further ringing. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 7696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sept. 27th, Shottesbrooke. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 24th.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7721

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Pitsford, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Striking competition, evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7735

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Knoyle, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Donhead St. Mary bells 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 7734

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne on Sept. 27th. Bells 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 7722

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting Sept. 27th at Whitby (10). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7737

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells: Rothwell (8), 4–5 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.: Woodlesford (6) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Massam, 34, Park Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. B. Sullivan, R. Cater. 7688

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, All Saints', Maldon, Monday, Sept. 29th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7727

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District).—Joint meeting, Halstead (8), Oct. 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Martin, Sunshine Cottage, Chapel Hill, Halstead. 7682

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Culmstock, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 7679

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual business meeting at Edenbridge (8), Oct. 4th. Ringing from 2.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. 7726

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Boston, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, by previous Tuesday.—R. Reynolds, Sec. 7684

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Gaisford, 35, Woolley Terrace, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. 7725

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, County Hotel, Taunton, October 11th, 7 p.m. Tickets 22/6 from R. F. Arscott, 25, Greenbrook Terrace, Taunton, before Oct. 6th. S.a.e., please. Ringing at Holy Trinity 5.30–6, Wilton 5.30–6.30 7710

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn festival, Tuckingmill, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 7736

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Sept. 27th, East Brent (6), 7–9 p.m.—M. Legg. 7743

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Final of the Crawford Cup will be held at Greasley on Sept. 27th. Ringing for this contest will take place before and after tea. Eastwood bells available in the afternoon. Names for tea, without fail, to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, by Sept. 24th. 7742

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Glemsford, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Bloomfield, Hollydon, Drapery Common, Glemsford, Sudbury, Suffolk, by Sept. 24th. 7745

QUARTER PEALS

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,284 Pl. Bob Minor: Marylin Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, Anne Edwards 3, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Christine Brace, a chorister, aged 15, interred this day.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Aug. 15th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent T.B. and Double Oxford and St. Clement's: B. Branston 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. Sismey 4, R. Daw 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Princess Anne. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: Miss D. Gray 1, Miss M. Simon 2, Mrs. D. Chamberlain 3, S. Twichett 4, J. Milton 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung by three smart college girls and three Old Boys.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, J. J. George 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, T. R. Hart 5, T. N. Hitchens 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. George 1, T. N. Hitchens (first "inside") 2, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, T. R Hart 5, F. M. Bowers 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Judith Ashcroft 1, Mary Pryor 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, Patricia Mills 4, W. H. Trewin 5, M. Pilgrim 6, H. Stacey 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRENSHAM, WORCS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,320 Rossendale Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, J. Clements 4, D. Price 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: D Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, P. Glazebrook 3, H. Watts 4, T. Camp 5.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maunders 1, June Sinfield 2, P. Aslett 3. W. F. Sear 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For evening service.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Hill 1, Iris Milton 2, F. Hawkes (cond.) 3, F. Matty 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6 Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong.

VERYAN, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 16th, 2,160 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Pearce (first Minor) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. A. Parsons 1, Miss K. L. Parsons (first "inside") 2, Miss G. Skelton 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Davis (first quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. A. Parsons 1, Miss K. L. Parsons 2, Miss E. Watts 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Turner 1, M. I. Davies 2, Mrs. D. Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, N. Carter 5, R. Osbon 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Evensong.

WEARE, SOM. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. Lewis 1, B. Mills 2, E. Forrest 3, S. Bendle 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, H. Hooper 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 2 and 3.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Ramsay (first away from cover) 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, D. Woodward 3, J. M. Swift 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5. Rung prior to a musical recital.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Banwell (first in method) 1, A. V. Coates 2, R. M. Franks 3, L. Franks (first in method) 4, J. E. Dews 5, D. Elwick (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung for harbourside service and blessing of the boats.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lord 1, R. Beniston 2, D. Waldram 3. C. Lord 4, H. Moult 5, J. Hawtin 6, J. Rawson (cond.) 7, G. Howlett 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Hilary Underwood (former ringer at Whitwick) to Mr. J. Blakemore.

WICKFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles ("in hand": St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): G. Mason (first as cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, P. A. Cammiade 5-6. Rung by Barstable School Society in commemoration of the halfpenny. All the ringers are aged 13.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Hector (first quarter) 1, Eleanor Kent 2, Carol Kent 3, G. Marchant (cond.) 4, A. Kent 5, E. Dibble 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Eleanor Kent.

Principles of Instruction in Bell Handling and Control

AS FAR AS THE THRESHOLD OF CHANGE-RINGING

By "The College" (or) Collated by A. York Bramble

ORIGIN

At the time of the dissolution of the College of Campanology an offer was announced to give, during the succeeding four months to the end of the year, information born of the experience gained in teaching ringing during the ten-year life of the College.

This information (in 1966) was intended to be helpful to those having problems in teaching, also to beginners. It was to be supplied in response to written request. However, the Convener of the Central Council's Committee for Sunday Service Ringing and Education suggested that such useful information might be included in a portfolio of College papers being compiled for record kept in the Central Council's Archives. The College Dissolution Committee duly considered this, but they concluded that while the answering of such queries as might be put forward would involve no very great amount of work, yet to compile a reference of all that might be useful to instructors and learners would be tantamount to rewriting Part I of the "Ringers' Manual of Reference" — a copy of which is already lodged in the Central Council's Library. (Both editions of this book are sold out, but a third is under consideration.)

Nevertheless the Dissolution Committee decided that a condensed synopsis of what College tutors have experienced as valuable should be prepared; and this has been submitted to "The Ringing World" in the hope that the information, though abbreviated, will be helpful generally. In cases where abbreviations and/or omissions, due to space restriction, do not clearly render the full meaning of an exercise-title or process of advancement, reference could be made to the "Manual—Part I" referred to above (C.C. Library).

THE FOUR "MUSTS"

A close study of the whole matter indicates certain essential lines of action, which we may call "the four Musts". To many these may seem only too obvious, but in how many towers are they observed in practice? Experience shows, of course, that there are more ways than one of doing most things; but it shows equally that there is usually a preferred way—having regard to conditions and circumstances. The preferred way, according to College experience and results obtained, is detailed in its publication "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing". But however good an instruction manual may be it cannot fully take the place of a capable teacher's personal guidance and demonstration. So—

(I) The scheme or system MUST be planned and followed through
  (a) In logical order, and
  (b) With interest maintained throughout.

II. For permanently good results to be got within reasonable time it MUST attain fault-free handling and control of the bell, **before** moving on to the "mechanics" or elements of change-ringing — i.e., "Following", "Hunting", "Place-making" and "Dodging". And a fair degree of skill in these elements should be attained before any attempt to participate in the ringing of any method as such.

(III) It MUST **aim** at a maximum of training efficiency; i.e., there must be at least an accepted standard or target of achievement within a given time. (It may not be reached!)

(IV) It MUST be capable of modification or adaptation according to circumstances and to the age and abilities of the learners.

[To be continued]

ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER (cont.)

Canon, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's, by his Wife, Mabel Ellis, and his daughter Freda Lorrimer, and his Niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12. 1937. Praise God for blessed Martin. Soldier, Bishop, Saint.

I.—The Bell Founder's Bell. Given by E. Denison Taylor, Bell Founder, Loughborough. May 12. 1937. I summon all to pray on this and every day.

The first peal at St. Martin's was on the recast and augmented eight in 1781. This was Holt's compleat peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples on November 12th, 1781, in 3 hours 26 minutes.

Between 1781 and 1786 there was one peal of Bob Major, three of Grandsire Triples and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major. In 1787 two trebles were added, and at the opening on September 6th a peal of 5,130 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hours 37 minutes, composed by John Martin, who rang the treble. This composition is included in the Cathedral Peal Book.

There followed four more peals—one of Bob Major and three of Grandsire Triples. The final one on March 27th, 1837, was the last peal in the old tower. The first peal in the new tower was 65 years later on August 9th, 1902, 5,021 Grandsire Caters, conducted by George Cleal. This peal marked the beginning of a 60-year period of outstanding progress in 10- and 12-bell ringing and also of brilliant conductors. George Cleal was the able tutor of the young Frederick H. Dexter, who in turn became a competent composer and conductor.

In 1920 the young Harold J. Poole joined the St. Martin's band, and again proved an apt pupil who made remarkably rapid progress under Fred Dexter's tuition.

At this point may be considered the frequency of peals at St. Martin's. The tower is situated in the city centre, surrounded by shops, offices and business premises, and peals were usually only permitted for very special occasions. This resulted in the band gaining peal experience mainly by visiting other towers. Indeed, there were only 46 peals rung in the 35 years to 1937, when the bells were augmented from ten to 12. From 1937 to the present time, i.e., 32 years, there have been 275 peals rung. This increase has been made possible by fitting a sound control in the bell chamber which has reduced the volume of sound immediately below the tower. There have been 208 12-bell peals rung, viz.: 148 of Surprise Maximus and 61 of Stedman Cinques. The majority of these have been by the Sunday service band, and at one period St. Martin's own band had sufficient members to ring two peals of Surprise Maximus simultaneously.

COMPOSITIONS

5,001 STEDMAN CINQUES

By R. E. J. DENNIS

3124567890E	1	6	10	13	15	19	22
21346578E90	1s.4.6s.7.12.14.16.17.20						
3142		—				2	
4123		—				2	
412365879E0			S	S	S		S
2134		—				2	
3142		—				2	
31426587E90			S				
3142658790E			S	S			—
4123658709E		—	S			2	
2134		—				2	
3142		—				2	
3142657890E	2.12.14.16.17.18.19						
3124		S				2	
21436578E90	—	—				2	
4132		—				2	
413265879E0			S	S	S		S
3124		—				2	
2143		—				2	
21436587E90			S				
2143658790E			S	S			—
4132658709E		—	S			2	
3124		—				2	
2143		—				2	

Start with the last two changes of a slow six.

5,056 BYRON SURPRISE MAJOR

By HAROLD G. CASHMORE

23456	B	M	W	H	
64352		—		—	
63542			—	2	
34625	x				
26543		—	—		
45362		—	—		
63254		—	—		
52436		—	—		
42635		—		3	
56234		—		—	A
35264			—	3	A
23456	2A				

Rung at Harrow-on-the-Hill on August 23rd, 1969, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

5,312 (5,088) DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	1	4	5	6
54326	—			—
42356	—			
53246	—			—
34256	—			
42536	S			—
36254	3*		3	
23456		(3)	—	

Three times repeated, calling single for first bob of 3* in first and third parts.

Rung as 5,088 at Tenby on August 11th, 1969, omitting (3) in the last part.

8,064 BOB MAJOR

By A. F. SCHOLFIELD

2345678	3	4	7
2345867		—	3
2347586	—	S	3
2347856		S	3
2346875	—		3
2345786	—	—	3
2346578	S	—	3

Three times repeated, single halfway and end. Omit blocks of 3 for normal length peal of 5,152 or 5,040.

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