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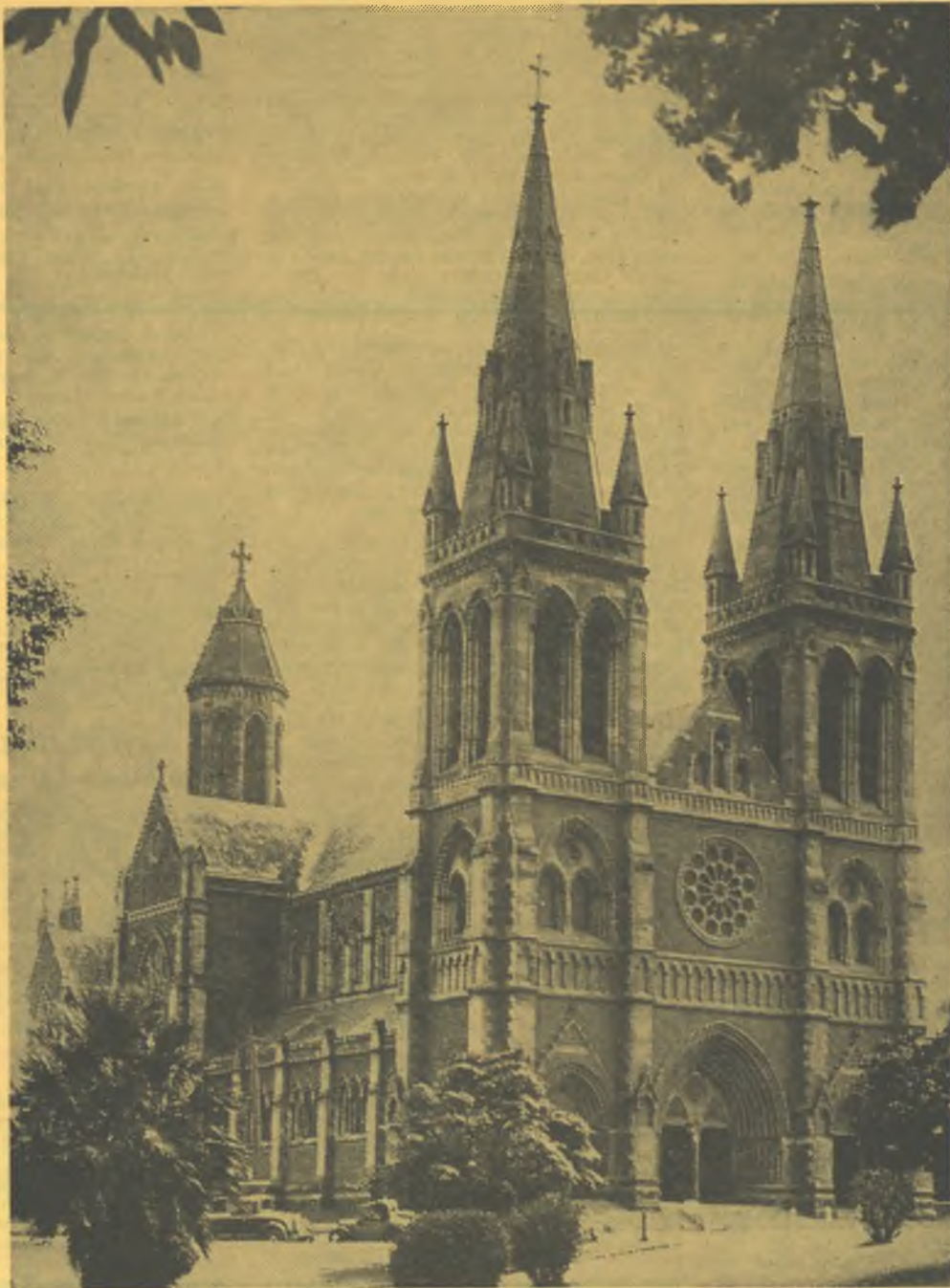
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St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, South Australia

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, South Australia

By W. B. PITCHER

THE foundation stone of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, was laid on June 29th, 1869. It is fitting that the first Australian tower to appear on the cover of "The Ringing World" should do so in 1969, just a century later. The architecture is of the Gothic Revival period based on the plans of William Butterfield. Like many such buildings of the 19th century it took some time to complete, and the towers and spires were not dedicated until 1902.

It is the left-hand tower that holds the bells. Here, surrounded by his seven brothers, hangs Great Frederick, a fine bell of 41½ cwt. in C. Although bells are usually referred to in the feminine gender, the sole inscription, on the tenor, insists that these bells are masculine:

ME FRATRESQVE MEOS AD LAVDEM
PATRIS ET FILII ET SPIRITVS SANCTVS
DONVM DEDIT FREDERICKVS ALLEN
LAKEMAN + AD MCMXLI

(Frederick Allen Lakeman gave me and my brothers to the praise of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. 1941)

Mr. Lakeman was a warden at the Cathedral for many years and on his death in 1941 his will revealed a bequest of £10,000 to provide St. Peter's with bells. The war interfered with placing the order and it is not quite clear how such a heavy eight came to be ordered, but in 1946 John Taylor and Co. cast the 7½ ton octave at Loughborough. They were dedicated, and first rung by a team of Sydney ringers, on the patronal festival, June 29th, 1947, when the late Rt. Rev. B. P. Robin, then Bishop of Adelaide, performed the ceremony. The weights are:—

Treble: 7 cwt. 1 lb.
2: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
3: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.
4: 12 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
5: 16 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
6: 20 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
7: 27 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
Tenor: 41 cwt. 1 qr.

They are hung in two tiers in a very solid tower in a typical 5-3 split.

SOCIETY FORMED

The St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society was formed on December 22nd, 1946, and the band trained on the six at St. Andrew's, Walkerville (a nearby suburb), until the dedication the following June. The establishment of change-ringing progressed slowly and the first quarter peal, of Doubles, was rung on April 25th, 1950. The band suffered many changes and it was not until the late 1950s that a regular team capable of ringing good changes to eight bells was available. It is a matter of pride that the first peal was rung by the Sunday service band. A good 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours and 32 minutes on February 20th, 1963, in honour of a visit of Queen Elizabeth II. It was conducted by Enid Roberts, who on that occasion became the first woman ringer to call a peal in Australia.

Soon afterwards, on March 24th, 1963, the first peal of Major (5,040 Plain Bob) was rung in 3 hours and 36 minutes, when

George Pipe, who conducted it, became the first ringer to turn the 41 cwt. tenor in to a peal.

ENGLISH VISITORS

When the first party of travelling English ringers came to Australia in 1934 on the Great Adventure the only bells available in Adelaide were those at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, but in 1965 the octave at St. Peter's was one of the major attractions for the ringers visiting Australia and New Zealand on Great Adventure II. During their visit Pat Cannon turned the tenor in twice to peals. On September 12th, 1965, the first peal of Surprise on the bells was rung—Cambridge Major, in 3 hours and 41 minutes, conducted by Wilfred Williams. Pat Cannon had the honour of calling the 100th tower bell peal in Australia when, a week later, on September 19th, 1965, he called a 5,056 Plain Bob Major from the tenor. The only other peal on the bells was one of Grandsire Triples, called by Philip Gray, on March 28th, 1965, to mark the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Although by English standards we ring few peals, quite a number of quarters are rung and they have nearly all been rung by the teams that have kept the bells ringing twice a Sunday for services. The present band, of 13, regularly ring Stedman Triples and Bob Major and have almost reached the point of adding Cambridge Surprise Major to the repertoire.

Since 1948 the members of the Society have taken part each year in the Anzac Day ceremonies. The bells are rung half-muffled during the march which culminates at the Cross of Sacrifice in the gardens below the Cathedral. After the brief commemorative service the bells are rung open, often to a quarter.

Two annual general meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers have been held in Adelaide, one in 1963 and the other in 1968.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The Master Leaving the Diocese

On September 13th the quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Tenby. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Bowen). The organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. Jenkins (wife of Harry Jenkins, tower captain) and her band of helpers. These ladies were afterwards warmly thanked by Mr. M. E. Lewis, of St. Florence, on behalf of the Guild.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, when regret was expressed at losing the Master, Rev. R. W. Thomas, who is leaving the diocese. It is understood, however, that he is prepared to continue in office until the next A.G.M. and will do his best to be present at the meetings until then. The best wishes of the Guild go with him and his wife and family to their new parish at Newport, Monmouthshire.

After the meeting ringing (from rounds to Double Norwich) was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

THE NATION'S GIFT TO AUSTRALIA

A SMALL but representative gathering met at the Loughborough Bell Foundry during the morning of September 13th to see the newly-cast bells of the Canberra carillon assembled in their steel framework and now ready for an official inspection by representatives of the British and Australian Governments. The carillon will be erected in a white tower, 160 feet high, on Aspen Island, situated in the Central Basin of the man-made Lake Burley Griffin, on the shores of which are the Parliament buildings and the Australian War Memorial. The Lake stretches for seven miles, has a shoreline of 22 miles and an area of 1,740 acres.

The visit was arranged through the kindness of Mr. Paul Taylor, who personally conducted the party around the foundry. Although the carillon was the main attraction there was much of absorbing interest in the remaining area of the works, where many bells, newly cast or retuned, and bell fittings gave evidence of the industry and system of this busy firm.

One requirement of the specification for the Canberra carillon is that the frame con-

taining the bells must not exceed 27 feet in height, length or depth, so within this cube is a remarkable arrangement of 53 bells, the smallest a mere 20 lb. in weight, with note B, and the largest a relative monster of just over 6 tons, with note F sharp. On this tenor bell is the main inscription, indicating that the carillon was presented by Britain to the City of Canberra in commemoration of the golden jubilee of the founding of the National Capital of Australia.

There are two separate clavier assemblies, each within a specially selected natural seasoned oak cabinet, and both will be operated by using hands and feet. They are really identical to the extent of the spacing of bars and pedals and action, but one is a practice clavier producing its own muffled notes. Provision has been made for the middle three octaves of the carillon to be automatic, on which it is understood will be played the Westminster chimes each quarter-hour.

Before the end of our inspection it was quite evident there was a feeling of sadness

and disappointment that a ring of bells could not have been incorporated in this unique project, and we still wonder whether such a ring could not be provided and hung below the carillon. But to those of us who know the abilities of the St. John-the-Baptist Church, Canberra, bellringing band we realised the next best thing for the change-ringing fraternity would be to listen to Col. John Watch and his colleagues demonstrate their system of ringing the changes.

For the visitors the rest of the day was spent in a very short ring on the ten bells in the foundry campanile—in between attempts for a record length of Major—a ring on the ten bells at Loughborough Parish Church and accepting a kind invitation to join in ringing with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Oaks-in-Charnwood and Shepshed. Among the party, who wish to extend thanks to all who helped us and welcomed us, were one "single" Australian, one emigrant at present here on leave, one returned emigrant, five members of the Great Adventure II tour and other guests. T. J. L.

Primate Rededicates Bells at Appledore, Kent

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, paid Romney Marsh his second visit in five months when he came to rehallow the eight bells, clock bell and sanctus at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Appledore, on September 14th.

The tower of Appledore Church dates from the late 12th century and is perhaps the oldest part of this fine and unusual church which, though it now overlooks the Royal Military Canal, was formerly beside the sea before that part of the Marsh was reclaimed. This is recorded in the fact that the present clock bell, cast by the London Founders' Guild c. 1450, is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and in that there is also a window to him; he was the patron saint of sailors. The tower was remodelled with later windows in the 14th century.

Until 1900 the church possessed a ring of six bells with a tenor of about 15 cwt., the oldest being the third, c. 1450, London, the tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1620, and the rest from John Hodson, 1685. The tenor was reported in 1887 as being cracked, and a photograph of the old bells in the tower shows this bell with a chunk out of its lip: this apparently occurred, so we are told, one Christmas Eve when three drunken ringers made a bet that they could set it up in three pulls! The old bells were inscribed as follows:—

Fifth.—JOHN HODSON MADE MEE
1685. JOHN OWEN HENRY RICH-
ARDSON CHVRCH W

Tenor.—IOSEPHVS HATCH ME
FECIT (H) 1620
Sanctus:—Uninscribed.

NEW RING OF EIGHT

In 1900, when things were probably much as Hodson had last left them in 1685, it was decided to replace the heavy ring of six with a lighter ring of eight. The then Vicar very laudably made successful efforts to preserve the pre-Reformation third bell, and this was kept at the church as a clock bell, the sanctus also being untouched. The other bells and the old framework were removed and from the metal of Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 a new ring of eight with a tenor of 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G was cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry: they are good examples of their workmanship. Unfortunately no effort was made to reproduce the five old inscriptions and the bells are historically a rather uninteresting Doncaster-headed ring; the front six bear only their founders' name, while the seventh records that Mr. Thomas Chennell donated £100 and Mrs. Thomas Boon £50; the tenor bears the name of the Vicar, Rev. Clifford Berney Hall, M.A., and his churchwardens, Mr. J. G. Wright and Mr. E. B. Terry.

The bells were inspected by the writer in 1967, and he recommended that they be rehung with new gudgeons, bearings and pulleys and reconditioned clappers and wheels. He also discovered that the old third, now the clock bell, required turning and its cast-in crown staple drilling out, while the sanctus bell and its "Heath Robinson" frame were quite unsafe, and this little bell required all new fittings and framework. The work was carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry, the bell frame being cleaned and painted by many members of the Ashford District. The work

was completed in July of this year, and so came the great day of the Primate's visit on September 14th.

THE SERVICE

The packed church looked beautiful, with a fine array of silver on the altar. The congregation included some from the Methodist Chapel, who had postponed their harvest festival service to be there and whose minister was in the Archbishop's procession.

The Archbishop for his sermon took a text from Galatians vi, 14: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." That evening afforded him two special joys: first, that he was with them in a lovely church, the restoration of whose bells reflected both the dedication of those ringers who had given time and talent to the repairs, and in the skill of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, under whose supervision the work was so well carried out. Secondly—and here the Archbishop spoke with obvious emotion—the presence of the Methodist local church showed how determined Anglicans and Methodists were to work together locally for Christian unity. "We greet you with our hearts," said His Grace.

Beside the St. Nicholas window in the church here was one with the motto (in Latin) "In the Cross is safety". This was because the Cross humbles human pride, and it is humility which brings us all to the Cross and so to God's great glory. The bells summon us to worship this great and glorious God; and in the changes they all work, as should ringers, together in fellowship. This is what Christianity is and means—working together, one family; ringers, Anglicans and Methodists; a family with no room for pride but glorifying in the Cross of their Lord.

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Treble.—JOHN HODSON MAD MEE
1685 IO HR CHVRCH WARDNS

Francis Drayton Vicar
Second.—JOHN HODSON MADE MEE
1685 IO HR CHVRCH WARDNS

Third.—Sancte Nicola Ora Pro Nbis
(Three founders' stamps)

Fourth.—JOHN HODSON MADE MEE
1685 JOHN OWEN HENRY RICH-
ARDSON CHVRCH WARDNS

TO WESSEX WITH WILFRED

By the Rev. GILES C. GALLEY and "APAC"

ON Wilfred Williams' tours everything is well organised to the nth degree—not only the peal towers, transport and accommodation, but also who rings what, and which bell. There is no argument, and none is necessary. Everybody likes it that way and it is probably the secret of why most of the ringing achieves such a high standard. Our leader (unlike one member of the party) is a man of few words, but his choice of words and his personality combine to bring out the best from everyone. Wales has more than one prince!

This year's choice of countryside was also a hit. Dorset in particular is a land of pretty villages with pretty names in delightful rolling countryside.

This year's party was the same as last year's, except for the return of Clifford Barron after an absence of 14 years! This "speed king" from Birmingham replaced David Rothera, who was conserving his resources for his impending marriage to Susan Jenkins. However, we were glad to have David and Susan with us for the first week-end.

A GOOD START

To start a peal tour on a ring of bells like Ditchet's (Taylor's best) helped to put everyone in a good mood. The main party, who had converged on the Dolphin at Wincanton with the customary convivial greetings the night before, were now joined by Ralph Edwards, who brought Tudor Edwards and Giles Galley (How's your Irreverence?) from Bristol, and a good peal of the same name was rung in the brisk time of 3 h. 7 m. Wilfred celebrated his 64th birthday (two days late) on the 24 cwt. tenor, when most people of that age are satisfied with moving the lawn (slowly) for exercise! A cautionary rhyme for Pat Cannon's benefit was displayed in the tower: "Ears open—eyes wide—feet together—TONGUE TIED." But he didn't

But he didn't finish reading it.

A good lunch, a drive past Queen Camel (happy memories) and we were in Yeovil to greet Peter Border, the man of iron, to complete the party. We were met by Mr. Trevor Marks and Gordon Rendell, and the bells soon settled to a good peal of London Royal, with Peter treating the two-ton tenor as though it were one ton! Meanwhile the Air Commodore (Stan Mason), the Hot Air Commodore (alias the Big Gun) and one or two others went to Lyng to ring on the new six dedicated that afternoon (see "R.W.", page 578).

From Somerset to Dorset. On the Saturday night we arrived at our first H.Q.—the Greyhound, Bridport, and soon discovered that we were in good hands with the management there. It was also handy for an early morning dip. A lovely Sunday morning awaited us and we drove to Axminster (Devon), where Mr. J. Board kindly allowed us to ring for an hour before service on the fine "old style" Mears eight of 1898 vintage (tenor 25 cwt.). A sermon on straightforwardness by the Vicar, a good lunch-break in Axminster, and we were all set for two peal attempts in the afternoon. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, we were not allowed to ring a peal at East Budleigh. So we rang for half-an-hour, had tea in Sidmouth and then, with the kind co-operation of the Vicar of Sidbury, we rang on the full-throated eight there.

No. 2 band meanwhile rang a successful peal of Rutland at Withycombe Raleigh (near Exmouth). All met up again for beer and scrumpy at East Budleigh (birthplace of Raleigh).

LISTEN, WATCH AND LEARN

Bridport has a good Mears eight, but the eight who attempted a peal of London there were obviously not on form. Perhaps as a punishment for his contribution to the breakdown, our great stamp collector got left behind (by mistake) while the others went over to Lyme Regis. The successful band had been ringing Bristol on the beautiful little Taylor eight there with Cuthbert Powell. After a phone call to the hotel, Stan and the Chaplain left the Pilot Boat and came back to collect the wanderer and then proceeded along leafy lanes to Ottery St. Mary to listen to (and watch) the peal of London which was engaging the rapt attention of the many tourists who seem to visit this grand church, modelled on Exeter Cathedral, where you ring on the ground floor under the south transeptal tower in full view. A good peal was scored, with no interruptions!

After a demonstration of bar skittles by Mr. T-Ball we all went over to Whitchurch Canoniconum for the fortnightly evening practice and to meet George S. Morris and many other local enthusiasts. This was in a sense a limbering-up for our peal there the following morning, which turned out to be a good one, albeit slow and stately. The back bells here were cast by Purdue. They make a very satisfying eight.

EVIDENCE AVAILABLE

If any reader cares to satisfy himself of the quality of our ringing on this tour, he should see Bob Dennis, John Gipson or Stan Mason, all of whom brought their tape-recorders, each of the same make, each producing the same evidence—and tape-recorders reveal everything!

Thorncombe village can take some finding, but as W.W. says: "What do you need a map for?" There's no village pub, but one local inhabitant had found her remedy for that, even if she couldn't find the remedy for her dislike of bells, but there is a good eight, augmented from a heavy five in 1963, introduced to Mr. Farley, the local captain. Cliff was thought to be a member of the Barron Bell Trust (who made a donation here)! We lost 8-spliced after 2½ hours.

We soon forgot our failure when Peter Border and others entertained us with their attempt to blow the coaching horns at the Birdsmoorgate Inn (after a demonstration by the landlord). Pat promised drinks all round to bribe us to visit the heaviest six in Dorset. Powerstock is also one of the prettiest villages in Dorset. Mr. Sykes, tower captain, kindly gave us permission to ring. Pat nearly cancelled the drinks when he found himself kept off the tenor!

A BIG DAY

A good peal of Lincolnshire at Bradpole on the Wednesday morning enabled Melvyn Hiller (of the local band) to score his first College Youths peal, and he rang very creditably. We finished in time to hear the first team bringing round a jolly good peal of London at the imposing tower of Beaminster, with Ralph Edwards doing his stuff

on the tenor. George Pipe joined us for this peal—just to keep an eye on his father?

After lunch we went off to tackle Sherborne, with the heaviest eight in the world. Three of us had already rung the tenor to Surprise Major, and stood out. With Peter Border on the tenor we rang Bristol in 3 h. 47 m. (fastest of Surprise there). These bells go well, but the tenor is over-clappered, with the result that inside the ringing chamber the noise is terrific, nothing short of a series of explosions. However, a good peal was rung and enjoyed by several people outside, including Tom Setter and other Dorset worthies (and talent!) who joined us for a drink later. A footnote to today: at the Greyhound, Beaminster, the landlady came from Surrey. She asked Cannon: "Do you know the Old Gun in Dorking?"

Thursday found us at Cattistock, where the bells were burnt out in 1941 and are now a beautiful Mears eight (1950). Bristol was rung. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth is the ringing Vicar and met us after the peal, as did Arthur Scott (of Maiden Newton) beforehand, with a local ringer. Stan Mason and Giles Galley, followed later by John Gipson and company, went down to Abbotsbury to inspect the Swannery, which is a fascinating place.

At Dorchester we were met by Mr. R. H. Duke, captain of the ringers, beside whom even Peter looked small! Peter's rope came untucked after a while, but with skilful handling he prevented it coming right out and we scored London on this Warner eight.

We then moved into our second H.Q.—the Crown at Blandford Forum, where they had a very sweet receptionist called Miss Williams. At Wincanton someone asked: "Which is the big 'un'?" Wilfred's quick reply caused a laugh, as did the early 19th century charity board, which showed that the churchwardens were G. Baker and J. George! At a Barronial pace (2 h. 36 m.!) Watford was scored. This was too fast to get the best out of these bells some of us felt.

TWELVE INTO TWO and the sum: TWO HUNDRED

After lunch at the Dolphin we appeared to be short of transport and Wilfred had to do a shuttle service for Pat's benefit. Meanwhile with a good, steady beat, a peal of Cambridge was rung on the fine old style eight at Milborne Port (Somerset). Real transport problems now arose. Cliff Barron left us and Stan Mason went to fetch his wife from home and we were left with two cars to take 12 ringers. Fortunately Peter's estate car has ample room for seven so we reached home intact.

On Saturday morning a first-class peal of Yorkshire was rung at Wareham. Everything is perfect here: good acoustics, circle and ventilation. The bells were rehung and retuned in 1959 by Taylor's and the tenor is by Warner's.

We had curry for lunch to warm us up for the grand Taylor eight at Kingston, near Corfe Castle. Wilfred rang the tenor and a good peal was rung. It was the 200th peal rung on Wilfred's tours since they began in 1953 (an average of 11½ peals a year). Jim Pipe was delighted with the day's work, as he has proved that once

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WESSEX TOUR—continued

again he is fit enough to ring two peals in a day and hopes to be "up on the box" soon.

The local at Kingston offered farmhouse wines in addition to the usual beverages for restoring the tissues. Win (Mason) was with us now, having arrived with Stan in good time before the peal. Two non-pealers visited Stourpaine for practice (five: one bell cracked) and met Mr. Cross, tower captain of Blandford, who kindly arranged for us all to ring at Blandford for the 9.15 a.m. service on Sunday—which we duly did before our breakfast! The church is a delightful miniature version of St. Philip's, Birmingham.

Some then went to ring at Cranborne and we all arrived in good time for lunch at Southampton. We were sorry to miss Rev. Ken Felstead and not to ring on his bells. We were equally sorry that we failed to do justice to the bells of St. Mary's, where we lost London Royal. After strolling around the docks and parks and cafés we rang for Evensong and returned to Blandford. Passengers in one of the cars had a hair-raising experience on the way home when their driver failed to make places in 5-6 and ran through! Which reminds us that we should record our thanks to all our drivers for safe and comfortable driving (with the odd exception) in grand style. Stan's Sunbeam Rapier and Ralph's Austin 3-litre were much admired.

THE LAST COURSE

Wimborne Minster bells were not available, but on Bank Holiday Monday we rang a splendid peal at Wimborne St. Giles. It was St. Giles's Day, appropriately enough, and a less saintly Giles was in the band. George Thoday made a masterly job of calling 8-spliced, as did Wilfred of ringing the tenor. Cannon didn't know spliced could sound so good. (Wareham was his idea of Heaven on Earth—an 8-spliced band in front of him ringing a good peal in a simple method on tip-top bells.) Wimborne St. Giles Church was rebuilt by the Shaftesbury family (after being burnt out) in 1910. The bells are good (Llewellyn and James, with two trebles added in 1928 by Taylor). An amusing visit to the great house nearby, home of the tenth Earl of Shaftesbury, whose father, the ninth earl, was a member of the College Youths and attended the tercentenary dinner, was enjoyed by those not ringing. The bells sounded beautiful from there and it was fitting that this peal was rung for the Ancient Society and that the treasurer of the A.S.C.Y. should be inspecting the ninth earl's painting during the peal.

Downton (8, 22 cwt.) bells are a good old style ring, but after an hour-and-a-half of London a shift appeared. Our tenor man was not sorry. Our bellhanger discovered afterwards that the tenor clapper was badly out of adjustment, which explained its falseness. He promised to come back and put it right.

Once again our tour was over: 16 peals were scored—out of 20 attempted. Everyone enjoyed themselves, including Leslie Barry, who didn't ring a peal this year but made up for it in other ways. We have not mentioned Ken Hesketh, but he did distinguish himself in one or two belfries in one way or another! "Oh! Hesketh!" Our very grateful thanks to all incumbents and local tower captains. And last but not least, our thanks to Wilfred for his usual efficient management of the whole tour.

Master Marries Secretary

Christopher Osenton and Phyllis Chidwick, captain and secretary respectively, at Halling, Kent, pictured with their ringers after their wedding on August 9th at the church they serve so faithfully. The service was fully choral with Holy Communion and the bride was attended by three bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in North Devon.

Primate at Appledore—continued

After the address the procession moved to the tower, where the Archbishop dedicated the bells and handed the rope of the tenor to the Vicar (Rev. A. N. B. Towse), charging him to take care that they be ever and only used in God's service. The Archbishop pronounced the Benediction after the moving moment in which the bells rang out.

There followed general ringing, during which a buffet was running at the back of the church, the Archbishop meeting all and sundry and often seen autographing the souvenir service sheets, or in the company of Mrs. Ramsey speaking with all who passed by. This was not a big restoration, and the most comprehensive item was the complete refitting and hanging of the sanctus bell, made possible by a legacy from Mrs. Maud Haynes, a parishioner who died in 1968.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Rochester District**

Fifty members and friends visited the country parish of Borden on September 6th for a by-meeting. The 22 cwt. eight were rung to rounds and Grandire Triples before a wedding. The service was taken by the Rev. W. Davies, the organ being played by a member, Miss Joan Lynas, and the lesson read by the District Chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans. Tea was taken in the nearby hall before returning to the tower. Despite two broken ropes ringing in the evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge, Double Norwich, etc. It is a pity that the go of these bells is deteriorating but it is still possible to obtain reasonable striking by careful, hard work as was illustrated by the final touch—Stedman Triples.

L. M.

**SITTINGBOURNE OUTING TO
HERTS**

A party of 50 ringers and friends spent the late Summer Bank Holiday visiting towers in Hertfordshire. Leaving Sittingbourne at 7.30 a.m., the coach travelled through London arriving at Elstree after a break for coffee. The 6½ cwt. six were soon being rung to a variety of methods.

Bushey was the next stop where we were met by Mr. C. Woolley. After lunch Aldenham was visited: unfortunately the clapper of the 7th had broken the previous day. However, Minor was rung with the tenor covering and also some "three-cornered" Triples.

Other towers visited were Oxhey, King's Langley, Bushey Heath and Edgware.

L. M.

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

A staccato report. Sept. 6th. Venue Kimpton, Herts (6 bells). Entries: 3. Test piece: 360 changes, own choice of method. Judge: well-known ringer and philatelist Pat Cannon—who as well as judging the ringing picked up a bargain in stamps on his way here. Results: Kimpton, Bob Doubles, 1st (132 faults); Tewin, Grandire, 2nd (140); Benington, Bob Doubles, 3rd (153). 85-year-old Harry Shire rang in the Tewin band. Well done, Harry!

Pat's comments: "Very close result. Kimpton bells difficult to strike. Most faults treble and tenor ringers. The excellent beat of the Kimpton tenor ringer, a lady, just gave Kimpton the lead."

Presentation of the cup to John Cull by Rev. Robert Meredith, Vicar of Kimpton.

Future of the competition: Hope to hold the 1970 event in May, to coincide with Kimpton May Day festivities. J. G. C.

BILSTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers inform me as to the whereabouts of the bell-founding records of the firm of James Barwell Ltd., of Birmingham? They are not at the aforementioned foundry.

This information is required in order that the correct weights of the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, cast by the above-mentioned firm in 1909, may be determined.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. BENNETT.

6, Owen Road,
Bilston, Staffs.

**DOUBLES RECORD—
CONGRATULATIONS**

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the previous record peal of Doubles, may I offer my congratulations to Mr. Jackson and the band that rang a peal in 223 methods/ variations at Barton Stacey recently. As several of our arrangements were made illegal soon after they were rung it is, as it were, a relief that our peal can and has been overtaken, especially as the later peal is of greater complexity. It will be interesting to see where the limit comes, if it has not already been reached.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Manorbier, Pems.

LETTERS**COMPOSITION WANTED**

Dear Sir,—May I ask through the columns of "The Ringing World" whether anyone can supply a composition which will go to all b, d, e falseness and also a composition which will go to all b, d, o falseness, both for Group B methods?

There appear to be no such compositions in Wratten's Collection or among any of the "general purpose" compositions which have been published in "The Ringing World" in recent years.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH J. WALPOLE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

DELIGHT MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I have never seen published a list of Delight Major methods which have been rung to peals.

If any person has this information I should be grateful for details of the names and place notations.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH J. WALPOLE.

Liverpool.

Note.—There is a Records Committee for this purpose.—Ed.

BELLS HELP RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—The Flower Festival at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Puriton, Somerset, proved to be a great success, especially to the ringers who rang a sponsored peal to cover the cost of advertisements, flowers, etc. There was a profit of £106 18s. 1d. to this three-day event. Visiting ringers came from Sussex, Notts, Herts and the more local towers in the Bridgewater district.

Praise is due to the local band for serving teas and refreshments, cutting grass and tidying up the churchyard. In the evening the church was floodlit, believed to be for the first time. Thank you all, bellringers far and near, for making this splendid result, which will go towards the restoration of the church.—Yours faithfully,

L. PIPE, Tower Captain.

Puriton.

TUTOR'S HANDBOOK Part 2

A Tutor's Handbook, Part 2 "Elementary Change-ringing," slipped unobtrusively on to the list of Central Council publications on the back page of "The Ringing World" of September 19th.

Written by Mr. Norman Chaddock, formerly of Rotherham and now at Market Weighton, East Yorks, it will be reviewed shortly by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

HOSTELS IN THE HIGHLAND

FOLLOWING a successful tour of Eire last year, Richard Youdale decided to organise one to Scotland in the first week of September, inviting rather more than less of the same company. As cars are permissible at Youth Hostels in Scotland, this was the obvious form of accommodation.

While the organiser remained on Tyne-side for the "weekend" peal, most of the party reached the most northerly outpost of English ringing (Bamburgh) for a peal of Plain Bob Major. This was Andrew's first peal, and rung despite the churchwarden climbing through the belfry window and down the stairs halfway through. He made up for this intrusion by very kindly inviting us to drinks afterwards.

Two more members were outside Edinburgh Y.H., and without waiting for two out of three carloads, which had got "lost", they went to St. Cuthbert's for a short ring, where they were joined by two Richards straight from Waverley. The kirk was visited again on Sunday morning when we rang with the local band. Because the ringing was being recorded at Leith, it was therefore not what it might have been, but we were able to do better at the Episcopal Cathedral, where Cambridge Royal was rung on the old-fashioned ten.

ANOTHER INVERARAY PEAL

After being woken up at Glasgow by Peter, who had driven overnight, we struck further heights by ringing a course of London Royal at the Cathedral. Glasgow was left for Paisley, although we had to

wait an hour on the grass outside before we could ring there. Supper that evening was eaten on the pier at Inveraray in readiness for the peal attempt the next day. Although Royal had been suggested, Stedman Caters was decided upon—a composition being chosen "for its ability to survive crises". Fortunately it did not need this, although during the last hour everyone became tenser, with a corresponding drop in the standard of ringing, fearing that a rope might break. That of the eighth had broken while it was being pulled up, and repair of this was only part of the large amount of work put in by Rowan, Clarke and Bill, the last two staking pints on the ropes they had provided to make the peal possible. Everyone was impressed with the bells, and the peal was enjoyed by all (of our party at any rate) inside and outside the tower.

That night was spent at Glen Nevis, and after our man from Taylors had had to be discouraged from climbing the Ben, which, as most of the other higher mountains, was covered in mist, a variety of routes was taken to Inverness. Some "grabbed" the ski-lift at Aviemore, while others continued up the Spey valley to Nairn. On arrival at Alltisaigh advantage was taken of the considerable proximity of Loch Ness. Fortunately only John was bitten by the monster, although Dale tried to catch it on his rod, and by breakfast the next morning all except three of the girls had taken the plunge—with one bikini to go round four, discretion (or modesty) was the better part of valour.

John gave us a route to Dundee round the Devil's Elbow, with stops for coffee and lunch, forgetting that he drives faster than most. However, we all arrived to ring at the Old Steeple and St. Paul's Cathedral. The evening was spent ringing handbells or playing bridge.

WINCHESTER MAN AT FETTES

After crossing the Tay and Forth Bridges we were greeted by the headmaster at Fettes College. It was a change to ring on the tiny five after the heavy bells, and we were able to get on to the roof to watch the bells. To those who had learnt at the other school with bells in the chapel it was especially interesting.

We had to do a few repairs to the clock chimes before ringing at Dunblane, and then joined the Alloa ringers for their practice, spending the night in the seventeenth-century hostel at Stirling. Two Richards and Katharine had to be put on the "Flying Scotsman", as the other Richard was staying in Edinburgh for the Festival and completely upsetting the transport arrangements, but the remainder were able to ring at Ripon and Knaresborough on the way south before reaching Nottingham where Stedman Cinques was to be attempted the next day.

Thanks must go to Richard Youdale for the apparently perfect organisation, to the priests and local ringers for letting us ring, to the drivers for getting us there, to Chris for managing the catering, to Mrs. Inglis for putting us all up afterwards.

Anon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PURBECK YOUTHS ON SUMMER TOUR

SWINDON, WILTS.—At 5, Cowley Walk, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. D. Bellamy 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, T. F. Collins 5-6. First "in hand" 1-2, 5-6.

EDINGTON PRIORY, WILTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Sandra L. Cloughton 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, D. Wilson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6, G. E. Bonham 7, J. N. Longridge 8, R. N. Marlow 9, L. P. Cobb 10.

CURRIDGE, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Bellamy 1-2, G. E. Bonham (first "in hand") 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Ruth A. Blackwood 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, G. W. Elmes 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, G. E. Bonham 6, T. F. Collins 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY
Sunday, September 14th

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, B. L. Burrows (cond.) 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, J. Watkins 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,440 London Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, L. Watkins 2, J. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, B. P. Morris 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Rung on Sapcote Wake Sunday by the regular Sunday service band.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): M. L. Leclere (first quarter) 1, C. Renyard (first quarter) 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, G. F. Durrant (first as cond.) 4. Rung at the wedding of Judy Boyd and Andrew Howard.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Law (first in method) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey (first Triples in method) 5, R. Finch 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7. A. Bone 8.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: R. Stone 1, F. Pike 2, R. Bartlett 3, T. Hancock 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: M. Durbin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Ann Durbin 2, Frances Gadd 3, F. J. Morris 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) 5, L. T. Hancock 6. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss M. Kingscote 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, Mrs. Durbin 3, R. A. Cross 4, A. W. Knight (first as cond.) 5, M. Durbin 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Arscott.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jacqueline Wolfe (first on eight) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Gillian Laver 3, Elizabeth Gibbs 4, J. V. A. Stedman 5, G. Bromley 6, T. Skilton 7, J. A. Laver (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette M. Holbrook 1, M. S. Holbrook 2, Mrs. G. Brown 3, J. Weaver 4, R. J. Crocker 5, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carole A. Foxbury 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Deborah Bishop 3, D. R. Tipler 4, R. J. Cooles 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Eyre (first in method) 1, R. Reed (first "inside" Minor) 2, E. Hedger (first Minor) 3, Miss K. Fox 4, D. Fox 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Margaret Tabor 1, P. Warboys 2, L. Luck 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Walker 7, D. Hutley 8. For Evensong, and a farewell compliment to Margaret Tabor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Jennifer M. Millbank 1, Josephine A. Quilter 2, A. R. Syder 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, K. W. Brown 5, R. J. Lindell 6, P. G. Brown (first 5-spliced as cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. For Harvest Festival. First 5-spliced for 4, 5, 6 and 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: H. J. F. Hynes (first quarter) 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, A. R. MacKenzie 4, R. Corson 5, J. Shields 6. A compliment to the Archbishop-elect of Dublin, Rt. Rev. A. A. Buchanan, Bishop of Clogher.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on July 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Sheila Dennis (first on eight) 1, Susan Moore 2, Heather A. Kippin 3, R. C. Kippin 4, B. G. North (cond.) 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. J. Orledge 7, B. Martin 8.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. A. Bournier 1, Mary R. W. Salmon 2, Felicity M. R. Russell (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. Blacher 4, A. C. Chandler 5. For Ringers' Sunday.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, L. C. Hanney 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, J. E. Murfit (first: Surprise as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL HOUSE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. C. Hanney 1-2, J. A. Acres 3-4, Maureen J. Carruthers (cond.) 5-6.

CREWKERNE, SOM.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. A. Arscott (first Surprise Major) 1, G. W. Elmes 2, M. Hiller 3, K. E. Beale 4, D. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, W. T. Perrins 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bristol 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Christine Hudson (aged 13) 1, B. Sayers (14) 2, M. Mann 3, V. Bowen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5. First attempt 1 and 2.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss D. J. Tilsbury 1, M. W. Coleman 2, A. W. Ivings 3, W. Ivings 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. Rung for the Dahlia Festival and Son et Lumière.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at St. John's Church, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, D. Brown 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, N. Steere 8, A. Brown 9, P. Humphries 10. A compliment to Glenda and Alfred Lott, married on September 6th; also to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Sinfield 1, Marion Addy 2, Hilary Aslett 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, P. Aslett 5, W. Sear 6. A welcome to Rev. J. P. Drake as Vicar of Stewkley and priest-in-charge of Drayton Parslow.

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DURWESTON, DORSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, A. J. Pauley 3, A. B. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the third ringer. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Tapper (first quarter) 1, B. R. Jeans 2, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 3, Susan M. Corry 4, A. J. Pauley 5, Mr. Tibbey (first quarter) 6.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Keay 2, G. S. Keay 3, D. Cooper 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Rung by the local band as a welcome to Rev. C. Jenkins, whose induction took place earlier this week.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Smith 1, Joan A. Rance 2, A. J. N. Rance 3, Violet Castle 4, Sylvia Randle (first in method) 5, S. G. Scott 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Rung to mark the birth of Helen Elizabeth Purnell, daughter of Bob and Christine, of Melkham, on August 30th.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Sept. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Platt 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Wheeler 3, D. Dorrington (first as cond.) 4, Jacques Hedges 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong. A wedding compliment to Sidney Pursey and Brenda Sprake, married this day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline H. C. Powell 1, Carol A. Carter 2, Jacqueline N. Rawlings 3, C. J. Tickner 4, M. M. Powell (cond.) 5, Janet K. D. Hoskin 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Fr. B. Goldsmith, his wife and daughter.

GUISBOROUGH, N. YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynnette Banwell 1, M. E. Livesey (first quarter) 2, Barbara J. Smith 3, Marion Stalker (first quarter) 4, L. Franks 5, R. D. Crighton (first as cond.) 6. To commemorate the 800th anniversary of Guisborough Priory.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandshire Double: Maureen Tipper 1, R. Tipper 2, Karin Hatherly (first in two methods) 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. For Family Communion.

HEALEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gillian G. Tompsett 1, J. D. Watkin (first quarter) 2, K. P. Tompsett 3, Hilary M. Sager 4, J. C. Sager 5, M. H. Tompsett (cond.) 6.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Moore 1, M. Hunter 2, S. Sudbury 3, J. Green 4, P. Perkins 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela M. E. Middleton 1, K. Mary Lambert (first Major "inside") 2, J. N. Lambert 3, D. R. Bartholomew 4, F. E. Crutenden 5, D. A. Crutenden 6, J. R. Norris 7, P. D. Hepburn (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 6. Rung on St. Bartholomew's Day as a 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lambert.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: G. Pentelow 2, Miss J. Pentelow 3, A. G. Wilson 4, J. Godman (first attempt) 5, A. J. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. Rising 7, C. Pentelow 8. A farewell to 2, 4 and 7, who shortly leave to take up further studies.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: H. C. Foster 1, H. J. F. Muncey 2, Kathleen A. Jordan 3, Valerie Jamson 4, Carol E. Brown 5, E. B. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Muncey 7, C. A. Gooding 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4, and also to commemorate the wedding of Rosemary E. Jenkins and John Taylor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Newton 1, R. Newton (first in method) 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Biggs 4, G. Massey (cond.) 5, A. Newton (first in method) 6, D. Knox 7, S. Bailey 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Massey; also as a farewell to D. Knox, who is leaving the district for Felixstowe.

HURSTPIERPPOINT, SUSSEX.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Mary Lambert (first Major) 1, J. N. Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, S. W. Brown 6, P. D. Henburn 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the birth of Siobhan on July 17th, 1969, daughter of Bernard and Sheila Harfield, both local ringers.

KENT SCHOOL, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A. (The North American Guild).—On May 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Roberts 1, Ruth M. Horwood 2, M. C. Faulkes 3, W. H. Jackson 4, J. Owen 5, D. R. Ingram 6, D. M. Sawyer 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8. Rung during New England Ringing Week-end.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE GODARD

Plymouth has lost a ringer who has given outstanding service by the death of Mr. George Godard, at his home at Roborough, on September 8th, aged 80. He had lived in the same house since he was 10. Always cheerful, he was held in the highest respect in the village.

It was in the mid-1920s that Mr. Godard, through a colleague at H.M. Dockyard, Devonport, where he served for nearly 40 years, became interested in change ringing, having learned to handle a bell at Bickleigh some 65 years ago. He became proficient in the four standard methods, and at the end of the Second War he, with Mrs. Godard, his second wife, became members of Emmanuel, Plymouth. It is here that his death will be deeply felt.

The funeral service took place at Bickleigh on September 13th, at a church he had served as sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. over the years. Muffled touches were rung on the six bells before and after the service by ringers from Bickleigh, Emmanuel, Plympton and Tavistock.

At practice at Emmanuel on September 11th the bells were rung half-muffled, and the Vicar, the Rev. Roy Harris, came into the belfry and conducted a short memorial service as a token of our deep respect for his widow, son and daughter-in-law.

H. H. T.

MR. ROBERT TAYLOR

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert (Bob) Taylor, of Standish, Lancs. on September 11th, aged 85 years. For many years he was treble man for raising and lowering the bells. He had rung about 10 peals, nearly all with the local band.

The bells were rung before and after the funeral service on September 13th.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

A very successful annual meeting was held at Kingswinford on September 20th, some 60 members being present. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Lewis, and the tea was very kindly provided by the Kingswinford ringers.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Ringing Master, Mr. M. P. Tobin; Secretary, M. D. Fellows; Central Committee Representative, Mrs. M. I. Brown. The new Branch Committee consists of the above officers and Messrs. C. F. Jukes, C. Skidmore, B. C. Ashford, Dr. D. N. Layton and C. W. Cooper. Tributes were paid by the Association Master, the General Secretary and several other members to the retiring Secretary, Mr. B. C. Ashford, who has completed 30 years in office.

Matters dealt with at the meeting were the Striking Competition and Courses of Instruction. Members were asked to give their full support to these ventures, details of which will be published in due course. The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on January 17th.

M. D. F.

CORRECTION

David Bennett was the ringer of the second in the peal of Lyme Surprise Major at Walkden on August 11th and not Dennis McCormick as submitted (page 712).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The first-ever striking competition for the whole of the Guild was held on September 6th at Branton. Here there is a fine 9 cwt. ring of six (plain bearings), undamaged by the fire which swept through the church some four years ago.

Two teams had been invited from each of the six Branches, but as Barton-on-Humber ringers failed to turn up only 11 took part—Swineshead, Belton, Burton Stather, Algarkirk, Saxilby, Stamford, Grantham, Lincoln (St. Giles'), Lincoln Cathedral, Donington and Spalding. The test piece was 240 changes.

After ringing a service was held and a tea organised by the ringers' wives and young lady ringers from Grantham. Following this the Master of the Guild, Mr. Jack Bray, first of all thanked everyone for arranging and taking part in the event, and went on to introduce the two judges—Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, of Wakefield, and Mr. Roland Cook, of Asfordby.

The judges commented on each team's performance—how this team had rung too fast to accurately place their bells, another seemed too slow and one unfortunate team managed to lose a lead. The final result was: Grantham 36 faults, Lincoln Cathedral 45, St. Giles' 48, Saxilby 52, Algarkirk 54, Stamford 78, Swineshead 85, Belton 95 and Spalding 113.

The Master then presented the brand new trophy—a handsome cup given by Mr. John Freeman—to the captain of the Grantham band, together with a framed certificate, hand-written by Mr. Vaughan Evan, finally thanking the judges for the manner in which they had fulfilled their task.

It was felt that the three youngsters in the Algarkirk team, one of whom had been ringing for less than a year, should be highly commended, and also that the next contest should come later in the year in order not to conflict with harvest time.

D. A. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The summer practice meeting held at Ringwould and Deal was characterised by those who, having noted August 9th in their diaries, proceeded to forget about it. Though attendance was low, at the two remarkably similar towers—built in the late 17th century and both housing Whitechapel sixes of mainly Golden Jubilee vintage—some very fair ringing up to Cambridge Minor was achieved and glorious sunshine enjoyed. It was perhaps fortunate that the grand Warner eight at Walmer had to withdraw at the 11th hour.

The District learned with regret that the meeting scheduled for September 13th at Lyminge had to be transferred owing to the famous Saxon church and the lovely eight having been severely damaged by fire the previous week. However, largely due to the yeoman services of Dick and Mrs. Grey, the by-meeting was in fact held at Dover for the first time for several years.

The meeting was held and tea kindly provided in the church hall by the Dover band, and a small but appreciative gathering was presided over by Mr. B. J. Luck. New members from Elham were elected. It was noted that the Annual Dinner would be on September 27th, tickets being available from the Secretary.

After renewed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grey, this by-meeting was in fact held at to the Norman tower. The eight bells, all by Samuel Knight, 1724, were kept going with varying degrees of success and one could almost have wished that at least one of the three sixes Dover has lost in the years 1790–1951 was available to relieve the crush and the heat! Many thanks, Dover, and we hope that the new Church Centre at Aycliffe to which we were privileged to contribute will prosper. D. L. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Purbeck Youths during their summer tour rang six peals.

Organised by Mr. Martin Cass, ringers from Blackmoor visited the Isle of Wight on September 13th. Ringing during this enjoyable day was at Arreton, Godshill, Whitwell and Ryde.

The ringers of St. John's Church, Peterborough, are very pleased to announce the splendid recovery George Bush has made from a serious illness. He has now been discharged from Peterborough Hospital.

The Master of the St. David's Diocesan Guild (Rev. Russen W. Thomas) is leaving his parish of St. Florence to take up that of St. Julian's, Newport, which has only two bells. A farewell peal was rung at St. Florence on September 15th.

The peal of Havant, rung at Pakefield on September 13th, was Katharine M. Thorley's 50th peal. Aged 13, her first peal was rung less than two years ago. All her ringing career has been spent in the "wilds"—as a learner in Rutland and for the past year-and-a-half in a remote part of Suffolk.

Mr. J. B. Hallifax, the sole surviving member of the Lincoln Guild, which was established 70 years ago, was present at the quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch at Moulton on September 20th. He was brought to the meeting by his nephew, Mr. B. Tyrrell. Moulton has a ringing Vicar in Mr. Carey, and his address was based on the inscriptions on the bells.

It was 59 years ago that Mr. G. H. Harding rang his last quarter of Doubles. He conducted one on September 13th at Southbroom, Devizes.

From Yardley, Birmingham, we hear that two first pealers—Catherine Ticquet and Kevin Park—gave trip-free performances of Bob Minor on September 11th. Congratulations!

Eight Surprise Major peals were scored during a peal week in the North East, starting on August 16th. Conductors were Michael Maughan (5), James W. Belshaw (2), Stephen C. Wells (1).

A week of Sussex University Society's tour of Ireland was spent in Ulster. Despite certain restrictions on movement, ringing took place in the two trouble centres—Londonderry and Belfast. Five quarter peals were scored. More later.

Congratulations to Mr. John A. Acres on ringing his first quarter for over two years—1,260 Plain Bob Minor "in hand". Owing to a disability he cannot now participate in ringing as much as he would like but still maintains a lively interest.

Woodston, Peterborough, ringers are very sorry to say farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers. Their stay of one year has been much shorter than hoped. In this time they have been a great help at all stages of the local band's progress. Thanks, Robin and Janet.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

A hearty welcome was extended to the Branch on September 13th by the Rector of Childe Okeford, Rev. W. R. Taylor, who is himself a ringer. Mr. Taylor was assisted at the service by Rev. R. A. Wells (Branch vice-chairman) and Rev. R. N. Longridge (Guild Master). During the service a touch was rung on handbells by Susan Corry, Christopher Longridge and Martin Corry.

A generous tea was provided by ladies of the parish and served to 35 members and friends. All the local arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Leslie Ridout.

The Branch chairman being abroad, the meeting was presided over by Rev. R. A. Wells. He referred to the death in July of the Guild president, Mr. W. C. West, and several members testified to Mr. West's work for ringing and said how much he would be missed.

Mr. E. Chant reported on the recent Branch outing to the Isle of Wight and thanked Mr. W. C. Shute for organising it. Mr. Shute gave details of the striking competition heats, to be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on September 27th. Four teams have entered from North Dorset.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at Childe Okeford and also at Okeford Fitzpaine, where a fête was in progress.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District held its monthly meeting at Cotteder and Ardeley on September 6th. The good attendance included the Canterbury and the majority of the North Herts contingent of the Universities Association who rounded off its tour week there.

A variety of Doubles methods was rung on the heavy five at Cotteder and then everyone proceeded to the picturesque village of Ardeley where methods up to Durham and Norwich were attempted. Suitable refreshment was found in the Jolly Waggoner afterwards and ringing reverted to the verbal. M. M. R.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch took place on September 6th. Ringing in the afternoon was at Highley and in the evening at the neighbouring village of Chelmarsh. The service at Highley Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Britton) and tea followed at a local hostelry. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Alan Jones, Branch Ringing Master, and an encouraging feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers who attended. J. B.

25 YEARS GAP SINCE LAST DUNSTER DEANERY VISIT

It is believed to be 25 years since the Dunster Deanery met at St. Audries and the meeting on September 13th was warmly welcomed. This five-bell ring had a reputation for noise, but now that a false ceiling has been provided the bells sound "very good, indeed." The delicious tea that followed the service left some feeling a little somnolent.

At the business meeting the draft rules were discussed and Deanery and learners' practices were arranged, including one monthly on ten bells. This should prove a golden opportunity for those who feel a little overawed by the thought of ten bells.

Commander Tyndale Biscoe was congratulated on his Treble Place Bob Doubles methods which have been regularly rung at one tower this summer. We then trooped back to the tower and rang various methods until it was, unhappily, time to stop.

P. T.

A NAME TO WATCH

A ringer at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, has had an unfortunate run of luck recently, having lost six attempts for his first peal. These have included attempts for peals in eleven and seven methods, one of which being seven Surprise Minor. Broken ropes caused the failure of two of the most promising efforts.

On September 12th, however, he received some consolation by the success of his first quarter as conductor, his second quarter altogether. Although this is by no means a unique record, such progress within one year of first starting to handle a bell is surely remarkable. There would appear to be every indication that a regular name in the peal columns in future years will be that of Steven Chandler.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Perhaps the most memorable part of the L.C.A. September meeting was the tea provided for us in the Bishopgate Church Hall by Jack Euston and his band of ladies. It provided that "local" touch which is all too rarely a part of the London ringing scene.

At the business meeting five new members were elected and one rule alteration made. (Peal booking fees from September 13th raised from 6d. to 1/- per member.)

The standard of ringing was not good, but at Bishopgate we had difficult bells to contend with and at Shoreditch it was obvious that several people were not used to ringing on 12.

Our thanks to incumbents, tower captains and the ladies for the tea. M. R. W.

EPITAPHS THAT OFFENDED A BISHOP

Mr. Gordon W. Rendell, of Montacute, Somerset, writes: For some time now I have been trying to ascertain the following facts and at last have been successful. I now forward them to you for publication if at any time you have space and think they would be of interest to "Ringing World" readers.

These following epitaphs appear on three tombstones in Montacute churchyard. Many years ago the headstones were placed facing the south wall of the churchyard because their inscriptions offended the Bishop of that time, and it was the Rev. C. F. Powys, 1885-1918, who had them turned around to be made readable. Although badly eroded some of the verses are still decipherable. The first is to a huntsman, John Scott, in the employment of the Phelps family of Montacute House circa late 18th century.

"Here lies John Scott, it was his lot
A huntsman long to be.

He ate no meat, he was no cheat,

But liked his can to see,

Frolick and free in mirth and glee,

He ran his destined race,

And in the field to few did yield

The foremost of the chase,

And now, for wot, he has paid his scot

And here is run to ground."

The second is to an old nurse who died December 3rd, 1788.

"Here lies an old nurse, no better no worse,
Hannah Mitchell the name that she bore.
Her years as were numbered made more
than a hundred

When death put an end to the score.

Full thirty eight years she lived as appears,

At one place, with conduct approved.

The children she bred, the people all said,
She nourished, she cherished, she loved."

The third is to a doctor and one would presume he was a contemporary of the other two: the epitaphs might even have been composed by the same poet.

"Here lies the Doctor, and o'er his head

May the earth lie as light as a feather;

And if not over warm will do him no
harm,

Who n'er valued the wind or the weather.
He's no longer in view, but to give him
his due,

Though not born or bred in a college,

Death n'er drove to earth a man of more
worth

More science or practical knowledge.

Isaac Rogers his name, and who else can
claim

From the Yeo to the Avon is sounded.

At his musical voice Eye Wood would
rejoice,

Drivile Long Wood its echo resounded."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KEYNSHAM, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Sept. 1. 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's one-part.	Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
Kay Whittaker Treble	David A. Burt 5
George J. Hawkins 2	*Reginald M. Virgin 6
Julian E. Newman 3	Alan F. Lee 7
Thomas W. Harris 4	Robin L. Coles Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* First peal of Triples.

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

On Fri., Sept. 5. 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Plain Bob, and 30 extents and four 240's of Grandsire.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble	Frank Morris 3
Adrian F. Arscott 2	*Tom Hancock 4
Mervyn A. Arscott Tenor	

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung on the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Beveridge, Heathfield Lodge, and birthday greetings to the ringer of the third.

BALTONSBOROUGH, Som.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Sept. 6. 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.
*Charles P. Wainwright .. Treble	Sheila Y. Jenkins 4
Martin J. Whiteley 2	Michael G. Bartlett 5
Christopher R. Jenkins .. 3	Gwilym Salmon Tenor

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Sherryl Dunkerton and Richaard Davis following their wedding.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6. 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-score each of St. Simon and St. Martin and 11 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
Henry Button Treble	Leonard Derrick 4
Marjorie Legg 2	Sidney Smith 5
George Prescott 3	*Cecil Mogford Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

LITTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., Sept. 9. 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents in eight methods: (1) Lightfoot. (2) York. (3) Durham. (4) London. (5) Wells. (6) Cambridge. (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Julian E. Newman .. Treble	David J. Orledge 4
George W. Massey 2	Raymond E. J. Baker 5
Peter J. W. Hardwick .. 3	David G. Massey Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.

First peal of Surprise on the bells and fastest peal on the bells. Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 30. 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

William F. Gibbons .. Treble	Roland W. Morant 6
A. Doreen Edwards 2	John R. Scott 7
Frank R. Morton 3	Ivor R. Nichols 8
*Stephen H. Carter 4	Geoffrey A. Edwards 9
Wilfred Kerr 5	†Frederick S. Sutton .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

* First peal on ten bells. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 23. 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

Ronald F. Andrew .. Treble	Basil Jones 5
Derek F. Yates 2	William H. Dowse 6
Alan J. Brown 3	M. Jack Pryor 7
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Basil Jones. Rung for the christening of Robert William Smith, which took place at Marple on August 24th, 1969, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Gander, who were married on August 23rd, 1969.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Sept. 3. 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	*Geoffrey C. Sparling .. 5
John R. Bibby 2	Robert Peers 6
*H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 3	Keith Walpole 7
John E. Bibby 4	Walter Allman Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONELEIGH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., July 30. 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 81 methods: (1) Selston, College Bob III, Carburton, Nuthall, Stapleford, Eagle, Kilvington, Columbia, West Drayton, Alverton, Shireoaks, Studley, North Wheatley, Snitterfield, West Markham, Ossington, Sturton-le-Steeple and Stoneleigh (18 methods). (2) Averham, Screveton, Armstrong, Barton-in-Fabis, Bathley, Aldrin, Clayworth, Burton Joyce, Collins, Babworth, Brough, Redding, Flawborough, Car-Colston, Apollo, Bunney, Bothamsall and Tranquillity (18 methods). (3) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawford, Bilton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill (18 methods). (4) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redcar, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield (12 methods). (5) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick. (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich. (7) London and Wells. with 129 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

David R. Randall .. Treble	Peter H. Mackie (2) 4
Anthony J. Cox (1) 2	Peter C. Randall (5) 5
Stephen F. Royal (3) .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall (4, 6 and 7) Tenor

Jointly conducted by all the "inside" ringers.

The figures in parentheses indicate the extents called by each ringer. The greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Surprise Minor.
College Bob III: —56—14—56—36—12—5. 2nds. 42635.
Eagle: —56—14—56—36.12—12.5. 2nds. 42635.
Columbia: —56—14—56—1236—12—5. 2nds. 42635.
Studley: —56—14—56—36—34—5. 2nds. 42635.
Snitterfield: —56—14—56—1236—34—5. 2nds. 42635.
Stoneleigh: —56—14—56—36.12—34.5. 2nds. 42635.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HENLEY-IN-ARDEN. Warwicks.—At the Church of
 St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
 Raymon A. Sheasby .. Treble E. C. Gareth Higgs .. 4
 Jonathon Evans .. 2 George Pluckrose .. 5
 David R. Randall .. 3 Peter C. Randall .. Tenor
 Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

HARBURY. Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt, 3 lb. in G.
 *Alison M. Hill .. Treble E. C. Gareth Higgs .. 4
 Raymon A. Sheasby .. 2 Peter C. Randall .. 5
 Anthony J. Cox .. 3 John F. Thorne .. Tenor
 Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal.

GRENDON. Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
 Jonathon Evans .. Treble R. Joy Pluckrose .. 4
 George Pluckrose .. 2 Peter C. Randall .. 5
 Raymon A. Sheasby .. 3 Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

KENILWORTH. Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 14 cwt, 22 lb. in F sharp.
 John K. Foot .. Treble Peter C. Randall .. 4
 Geoffrey W. Randall .. 2 Ernest J. Gower .. 5
 Anthony J. Cox .. 3 Ian C. Maycock .. Tenor
 Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mark Robottom and Susan Fletcher immediately prior to their wedding.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAXAL. Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720 with no 6-5's at backstroke.
 Tenor 11 cwt, 23 lb. in G.

*Richard Fletcher .. Treble †John D. Cooper .. 4
 Susan E. Davis .. 2 A. Colin Banton .. 5
 †Susan E. Banton .. 3 †Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
 Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

MORETONHAMPTON. Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
 Tenor 15 cwt, 7 lb. in F.
 Edgar R. Rapley .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
 Joan Beresford .. 2 Peter M. Wilkinson .. 6
 Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3 Nicholas J. Davies .. 7
 Norman Summerhayes .. 4 Dennis Beresford .. Tenor
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

SALTASH. Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
 On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt, 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.
 Peter L. Bill .. Treble Stephen G. Peirce .. 4
 Alan N. Frost .. 2 George E. Mudge .. 5
 John F. Steere .. 3 D. Roy Bould .. Tenor
 Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
 On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 1 lb. in G

John G. Gipson .. Treble Allen Twyman .. 5
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2 Geoffrey Pearson .. 6
 Susan Rothera .. 3 Donald F. Murfet .. 7
 Richard J. Harrison .. 4 Philip J. Rothera .. Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to Alan and Jenny Scholfield, who are moving from Cambridge to Cheshire.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS. Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G sharp.
 Thomas J. Lock .. Treble Henry C. Foster .. 4
 A. Pattie Clapham .. 2 John H. Bluff .. 5
 Paul E. Wells .. 3 Harold S. Peacock .. Tenor
 Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

HUNTINGDON. Hunts.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.
 Jane K. A. Hough .. Treble T. Raymond Garrett .. 4
 J. Richard Hough .. 2 John H. Bluff .. 5
 David Prescott .. 3 Harold S. Peacock .. Tenor
 Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. T. W. Nesbitt, Rector of this parish since 1964, tragically drowned while on holiday in Malta on August 28th, 1969. R.I.P.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Philip George .. Treble Philip H. D. Jones .. 6
 David MacKay .. 2 Raymond E. J. Baker .. 7
 Roy W. Rice .. 3 Peter J. England .. 8
 Peter J. W. Hardwick .. 4 Edward J. Chivers .. 9
 Walter S. Rice .. 5 David G. Massey .. Tenor
 Composed by William Pye. Conducted by David G. Massey.
 * First peal on ten bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD. Glos.—At the Church of St. Edward.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 27½ cwt.

Alan Ewins .. Treble John J. Webb .. 5
 Joyce Gardner .. 2 Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 6
 Leonard C. Dowdeswell .. 3 Brian W. Hall .. 7
 Christopher M. Povey .. 4 Paul Clifford .. Tenor
 Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
 Rung as a farewell to Angela and Peter Newing on their departure to Tibberton and Taynton.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 HUNGERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble Alan D. Flood .. 5
 Reginald W. Rex .. 2 †W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
 †Beryl R. Simpson .. 3 *Michael J. Church .. 7
 Richard Green .. 4 Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor
 Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

HAWLEY. Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt, 7 lb. in E.

*Eunice A. Lewis .. Treble Alan D. Elsmore .. 5
 Donald N. Jennings .. 2 Peter J. Munday .. 6
 Felicity S. Hamilton .. 3 †Michael J. Church .. 7
 Beryl R. Simpson .. 4 Frank W. Lewis .. Tenor
 Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
 * 25th peal for the Guild. † 50th for the Guild. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CRANLEIGH. Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt, 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Alan D. Elsmore .. Treble *Martin J. Kirk .. 5
 *Carolyn Tubbs .. 2 *Dudley P. Elsmore .. 6
 *Edward J. Fletcher .. 3 E. John Wells .. 7
 *John A. Collier .. 4 †A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor
 Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
 * First peal of Oxford T.B. † 600th peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE. Herefordshire.—At the Church of
 St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt, 11 lb. in G.
 John W. Hope .. Treble Austin T. Wingate .. 4
 Colin A. Lewis .. 2 Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
 Frederick R. Harris .. 3 John F. I. Turney .. Tenor
 Conducted by John F. I. Turney.
 First peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*Graham H. Terris Treble	George Philpott 5
Gordon K. Terris 2	Leonard Crouch 6
Phyllis R. Osenton 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Trevor A. Cross 4	Brian R. Trill Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in memoriam Rev. Canon Elliot Mitchell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard G. Latham Treble	John H. Wilton 5
Nigel P. A. Goulding 2	Edwin C. Birkett 6
James Dunbavin 3	John R. Ridley 7
Martin E. Snape 4	Graham K. Austin Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Ridley.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Terence M. FitzGerald, a member of the Liverpool Branch, who died on Sunday, July 20th, 1969.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Derek Butterworth Treble	David Howarth 5
F. John Nelson 2	Richard J. Parker 6
Michael Platt 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Keith Thomsett 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

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

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
Roy Jolley Treble	David Makin-Taylor 5
Thomas Hobson 2	Joseph Thornley 6
R. Keith Lister 3	John Ashcroft 7
John Illingworth 4	*Alan Forrester Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and 75 years after the first peal on the bells by the local band.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.

*Doreen Maclean Treble	Thomas F. Metcalfe 4
Nicholas M. Newby 2	†Alan Capstick 5
†Hugh F. Pettifer 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First in two methods.

‡ Has "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Diana Rosalyn Barrett (daughter of the Vicar) to Graham Frederick Atkins.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Frank Chambers Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
*B. Stedman Payne 2	*Alec R. Jones 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Ronald D. Hughes 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method

COSSINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, six callings.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp
B. Stedman Payne .. Treble	J. Richard Perkins 3
*Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2	Roger N. Scholes 4
Clive J. Mobbs Tenor	

Composed by J. Richard Perkins.

* First peal of Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.
Rung before Evensong on the occasion of the Cossington Village Festival.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Germain.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt.
G. Angus Dixon Treble	*Walter S. Smith 4
David Bee 2	Charles V. Cade 5
Peter Burton 3	Aidan Hopkins Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* 50th peal.

Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
*David Fensom Treble	Harold Barsley 4
*Michael Belcher 2	J. Henry Taylor 5
William B. Dawson 3	Philip H. Reynolds Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

* First peal.

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

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in the following six methods: (1) Reverse Canterbury, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Gordon K. Green Treble	David A. Godfrey 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Roland W. Morant 5
Peter A. Slight 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. V. Evans.

HORBLING, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Comprising seven extents in the following 12 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Rev. Canterbury, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.	
Gordon K. Green Treble	Vaughan P. Evans 4
David A. Godfrey 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Roland W. Morant 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in 14 methods—Stedman, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury—and 78 variations.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.
*David A. Godfrey .. Treble	†Roland W. Morant 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Peter A. Slight 5
*†Frank R. Morton 3	*Gordon K. Green Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

* First peal in 92 Doubles. † 25th together, 25th as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss P. Mary (Microbe) Cheesewright.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower, (5) Oxford and Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Rev. Canterbury.	
Gordon K. Green Treble	David A. Godfrey 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Frank R. Morton 5
Roland W. Morant 3	Denis A. Frith Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Most Minor methods by all the band except the conductor. First peal of 16-Minor as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ALBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup Treble	Frederick C. Gunton .. . 5
Edwin R. Goate 2	David Ralls 6
Norman P. J. Cossey .. . 3	J. Ian Margetts 7
Thomas J. Brock 4	Rev. Peter N. Bond .. . Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

Rung during the church Flower Festival.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Sylvia M. White Treble	Norman H. Leslie .. . 6
Edwin Drewitt 2	John W. T. Hibbert .. . 7
†Stephen K. Thompson .. . 3	Dennis A. Leslie .. . 8
*Vivian J. White 4	Brian R. White 9
Frank White 5	Francis A. White .. . Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

* First peal. † First of Caters. ‡ First "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Caroline Drewitt and Peter Hamp, and Angela Purbrick and Peter Watts.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. GILES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

*Howard E. J. Smith .. Treble	*Michael Hatchett .. . 5
Alan R. Pink 2	*Frank W. Lewis .. . 6
William Birmingham .. . 3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd .. . 7
*Ronald K. Russ 4	*J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of St. Giles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt

Ronald G. Beck Treble	S. Arthur Read 6
Eric Naylor 2	Gwilym Salmon 7
Graham C. Paul 3	Adrian P. Beck 8
Alan A. Paul 4	Edward J. Chivers .. . 9
Philip H. D. Jones .. . 5	Victor Savage Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

S. Arthur Read Treble	Adrian P. Beck 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	Philip H. D. Jones .. . 6
Gwilym Salmon 3	Eric Naylor 7
Victor Savage 4	Edward J. Chivers .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Topp.

Conducted by Eric Naylor.

OUNDLE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Alan J. Marks Treble	Barry R. Care 5
John G. Mitchell 2	Edward C. Buckley .. . 6
Richard J. Cowley 3	Peter M. Fleckney .. . 7
J. Malcolm Tyler 4	Murray A. Coleman .. . Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. Malcolm M. C. Melville, married at Bedford on August 9th, 1969.

YAXLEY, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*J. Russell Charlton .. Treble	John E. David 4
Alfred Waller 2	J. Malcolm Tyler .. . 5
†John R. Riley 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

Rung before Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

OLD FLETON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*Adrian J. Dolby Treble	John E. David 3
†J. Russell Charlton .. . 2	Roy W. Spencer 4
Raymond H. Daw Tenor	

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

* First peal. † First "inside." First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a diamond wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hollowell (grandparents of Mrs. Wendy Daw)

GREAT GIDDING, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Adrian J. Dolby Treble	Robert J. Yeomans .. . 3
*John R. Riley 2	John E. David 4
Raymond H. Daw Tenor	

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
Rung as a belated wedding compliment to Mr. D. F. Clack and Miss D. E. Yeomans, who were married at this church when the bells were unringable. Also a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Yeomans (bride's parents).

STANGROUND, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Russell Charlton .. Treble	Bernard J. Branton .. . 4
Frank E. Sismey 2	Frank T. Boyall 5
John R. Riley 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David Dolby (former chorister and server at this church) and Sandra Daniels.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Aug. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's, Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson .. . 5
Jane Foster 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
Harry Stacey 3	Dennis Beresford .. . 7
Norman Summerhayes .. 4	Stanley G. Ponting .. . Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

Rung to mark the retirement this day of the Rev. L. W. Dodd, Vicar of this parish 1955-69.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First peal of Asstead by all except the ringer of the 5th.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Philippa M. Tubbs .. Treble	Jack L. Millhouse .. . 7
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 2	Richard H. Youdale .. . 8
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	Alan F. Scholfield .. . 9
Rowan S. Bradley 4	Roland H. Cook 10
William T. Perrins 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. . 11
Michael J. Church 6	S. Clarke Walters .. . Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon Treble	James W. Belshaw .. . 5
Maurice F. Edwards .. . 2	Robert Edwards 6
A. Bryan Ellsmore .. . 3	Bryan D. A. Woolley .. . 7
Stephen W. Barton 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Eight-part,	Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.
John N. Linton Treble	David B. Flint 5
Maurice F. Edwards .. 2	Eric Spence 6
A. Bryan Ellsmore .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 7
Reginald H. Newton .. 4	Bryan D. A. Woolley .. Tenor
Composed by Brian D. Price.	Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HODNET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.	
Ernest F. Willcox Treble	Ian Friend 5
S. Geoffrey Pick 2	Philip R. Johnson 6
Philip J. Evans 3	Richard C. Stevens 7
Alan M. Jones 4	Reginald H. Newton .. Tenor
Composed by Simon Humphrey.	Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
J. Roderick N. Lebon .. Treble	Peter L. R. Hayward .. 4
*Joan Carter 2	*Paul C. Selby 5
Andrew L. B. King .. 3	Trevor H. Kirkman .. Tenor
Conducted by Andrew L. B. King and Trevor H. Kirkman.	
* First peal.	

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Wed., July 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
John Housden Treble	Paul C. Selby 4
Pamela J. Clifton 2	Reginald J. Stretton .. 5
W. Gordon Marsh 3	Trevor H. Kirkman .. Tenor
Conducted by Trevor H. Kirkman.	

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Plain Bob, Dedworth, Buttercup, Alvaston, Primrose, Tichborne, Violet, Windrush, Wollaston, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old, Rev. Canterbury, Broadwas, Cowslip, Honeysuckle, Marston, Old Swinford, Salwarpe, Wallflower, Wychbold, Southrepps, Little Aston, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Grandsire, Bluebell, Daffodil, St. Frideswide, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall and Marchington.

Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.	
John R. Rigby Treble	Richard J. Anthony .. 3
Pamela J. Clifton 2	*W. Gordon Marsh .. 4

H. Geoffrey Wells Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* 50th peal. Most methods by all the band and as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Pamela J. Clifton, who has passed eight subjects in her G.C.E. "O" levels.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Old, Seighford, Kennington, April Day and ten extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.	
Patricia M. Hayward .. Treble	John R. Rigby 3
Phillip K. Wilde 2	H. Geoffrey Wells .. 4

John R. Anthony Tenor

Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David W. Flower.

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

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.	
*Diana M. Mounsey .. Treble	Raymond G. Fanthorpe 4
Harry Poyner 2	Philip Rogers 5
Paul N. Mounsey 3	†Bryan Birkett Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* First peal (aged 13). † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Hurst, the tower captain at Ordsall, and his wife to mark their 40th wedding anniversary.

RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents containing 186 calls, all singles.	
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A flat.	
Harold Archer Treble	John A. Coates 4
Bryan Birkett 2	Paul N. Mounsey 5
Harold Denman 3	Philip Rogers Tenor
Conducted by Philip Rogers.	

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

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Little Aston, Southrepps and St. Columb.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 b. in F.	
Patricia M. Hayward .. Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Pamela J. Clifton 3	W. Gordon Marsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Pamela J. Clifton.

Conductor's 25th peal and most methods as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Comer, churchwarden at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Dionis Court Bob, (2) Dunkirk Court, (3) Bilborough Court Bob, Carrington Imperial Court Bob, (4) Whitmoor Court Bob, Radford Imperial Court Bob, Keighton Court, (5) Sherwood Court, (6) Sutton Passseys Court, Wollaton Court, (7) Ledbury Court.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.	
C. Richard Daft Treble	Denis A. Frith 4
Peter A. Slight 2	Simon Humphrey 5
William L. Exton 3	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

The naming of the 99 Plain Minor methods has now been completed

Dionis Court Bob:	36.14—36.14.56.	4ths.	45362.
Dunkirk Court:	36.14—16—16.	4ths.	46325
Bilborough Court Bob:	—1456—16—56.	4ths.	45362.
Carrington Imperial Court Bob:	—1456—16.34.56.	4ths.	45362
Whitmoor Court Bob:	56.14—16—56.	4ths.	45362.
Radford Imperial Court Bob:	56.14—16.34.56.	4ths.	45362
Keighton Court:	56.14—16—36.	4ths.	46325
Sherwood Court:	56.14—1236—16.	4ths.	62534
Sutton Passseys Court:	—1456—1236—16.	4ths.	62534.
Wollaton Court:	—16—1236—16.	4ths.	62534.
Ledbury Court:	—14—16—36	4ths.	45362.

2nds place bobs used throughout.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Benedict.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 39 lb. in F sharp.	
Rosemary E. White .. Treble	Stephen J. Bedford .. 4
Richard A. Hunt 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Frank H. Hicks Treble	John Pladdys 5
Valerie J. Howard 2	Richard Hayes 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Tony Lewis 7
Derek Slater 4	John A. Howard .. Tenor
Composed by Simon A. B. Wigg.	Conducted by John A. Howard.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA.—At 148, Chemical Road, Morriston.

On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 14 in D.
Lawrence C. Hanney .. 1-2	Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare (cond.)	.. 5-6

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Maureen J. Carruthers and Lawrence C. Hanney, and also to mark the departure from the district of Lawrence C. Hanney.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In Discussion Room 2,

The Students' Union.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In six methods, including: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, St. Clement's College, with 148 changes of method.

Traditional.	Tenor size 11 in G.
John S. Hopwood .. 1-2	Robert M. Chambers .. 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4	*Peter G. Holden .. 7-8
Composed by Geoffrey Dodds, Richard J. Parker, James R. White and Christopher I. Rowson	Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Spliced Major on handbells.	

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ENGAGEMENTS

DORRINGTON—MOORBY.—The engagement is announced between Richard Bryan Dorrington, of Bilston, Staffordshire, and Bryony Pamela Heather Moorby, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 7820

QUARTLEY—HOAR.—The engagement is announced between Charles P. Quartley and Jennifer M. Hoar, both of Trowbridge, Wilts. 7846

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HATFIELD.—The address of Lyndon (Henry) and Dianne is now 23, Beaumont Rise, Fareham, Hants. Tel.: Fareham 81862. All ringing friends welcome. 7837

KNOX.—The address of Dennis, Sybil and family is now 40, Princes Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk. Tel. No. Felixstowe 6544. 7854

ONGLEY.—The address of Anne and Bernard is c/o 85, Withers Avenue, Orford, Warrington, Lancs. Tel. Warrington 35857. 7841

SKILTON.—Tony's term-time address is: Christ Church College, Canterbury, Kent. 7852

PERSONAL

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."—Isaiah liv., 13.

Mr. Martin L. Howe is still living at 83, College Road. His copy was returned to this office because of the stencil becoming worn. It is regretted that this was not detected at the time.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BATH UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up this term. Please contact Peter J. W. Hardwick, Room IW.4035, for information of our activities.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. The first practice of term will be from 6-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10th, at St. Francis Xavier's. Ringing for the Freshers' Service at the Cathedral 6-7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12th. 7844

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, Ormsby Hill House, Lancaster, Durham. 7700

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY is pleased to welcome all freshers. First practice of term at St. Michael-on-the-Mount's, Friday, Oct. 3rd, at 5 p.m. 7811

MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition. This will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Oct. 8th.—F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, M25 6BA. 7706

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Saturday, Oct. 11th. Half-day ringing school at Barrow-on-Humber, 1.30 to 8 p.m. Details from C. A. Harrison, Greetwell Crossroads, Kirton Lindsey. Phone: Scawby 295. 7748

LLANFAFF CATHEDRAL.—From Sunday, Oct. 5th, Cathedral Evensong will begin at 4 p.m. Therefore ringing from that date will be from 3-4 p.m. 7853

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—Dedication of restored and augmented ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after the service. All welcome. All enquiries re the bells to M. D. Fellows, Tower Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 7786

WANTED.—An odd bell out of an old set, 4½" dia., approx. Damaged at base or marked will do.—Webster, 27, Conway Drive, Wrexham, Denbighshire. 7812

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

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

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October 3rd, 4th and 5th

Bells (8, tenor 19-1-23) available on Saturday, Oct. 4th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome. Bands may book times by writing to Mr. C. H. Baker, 29, Tennyson Street, Gainsborough. 7818

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Sunday, October 12th

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Final of the Striking Competition at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Teams to meet 2 p.m.

Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by results and entertainment by the Henley (Suffolk) and Norton Subcourse Handbell Teams.

Haddiscoe (5) available 2-4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, NOR 26W, by previous Wednesday, please.—N.C. 7838

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, October 18th
At 7 p.m.

Tarry's Banqueting Rooms,
Harpole Turn, Harpole.

Tickets, £1 10s. each and c.w.o., to be obtained from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, October 8th.

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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.4., 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.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 11th, 1969

FESTIVAL SERVICE, Ascott-under-Wychwood, 4 p.m.

Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.

All visitors welcome.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

9.30-11.00	Hook Norton (8)	3.30	Service Ringing
10.00-11.30	Chipping Norton (8)	4.00	FESTIVAL SERVICE
10.30-12.00	Enstone (6)	5.00-6.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)
11.00-12.30	Charlbury (6)	6.00-7.30	Churchill (6)
11.30-1.30	Spelsbury (6)	6.30-8.00	Kingham (8)
12.30-2.00	Chadlington (6)	7.00-8.30	Little Compton (5)
1.00-2.30	Leafeld (6)	7.30-9.00	Great Rollright (6)
1.30-3.00	Burford (8)	7.30-9.00	Hook Norton (8)
2.00-3.30	Shipton-under-Wychwood (8)	7.30-9.00	Chipping Norton (8)
2.30-3.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)		

REFRESHMENTS: SPELSBURY, 11.30 to 1.30. Tea, coffee, squash.

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Further particulars and lunch bookings—

P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**ANNUAL DINNER**

Saturday, October 25th

at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.

The Trinity Ballroom, Worcester

Tickets (18/6) from Branch secretaries and general secretary by Oct. 21st.

All Saints', 4-5.30 p.m.

St. Swithun's, 5-6 p.m.

D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7856

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward has found it necessary to be relieved of the work of distribution which he has done so well for the last few years. A volunteer is required to perform this valuable service. An average size room is required to house the stock. In 1968 there was a turnover of 5,770 items.

Will anyone who is prepared to serve the Exercise in this capacity please write to me and I will give any further information required.

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting. Kirdford (6). Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Evening ringing 6-8.30. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Key-nor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7860

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Fawley, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 Tea 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall Lymington bells (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL, by previous Wednesday.—Gillian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7840

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Napton-on-the-Hill, Saturday Oct. 4th Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Priors Marston (6) 2.15-3.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. A. M. 7785

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing: St. John's, 2-3.30; St. Cuthbert's, 3-4 and in evening; Holy Trinity, 4-4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30 at Holy Trinity and tea 5.15 in Holy Trinity Hall. Business to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington (Tel. 68108). 7779

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Isleham, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 6.30-8.30 o.m. Please support the Harvest Flower Festival at Willingham 7778

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorpe-le-Soken (6), Oct. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Downs, Church Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 7769

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest, Ripponden, on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mount, Wistons Lane, Elland.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Ippolyts (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Offley (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7787

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Oct. 4th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows. Further ringing at Holy Trinity, Darwen, 6-8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 7836

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Change of venue. Meeting, Bourne, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Hartley, Hereward Café, South Street, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7789

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Business meeting and ringing, Ruislip, Saturday, Oct. 4th. 6-8.30 p.m. Harefield not available.—M. J. Palmer. 7842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Autumn General Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Witney. There is parking accommodation behind the Hall. Tea will be 5s. per person. Names for tea, together with remittance and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st

2.30 p.m. Meeting in the Masonic Hall, Witney.

4.30 p.m. Tea.

6.00 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Witney.

Ringing arrangements.—These will be sent with the tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard. 7781

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Down View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 7815

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7848

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Retford (10), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea and Evensong till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7793

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—(Correction) Annual Goose Fair meeting on Saturday, Oct. 4th. St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St. Peter's (12), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 7551

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Lower Beeding, Saturday, Oct. 4th. (Not Parkfield or Coleman's Hatch.) Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osborn, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Tel.: 23815.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Saturday, Oct. 4th, quarterly meeting, Upper Clatford (6), 2.30 p.m. Goodworth Clatford available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pickford, 8, Murray Close, Andover, Hants. District striking competition at Goodworth Clatford. Draw 2 p.m. 7703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Monday, Oct. 6th, Bampton (8), 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec 7783

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Oct. 7th, at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Oct. 7th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Oct. 14th, St. Mary-le-Bow; Oct. 21st, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Oct. 28th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 7832

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Northill (6), 3-4.45 p.m. Biggleswade (8), evening, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting, Biggleswade belfry, 6 p.m., followed by ringing. 7858

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Oct. 11th, North Cave (6), 2.30-4 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at North Ferryby (6). Bells 4.30-5 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Chapman, 7, Corby Park, North Ferryby, by previous Wednesday 7845

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimsote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7829

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone. 7834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford (Tel. 25388), by Thursday, Oct. 9th. Result of "Tidy Tower" competition to be announced.—A. P. S. B 7825

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Oct. 11th at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104, Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, by previous Wednesday. Ringing arrangements: Canterbury—St. Dunstan's, 2.30-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 2.45-3.45 p.m.; in evening after meeting at Canterbury Cathedral. 7858

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea in the Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. V. Martin, 21, Oubas Hill, Ulverston.—T. F. Metcalfe 7798

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Milnrow, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 7827

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Ilston-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7849

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Somerby (6), on Oct. 11th (week-end Festival of Flowers and Music). Ringing 6-8.30 p.m., followed by a hot supper at a reasonable charge.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7814

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 7796

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 11th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 4-5 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30-8 p.m. No business. Own tea. Nearest tubes Farringdon Street and Moorgate.—M. R. W., Sec. 7823

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring picnic teas 7847

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 7859

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dawentry Branch.—Meeting, Flore (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea important to Mr. R. Fonge, 16, The Avenue, Flore, by Monday previous.—I. Webb 7843

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at King's Norton (10) on Oct. 11th. Competition ringing at 15.00 prompt Service 17.15 Tea for those who notify R. J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Birmingham, 22B (Phone: 021-356 4509), by previous Wednesday 7822

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in evening to approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Archer, 8, Morville Drive, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Methods: Beginners, Plain Bob Major; brighter ones, Cambridge Surprise Major. 7835

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 7826

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Elveden (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Paul, 45, London Road, Elveden, Brandon, Suffolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7800

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Banstead, Oct. 11th. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6. Tea for first 35 who notify Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, by previous Wednesday. No name, no tea. Ringing arrangements: Mortlake, 10-10.45; Barnes, St. Mary, Lambeth, 10.30-11.15; Battersea, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Thames Ditton, Wimbledon, 1.30-2.15; Beddington, 1.45-2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham, 2-2.45; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2.30-3.15; Banstead, 3-4.30 and 6.30-8 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7850

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, October 11th

Clapham Park (8), 3-4.30 p.m.
Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting

Evening ringing to be announced.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Chawton, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Bells in the evening until 7 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Oct. 6th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Tel. Lockheath 2404. 7833

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bredons Norton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Further ringing afterwards. Overbury (6) available from 6.45-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. 7771

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Sawston (8), on the third Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting, more ringing.—J. S. 7817

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eastington (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2/6 per head) 5 p.m. Stonehouse also available after tea. Names and money for tea (no money or name, no tea) to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tues., 14th, please. 7851

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle, Lincs.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7855

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Thompson, 4, Springhead Road, Northfleet, by previous Wednesday.—I. Barton. 7839

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Great Barr, near Walsall, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7764

LATE NOTICE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The October meeting will be held at Thurnby on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Pawley, 8, Anthony Drive, Thurnby, by Wednesday previous. Humberstone bells open for ringing from 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. 7861

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. C. Turner (first quarter) 1, M. M. Turner 2, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 3, T. Bounds 4, J. Hope 5.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sanswin 1, Mrs. M. A. Large 2, R. A. Large 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Trewin 5, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 6. To celebrate the first birthday of Jonathan Noel Large.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Currall (first Minor) 1, R. Collins 2, F. Harper 3, Marion Kemp 4, Jean Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birthday of ringer of 1.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, J. P. Hull 4 C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Katharine Salvage 4, C. D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. George Farmer on leaving for Heston Middx; also a farewell to Kay and Colin Tee on their departure from the Druid's Head, Kingston.

LINCOLN.—On Aug. 10th, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. M. Minns 1, Dianne Davis (first "Inside") 2, Vivienne West 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For the flower festival in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,272 Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus: Pam Franklin 1, I. M. Minns 2, Susan Faulk 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Lyn Avery 1, Dianne Davis 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Hastings 1, A. J. Henman 2, C. E. Stanton 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Robinson, former ringer of this parish.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. E. Clifton 1, C. W. J. East 2, R. J. Corker 3, R. J. Harris (first quarter) 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, G. R. James 6.

NEWCHURCH, KENT.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Beeching 1, Mrs. Wratten 2, Judith Brooks 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, R. Offen 5, L. Beeching 6. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. P. Brotherton 1, M. J. Taylor 2, B. G. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, L. W. Beeching 6. A compliment to Ann Barber and Alan Berry, married the previous day at Folkestone.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Le Marechal 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 3, R. S. Parratt 4, D. R. Fallick 5, I. M. McCallion (first quarter) 6. Rung on the front six.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, Ben Ridout 2, Bert Ridout 3, Bob Ridout 4, M. J. Corry 5, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

OTTERSASH, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Holmes 1, R. L. Pashly 2, J. M. Warinton 3, P. V. W. Feast ("circled the tower" as cond.) 4, J. P. Ladd 5, A. Tanner 6. First Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. M. Warinton 1-2, P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 3-4. First of Minimus on handbells.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Sudbury 1, J. Green 2, M. Hunter 3, R. Threadgold 4, H. Moore 5, R. Lindsell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Urban 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Rosemary Urban 3, R. K. Bickerton 4, A. Ewer 5, S. D. Chandler (first as cond. and of Minor) 6. For the Flower Festival.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on June 29th, 1,379 Minster Doubles: Same band. Also on July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Mills 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 St. Owen Place: A. Lazzarini 1, B. Mills (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, D. Lazzarini 5. All for Evensong.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Sampson 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, E. R. Gotham 3, E. E. Frampton 4, E. H. Nash 5, T. J. Setter 6. First quarter of Doubles rung by the conductor for 59 years.

STAFFORD.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Daniels (first in method) 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, R. B. Partridge 3, E. Fairbrother 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Crawley 1, Miss B. Tomlin 2, Miss J. Gilder (cond.) 3, Miss F. Tomlin 4, T. Chainey 5, B. Mitchell 6. Rung in honour of Mr. B. Mitchell's (captain) 70th birthday. First quarter by a local band since World War II.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Bro. C. W. Denyer (Wm. Cobbett 7914) 1, Bro. T. G. Bannister (Hillingdon 3174) 2, W. Bro. A. D. Barker, L.G.R. (St. Clement Danes 1351) (cond.) 3, W. Bro. F. G. Baldwin (Reading 2090) 4, W. Bro. W. H. Coles (Hillingdon 3174) 5, Bro. E. R. Gotham (Hillingdon 3174) 6, Bro. H. P. Reed (Sir Bevis 5072) 7, Bro. P. S. Venn (Sursum Corda 6367) 8. In memoriam the Earl of Scarbrough on the day of the memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Bremner 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, J. Hallett 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, R. E. V. Cockle 5, Jacqueline Miles 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Annels. Mr. Annels is churchwarden at Upham.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

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(4) Drills and Exercises. Over 60 of these have been developed and applied successfully. The drills are movements carried out with a "dead" rope, "D", i.e., bell in lowered position, or even independently of a rope; while exercises are mainly on a "live" rope, i.e., with bell raised. In the list that follows all exercises prior to No. 52 are "silenced", and all "live" ones are indicated by "L/". "L/S" means live but silenced, and "L/O" means live but open. Limited space here prevents detailed description of each and every drill and exercise—this is given in "Manual I" referred to previously; but here, in some cases, the title together with outline description is sufficient to enable a competent and experienced ringer to interpret the reference, and introduce the work, checked by the list of faults mentioned later.

Ex. or Drill	Title and Description	Character
1.	Making rope-tie.	—D
2.	Chiming to get "bell-feel".	—D
3.	Taking position at rope. (See "Preliminaries".)	—D
4.	Taking Stance. (See "Preliminaries".)	—D
5.	"Lower" hand thumb-clutch of rope-end, and retention test.	—D
6.	Lower hand grip of sally, with rope-end.	—D
7.	"Upper" hand grips, rope-end and sally.	—D
8.	Grips contact.	—D
9.	Upper hand immediate transfer of grip.	—D
10.	The reach-up. (Arms straight and heels up.)	—D
11.	Safety release drill. (Instructor retrieving released rope.)	—D
12.	"Balance and set" drill (hand)*.	—D
13.	"Balance and set" drill (back). (Bell—lowered—just pulled out of vertical hang.)	—D
	(For 13, rope-end held up by tutor on chair.)	
14.	"Hand-ring drill." (For promoting dead-vertical pull. Hands make ring round rope hanging vertically. Full-up-and-down arm movement; slow,	

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire): F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: Linda West (first Cinques) 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, Laura Grindrod 5, June Whitcher 6, R. Burberry 7, G. Walker 8, R. J. Chapman 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, J. Murfitt 11, M. C. Austin 12. For Matins.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gillian Eldridge (first Minor) 1, Janet Blake 2, P. Pope 3, Christine Baldock 4, G. Becey 5, A. Baldock (25th Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Michael David) to David and Sybil McLean.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, Rosalind Payne 2, V. Bull 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, L. Hawkins 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Kneec 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung for Evensong at the Festival of Bells, and as a compliment to ringer of 4, who preached the sermon.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, R. Collins 3, Marion Kemp 4, Jean Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

- then fast, with no rope disturbance.) —D
15. Back-stroke pull. (Tutor on chair to hold up rope.) —D
16. Back-stroke rise. (Keep a little weight on, for taut rope.) —D
17. Handstroke pull and release. (Use dummy rope-end.) —D
18. Backstroke pull and handstroke rise. (Catch. For this use old rope cut off about 4 feet above sally. Mark sally catch-point with white elastic "serviette ring". Instructor operates from chair.)
19. Complete stroke-cycle. (Drills 15 to 18 all in.) (Instructor working rope from chair.)
Note.—Drills 15 to 19 are particularly useful for nervous pupils. The real benefit is that all rope movement can be simulated in absolute safety, and as slowly as desired. Able pupils proceed from 14 to 20 direct.
20. (L/S) Backstroke pull and backstroke rise. (Instructor catching sally and pulling off.) L/S
21. Handstroke pull and release. (Pupil using dummy rope-end and instructor the real rope-end, and catching sally.) L/S
22. Add handstroke-catch to Exercise 21. L/S
23. Pupil takes real rope-end and performs complete cycle of the four strokes. L/S
24. Hunting by rhythmic hand-clapping. (See New Feature No. 7 elsewhere. Concept of Hunting.)
25. Ex. 24 with pupils calling bell positions.
26. Rhythmic hunting on handbells. (Single-hand.)
27. Bell Control practice, introducing effects of drills 3 to 10 inclusive; also 14, by full use of arm-joints, i.e., shoulder, elbow and wrist, promoting dead-vertical rise and fall of rope. L/S
28. Bell balancing at hand. L/S
29. Bell balancing at back L/S
30. Bell setting from balance, hand and back. L/S

(To be continued)

COMPOSITIONS

SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

720 in 8 methods

By R. D. BAILEY

23456

45236 KBQ
 42356 NPHPKCC
 35426 KBKCC | A
 34256 IBKCC | A
 23456 A

K=King Edward
 B=Bourne
 Q=Queen Mary
 N=Norfolk

P=Primrose
 H=Hull
 C=Cambridge
 I=Ipswich

720 in 11 methods

By M. S. BRUCE

23456

52436 LXOXB
 34256 XXLXB
 Twice repeated.

L=Linden

O=Westminster, Allendale, or

Fryerning

B=Bamborough

X=Broomfield, Fyfield, Luton, Rhyl, Ripley, or Thorne

720 in 9 methods

By M. S. BRUCE

23456

24536 EXYOX
 42356 EEEOE
 Twice repeated.

E=Eastwood

Y=York

O=Beverley or Surfleet

X=Appleby, Beighton, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, or Terling

720 in 10 methods

By M. S. BRUCE

23456

54326 OXNXX
 42356 OXSNX
 Twice repeated.

O=Chester or Munden

N=Netherwood

S=Sandiacre

X=Chester-le-Street, Sleaford, Grantham, Bangor, Orsett, or Upshire

720 in 9 methods

By M. S. BRUCE

23456

52436 CLOXC
 34256 LCLXX
 Twice repeated.

C=Coldstream

L=Gainsborough

O=Lincoln

X=Purleigh, Quendon, Bakewell, Minchad, Retford, or Spalding

720 in 6 methods

By M. S. BRUCE

23456

25346 LBXBX
 34256 XWXBX
 Twice repeated.

L=Langleybury

B=Brentford

W=Wooler

X=a, b, or c

a: 34-36.14-12-36-12-3 6ths

b: 34-36.14-12-36.12-12.3 6ths

c: 34-36.14-12-1236-12-3 6ths

N.B.—Alternative names for some of the methods:—

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