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St. James' Church, Hartlebury, Worcs.

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St. James' Church Hartlebury, Worcs.

By the Rev. N. H. S. DAVIES, Rector

HARTLEBURY has always been an episcopal parish. The Manor was given to the Bishops of Worcester around A.D. 850 and it has been their home for over 800 years. Their Castle is the chief object of interest in the parish. During the Commonwealth it was destroyed, and after lying in ruins 14 years was rebuilt in the reign of Charles II.

A long line of famous men have lived in the Castle. Some were canonised like Oswald, promoted by King Edgar to be Archbishop of York, as well as Bishop of Worcester, who lived a saintly life from his youth and who died at Worcester on February 28th, 992. Some were not merely prelates but statesmen, like Godfrey de Giffard and Walter de Gray, both Lord Chancellors of England. Some were Lord Treasurers, some Lord Wardens of the Welsh Marches. They frequently entertained kings and queens, princes and princesses. King John and his son, Henry III, were often the guests of the Bishop. Edward I and Edward III both visited Hartlebury, as did Queen Elizabeth I.

The Domesday Survey tells us that there was a resident priest here in 1086, so we may assume that there was a church here well before that date, and it is recorded that Bishop Samson "gave the church of Heortlabiri with the tithes of one hide of land" to the use of the monks of Worcester in 1096; and again in 1149 Bishop Simon gave the same monks "the church of Hertlebyri with the chapel and lands thereto belonging".

Of this church all we now possess is the font.

In 1268 Bishop Godfrey de Giffard began to keep a register and we learn from it that he rebuilt the church and consecrated it on November 17th, 1269 in honour of St. James-the-Apostle. (This year is the 700th anniversary of our consecration.)

Of the 1269 church the only certain remains are the arches on the north of the chancel, the chancel and vestry walls and the window in the vestry.

In 1567 Bishop Sandys rebuilt, or more likely, restored the tower. His arms and the date are on the west side of it.

From the following entry in the register it would appear that the old church started without seats. "My Lord Bishop of Wigorn at the request of John Ellye Curate and Scholem, on the behalf of old Mr. Ayre and his

wife, having himself one morning as he was going to Worcester viewed the place, and gave him leave to erect a seate right over agast the Chancell dore and next before the Scholem's seate which was erected this present month of Aug. 1606."

Shortly after coming to Hartlebury in 1818, Rector Picart restored the chancel at his own expense. He referred to the old church as "ruinous and unseemly and the most unfitted for its purpose of any within twenty miles."

He left by his will £1,000 towards the rebuilding of the nave. Dean Peel, of Worcester, who lived in the parish, gave the porch.

The present nave was built on the old foundation and consecrated on September 27th, 1837, by Bishop Carr. The plans were by Thomas Rickman, of Birmingham, the reviver of Gothic architecture. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest architects of the 19th century.

In 1908 the old and ugly pews of painted deal were replaced by the present seats of English oak. These seats have a special interest: at the end of each are carved the names and arms and date of appointment of the bishops of the diocese, reaching back through the English, Norman and Saxon bishops to the first Bishop of Worcester, who was appointed in the year 679. This gives our church a unique interest; as far as we know there is nothing like it in any other parish church in England.

A very fine ring of eight bells hang in the tower and are suitably inscribed.

No. 1. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London.

"Victoria."

"Man gave me voice and made me say

How time doth steal his life away.
But I shall sound forth from the tower

When man has had his little hour."

Given by Alfred Baldwin, M.P., A.D. 1900.

No. 2. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London.

"Ring out the old,
Ring in the new;
Ring out the false,
Ring in the true."

Given by John Corbett, of Impney, A.D. 1900.

The completed ring of eight bells was rung for the first time on May

24th, 1900, which was Ascension Day and also the Queen's birthday.

No. 3 was added to the ring of five in 1812 and has on it the names of the wardens and maker: I. Styles, I. Williams, C. W. Bryant. Hertford, 1812.

No. 4—"John Fidkin, John Wall, John Tomblins, gavrd W. Hill 1641"—has on it the names of three churchwardens and nine impressions of coins of the reign of Charles I are embedded in it. The maker's mark is a crown between three bells. At the end of the last century Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, identified it as the mark used by Hugh Watts, of Leicester (died 1643). The mark was formerly used by Brasyers, of Norwich, and is known as "Brayyer's Sprigged Shield". J. Fidkin, J. Wall and J. Tomblins were churchwardens in 1641. W. Hill was probably the donor of the bell.

No. 5 has only this short inscription: "Master Vrban Ayre 1640."

No. 6 is a very ancient and valuable bell. It is said to be of the time of Edward III (1327-1377). Upon it in very old-fashioned letters, such as were used before the days of printing, are these Latin words: "Sancta Maria Virgo intercede pro toto mvndo queya genvisti Regem Orbis", which may be translated "Holy Virgin Mary intercede for the whole world with thy Son the King of the Universe".

No. 7 has on it these words: "Master Eyre the Coroner gave this bell thirtie pouds 1640." No doubt this Mr. Eyre was an ancestor of Mrs. Hannah Eyre who in 1728 gave ten acres of land to the rector and churchwardens in order "to teach poor children at School to read and work."

No. 8 has this inscription upon it: "I to the Church the Living call and to the grave do summon all", with the initials A. R., probably of the maker (Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester), and the date 1749.

Besides these there is a smaller bell used as a call bell. It has the names of two churchwardens with date: "Richard Heming, John Harward, Churchwardens 1678."

ringing has always flourished here and today we have a happy and energetic band of ringers, under the tower captain, Mr. Alf Glazzard, who early this year completed 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

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ABBEY FUNERAL FOR J. D. ROCK

Former Master of College Youths

The death of John Rock on October 21st, 1969, at the age of 40, has come as a tremendous shock to all who knew him. This is particularly so since he had been as active as ever in ringing circles until a mere two months before his untimely death.

John began his ringing career in his father's parish of Eardisland, in Herefordshire, during the war years when open ringing was still banned. He was a member of a young band, which included his brother Peter, trained by Leslie Evans. When open ringing was permitted in 1942 he and the band made rapid progress. A close and fruitful association with the Hereford ringers developed, particularly with Wilfrid and Michael Moreton, and continued for many years.

At the age of 18 he joined the Royal Regiment of Artillery for his National Service and was commissioned. On his return to civilian life he entered the University of Wales at Aberystwyth, where he successfully read for a degree in agriculture. Having obtained his degree he returned to Eardisland and resumed ringing activities, which included taking part in a record of five peals (25,920 changes) in a day. More important, perhaps, he was instrumental, with Leslie Evans, in raising the funds to have the six bells at Eardisland recast and augmented to eight.

After a time his work, which by now was chiefly concerned with advertising, brought him to London. He joined the band at Feltham and became an active member of the Middlesex Association and held for a time the office of District secretary. A change of employer brought him to work in the City, whereupon he began ringing with the College Youths and was made a member in 1958. His standard of ringing, always high, improved still further under the auspices of the London ringers, and he was elected a supernumerary ringer to Westminster Abbey in 1959 and to St. Paul's Cathedral in 1961.

His popularity and his evident qualities of leadership were such that in 1963 he was elected junior steward, subsequently becoming senior steward and, in 1965, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, an office he held with distinction, organising practices and presiding at meetings with a rare combination of firmness and humour, for which he was respected by everyone. In addition to his ringing activities John Rock was a keen churchman and was for a time a sidesman at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.

He had rung in more than 1,000 towers and in over 250 peals, and most notable were 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major at Quex Park, Bristol Surprise Major at Westminster Abbey for the 900th anniversary, and Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. Most treasured in his own memory, however, was a peal of Stedman Doubles, rung by the local band, at his home tower of Eardisland. Although his more recent peals were of Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, he was equally happy ringing Grandsire Doubles and Minor methods, and was always willing to go on "learners' outings when asked. His own well-organised "supergrabs" were memorable annual occasions where the ringing, the bells, the food and the company were of the highest quality.

There can be no doubt that he was a traditionalist at heart who had a well-refined sense of ceremony. Always outspoken, he could be relied upon to comment firmly when required, but his most obvious quality was a well-developed sense of humour which was never far from the surface and which made him a delightful companion, and to be with him was real fun.



Those of us who were privileged to be near him during his short illness will always remember his splendid courage and patient acceptance of his impending death. For all these and other qualities he will be so sadly missed by his friends and colleagues. Our loss, however great, is small by comparison with that suffered by his wife, Jill, his small son, Crispin, and infant daughter, Caroline. To them, and to his mother, sister and brother go our most heartfelt sympathies in this great tragedy.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey, as is usual following the death of an Abbey ringer, and on October 27th a large gathering assembled in Dean's Yard to accompany the coffin to St. Faith's Chapel. About 200 were present, and these included members of John's family, fellow Abbey ringers and St. Paul's ringers, officers and many past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Masters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association. The service was conducted by the Dean, assisted by the Precentor, who is also superintendent of the belfry, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells. The coffin remained in the Abbey overnight and next day was taken to Llandrillo, North Wales, where the formal committal service was held. Leslie Evans and Wilfrid Moreton were present to see John laid to rest in a grave near to that of his father.

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on October 25th on the bells of St. Giles', Cripplegate, by ringers of Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and past Masters of the College Youths. On October 27th a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Eardisland by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and next day the half-muffled bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung. Forty rounds and forty strokes of the tenor, followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques, concluded our tribute to a great man and a fine ringer.

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POINTS FROM MAIDSTONE A.G.M.

A ballot took place for the mastership of the Maidstone District at its A.G.M. at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 11th. Mr. P. S. Muchlinski was re-elected, Mr. S. A. B. Wigg being unsuccessful. Mr. C. Tester was unanimously re-elected hon. District secretary and Messrs. S. P. Garner and M. Pring District representatives, thanks being passed to Mr. A. Waddington, who had held this office for 25 years or more.

Two notices of motion from the general secretary were discussed. A county striking competition was favoured and reorganisation of the annual report to save money for the Belfry Fund rejected. Bedfordshire was selected for the 1970 ringing tour.

Practice evening meetings for "Beginners" and "Surprise" are to be continued but the latter is to be called "Advanced Practices" so as to include treble bob.

As regards the service at by-meetings, the local clergyman is to be given the choice of either coming to the tower and meeting the ringers in their "natural" surroundings and saying a few prayers or conducting a full service.

Mr. S. A. B. Wigg asked that something be done towards restoring the peal board in Leeds Parish Church recording the first extent of Major. All agreed.

The service was conducted by Canon Tufton, with Miss Rosemary Ellis reading the lesson. A splendid tea was supplied in All Saints' Room.

500 MEMBERS IN TEN YEARS

College Youths' Annual Dinner

A consultant gynaecologist—a lithographic printer's apprentice—a clerk of works—and a bishop of the Church; men of all ages from teenagers to octogenarians with a common interest—bellringing—sembled to the number of nearly 250 on All Saints' Day at the Walbrook Restaurant, E.C., the occasion being the 332nd annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The excellent organisation of the function was mainly the responsibility of the secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, who deserved the high praise which those who attended expressed individually and collectively.

There was plenty of opportunity for ringing at the several towers open for that purpose, and an invitation was extended to members from a distance and who were staying overnight to help with service ringing next day.

THE DINNER

The assembled company received in traditional manner the Society's officers and principal guests who occupied the top table. These were, in addition to the Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford (Bishop of London), Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), the Revs. D. Harbord (Aldgate), J. McCulloch (St. Mary-le-Bow), E. Rogers (Cripplegate), R. Simpson (Precentor, Westminster Abbey), Dr. D. E. Sibson (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. W. White, Air Commodore J. S. Mason (treasurer), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), A. R. Kench (senior steward), D. E. Rothera (junior steward), J. S. Smallwood (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), P. A. Corby and A. J. Frost (past Masters).

During the meal the Master took wine with Mr. Albert Turner, a member for 61 years, and with Messrs. Bill Rawlings, Bill Hibbert and Herbert ("Brig") Young, members for 50 years.

Following the loyal toast the Master rose to propose the toast of "The Church". He emphasised the importance of ringers to realise they were part of the Church universal. The Ancient Society to which they belonged had many aims and objects, and it was for them to wish success to another more ancient society—the Church—and in particular the Established Church in this country.

Many problems beset the Church, said the Master, and one which is particularly acute now is how to maintain and promote the so simple and basic truths of the Christian religion in a world where values and standards are changing faster than ever before. And so with ringing, we have to maintain the standards of good striking and regular Sunday service ringing in an age where ever-increasing feats of intelligence and physical achievement have become such an essential part of the scene.

In welcoming the Bishop and the clergy who were present the Master thanked them for the generous way they made the bells available for the furtherance of the art of bellringing, and for their part the ringers would continue to call the faithful to worship.

ECCLESIASTICAL HERITAGE

The Bishop of London, in replying, said that bellringers had a specialised ministry within the Church, as did the clergy. The art of change-ringing was a unique ecclesiastical heritage. He expressed thanks to ringers everywhere for their immense devotion in order that the bells might ring. The attendance that evening of so many young people was a very encouraging sign for bellringing of the future, which was an audio-aid to the life and work of the Church.

"The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Canon N. C. S. Motley, who in a speech which was both witty and amusing said that bells spell out so many things in life, and if they ceased we would move back one stage further into the secular society. "I know that I and the Bishop and my fellow clergy thank God for the Ancient Society and all the other Societies and ringers everywhere," concluded the speaker, "and long may you continue."

THE YEAR'S WORK

Responding to the toast, the secretary said that when he was a young ringer, many years ago, he was told: "It's a waste of time and money to join the College Youths or Cumberlands—they are on the way out—they have had their day." He wished those prophets of doom could see how wrong they were for the two old Societies were stronger than ever and the well-attended dinners gave a good indication of this.

Mr. Prior continued: "Tonight there are 248 people present from 28 counties as far apart as Lancashire and Cornwall, Yorkshire and Devon, including parties from Bristol, Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and from Berkshire and Somerset, and it is gratifying that there is a large contingent from the Oxford Society, the Oxford University Society and Appleton, for our Master is not unknown in those parts."

Included in the apologies were William Shepherd, one of the oldest members, who joined the Society in 1900 and is a living link with the Master of 100 years ago, Edwin Horrex, and George Symonds who was present last year and is the oldest and most senior member. He joined the Society in 1898, will be 95 this year and is still an active ringer. [Applause.]

"I am sure that all present would wish me to send our greetings to these two grand veterans," added the speaker, to which there were cries of "Hear, hear!"

A notable absentee was Cyril Watts a past Master of the Society and who served as treasurer for 12½ years. A presentation was made to him to mark the appreciation for all that he had done for the Society, and his place as treasurer was being ably filled by Air Commodore J. S. Mason.

"It is a long-established custom that at these festivities we honour the memory of those who have passed on," continued Mr. Prior, "and since the last dinner we have heard of the deaths of 17 members. We remember them all, but there are two of whom there should be special mention—Elsie Hairs and John Rock.

"Elsie Hairs joined the Society with her husband, Frank, in 1917, and were both with us in this room last year. The death of Elsie marked the end of an era, for she was the last of the nine ladies who had been elected to membership of the Society.

"John Rock, who died on October 21st at the early age of 40, after a comparatively short illness, was a tremendous shock,



MR. A. N. STUBBS
(Master of the College Youths)

even to those of us who knew of the serious nature of his illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to his young wife, Jill, and their two children. John was a popular and respected member who joined in 1958 and in 1965 was elected Master—a post he filled with great distinction. He was connected with the bands at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. John will be greatly missed by all of us."

The gathering then stood in memory of Alban R. Poyntz, John O. Weller, Charles W. Martin, John Pares, Joseph Marks, J. Frederick Milner, Jack Clegg, William Marsh, Elsie Hairs, Joseph L. Saxton, William C. West, James Topp, Terence M. Fitzgerald, Henry O. Baker, John D. Rock, C. Ernest Smith and Benjamin S. Thompson.

MANY NEW MEMBERS

The secretary then continued: "Any Society if it is to remain vigorous and healthy needs a continuous flow of new members, and in this respect we are very fortunate. Since the last dinner we have elected 42 new members, and I have been asked what the membership of the Society is. Because of our life membership system it is not possible to give an accurate answer, but the total must be considerably in excess of 1,000. In the last ten years alone we have elected nearly 500 members."

PEALS

Since the last dinner the Society had recorded 43 peals, including some of more than ordinary interest, the conducting having been shared by 21 members. Of this total, 28 were 12-bell peals (nine Cinques and 19 Surprise Maximus) and one of the peals of Stedman Cinques was rung non-conducted and another was rung half-muffled in memory of John D. Rock.

The peal of Yorkshire Royal at Guildford Cathedral on August 9th was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rawlings for their golden wedding. (Mr. Rawlings, who was present, received loud applause.)

Of the four peals of Londinium, two were rung on the same day by different bands but without previous arrangement.

The peal of Bristol Maximus rung at Reading on October 26th was the first by the Society and it was rung with 4ths place bells.

There were two peals at St. Paul's Cathedral—one of Stedman Cinques and one of Cambridge Maximus. The Stedman Cinques was a compliment to Bishop Wand, former Bishop of London, upon his retirement,

whilst that of Cambridge Maximus was rung for the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It was a remarkable performance in that the tenor was rung single-handed by Peter Border. By ringing St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to Surprise Maximus he completed a unique treble for he had already rung Liverpool and Exeter tenors single-handed to peals of Surprise Maximus. "He won't thank me for drawing attention to this," said Mr. Prior, "but he ought to know how much we admire his performances." [Applause.]

In June the Society had an outstandingly successful meeting in Birmingham and Solihull and next year had accepted an invitation to visit Bristol, in which there were many keen and loyal members.

MR. WHITE HONOURED

"And now, gentlemen," concluded the speaker, "there is just a little more to be said, and I have quite deliberately left it to last. Seated on my left is one who for 23 years has attended these dinners as a guest of the Society but who has had to work hard all the evening. I refer, of course, to our very good friend Tom White, until lately Editor of 'The Ringing World'. [Applause.] Week after week 'The Ringing World' arrives, and we take it for granted, but I wonder if we appreciated sufficiently just how much devoted effort he put into its production? Tom was unflagging in carrying out his task, sometimes under very difficult circumstances for what, as the officers of the Central Council have so rightly said, by no stretch of imagination could be called a commercial reward.

"The Master and officers of the Society thought it right to invite Tom to this dinner so that we could say publicly how grateful we are to him for all that he has done and so that this large and representative gathering could show its appreciation." [Applause.]

Mr. Prior added: "It may be unorthodox to end the response to a toast by proposing another, but the occasion justifies such a course and so, Master, my Lord Bishop and gentlemen, will you please be upstanding and drink to the health of Tom White—may he have a long and happy retirement."

The toast was duly honoured and Mr. White suitably replied.

TOAST OF "THE GUESTS"

The toast of "The Guests" was honoured on the call of the junior steward, Mr. D. E. Rothera. He welcomed individually the Bishop and clergy present, mentioning particularly the varied career of Rev. D. Harbord, rector of Oldgate. The Master of the Cumberland Youths, Mr. Derek Sibson, received a special welcome, and the speaker paid tribute to his capabilities of leadership and his work as secretary of his Society for many years.

The possibility of change in the layout of "The Ringing World" was mentioned when Mr. Rothera welcomed the new editor and expressed the hope that peal reports would not suffer a curtailment. He went on to suggest ways of saving space and costs in the paper and concluded by expressing an opinion that a rope tax of 6d. could be made for all peal ringers.

PEAL RINGERS' INTEGRITY DOUBTED

Mr. Derek Sibson, responding, thanked the Society on behalf of the eight guests present, six of whom were clergy, for the most enjoyable evening spent and the hospitality given. He went on to speak of the recent item in "The Ringing World" which mentioned the possibility of one day having umpires to check peal ringing. It would be a sad day when this happened, particularly

it questioned the integrity and honesty of the peal ringer. Such societies as their own ancient society and similar ones would be sorry for such a step to be taken, and he for one hoped it never would.

Proposing the toast (drunk in silence) to the memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago, the Master gave the following details:—

John Broomhead was elected Master in 1669. He had joined the Society in 1655 and was steward in 1665, but nothing is known further about him. There is also no record of the Master of either the "Ancient" or the "Junior" branch of the Society in 1769. Two peals are shown in the book for that year—Reverse Bob Maximus at St. Bride's and Reverse Caters at Shoreditch, both rung by the Junior Society.

Edwin Horrex, who was elected Master in 1869, was born in 1838 and died at the age of 87 on October 7th, 1925, on the day of the annual dinner. He came to London from Ipswich and was elected a member of the Society in 1863, for which he rang about 200 peals, the most outstanding being the 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in 1883. He represented the College Youths on the Central Council for the years 1918–21, and the Master added: "Many present here tonight must have known him."

The "get-together" which followed was informal and lasted until after midnight.

THOSE ATTENDING

In addition to those already mentioned, others who attended were: A. J. Adams, R. Aldington, N. I. Allnatt, J. A. Anderson, J. E. Andrews, J. Ariss, G. K. Austin, A. E. Bagworth, A. L. Barry, T. N. J. Bailey, S. W. Barton, K. E. Beale, P. W. Beard, D. A. H. Bennett, P. J. Bird, J. H. Bluff, G. E. Bonham, P. Border, P. Bosworth, W. C. Boucher, R. Bould, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Bright, D. C. Brown, D. G. Brown, R. H. Bullen, R. E. Burbury, the Rev. D. Burnett, J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, C. J. Castell, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. T. Clarke, R. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. A. Coates, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, C. D. Collin, R. J. Cook, W. F. J. Cope, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, L. Cox, J. H. Crampton, J. S. Croft, K. S. B. Croft, W. S. Croft, D. Cubitt, M. Cubitt, F. E. Darby, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, R. E. J. Dennis, C. W. Denyer, H. L. F. Derrick, E. T. Dibble, G. K. Dodd, L. D. Duguid, H. H. N. Duncan, S. Dutton, P. J. Dye, A. Dyer, J. R. J. Dyke.

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V. D. Jenner, M. B. Jefferyes, D. Jewell, A. R. Jones, D. R. Jones, J. R. Ketteringham, S. F. Kimber, C. H. Kippin, R. G. Leale, R. J. Lee, D. A. Leslie, N. H. Leslie, J. N. Longridge, J. H. Lott, the Rev. B. K. Lunn, F. D. Mack, L. Mackie, P. Mackie, W. R. Manser, W. J. Marlow, R. B. Meadows, E. G. Moore, G. R. Mordaunt, M. P. Moreton, E. Mould, B. Murdock, P. Murdock.

R. Overington, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. R. Paterson, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, F. W. Perrens, Jas. Phillips, Jn. Phillips, R. W. Pipe, H. N. Pitstow, W. C. Porter, R. W. Powell, J. R. Pratt, D. D. Pullin, D. J. Purnell, C. P. Quartley, D. Randall, G. W. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, A. H. Reed, R. W. Rice, W. S. Rice, A. S. Richards, B. Richards, J. P. Richardson, P. J. Rothera, C. H. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, A. E. Rowley, E. J. Rowe, S. Rowe, G. G. Salmon, J. Seager, B. Shackleton, R. P. Sherlock, C. Simpson, D. C. Simpson, F. W. Slcombe, H. E. J. Smith, L. Smith, M. E. Snape, K. G. Spavins, H. C. Spencer, R. Spencer, J. W. Stephenson, B. Stone, A. S. Taylor, L. R. G. Taylor, C. A. Teater, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thurst, G. E. Thoday, I. D. Thompson, S. K. Thompson, N. Thomson, B. D. Threlfall, G. E. Thoday, E. Treagus, A. Turner, A. M. Tyler, M. J. Uphill, C. Venn, P. S. Venn, P. Walker, G. H. Walker, K. Walpole, S. C. Walters, B. Wheeler, D. Wheeler, B. White, F. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, S. A. B. Wigg, A. W. R. Wilby, F. A. H. Wilkins, F. Willes, W. Williams, C. E. Williamson, J. H. Wilson, B. J. Wyde, R. A. Yeates, D. G. Yeo, R. H. Youdale, D. Young, H. V. Young.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In the autumn sunshine 80 members attended the Rochester District's annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on October 18th. After the ringers' service, tea was taken in the adjacent hall before the business meeting, which was chaired by Rev. S. M. Evans.

The secretary summarised the activities of the District during the past 12 months. There was a decrease in the number of peals but two conductors scored a first as conductor. There were 211 practising members in the District. A presentation was made to Mr. Barton as a mark of the District's appreciation of all that he had done as secretary during two periods which totalled nine years.

Six new members were elected.

District officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans (Bredgar); hon. secretary, Mr. David P. Leworthy (Minster); general committee representatives, Mr. Frank J. Cheal (Rainham) and Mr. Trevor Cross (unattached); ringing masters, Mr. Nicholas J. Chesson and Mr. Peter D. J. Beal (both of Eastchurch); "Ringing World" representative, Mr. Laurie Mitchell (Newington-next-Sittingbourne).

The next meeting is to be at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on November 29th. Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting successful. L. M.

LAKE DISTRICT OUTING

Despite the bad weather on October 18th, a party of ringers and friends from the Lake District had a most enjoyable outing in Yorkshire and Lancashire. Travelling by car, the first tower was at Silsden (6), where the tone of the bells was most impressive; then on to Keighley (8) where, during the last touch, the fourth rope broke. The fittings and ropes at Oxenhope (8), the next stop, were in poor condition but the bells are excellent. Here the stay on the fifth fell out and another rope was broken.

Following a packed lunch, ringing took place at Heptonstall (8) and this was followed by the unique Todmorden Unitarian Church, with its lofty spire, where the eight are somewhat tuneless. The six at Gisburn were a pleasant little ring, after which the five at Downham were tried out. The ringing here is in the vestry and the Vicar of the parish gave us a warm welcome.

Bells at the final tower, Slaidburn (6), were a joy to ring, having recently been overhauled, and a return to the Lake District was then made through fog; but a happy day had been spent. K. M. P.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On October 25th the Hereford District held its quarterly meeting at Holme Lacy, where the Vicar (Rev. W. L. Richards) conducted the service and Mrs. P. L. Hughes and her lady helpers served tea to 29 members.

Little Dewchurch was selected for the next combined practice on November 29th, and the District A.G.M. on January 31st at Burghill, with evening ringing at the Cathedral (subject to confirmation).

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

New members elected during the year were: W. T. Perrins, D. Wilson, T. F. Collins, G. Bridges, R. A. Gage, S. R. Munday, G. K. Austin, G. Jones, P. Bosworth, C. M. Foster, J. C. Baldwin, R. D. R. Brown, M. J. Howes, W. S. Croft, P. J. England, R. W. Rice, W. S. Rice, M. C. W. Sherwood, S. B. Bell, P. R. Butler, N. C. V. Pollock, P. R. Butler, P. Taylor, R. Crocker, K. W. Brown, M. B. Jefferyes, R. F. Hardy, B. Stone, A. H. Bridges, H. E. J. Smith, R. J. Tibbitts, J. A. Inley, S. W. Barton, V. Green, F. W. Hutt, E. Billings, B. Austin, C. J. Castell, J. W. Bull, K. E. Beale, J. Clatworthy, S. Fenwick.

Letters to the Editor

THE MELBOURNE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have read your Comment—"Throwing Down the Gauntlet" (on page 825) a number of times, but the more I read it the more puzzled I become.

In your second paragraph you say you are not the arbiter of what constitutes a true peal, and with this statement I am sure no one will disagree. We have, over the years, come to regard the Editor of "The Ringing World" as impartial, but could "Comment" be more biased? I doubt it. The very first paragraph/sentence implies doubt as to the quality of the peals rung on the tour without producing any evidence. I am quite sure that Mr. Rowson did not intend his letter to be read this way and, incidentally, I imagine he must have been surprised that you should consider him something of a hero! I don't think that, as organiser, I should say any more about the tour in general as I am sure some of those who took part will take up this point.

I suppose you have a right, if you wish to do so, to instruct Mr. Rowson in the procedure which he should have followed in this case had he intended to lodge an official complaint, but wouldn't it have been wiser to have read the relevant Decision published on page 479 of your journal first and given correct information?

No doubt the officers of the Derbyshire Association appreciate your thoughtfulness in reminding them of their duty, but I thought this Association was affiliated to the Central Council and, therefore, bound to work in accordance with the Decisions of such Council and not as you think they should.

Why do you place such significance on the number of peals in hand? By my reckoning 150 peals would take up about ten pages, i.e., about two issues. Is this an unreasonable number at this time of year?

I did wonder if it was worthwhile taking up the gauntlet which you, Mr. Editor, have thrown down but, as you have come down so heavily against the peal in question without waiting either for confirmation of Mr. Rowson's allegations or allowing the conductor and the rest of the band the right of reply, feel that you have invited criticism, and I await with interest your explanation.

Perhaps you have through journalistic enthusiasm, in an attempt to produce lively correspondence, suggested more than you intended and, had you written in general terms after this issue had been decided, you would have earned yourself the respect of the Exercise. As it is you have involved all those who took part in the tour, turning this comparatively minor matter into a major issue and, incidentally, caused some distress both to myself as the organiser and to many of those taking part in the tour.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM,
Bayswater, W.2.

ROWSON SHOULD HAVE SET HIS BELL

Dear Sir,—I can appreciate that Mr. C. L. Rowson does not wish to be associated with a peal for the reasons he has given, but why make an issue of this now? Surely the issue in the first onset was with Mr. Rowson.

Some years ago I was asked to ring a peal in Surrey and it was to be either Stedman or Grandsire. On arrival at the tower I was told that the method had been changed for another because there had also been a change in the band. The peal started and previously to this I had said that I was not too conversant with the method. Part of the way through the peal I was obviously not doing very well, and a ringer (I believe it was George Mason) told me that unless I did better he would "set his bell up". I must have done better because he did not carry out his threat, and I feel that had the ringing been of poor quality he would have done so.

Similarly, if Mr. Rowson felt that the ringing was bad he could have so acted and it would have been better for all concerned. Now he has allowed what might possibly have been a peal to pass without doing anything on the spot, and the wrangling that follows does not help the ringers of the peal, or ringing as a whole.

May I commend George Mason's attitude to all ringers now. At that time he had the courage to make his feelings felt in the middle of a peal and put things right at the time. Obviously this must be carried out in moderation and with the knowledge that the protester is correct and, of course, has the assent of the conductor. I feel that it was wrong to have allowed the peal to go to its bitter end and then grumble afterwards.

I am afraid that ill-health has prevented me from ringing for some years, but I am still very interested in the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER,
Camberwell.

ALBURGH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest the letters on the above, I would like, as an official of the Southern Branch, to make one or two points.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Rev. P. Bond and his helpers for their grand work in getting these bells going again; but I would have liked to have seen more Southern Branch members present on the open day. The annual meeting of the Southern Branch will be held on November 22nd at Saxlingham, and I hope Mr. Flatt and all members and friends interested in Alburgh bells will make an effort to be present and discuss this matter. I can assure Mr. Flatt that the officials need all the support possible at this meeting if anything is to be done.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. W. PHILLIPPO,
Hon. Sec., Southern Branch,
Bunwell, Norfolk.

EXTENT OF MAJOR ATTEMPT "IN HAND"

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring a peal of 40,320 Plain Bob Major on handbells on Saturday, December 20th, 1969. The attempt will commence at 8 a.m. at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, and the band will be as follows:—

Alan F. Scholfield	1-2
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
Robert B. Smith	7-8

The composition is by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis and is given below.

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By C. KENNETH LEWIS
23456 W M H

45326	S	*	—
35624		—	
65423	3	—	
53426	3	—	2
42356	S	—	

Eleven times repeated, adding three bobs at 5ths in every course, and calling bob for 1st single at Wrong in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th parts.

* Single in 1st and 7th parts.

The umpires will be Giles B. Thompson, Arthur E. Whiting and Neil Bennett.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

CONDUCTOR AND OTHERS AGREE A TRUE PEAL

Dear Sir,—In my capacity as conductor of the peal at Melbourne on August 26th I have consulted the six members of the band concerned, who all agree with me that the peal was true and rung in accordance with Central Council Decisions.

As the complaint was not made in accordance with such Decisions (see page 479) no further action is required of me, and it is Mr. Rowson's own decision and nothing to do with the Peals Analysis Committee if he does not wish to include the peal in his records.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY BRIDGES.

Derby.

DARTFORD RINGERS' OUTING

No matter what time of the year is chosen for the Dartford outing, Bob Rayfield, the organiser, seems to select a day which is destined to be fine. This year September 20th was no exception. Thirty-eight ringers and friends set off to visit Oxford, stopping on the way to ring at St. Mary's, Denham. St. Giles' was our first tower in Oxford, and after ringing a variety of methods there we were guided to the next tower by a local ringer. At New College we enjoyed the deep tone of the bells and the light eight at St. Ebbe's were appreciated, especially by the ladies. Our last tower in the city was St. Martin and All Saints', and on our way home we stopped to ring at Dorchester Abbey, which proved to be an interesting building housing a good ring of bells.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

THE SNOWDON

The 37th annual commemoration dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 25th. The Minster bells were rung during the afternoon and many visitors attended evensong at 4 p.m., when prayers were said for the work of the Association. The anthem was "Rejoice in the Lord" (the Bell Anthem) and the service ended with the ringers' hymn.

A company of 108 assembled in the ancient hall of the Merchant Taylors Company and enjoyed the typically English dinner of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, who spoke of church unity. "Many Anglicans and Methodists did a lot of heart searching this year," he said, "and found it difficult to repair the breaches of the past. If the decision last July not to unite had been different there would still be a lot of problems to solve. Uniting two parts of the Church is a very difficult matter and I hope the efforts of recent years will bear fruit in due course."

In reply, the Dean of York, the Very Rev. Alan Richardson, said the response to the York Minster appeal had been fantastic. No other cathedral had had to appeal for such an amount and it exceeds the total for all other cathedrals in England many times. The amount donated to date was £1,729,000 towards the £2m. needed, and he was proud of the fact that four-fifths of it came from Yorkshire. He added that York Minster symbolised the Church in the North of England. Concluding, the Dean said that 1972 marks the 500th anniversary of the completion of the building of the Minster and he invited the Association to "help us in our rejoicing that the Minster will then be safe, by ringing to the glory of God".

The toast "To the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association" was proposed by the Rev. Giles C. Galley, M.A., who said that Jasper was a founder and first President of the Association. His series of books had been of immense benefit to all ringers, said Mr. Galley, and concluded with the lines written by J. Martin Routh, a former Master of the College Youths.

"What though the deeds in which he played his part,

Are not inscribed on England's roll of fame,

As long as future ages prize our art,
So long shall reverence be for
Snowdon's name."

A touch of Caters on handbells followed the toast, which is customary at the Snowdon dinners.

The Rev. Giles Galley was congratulated during the evening on his appointment to be Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, North Hull.

"The Guests and Kindred Societies" were toasted on the call of the President, who said they were very pleased to have with them the Dean of York and Mrs. Richardson, also the Chaplain of the Minster Society, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, and Mrs. McMullen. Kindred Societies were repre-

DINNERS

HEREFORD GUILD'S FIRST

A suggestion by the master (Miss Valerie Edge) that the Guild should hold a formal dinner materialised on October 18th when 120 ringers and friends assembled at the Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, and an excellent dinner was served. With the master on the top table were the Archdeacon of Hereford (Ven. T. B. Randolph), Preb. G. A. H. Rainboat, Messrs. Jack Pryor (secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), S. P. Peacock (editor, "Hereford Times"), P. Evans (master of the Shropshire Association), J. C. Eisel (Worcestershire Association), G. Cousins (secretary), F. C. A. Bennett (treasurer), Austin Wingate and Tom Cooper and their ladies.

Proposing the toast of "Church and State", Mr. Peacock mentioned the influence they had on everyone's life; but whereas one was compulsory, the other was voluntary. The Archdeacon, in a witty reply, referred to the services given by ringers.

The toast of "The Hereford Guild" was proposed by Mr. Pryor, who referred to the part former officials had played in building up its present position. Mr. Tom Cooper replied and spoke of the pleasure it gave everyone to see Miss Edge in the chair as the first lady master of the Guild.

Miss Edge, who was wearing for the first time the master's badge of office, thanked Mr. G. Cousins for his efficient arrangements for the dinner, which she hoped would be an annual function and mentioned that her badge was obtained through the good services of Mr. Cousins.

Entertainment was provided by the Stoke-say Handbell Ringers and a course of Bob Major was rung by Elizabeth Wycherley, Peter Wycherley, John Turney and J. C. Eisel.

sented by Mr. Denis Bayles and his party from Chester-le-Street, County Durham; for the College Youths, Mr. Wilfrid Williams, of St. Paul's Cathedral; and the Lancashire Association by two members from Mossley. Mr. Bayles was not only secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association but was also a member of the Central Council "Ringing World" Committee and was doing good work for the Exercise in general.

In proposing the toast of "The President" Mr. H. Walker invited Mr. Bottomley to ask his committee to arrange for the Snowdon dinner to be held in York again in 1972. As had been said already, this would mark the 500th anniversary of the consecration of the Minster, after 250 years of building.

Mr. Walker referred to the hall in which the dinner was being held and said the present Company of Merchant Taylors had its Charter granted in 1662. The hall, however, dated from pre-Reformation times, when there was the "Gild of Merchant Taylors".

COVENTRY GUILD'S SOLE FOUNDATION MEMBER

"In troth a goodley companie", as Chaucer said, gathered at Warwick for the 61st dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild on October 25th. Eighty members and guests sat down to dinner, presided over by the president, Mr. Jim Garner-Hayward.

After an excellent meal the president opened the proceedings by proposing a toast to the sole surviving founder member, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (who could not be present), and wished him good health on behalf of the Guild.

Welcoming the Guild, the Mayor, Cclr. J. M. W. Savory, admitted to knowing very little about bellringing, but having spent some time in Canada was glad to return to England and hear the sound of bells again. He concluded by wishing the Guild "a long pull and a strong pull" and hoped that it would continue to flourish.

In proposing the toast of "The Guild" the Rev. A. Fermor, Vicar of Great Wolford, said that ringers were an odd lot. They appeared perfectly sane but had the remarkable habit of shutting themselves up for hours on end in cold, draughty, dusty, dirty church towers, and they did this once a week and twice on Sunday. These ringers pull not when requested but when ordered by strange noises emanating from a kind of dictator who is known as "the captain" and all this appears to be in honour of some gentleman known as "Grandsire" who is extremely versatile, being "single", does things at the "double" and is an excellent cook since he occasionally "caters". He even has a name, Bob, not only that, Plain Bob and, to crown it, all ringers "stand" in his honour.

Mr. Fermor concluded by saying that the country was richer and happier because of bells and ringers, and during a morning walk he thanked God for the beauty of a God-made noise—the sound of a lark—and for a man-made noise—the glorious music of a ring of bells.

In proposing the toast of "The Guests" the general secretary, Mr. Harry Windsor, welcomed the Mayor and said he thought the dinner committee had invited the Rev. A. Fermor to come as a penance for the Guild breaking a gudgeon on one of his bells!; and he commended Dr. Corydon Budge for being instrumental in the rehanging of Farnborough bells.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish, in proposing a vote of thanks, recalled her 52 years as a member of the Guild, 25 years as general secretary and nine years as treasurer. The certificates for the striking competition were presented then by the Mayor to the joint winners—St. Nicholas', Warwick, and Allesley—and third, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth.

The evening continued with handbell ringing, an amusing "sermon" from the Rev. Cannon Ball (Stephen Royal) and a showing of the film of Washington Cathedral bells.

We are pleased to record this week a handbell peal by the North American Guild which was rung at Mississauga, Ontario.

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HALF PEAL

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,520 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie Barnes 1, Marion Kemp 2, D. A. Lilley 3, R. W. Balls 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (longest length as cond.) 6. First half peal by all. For St. Luke's side.

DATE TOUCH

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,805 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Leach 1, C. Haynes 2, M. Webster 3, G. L. Roodbottom 4, J. K. Smith 5, A. Marson 6, D. P. Jones 7, D. Pickett (longest length) 8. For the 164th anniversary of Trafalgar Day, October 21st, 1805.

LONG LENGTH

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,048 Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major: Elizabeth Johnson 1, R. Ducker 2, Mavis Stephenson 3, P. Church 4, G. Galley 5, D. S. Johnson 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Coldsream Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Deborah Blshop 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, A. S. Bishop 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Davy 1, H. Mackman 2, P. Saunders 3, A. Hunter 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, C. Bailey 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Shonk 1, Brenda Cooe 2, Mary Andrews 3, K. Small 4, E. Cooe 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, P. Clarke 7, Paula Healing 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Louise Evans 1, Beryl Simpson 2, Jean Darmon 3, S. E. Darmon 4, M. J. Church 5, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Suzanne Withers and Ron Snack, previously members of Amersham band.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Minor (two methods): Susan M. O'Neill 1, P. J. Rowe (first in two methods) 2, Marilyn Reay 3, J. A. Collier 4, E. I. Fitcher (cond.) 5, M. Kirk 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Beale (cond.) 1, R. C. Hancock 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, F. Pike 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. For Harvest Festival

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,504 Surprise Major: Heather A. Kippin 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, P. Bridle 3, S. Brown 4, P. J. England 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. F. Petifer (first in method) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, S. Walmsley 3, G. Temby 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, K. M. Price 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to J. E. Buries. (After a lost peal.)

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, P. J. W. Hardwick 2, Miss F. Benford 3, A. Adams 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 7, J. E. Newman 8. Rung for United Nations Service.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Maudsley 1, Barbara A. Milman (first quarter) 2, Janet L. Poole (first quarter) 3, G. S. Beecroft 4, C. F. Pocock 5, I. M. Robertson 6, R. Peers 7, F. L. Coventry (cond.) 8. For Chester Cathedral Restoration Fund service.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: C. J. Mobbs 1, Shirley Preston (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. Morley (first quarter) 3, B. J. Fry (first Pl. Bob Triples "inside") 4, Bridget Critchlow 5, Gillian Hare 6, J. M. Morley (cond.) 7, Mrs. W. Smalley 8. Rung on the centenary of the first enlargement of the church of St. James-the-Great.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Warboys 1, R. Hayden 2, T. Camp 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, L. Luck 8. First Kent Major 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. A wedding compliment to the ringing master's eldest son, Colin Westwood, and his bride, Christine Hulks.

QUARTER PEALS

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Marjorie Phipps 1, D. Hird 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Dadsell 1, T. Edwards 2, Eileen Coman 3, J. Epps 4, A. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Coman 6. For morning service.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. C. Offen 1, Violet Ring 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A welcome to Simon Alexander, son of Ray and Sylvia Lucas.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. L. Corby 1, Miss J. Corby 2, P. Everest 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest (cond.) 5, Miss L. French 6.

BREAMORE, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,277 Pl. Bob Minimus: S. Harvell (first Minimus) 1, J. Mussell (cond.) 2, C. Dymott 3, N. Dymott 4. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (17 variants): B. Peachey (first on working bell) 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, S. Baybut 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, B. J. Fry 5, B. Curtis 6. Most variants 1, 3, 6. Rung by the Society of New Forest Youths.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Salter (first quarter) 1, W. Webb 2, L. Stevens 3, N. Salter 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Dove 1, W. Noon 2, I. S. Merry 3, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 4, R. A. Gilliver 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon 1, Mrs. A. Hough 2, T. K. Deacon 3, A. Hough 4, D. Manship (cond.) 5. Both for Harvest Festival.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, Margaret Warford 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snack married on October 4th.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jackson 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, D. Edgely 4, R. Edgely 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Marion A. Case (first Kent "inside") 2, G. H. Walker 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfit (first Kent as cond.) 5, P. Dickinson 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Minham (aged 14, first quarter attempt) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. C. A. Lawrie headmaster of Swadlincote C.S. School.

CLIVE, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, Patricia Stocken 2, E. V. Rydenhurst 3, F. Leach 4, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 5, H. E. Vickers 6. For the wedding of Guy Jonathan Paton-Smith and Sarah Jane Thompson.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. Betson 1, A. Tidy 2, P. Saunders 3, D. Stacey 4, H. G. Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Hunter 6. A farewell to the conductor.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmonds (first on treble) 1, J. Evans (cond.) 2, L. Halling 3, J. Draycott 4, F. Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6. For the wedding of Harold Buckler and Anne Marie Halling (sister of 3rd ringer) at St. Michael's Church this day

CRONDALL, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Jinks 1, Susan M. O'Neill 2, P. J. Rowe 3, E. J. Fitcher 4, J. A. Collier (cond.) 5, W. Arnold (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1 and 3.

DARRINGTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Gail Cater 1, Margaret Warford 2, R. Cater 3, P. Carbutt 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5, D. Barker 6. For Harvest Festival.

DROXFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary Allcard (first quarter) 1, Betty Days 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, B. E. Pink 5.

ELSHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne, Cambridge): J. Bray (cond.) 1, R. Chafer 2, W. Bains 3, R. Hippersley 4, H. Judd 5, J. Hall 6. For Harvest Festival.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Frances Harwood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W. Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, J. W. Dove 6. For St. Etheldreda's Day, St. Etheldreda being Ely's patron saint.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Adrienne Gibson 1, R. D. Mills 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, T. Skilton 4, K. Burgess 5, J. Helder 6, C. Chapman 7, P. Munday 8, J. Davidge (cond.) 9, Jill Oakshot 10. For the engagement of Jane Helder to Richard Harris. Also on Aug. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Stevens 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J. Helder 4, Sally Forbes-Harper 5, S. Mortimore 6, T. Skilton 7, W. J. Munton 8, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 9, M. Morris 10. Rung for the marriage of Keith Burgess. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Aronson 1, Jill Oakshot 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, S. Mortimore 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, W. J. Munton 6, J. C. Davidge 7, D. J. F. Oakshot 8. Rung for the wedding of Stephen Crooks, son of the Vicar.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. A. Prescott 1, A. K. Peck 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 5, D. J. Prescott 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. P. Reed 1, A. Gray 2, P. J. Joyce 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, B. W. White 5, S. A. Reed 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, J. Dods (first quarter) 8. First in the method, 2, 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Denise Wood 1, Anne Collins 2, Judith Collins 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Rowe 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. I. Fitcher 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, B. C. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Bell 3, P. Wotton 4, Miss S. Udell 5, E. G. Swift 6. First "inside" for 3 and 4.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Plain): W. Shipp 1, R. Harrop 2, M. Paul 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GORING, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, S. Franklin 2, N. Tull 3, I. Judd 4, M. Tull 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8. For dedication festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Irving (first quarter) 1, I. Judd 2, Mrs. Gale Hodgkinson 3, H. Tull 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8. For Harvest Festival.

GRAYSHOTT, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanna Stewart (first quarter) 1, Rita Moore 2, Geraldine Winnett 3, P. Herbert 4, Elisabeth R. Spry 5, T. A. Davies 6, H. A. May (cond.) 7, Alison Stewart (first quarter) 8.

GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Banwell (first "inside") 2, M. Livesey 3, T. Cooke 4, R. Steer 5, P. Wishart (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HALSE, SOM.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, A. W. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. L. W. Walmsley, of Halse, and of Mrs. Kathrine Watson, of Ashdon, Essex.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Reed 1, Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 2, D. Carpenter 3, T. Norria 4, R. J. Moore 5, J. Southey 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, C. W. Simpson 8. To start the 875th Anniversary Festival Week. Also on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Barbara G. Dale 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, Jill A. Laud 3, C. W. Simpson 4, S. Laud 5, L. J. North 6, J. Southey (cond.) 7, T. Norris 8.

HENRY O. BAKER

With the sudden death on September 14th of Henry O. Baker the Chester Guild suffered the loss of a general secretary who had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the work from the moment he took over from the Rev. John Kingdon in 1958 as a stop-gap until the next annual meeting.

His name first appears in the Guild records in 1946 for his early ringing career was in the neighbouring county of Shropshire, where he was a member of the Bridgnorth band, who made something of a name for themselves for enterprise. He soon became associated with the West Cheshire band, under the late J. C. E. Simpson, and took part in several firsts for the Guild. He took part in the record peal of 21,600 Bristol at Over on November 4th, 1950, and followed this in 1951 by taking part in 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Worsley, the only peal of over 10,000 which J. C. E. Simpson ever rang. He took part in many of the joint efforts of East and West Cheshire and in particular ringing tours in various parts of the country. His long association with the farming community had given him a fund of stories which livened many a long journey or lessened the tension the evening before an important event.

When the Rev. John Kingdon took over the living of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, and soon afterwards the general secretaryship of the Guild, Harry assisted him in many ways. They delved into composition together and produced some unorthodox compositions, some of which Harry called. When in 1958 Rev. John Kingdon decided to retire rather suddenly, the Guild was faced with the prospect of having to appoint a caretaker general secretary for six months, but Mr. Kingdon had foreseen this and had prepared Harry for the job, and it is true to say that the changeover was never felt. At the next annual meeting he was overwhelmingly voted into office, despite the fact that it was almost traditional that the general secretary be a clergyman. From then onwards he worked unceasingly for the good of the

A quarter peal was rung at Holkham, Norfolk, by the light of hurricane lamps.

Marlborough Grammar School pupils rang a quarter peal at East Kennett on October 24th for United Nations' Day.

A Life Member of Manchester University Guild, Mr. C. M. Movley, was married on September 6th and a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Salford.

Crèche Suggested.—So many babies were in evidence at the South Eastern Essex District meeting at Boreham on November 1st that the secretary is considering setting up a nursery for subsequent meetings!

A tribute to three Southwell Guild ringers—Frederick J. Milner, Geo. E. Foster and Clarence Briggs—who passed away during the year, was the reason for the peal at North Muskham.

A figure always recognised at the British Legion Remembrance Day Festival at the Albert Hall, London, and televised each year, is the Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham. For his retirement a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung on October 9th at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham.

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Guild and Exercise, and when soon afterwards his health prevented him from taking part in active ringing he devoted himself even more to the organisation of the Guild.

In 1964 the annual meeting decided to guarantee £1,000 to the authorities at Chester Cathedral towards the restoration of the bells. This became his special task and he worked at it until finally a meeting was held with the Dean to discuss the matter. It was then left to the Guild to provide information and lists, and these were all got together by him. By this time, however, it had been decided that a much bigger scheme would be launched in connection with the Cathedral with the bells as an important part. He had repeated meetings with the Dean and eventually the scheme which was announced was devised. By this time the majority of the money promised had been subscribed and he was indeed proud to hand a cheque for £1,000 to the Dean early this year, as the Diocesan Guild's contribution to the Restoration Fund. He had already begun to train ringers for the new bells and to gather funds for the proper furnishing of the ringing room. It is hoped that work on the tower will not be long delayed, but the Guild must ensure that the determination and enthusiasm which he showed is carried on and the scheme brought to fruition at the earliest possible moment. We owe that to his memory.

He was always a modest man whose aim was to serve the Guild and the Exercise, and we shall all miss those little reminders of things outstanding which he used to send to keep everyone up to scratch. He rang 396 peals, of which 178 were for the Chester Guild; but the list is not at present available for analysis, but when it is it will be seen that they covered a wide field from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus. To his widow and daughter and son-in-law we offer our sincere sympathy, and we have suffered a grievous loss for we shall find it hard to find someone to take his place.
C. K. L.

MR. W. A. JOHNSON

Mayfield, Derbyshire, has lost a keen churchman and enthusiastic ringer by the death, following a road accident on September 18th, of Mr. William Arthur ("Billy") Johnson, aged 27 years.

He was introduced to bellringing in 1965 by his fiancée, Miss Sheila Massey, and they were the first members of the new Mayfield band trained under "the two Joes". In 1966 Billy became vice-captain of the tower, and at the time of his death was involved in planning a belfry overhaul. This project is to be speeded by the Billy Johnson Memorial Fund, which now exceeds £280, a tribute to the affection and respect with which he and his family are held.

His widow shares her bereavement with a six-month-old baby. After only two Sundays' absence Sheila was back in the belfry and her determination to carry on ringing and take her husband's place as instructor has produced a much-needed rallying point for the band, writes D. L. C.

MRS. DOROTHY M. BOULTON.

A staunch church worker all her life, Mrs. D. M. Boulton, who died on October 14th at the age of 74, was the daughter of the late Canon E. J. Atkins, rector for 39 years of Isham, Kettering, and sister of the late Mr. E. Maurice Atkins.

Owing to ill-health she was forced to make an early retirement from active ringing, but she was proud to have taken part in the first Ladies' Guild peal in 1922 for the Northamptonshire Branch of that Association, and of which she was at one time the president.

An officers peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Sussex County Association before their annual dinner on October 18th. No doubt the team did full justice to the repast which awaited them at the conclusion.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A Doubles Evening was enjoyed by the Northern District of the Herts County Association on November 1st, when three 5-bell towers were visited, viz.: Upper Gravenhurst (in Bedfordshire), Meppershall and Pirton (anti-clockwise ring).

The Post Office is much abused at times, but when eight of their engineers scored a peal of Plain Bob Royal on October 11th the letter containing the report reached our office 24 hours after posting. Preferential treatment (?).

The Annual Peal attempt at Worcester Cathedral will take place on Saturday, November 15th, at 12.30 p.m. Ringers from the Cathedral and Worcester Association will comprise the band and the method will be Stedman Cinques.

A ringer whose name has frequently appeared in the peal columns this year is Michael Church, of Yorktown, Surrey. He conducted his first on eight last December 30th and since that date has rung 56 peals and conducted 31, the last 20, as he says, "on the trot".

Preferment.—The Rev. Giles C. Galley, who is senior curate at Leeds parish church, has been appointed Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels', North Hull.

Mr. A. S. ("Tim") Watts writes denying that he is ringing master at Inverness. Those wishing to ring there should contact the Provost or Mr. Geoff Short, 24, Grigor Drive, Inverness.

The Captain of the Christchurch Priory (Hampshire) band is Mr. Gerald Scragg and not Mr. Arthur V. Davis as was reported in Belfry Gossip on October 24th.

Mr. William Simmonds, of Babbacombe, Devon, claims that in 1950 he gave the title "pilgrims" to Mr. Cecil Pipe's tour by heading his report to "The Ringing World" "Pipe's Pilgrims Go West".

A Farewell quarter peal was rung at Droxford for the Rev. T. G. Strangeways, who recently retired from St. Mary and All Saints' Church. The performance was the first on the bells since augmentation to six by John Taylor and Co., and ringing her first quarter peal was Miss Mary Allcard, steeplekeeper and secretary to the local band.

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VICAR'S THREAT TO VILLAGE

The eight bells at Tarleton, the market gardening village near Southport, have been silent for over a year, and the Vicar (Rev. W. Riley) has warned the village that he will sell the bells unless they are rung.

The Vicar said to "The Liverpool Echo": "These bells were bought by public subscription 40 years ago. It is a sad sign of the times that now we have no one in the village to ring them.

"I have been vicar here for six years and the number of bellringers has been steadily dwindling. They are spending all their time on Sundays in their greenhouses.

"The bells are the finest in Lancashire and have just been going to waste. So I said that I would sell them. The money would have gone to church funds. But a number of the old bellringers have said they would try and raise a team by Christmas, and so I will give the bells a reprieve."

LEICESTERSHIRE DIAMOND WEDDING

Ringers from all over Leicestershire and beyond send their congratulations to Mr. Arthur William Ward and his wife, May, of Bottesford, on their diamond wedding anniversary on October 26th. Both are 85 years of age.

Mr. Ward has a record of over 60 years' service at Bottesford parish church, of which he was ringing master for many years. He was also a member of the old Midland Counties Association, the Framland Society and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and has to his credit peals rung for the Framland Society and the Leicester Guild.

He joined the railway service in 1905 and served as a lengthsmen and later ganger on the Bottesford length. During the First World War he saw service in Egypt, the Dardanelles and Salonica with the R.A.S.C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch took place at Northleigh on October 25th. The service was conducted by Rev. C. T. S. Burne and ringing was at Stonesfield and Northleigh, with Combe in the evening.

Tea was in the Village Hall, and at the meeting members stood in memory of Mr. Bert Costar. The secretary gave brief reports on the various meetings he had attended and he concluded with an assurance that no tower would be forgotten.

Six new members were elected and certificates were presented to two others elected at the previous meeting. It was agreed to send £1 1s. to the T. W. White Testimonial Fund.
E. R. V.

DISBANDMENT SUGGESTION OF J.C.Y.R.S.

The main item discussed at the 100th meeting of the Halifax Archdeaconry Guild held at Lindley on November 1st was the report of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held on October 18th. The statement drawn up by the Guild's committee, strongly disapproving of the disbanding of the Council, was finally passed and is to be forwarded to the Council's secretary.

Methods rung at the meeting included Cambridge and London Surprise and Violet T.B. Minor. D. G.

A DEVIZES RETIREMENT

Mr. Alexander T. Weeks, who will be 65 this month, has just retired from the staff of Wadworth Brewery, Devizes, having joined the company in 1920. He has been ringing at Southbroom since 1925 and captain of the tower since 1940. He has a long connection with the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and his many friends wish him years of happiness in his retirement. Another office he holds is that of Sacristan of St. James' Church, Southbroom, which he has already held for 43 years.

SIDCUP'S AUGMENTATION SCHEME

This year the annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Bromley. During the business meeting, at which Mr. John Smith presided, all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Chris Mundy, who becomes the new assistant ringing master. Five new members were elected from Hayes, Lewisham and Sidcup towers.

In reviewing the success of the recent annual dinner, Mr. Paul Smith thanked the Lewisham District for their support and said that he hoped that they would not allow the Association dinner to become a local event in the district in which it was held.

Mr. Tony Lewis, captain of Sidcup tower, drew attention to an appeal for £3,000 which was needed to recast and augment Sidcup's six bells to a ring of eight. Already the band had raised over £250 from a sponsored walk. They were congratulated on the result of his, the first of their fund-raising activities.

Votes of thanks were made to the Rev. P. H. E. Goodrich for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to Mr. Kingston for playing the piano in the absence of the organist; to the local band for preparing tea, and to Mr. J. Smith for taking the chair at the meeting.

ARLESEY BELLRINGER WEDS



Miss Verna Rix, only daughter of Cllr. Ernest Rix, chairman of Arlesey, Beds, parish council, and of Mrs. Doreen Rix, J.P., a member of the Biggleswade Bench of magistrates, married Mr. John Stuart Harrison Bull, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bull, 87, High Street, Arlesey, Beds, at Arlesey parish church on October 18th.

The bridegroom is a metal fabricator, and the bride, who is a secretary, is a member of the ICL ladies' hockey team and a member of the Arlesey parish church bellringing band. The couple met while at school.

The Rev. G. E. Adams (vicar) officiated and the reception was at Stofold Memorial Hall.

MR. G. E. FEARN'S TOUR OF DEVON

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Hieritha.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

R. Kingsley Mason Treble	*Norman J. Goodman 5
Maurice F. Edwards 2	Terry R. Hampton 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Frank E. Darby 7
*J. Alan Ainsworth 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* 250th peal together.

HIGH BICKINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Norman J. Goodman 5
Maurice F. Edwards 2	Terry R. Hampton 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
Clifford A. Barron 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

ILFRACOMBE, Devon.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Clifford Skidmore Treble	Norman J. Goodman 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	George E. Fearn 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
Frank E. Darby 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Terry R. Hampton 5
Frank E. Darby 2	George E. Fearn 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

GREAT TORRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	George E. Fearn 5
R. Kingsley Mason 2	Terry R. Hampton 6
Maurice F. Edwards 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Norman J. Goodman 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GEORGEHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Terry R. Hampton 5
R. Kingsley Mason 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	John A. Anderson 7
Frank E. Darby 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NORTHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Terry R. Hampton 5
Frank E. Darby 2	R. Kingsley Mason 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	George E. Fearn 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	John A. Anderson Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

APPLEDORE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

John A. Anderson Treble	Norman J. Goodman 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Terry R. Hampton 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Maurice F. Edwards 7
Frank E. Darby 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three methods in seven extents as follows: Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Keith E. Beale 4
Mrs. M. Ann Durbin 2	Peter J. Kingscote 5
*Andrew D. Kingscote 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt.

THURLOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	John Cornelius 3
Mervyn A. Arscott 2	Keith E. Beale 4
Rodney A. C. Cross Tenor	

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
First peal of Stedman by all the band.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 extents and 10 240's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*John Cornelius Treble	Rodney A. C. Cross 4
Keith E. Beale 2	*Mervyn A. Arscott 5
†Frances M. Gadd 3	Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal, first attempt.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Bruce Martin Treble	‡§Anthony J. Cox 5
*Heather A. Kippin 2	†Michael J. Hobbs 6
†James R. Taylor 3	Paul A. Williams 7
D. John Hunt 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bristol. † 100th peal together. ‡ 100th peal. § First of Bristol "inside." ¶ First of Major in method



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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G. *A. S. Marland (Trinity) Treble D. Barton (Selwyn) .. 5 A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 2 †R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) 6 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus) 3 R. L. Underwood (P'house) 7 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn) 4 V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Tenor Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis. * First peal of Surprise.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

- Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D. Michael D. Fishwick .. Treble David Howarth 6 Richard Starkie 2 Gerald Moorhouse 7 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3 Alan F. Scholfield 8 C. Kenneth Lewis 4 Robert B. Smith 9 *Harry Stacey 5 M. Jack Pryor Tenor Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves. * First peal of Caters in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

- Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F. Bernard F. L. Groves .. Treble Basil Jones 5 Alan F. Scholfield 2 Michael Foulds 6 *Ronald F. Andrew 3 William H. Dowse 7 Brian S. B. Kear 4 †Robert B. Smith Tenor Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield. † 500th for the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp. Stuart I. Bamforth .. Treble Brian S. B. Kear 5 Michael Foulds 2 Alan F. Scholfield 6 C. Kenneth Lewis 3 Robert B. Smith 7 Peter Broadbent 4 Basil Jones Tenor Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Stuart I. Bamforth. First peal as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 KEDLESTON SURPRISE ROYAL

- Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat. Sheila M. Anthony .. Treble David W. Parkin 6 Ruth M. Foreman 2 Thomas J. Lock 7 Rev. Fred Ross 3 David W. Friend 8 Gordon A. Halls 4 Denis R. Carlisle 9 Eric Edmondson 5 Gerald Penney Tenor Arranged by Anthony R. Carter. Conducted by Gerald Penney. First peal in the method.

KEDLESTON SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—16—1270—38—36—70.58.34.16.90. B. cps.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours, A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED 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 all the bells for each method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G. Dennis R. Carlisle .. Treble Geoffrey Bridges 5 *Michael J. Fellows 2 John A. Warner 6 †Robert Chambers 3 Gordon A. Halls 7 Brian A. Tomlinson .. 4 David W. Friend Tenor Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows. * 550th peal. † First peal of spliced.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp. Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble Richard W. H. Housden .. 5 Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2 John A. Warner 6 Yvonne A. Murray 3 Keith W. Brown 7 Robert J. Lindsell 4 James L. Towler Tenor Composed by N. J. Pitwov. Conducted by James L. Towler. Rung for the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. J. G. Tiarks, of St. Paul's Church, Braintree.

SHRUB END, Colchester.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Cedd. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

- Being 15 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt. David Cobb Treble Brian J. Vaughan 4 Neil V. Avis 2 Frank B. Lufkin 5 Bernard W. Fairhead .. 3 Walter Arnold Tenor Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Josephine A. Quilter and Peter G. Brown.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BERKELEY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

- Tenor 24 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat. Ivor Goulter Treble *David Huddleston 6 *Keith W. Scudamore .. 2 *David A. Whetton 7 Peter Clarkson 3 Frank G. Bloomfield .. 8 S. Keith Williamson .. 4 †Dennis A. Chapman .. 9 Richard W. Sweet 5 Henry Taysom Tenor Composed and Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman. * First peal on ten bells. † 200th peal. First in the method by all except the ringer of the eighth.

STANDISH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Being seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp. Peter Clarkson Treble S. Barnaby Bell 4 Derek Williams 2 *Leonard Edwards 5 Ivor Goulter 3 Peter Gould Tenor Conducted by Peter Gould. * First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung for the dedication of the new vestry.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

- In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G. Reginald W. Rex .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5 W. John Couperthwaite .. 2 *Geoffrey K. Dodd 6 Rowan S. Bradley 3 Michael J. Church 7 Beryl R. Simpson 4 Tom Page Tenor Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church. * First peal of 11-Spliced Surprise Major.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

- In 14 methods, comprising 448 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 224 changes each of Ashted, Cornwall, Lindum, Pudsey and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F. Anita D. O'Brien .. Treble W. John Couperthwaite .. 5 Beryl R. Simpson 2 Anthony R. Peake 6 Alan D. Elsmore 3 Michael J. Church 7 Rowan S. Bradley 4 *Robert C. Kippin Tenor Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church. * First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. The greatest number of methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal for the Guild.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS Peter & Paul. On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

- Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat. Valerie M. Edge .. Treble John F. I. Turney 6 Elizabeth Stevens 2 Norman R. Hattingley .. 7 Peter Wycherley 3 George T. Cousins 8 Frederick A. Harris .. 4 Adrian Semplin 9 Richard C. Stevens .. 5 Robert A. Hatcher Tenor Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat. *Douglas Hutley .. Treble *Peter Warboys 5 *Peter Glazebrook 2 *Albert Richardson .. 6 *Kenneth Westwood .. 3 Richard Prime 7 Leonard Luck 4 Walter Hunt Tenor Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Walter Hunt. * First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.
Keith G. Game Treble	Jennifer A. Dunning 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	David A. Town 6
Dorothea Robotham 3	John Pladdys 7
Kenneth J. Rider 4	Edward J. Adams Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Keith G. Game Treble	David A. Town 4
Michael J. Uphill 2	Alan D. Flood 5
*Kenneth J. Rider 3	John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 50th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. (7th obs.)	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.
Thomas Hobson Treble	Joseph Thornley 5
Norman Tompkins 2	Frederick W. Brownlow 6
Albert Greenhalgh 3	John Ashcroft 7
Arnold Critchley 4	Harold Worrall Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Ogden, A.K.C., inducted on October 3rd.

BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 30 extents each of Double Court, Rev. Bob, Double Bob, Rev. Court, Single Court, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, with 41 changes of method.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.
William L. Richmond .. Treble	Kevin M. Price 3
Joseph Whalley 2	Alan Capstick Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal in seven Minimus methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung for the harvest thanksgiving and in memory of Mr. Benjamin Shaw, verger and ringer for many years at Kirkby Lonsdale, who died recently.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
G. Ronald Edwards Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 5
Monica M. Jelley 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Martin Green 3	John M. Jelley 7
Christine L. J. Mills .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 COBHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
G. Ronald Edwards Treble	Martin Green 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	John M. Jelley 7
K. Paul Gilliver 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

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

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*David Fensom Treble	*Michael Belcher 5
William B. Dawson .. 2	Philip H. Reynolds 6
Harold Barsley 3	Roy Stephenson 7
William E. Clarke 4	Robert Howard Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

Composed by J. J. Parker. * First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest H. Daft, verger at the above church. Tenor 8 cwt.

SAXILBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon and St. Martin, four extents each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas and Plain Bob and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Grace East Treble	John M. Blaikie 4
Pamela A. Crosby 2	H. Walter Cox 5
Dudley Surman 3	*H. Alwyn Cox Tenor

Conducted by John M. Blaikie.

* First peal. First as conductor.

First peal by a team composed entirely of members of the local Sunday service band.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RADYR, Cardiff, Glamorgan.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
Christopher Hughes .. Treble	Stephen Fenwick 5
Paul A. Williams 2	Alexander E. Marsh 6
Trevor T. Lewis 3	J. Michael Lakin 7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

Rung as a wedding compliment to a local ringer and a farewell to Alec Marsh, who is moving back to Pudsey, Yorkshire.

MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 640 of Bristol, 768 London and Rutland, 576 of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
*Michael Pilgrim Treble	*Stephen Fenwick 5
*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	Peter S. Bennett 6
Paul A. Williams 3	*Christopher J. Hughes .. 7
*David J. Llewellyn 4	J. Michael Lakin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

* Most methods to a peal of Surprise Major. First of 8-spliced for the Association by a resident band.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	
Geoffrey L. Foat Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday 5
Lynda M. Deebank 2	*William M. Taylor 6
Margaret L. Ellwood .. 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 7
*Hamish M. McNaughton 4	Paul Reading Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal in the method on eight bells. 50th peal as conductor. Rung with the best wishes of the Guild to Christopher M. Mowley, a life member, and Jane E. Colley, who were married on September 6th, 1969.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49½ Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
Hamish M. McNaughton Treble	†William M. Taylor 5
*Rosemary K. Gates 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 6
†Patricia James 3	Christopher L. D. Munday 7
‡Margaret L. Ellwood .. 4	§Roy E. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal "inside" and of Triples. † First in the method.

‡ First in the method "inside." § First peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.	
William Butler Treble	Reginald W. Rex 5
Ronald C. Christopher .. 2	†Alan D. Edens 6
*Jennifer Barker 3	Henry Lawrenson 7
†Anita O'Brien 4	Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed and Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First of Major "inside." The ringers of the treble and second have now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley Cornish, inducted as Vicar the previous day.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.
Mary Wells Treble | Harry E. Wells 5
Harold W. Dunsden 2 | *Rev. David J. Stoter 6
James P. Blond 3 | Robert B. Blond 7
Claude Corderoy 4 | Peter E. Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUETHIOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.
Barry E. Saunders Treble | Stanley M. Ruddlesden 5
Alan A. Paul 2 | James Linnell 6
Raymond A. Vickers 3 | Graham C. Paul 7
Christopher C. Stokes 4 | George W. Holland Tenor
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method.

QUETHIOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—,14—,56—,16—14—,58,14—14,58 l.h. 12 4263857. Bob 14.

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

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
Eric Billings Treble | Graham C. Paul 5
Barry E. Saunders 2 | Malcolm J. V. Chown 6
Richard F. B. Speed 3 | Alan A. Paul 7
Vernon Bedford 4 | Patrick I. Chapman Tenor
Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Court Bob, (6) Single Court Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.
Gilbert F. Cowlin Treble | R. Bill Smith 4
P. Ann Smith 2 | Roy W. Spencer 5
Frank Sismey 3 | Geoffrey Davis Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

First peal in ten methods by all the band.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Peterborough and District Association on these bells.

BRAUNSTON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 25 lb. in G.
Lionel Atton Treble | Gerald W. Reynolds 4
J. Charles Hudson 2 | *John G. Beadman 5
J. Alan Ellis 3 | Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

* First peal attempt. First peal on the bells.

Rung by members of the Rutland Branch in memory of Ronald Russell. Branch member and friend of the Braunston ringers, who died on October 4th, 1968, one day before the dedication of two extra bells, at which he was to have been present.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.
John N. Lindon Treble | Stephen W. Barton 7
Muriel Reay 2 | Terry R. Hampton 8
Norman J. Goodman 3 | George E. Fearn 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4 | Clifford A. Barron 10
Maurice F. Edwards 5 | James W. Belshaw 11
James Insley 6 | Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
Melvyn J. Hiller Treble | Graham W. Elmes 5
Mary E. Elmes 2 | David Wilson 6
Katharine J. Maundrell 3 | Frederick E. Collins 7
Timothy F. Collins 4 | Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

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

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.
*Margaret Ellwood Treble | Gerald Bowen 6
Marlene E. Townsend 2 | *Cyril T. Collins 7
Penelope Sedgwick 3 | Barnabas G. Key 8
Lucy Smith 4 | Edmund Malin 9
Jeffrey B. Webb 5 | Leslie Monk Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters

Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Rev. W. S. Macpherson

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

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.
Clive M. Smith Treble | Richard B. Dorrington 5
Edward R. Fairbrother 2 | David J. Bates 6
*Remi M. Hodister 3 | Robert A. Partridge 7
Ian Friend 4 | Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 40 extents (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
*David C. Ely Treble | Thomas J. Brock 4
Ralph W. Bickers 2 | Michael J. Parker 5
*†Fredrick R. Wade 3 | A. Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal for over 30 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Harry Archer.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.
Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble | C. Jack Gibson 4
Stephen J. Bedford 2 | J. Martin Thorley 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3 | J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Jack Gibson and J. Martin Thorley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. Treble | John W. T. Hibbert 6
Jill R. Parsons 2 | David E. Parsons 7
Patricia E. Hibbert 3 | *A. Leonard Bance 8
William T. Cook 4 | Roger F. Overington 9
Joyce A. Parsons 5 | Michael V. Chilcott .. Tenor

Composed by M. V. Chilcott. Conducted by David E. Parsons.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.
*Lesley A. Warwick Treble | Brian C. Watson 5
Dorothea Robotham 2 | Peter G. Holden 6
John R. Ketteringham 3 | Frank Reed 7
Alan D. Flood 4 | Geoffrey Bridges Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.
*Ian Whitear Treble | Graham J. N. Colborne 4
†Lesley A. Hawes 2 | †Christopher D. Collin 5
*Anthea S. Bruce 3 | Bernard J. Stone Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Evan Pilkington, appointed chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

Reginald V. Johnson (Master)	Treble
Alber W. Bond (Librarian)	2
George Francis (C.C. representative)	3
*Janet M. Percy (Committee member)	4
John R. Morris (Peal secretary)	5
Terence G. Williams (Div. Ringing Master)	6
*Thomas M. Barlow (Committee member)	7
Philip Stevens (Div. Ringing Master)	8
Alan R. Baldock (General secretary)	9
†Robert W. R. Percy (C.C. representative)	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells. First on ten as conductor and 50th as conductor for the Association.
Rung by officers of the Association on the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*Christopher Renyard	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Anne M. Stevens	2	Patrick M. Wills	6
Timothy D. W. Banner	3	Philip Stevens	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal on eight bells.

(The University of Sussex Guild.)

BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Richard A. Birch	Treble	†Peter D. Hepburn	5
*Susan E. M. Davis	2	†Brian J. Read	6
Raymond J. Talbot	3	Malcolm S. Loveday	7
*David R. Cox	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. First in the method by the Guild.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

John Chilcott	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Edmund J. Morris	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
William J. Thomas	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	7
Thomas T. Yeomans	4	John T. Williams	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung to mark Mr. John T. Williams' 50th year as a bellringer; also as a compliment to Canon Harry Williams, Vicar of Swansea, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Gower.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TYWARDREATH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Seven different extents.	Tenor	†Robert W. Humphries	4
*Janet S. Evans	Treble	Alan Carveth	5
Timothy J. Bell	2	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor
Robert Peel Pearce	3		

Composed by Alan Carveth and Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Minor. † First on six bells. First on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Janet Evans.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

No. 22.	Tenor	Patrick Page	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallay	Treble	John H. Hunt	7
Daniel T. Matkin	2	Alan A. J. Buswell	8
Kathleen E. Fletcher	3	Edward W. Colley	9
Betty J. Daysh	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	Tenor
William F. J. Cope	5		

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 3½ cwt. in C sharp.

In eight methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Carlisle, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge.	Tenor	*Mary E. Elmes	4
*Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor
*David Wilson	3		

Composed by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal. 50th peal as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	R. Roger Savory	8
John R. Mayne	3	Gerald C. Hemming	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	David J. Purnell	10
James Insley	5	Peter Border	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal of Evesham Surprise Maximus.

EVESHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5T—16—127T—1238—149T—50—16—70—18—9T—10—9T.
l.h. 12 1573.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 TUFFLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Roman Sadowski	Treble	Hugh Evans	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Peter Wycherley	6
Valerie Willard	3	Adrian Semken	7
John Clements	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal on eight bells. First in the method.

TUFFLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—1238—14—38—12—78. l.e. 12. 15738264.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Martin Powell	Treble	†Roger H. Hunt	5
*Leonard Mills	2	†Christopher Hims	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	7
†Eric Styler	4	†David M. Draper	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal "inside" in the method. † First in the method.
† First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Danks, of the Feckenham band.

DEFFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

Valerie Willard	Treble	Hugh Evans	3
Peter S. Robertson	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy & Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

David S. Lockwood	Treble	Robert Cater	6
Gail Cater	2	Michael Johnson	7
Margaret White	3	Eric Robinson	8
Rev. Nicholas Webb	4	Alan Clifton	9
Patricia North	5	Ian North	Tenor

Arranged by Ian North. Conducted by Patricia North.
The ringer of the treble has now "circled the tower" to peals.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

RANMOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Christopher Newton	Treble	Alec Beaumont	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	7
Neil Donovan	3	John J. L. Gilbert	8
Alan Clifton	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Patricia North	5	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal on ten bells.

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Thompson	Treble	Peter Church	5
John Ridley	2	Andrew Slade	6
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Robert Sheriff	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

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BULL.—To Janet and Brian, a daughter, Christine, on November 2nd, 1969, at 55, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. 8104

ENGAGEMENT

MONSON—PRETTY.—The engagement is announced between Colin C. Monson, of Gateshead, Co. Durham, and Janet A. Pretty, of Doddinghurst, Essex. 8089

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SAM SCATTERGOOD.—Will all ringing friends please note my new home address is 42, Cobnar Drive, Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbys. Phone (daytime): Chest. 77411. 8088

The address of John H. Allen, treasurer of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and treasurer of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now 2, Connaught House, The Vauxhalls, Wolverhampton, Staffs. Telephone No. (unchanged) Wolverhampton 29106. 8123

PERSONAL

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over."—St. Luke vi: 38.

MISCELLANEOUS

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The District secretary is now David P. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent. Telephone: Minster 2579. 8096

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—Owing to alterations in the times of services, Sunday ringing will now be 10.25 a.m. till 11 and 5.55 p.m. till 6.30. Practice, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 as usual. 8092

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Mark (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd 5 p.m.—M. Legg 8111

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Writtle, Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 8100

SILSOE, BEDS.—From Nov 10th, until further notice, the weekly practice of the St. James' Guild will be held on Monday evenings. 8103

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7.45 p.m. Ealing, Spiced, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative.—F. W. Housden 8086

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Martin's, Epsom, Thursday, Nov. 20th, 8-9.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, London. 8113

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Knebworth, Tuesday, Nov. 18th, from 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8116

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the November practice will be held on Monday, Nov. 24th, 7.30 p.m., at Coalpit Heath, near Bristol, and not on the 19th at Chippenham, as stated on the programme. All members and friends welcome.—B. J. 8098

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Somerleyton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 8038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Royal/Major practice, Beccles, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Normal practice 8 p.m.—N. C. 8037

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Surprise Royal evening practice meeting, 7.30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24th. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8121

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Ashford (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Thorpe, Clematis, Greaves Lane, Ashford, Bakewell. Evening ringing at Great Longstone until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Superlative Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8072

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Rochford (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. 8003

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual general meeting, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Ringing after meeting to 7.30 p.m. 8119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Shalford, Nov. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford (Tel. Guildford 62121). 8059

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Albury (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Much Hadham bells (8) in the evening. Names for tea to A. Kent, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8080

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet (8), on Nov. 15th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to R. F. Adcock, 102, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet (Tel. 01-449 2583).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8007

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Woodhouse Eaves (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 8065

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8093

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Full meeting, Ashby Folville (8), on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. N. Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby (294).—Hall, Dis. Sec. 8094

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Evening meeting, Caldecott (5), Nov. 15th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. C. Scholes, Hon. Sec. 8095

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Exhall, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Bedworth (8). Names for tea to R. Wiggins, 270, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall. Phone: Cov 87640.—Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8085

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. P. Angold, Buckfast Abbey. No names, no tea. All welcome.—R. J. E. 8122

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Leverington, Nov. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8105

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Stoke Lacy, Nov. 22nd, 5.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—R. L. Price, Hon. Sec. 8090

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Oxford, Ladies' Guilds, London County, Middlesex Associations), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), 3-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon (10), from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea, St. John's Hall. Social evening 8 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, 90, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. 8082

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Meet at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, London. S.W. 1.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to P. Shonk (Dis. Sec.), 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 8114

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Saxlingham on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Howlett, Hill Cottages, Saxlingham, Norwich, NOR 62W, by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.—C. F. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8112

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, Piddington (6), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 8108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilmark, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 8101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting after District meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. T. Symonds, 1, Meadow Close, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, by Nov. 19th. No names, no tea. 8117

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Nov. 22nd. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, by Thursday Nov. 20th, please.—C. M. Baldock, Div. Sec. 8091

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Partington, 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. Leworthy. 8097

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8113

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Bells rehung; two trebles recast; rest returned.

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All welcome.

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Marple have done it again! Twelve Spliced Surprise methods to a peal "in hand" on October 30th—as a farewell to one of their team, Bernard Groves.

To ring 250 peals together may not be a record, but is worthy of comment. Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth and Mr. Norman J. Goodman reached this total at Chittlehampton on September 27th.

The very well known ringer and conductor Mr. R. B. Smith completed 500 peals for the Chester Guild on October 15th, and three days later was part of the band which enabled Mr. S. I. Bamforth to conduct his first peal.

KENT RINGERS IN WALES

A company of 43 North Kent bellringers and friends enjoyed their fifth week-end tour by travelling to Gloucestershire and South Wales—a five-hour journey—starting on Friday, October 3rd. The night was spent in Cheltenham, and at Stone—the first tower next day—the small belfry matched the bells, which were rather "jingly".

The heavy-going ring of eight at Thornbury was enjoyed, and here an old friend, Mr. Dennis Chapman, met the party. Everyone was very impressed by the Severn Bridge, which was crossed, and following lunch at Newport the six Rumney bells enabled Miss Jean Sanderson to gain her thousandth tower.

The eight at Cowbridge were noisy outside, and after Bridgend (8) and tea the best bells of the week-end were rung at St. Bride's Major (6). This was followed by the pleasant ring at the Church of St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, where the six have a 12 cwt. tenor.

The night was spent at Pontypridd and all attended Holy Communion at 8 the next morning, and later rang for morning service, which completed the ringing for the week-end.

A very pleasant drive home was enjoyed and thanks were extended to Mr. Laurie Mitchell, who organised the tour.

THIEVES FOILED IN SUFFOLK RAID

Latest raid by bell thieves reported to us is from the isolated church at Ramsholt, about five miles from Felixstowe and approached by a narrow farm road.

Their main target was a 17th century bell in the tower. They cut through a rope holding the bell, then eased it to a trap-door and dropped it 25 feet on to the floor below. This floor turned out to be the ceiling of the vestry, which held and prevented the 5 cwt. bell crashing through to the ground. A wooden joist was badly damaged and ceiling boards shattered; the bell was hardly damaged.

Thus foiled, the thieves took two Charles I chairs worth hundreds as collectors' pieces.

The Rector (Rev. G. Vincent) said the bell, dated 1679, had been in the church for "hundreds of years" and is inscribed "John Darbie made me". "Police think it would have taken four or five men to get it to the trap-door," he added.

Recent Suffolk church hauls include a solid silver rose bowl, "irreplaceable" metal candlesticks, a £50 icon and pieces of 17th century armour.

METHODS RECORD

At Holme Pierrepont, Notts, on October 24th, a peal of 210 methods of Spliced Treble Bob Minor was rung, conducted by R. Brian Mills. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal and the maximum possible in seven extents of T.B. Minor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Mr. Ben S. Thompson, which was held at Pakefield on November 1st, was conducted jointly by the Rev. Peter N. Bond, who gave the address, and Canon D. N. E. Bringlee. The bells were rung before and after the service, which was attended by over 40 ringers and friends.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas Ap.
On Sat., Oct. 18., 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,440 Plain Bob and 1,560 Little Bob with 95 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.
Pamela A. Lockwood .. Treble | Michael Johnson 5
Margaret White 2 | Alan Clifton 6
Patricia North 3 | Ian North 7
*Delwyn B. Tidball 4 | Robin Brown Tenor
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.
Denis A. Frith Treble | *John E. Coleman 6
Raymond Smith 2 | Ronald R. Warford 7
*Raymond W. Balls 3 | *Reginald M. Virgin 8
*Arthur W. Haslop 4 | Patrick H. Allen 9
Peter R. Harris 5 | William L. Exton Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Royal, First of Royal by Post Office Engineers.

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At H.4, Cripps Court, Selwyn College.
On Thurs., Oct 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.
William T. Perrins 1-2 | Vivian Nutton 5-6
Richard A. G. Inglis 3-4 | Christopher M. P. Johnson 7-8
Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
Rung by resident Selwyn men; the first peal in Cripps Court, opened on May 17th, 1969.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.—At 7, Westwick Close.
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
Francis Kirk 1-2 | Margaret D. Woolley .. 3-4
Chris. W. Woolley (cond.) 5-6

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12, Hever House, Cypress Court.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Frank J. Matthews 1-2 | Peter S. Muchlinski 5-6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4 | Trevor A. Cross 7-8
Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Tues., Oct. 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being seven extents of Spliced Double, Reverse, Plain, College, St. Clement's College, Double Oxford and London Bob, with 272 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
* 50th peal this year. First of seven-spliced by all the band.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario.—At 2842, Hollington Crescent.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
William H. Jackson 1-2 | Derek M. Sawyer 5-6
David R. Ingram 3-4 | John Owen 7-8
Composed by J. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising one extent of Spliced Fulbeck Bob and Double Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.
John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2 | Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3-4
*Peter G. Holden 5-6
* Most Minor methods to a peal "in hand."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITEPARISH, Wiltshire.—At The Vicarage.
On Sat., Oct 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.
*Rev. Roger Keeley 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
Edgar C. Shepherd 5-6
* 200th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At 8, Gerald Road.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Jean Dale 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3-4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher 7-8
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Southey 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. Hill 3, T. Norris 4, Jill Laud 5, S. Laud 6, J. Smith 7, L. I. North (cond.) 8 A wedding compliment to David Rotbera and Susan Jenkins, married recently.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.—On Sept 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Hudson 1, S. G. Elsey 2, M. Mann 3, O. A. Needham 4, P. Thomas 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, R. Harrop 8. First in method 1, 4, 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest Cousins, tower master.

HODNET, SALOP.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Rachel Gee 1, Ann Siasley 2, Mair Mothershaw 3, P. Morris 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. For St. Luke's side and a tribute to the late E. W. Taylor, treasurer and churchwarden at St. Luke's Church.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent, Plain): J. S. Williamson 1, V. Bowen 2, M. Paul 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Tovell 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Manley 2, W. Sparkes 3, L. Stevens 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For St. Michael's Day.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Jane Osment 1, Merrilyn Chambers 2, Rosemary Tilling 3, J. W. Bull 4, P. Nelson 5, S. Pocock 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, M. R. Reed 8. A wedding compliment to Judith (née Southwood), a ringer at St. Mary's Church, and John Hudson,

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Austin 1, E. M. Garley 2, J. Mitchell, sen. 3, J. Mitchell 4, E. G. Johnson 5, A. E. Garley (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mrs Dorothy M. Boulton, a member of this band and of the Ladies' Guild.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: I. Cox 1, M. Worthington 2, Leona Roper 3, Janet Lawson 4, P. Gay 5, M. Robinson (cond.) 6. By the University of Keele Society.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J. Whitear 1, J. P. Hull 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. John Shepherd, new curate. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Collin 1, C. E. Bulleid (first "inside") 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, I. J. Whitear 6. For Holy Communion.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Sinden (first Major) 1, Gillian Radley 2, H. F. Gibson 3, J. Parkin 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, M. H. Sinden 6, D. Phillipson (cond.) 7, P. A. Sharp 8. For Harvest Festival.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): M. I. Minns 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faulk 3, J. Parkins (cond.) 4. First in six methods for 2 and 3.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (two methods): R. Duckett 1, C. Duckett 2, P. G. Golder 3, J. H. Allen 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6. First Surprise 1, 2,

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Steadman Triples: Ann Pilgrim 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, C. Hughes 3, J. W. Bull 4, K. Davis 5, M. Pilgrim 6, S. Fenwick 7, F. W. Corney 8 Also on Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Clift 1, D. Cornell 2, Felicity Cooke 3, F. W. Corney 4, J. W. Bull 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, W. J. Goodfellow 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Kathryn Jones 1, Wendy Skinner (first quarter) 2, M. J. Peet 3, M. Smith 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. Jones 6. A welcome to Helen, daughter of Bob and Chris Purnell.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Caris-brooke and Donotar Delight Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge and Primrose Surprise Minor, by the same band. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoyle.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. R. Edwards 1, R. A. Clarke 2, Hazel J. Nichols 3, E. G. Slater 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. J. Mobbs (first quarter of Surprise) 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Ely (first quarter) 1, Anne Corney 2, G. W. Howlett 3, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 4, D. E. Carr 5, D. R. McLean 6, A. E. Crowe 7. Rung for Evensong on St. Margaret's Day at the conclusion of St. Margaret's Week at Lowestoft. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, A. E. Crowe 2, Anne Corney 3, H. Meadows 4, R. W. R. Coates 5, D. E. Carr 6, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 7, D. R. McLean 8. For Harvest Festival. Both at St. Margaret's Church.

QUARTER PEALS

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. W. Campling 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. M. Ragsdell 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Angela Quick 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Melvyn Hillier 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6. Rung for the dedication of a memorial to Maj.-Gen. Sir Bertram and Lady Rowcroft, parents of Rev. K. G. Rowcroft, Vicar of Hawkchurch and a former curate of Lyme Regis.

LYNG, SOM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Baldam (cond.) 1, M. R. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, F. A. Knight 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. Cross 6. First quarter on the augmented ring.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Crawley (first quarter) 1, F. R. Morton (cond.) 2, H. Sutton 3, F. S. Sutton 4, S. Sutton 5, T. P. Barlow 6. A welcome to the Rector, Canon A. H. Edwards, inducted on October 16th.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. A. Bevis 1, M. Goakes 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6. A welcome to Catherine Elizabeth, infant daughter of Megan and David Feek.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Appleby 1, R. Pye 2, Mrs. E. Fenwick 3, W. Appleby 4, Miss E. Arnold 5, C. R. Daft (cond.) 6. First quarter 3, 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Rosamund Ede.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,292 Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Minor: R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3, 4, 5. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First by 1, 3, 4 and 5.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Bonnett (first quarter) 1, P. Goodwin 2, B. Wells 3, C. Nunn 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5, C. F. Sargent 6. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles: L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, T. Phillips 3, M. Horseman 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Horseman, mother of 4th ringer, and in recognition of her work for the Church.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Vigor 1, Brenda Harris 2, G. T. Horritt 3, Cecile Forgan 4, P. J. Cranfield 5, Maureen P. Pantan 6, I. R. Pantan 7, A. J. Boyd 8. First of Grandsire for 4, 5 and 6.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Hewson (first quarter) 1, Eileen Palin 2, Patricia Winch 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, M. Winch 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Winch.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. P. Ladd 1, Marilyn Reay 2, I. Taylor 3, E. Fletcher (cond.) 4, P. V. W. Feast 5, J. M. Warrington 6. A peal attempt called round. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Pashley (tower captain) to Miss M. Theobald (Vicar's daughter), both ringers at Ottershaw. First in four methods 2, 4.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Janet Bramall (first quarter) 1, Gillian M. Williamson 2, K. A. Russell (first quarter as cond.) 3, T. Reynolds 4, M. G. Williamson 5, N. A. Bramall (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Hayward.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Diane Carter 1, Canon A. S. Roberts 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. R. Curtis 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, J. J. George 6. For the Festival of St. Pol de Leon.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Southon (first quarter) 1, C. Beeching (cond.) 2, P. Southon 3, L. Huckstep 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. For Harvest Festival.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Enid M. Bardsley 1, Mary E. Took 2, R. W. Sanders 3, M. R. Hickman 4, P. D. Sanders (first Minor) 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6, R. K. Rattenbury (first quarter) 7, H. B. J. Paul 8. For Evensong, and congratulations to Michael and Helen Took, former ringers here, on the birth of a daughter (Carole Ann) on October 5th at Dee Why, New South Wales.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 var.): Penny Jackson 1, Edna Jones (most variants) 2, Jennifer Quaipe 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, Jean Berriman (first Doubles) 5, A. Buswell 6. First in more than one method 1, 5.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Cobb 1, Ann Mew 2, Josephine Patterson 3, Susan Baker 4, Ruby Myllys 5, Julie Armstrong 6, C. Harris 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. H. Nield 1, B. D. Holt 2, G. Rigby 3, D. Bradbury (first quarter) 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. In memoriam Ernest Keeley (churchwarden), who died recently.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: A. Simpson 1, P. Selby 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, N. Handley 6, R. Stretton 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. First quarter on recast bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs J. Parker.

RUISLIP, MIDDX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): Elsie Savory 1, Barbara Wright 2, S. Capper 3, P. Butler 4, W. Bunce 5, J. Gibbons (first as cond.) 6, F. Collins 7. First of Bob Minor for 2, 3 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

ST. PETER'S-IN-TANET, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Wenden 1, Miss V. Pursey 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, Rev. L. Baycock 5, P. Blight (cond.) 6. A farewell to Graham Firman.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Colleen East 1, Mrs. G. East 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. B. Nicholson 4, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 5, D. Turner 6. For Harvest Festival.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 2,160 Doubles (four methods): M. Baldry 1, A. R. Bridges 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, A. Knights 4, S. J. Bedford 5, H. Archer 6. Rung to mark the dedication of the new Church Hall by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Capstick 1, P. J. Cross-thwaite 2, J. D. Nixon 3, R. Palmer 4, C. Cross-thwaite (cond.) 5, K. M. Price 6, S. Anderton 7, T. F. Metcalfe 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, of Lancaster.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. Evans 1, C. T. Collins 2, J. E. Dolman 3, L. E. Monk 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SHALBOURNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Margaret Bowman 1, T. R. Jones 2, Ann Toomer 3, G. A. Newman 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Wood (first in the method "inside") 3, F. J. Dadson 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6, J. E. Clark 7. A compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their engagement.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, M. Irene Brown 2, G. Westwood 3, J. Warr 4, M. P. Tobin 5, R. Smith 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, P. J. Brown 8. First on the bells since rehanging. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam W. H. Cooper, for many years a ringer at this church, who died on October 23rd.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLN.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 P. Bob Major: D. Fenslin 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, W. E. Clarke 4, A. E. Flatters 5, W. B. Dawson 6, J. H. Taylor 7, R. Stephenson (first Major as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: T. W. Thirkell 1, Iris E. Piper 2, Gwynneth C. Ducker 3, Linda Sherwood 4, Maris C. Stephenson (cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION

Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"

(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

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(9) **Ear-Training and "Bell Pause".** As we have seen, bell control is to be acquired "silently", and the elements of change-ringing are to be practised silently up to the point when the bells are "opened" for the main objective of good striking. For this the pupil requires two accomplishments—Recognition of (a) Bell-tone and (b) Bell-pause. For the first of these the pupil is checked for, and if necessary given practice in, recognising the notes of bells. Tapped handbells, or even a toy "dulcimer", are useful for this purpose. Start with, say, four notes at the lower end of an octave. Tap rounds three or four times to "fix" the pitch of the notes, then strike any one of them and ask for its place. Work up to tests on eight, including well-known changes such as Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons. Then, on open tower bells, the pupil is to listen, from the start, for his "own-bell" note—helped by noting, particularly, that bell-tone in "rounds".

The second of these most important factors, "Bell-pause", is, of course, the interval between the pull-off of the bell and the striking of its clapper. This varies according, approximately, to the weight of the bell. Its appreciation, in practice, is the basis of rhythmic ringing and good striking. How is this appreciation gained? By the pupil's close attention, in the early stages of "open" ringing (rounds, call-changes, etc.), to each stroke of his bell, noting the interval between his mental place-counting and his bell's note (assuming the count is simultaneous with the pull-off). As soon as these two factors—Bell-tone and Bell-pause—are appreciated by the pupil, his ability to strike with precision will develop.

(10) **Call changes, "dodging rounds", etc., before Methods.** The pupil's first listening to his ringing comes, as we have seen, in the rounds that are rung as a preliminary to the open "elements of change ringing", referred to in feature (9) above. When consistent striking is shown the exercise is extended to call-changes, to accustom the pupil to "all-round" rope-sight. Then follows "dodging rounds"—a real test of striking. In this exercise on the call "Go dodging rounds!" all bells change places in pairs, except on odd numbers, e.g., five, when the tenor remains behind. (In fact this is the first change of Plain Bob.) This change takes place, of course, on the handstroke.

Then, on the backstroke, the bells dodge back into rounds. This is continued, repetitively, until "That's all" brings rounds.

To see how these principles work out in practice we now consider, in turn and in some detail, the four "Musts" we listed at the outset, noting when and how the new features are applied.

1. **PLANNING.** (A) "Common sense application." The training unit is the "Group" of up to four pupils, each of whom takes turn in practice on a silenced bell, while the others watch and note faults and correctives. But up to all four in a group can work simultaneously if the group instructor has a capable assistant for each pupil. As many as four of such groups, i.e., 16 pupils in all, have been worked simultaneously, with an assistant in charge of each group, and each pupil in the group taking his turn on a rope.

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QUARTER PEALS

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,272 Minimus: A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, V. Webb 4, T. Hooper (first quarter) 5. Also on Sept. 21st, Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, L. Townsend 4, R. Pearce (first "inside") 5, T. Hooper 6. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Rogerson 1, S. Mitchener 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, D. Herring 4, D. Dancy 5, F. G. Baxter 6, R. Partridge 7, T. Hooper 8. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), R. Wild (first quarter), 7, 6 covering. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), first quarter by Miss S. Titcombe 1. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Collins (cond.), K. Price 3.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Payne 1, Elaine Smith (first "inside") 2, J. A. Howard 3, J. M. Morley (cond.) 4, B. J. Fry 5.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: S. Poole 1, D. A. Whetton 2, A. R. Williams (first on eight) 3, G. T. Collins 4, E. G. Mould 5, P. J. Bird 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Harvest Festival.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Fry 1, Shirley Preston 2, Mrs. R. Spray 3, M. Kirk 4, R. Spray 5, R. A. Clarke 6, H. A. Thomas 7, J. M. Morley (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Maurice and Jean Kirk, of Queniborough.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, Leslie Tibbitts 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, M. Cook 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Pearce 1, Sandra Pearce 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A farewell to D. Pearce, who has left to join H.M. Army.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. D. Grainger 1, E. J. Adams 3, Deborah Bishop 4, C. M. Meyer 5, K. J. Rider 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, R. D. Bing (cover) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane E. Downes (first quarter) 1, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, E. R. Venn 4, W. C. Godwin 5, J. Hedgcock 6.

SWINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

At Christ Church

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Ruby G. Fardon 1, Claudia A. Critchley 2, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 3, Ruby M. Myllys 4, R. A. Fardon 5, R. K. Russ 6, P. W. Goodfellow 7, W. H. Coles 8, J. Hill 9, F. C. Price 10. Rung by the St. John-the-Baptist Guild of Ringers, Hillingdon, Middx.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carole New 1, Eileen Jaques 2, Winifred E. Marriott 3, Pauline Wilton 4, R. Everall 5, E. Sutton 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. Rung by Christ Church Guild of Bellringers.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Catens: J. J. Stanier 1, R. Rowe 2, L. J. Haines 3, D. R. Morris 4, D. R. Sayers 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, R. W. R. Sheppard 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. G. Pugh 10. Rung by members of Worcester Cathedral band.

Also

On Sat., Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Catens: Glenda M. Beckett 1, Rosemary Ball 2, J. Ball 3, N. G. Kne 4, R. H. Johnston 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, P. J. W. Hardwick 7, D. J. Orledge 8, D. G. Massey 9, J. E. Newman 10. Rung by Frome (Som.) band.

Also

On Sun., Sept. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Catens: Carole New 1, Ann Toomer (first Catens) 2, Winifred E. Marriott 3, Jill E. Davidge 4, Eileen Jaques 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, P. Minchin 7, E. Sutton (cond.) 8, M. New 9, P. Tombs 10. Rung by Christ Church Guild of Bellringers.

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