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RESIDENTS AND ALIENS

A personal view

RECENT comments in 'The Ringing World' suggest that there are some in the Exercise who are keenly interested in the functions of peal and Sunday service ringing. I am led to express an opinion, for as a beginner I was undoubtedly fortunate, living halfway between two branches of a Guild. One of them possessed half a dozen dedicated good ringers who went nightly from tower to tower implanting the fundamentals of method ringing for Sunday service. The other started me on peals almost as soon as I could hunt. The combination of these two built up our Sunday band.

The peal ringing must, however, be good. Bad peals are the worst enemy of the art for, apart from the anti-pathetic feelings induced in the public, a bad long length produces in the participants a satisfaction with poor work and a contentment with second-best. Such sentiments are not good for their ringing and will lead ultimately to personal conflict.

Many ringers differentiate between the acceptable qualities of ringing for public and private records, and it is a rare person who can truthfully say that the peals he has rung are devoid of parts which he would prefer to forget. I have lost count of my peals, but at least this saves my deciding doubtful ones, such as the 'peal' I rang with no calls in the last three courses and a couple of which one could only say that they started and finished with rounds and were of the right length.

Such performances are rung for a Guild or Association affiliated to the Central Council and, failing enlivened letters to 'The Ringing World,' are accepted as true achievements. The Association, however, sometimes knows little about them or the ringers taking part. I have been in attempts where ringers were proposed as non-Resident Life Members of the local Guild on a 'No peal, no membership' basis. This is as hypocritical as protest peals against booking fees. I have heard ringing (subsequently published for another Guild) which, had it been for my Association, I should have contested with all my power. What if I had not heard it and we had later been asked to ratify the election of most of the band and to accept their 'peal'?

Why, in any case, should it be held that all peals in a territory ought to be for the local Association? Is it not better to have a peal rung by full members for 'The Trollope Diocesan Guild and The Barsetshire Association'?

Is not any other course just as misguided as the wedding compliment (discovered in 'The Ringing World' a month later) to persons unknown or the boast of being 'the first to turn the Tsar Kolokol in to Tovaritch Imperial Bob'?' How can peals rung in Barset by the Ranting Ringers on their summer tour possibly be to the credit of the Trollope Diocesan Guild, which elects them non-Resident Life Members, never sees or thinks of them again, and does not in fact know whether they are still alive six months later? What nonsense it is to judge the health of a Guild solely by its peals!

It is difficult to accept the proposal that full membership of one Guild should extend automatically to a member of another, even if both are affiliated to the Central Council. Yet non-Resident Life Membership, as currently practised, is bad for ringing and should be abolished. Peals for a Guild should be rung only by its ringing members who pay annual subscriptions, and affiliated (not non-Association) peals by ringing members of two or more Guilds should be welcomed.

I can visualise the hands raised in horror that this might rob an Association of peals and income. The former might give an incentive to Ringing Masters. As for the latter, it is important that members of an Association should be full and active, and if a Guild is relying on casual subscriptions to keep it solvent it is on its last legs and must reorganise to avoid death. It must go out to teach and to advance and encourage the art. It must aim at the best possible ringing in its own churches and by its own ringers. This means a continual willingness to teach all who wish to learn and a continual seeking of new blood. For its good ringers, it means long and regular journeys to Association meetings so that learners who go there will find competent people to help them. It means touches of the most advanced method possible with the available ringers and it means mundane methods so that the learners may have the opportunity and joy of ringing with a good band. It means catching hold for rounds as well as for London. It means unselfishness and hard work.

The inescapable point, of course, is that most of us are ringing primarily for the Church—it is not for nothing that the Central Council has that word in its title. Sunday service ringing and peal ringing are separable but are both so much better for being used as complements. For both of them ringers are always welcomed, be they young, old, resident, alien, yellow, brown, or pinko-grey.

What scope there is for fruitful discussion at Whitsuntide!

R. B. M.

LATITUDE IN DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 13th you published a request from me for comments on the remarks made by an instructor that the standard set in the syllabus for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was too high and placed at a disadvantage people in areas where ringing was not of a very advanced standard.

To this I have had six replies, three from instructors and one from a candidate supporting this view. I am grateful to them for writing, although no one offered any positive suggestions for amendment. But from the letters generally I think some misunderstanding exists on the subject, possibly because those concerned may not be in possession of the Handbook issued by the Award Office. I have before me the 1963 Edition, in para 1 of the Introduction to which is the following reference to the various syllabuses for approved subjects:

'These should be regarded solely as guidance to tutors and assessors; they must NOT be regarded as set standards.'

Further on occur these two paragraphs:

(16) The particular feature of this section is that the candidate is assessed on interest, progress and genuine sustained effort shown during the stipulated minimum period, and not on the attainment of any fixed standard. This sets a premium on the candidate's ability: it also enables the late starter and the less gifted to be assessed on level terms with those who have already progressed in a leisure pursuit, or who are quicker or more skilful than himself.

(17) Thus, a good deal of latitude is necessarily given to Operating Authorities in evaluating the effort devoted by the candidate. In practice, the onus must mainly lie with the adult tutor in the particular subject, who should be closely in touch with the candidate throughout the stipulated period. In many cases it will be appropriate for the tutor to act as assessor.

And the Introduction ends with:

'The basic principle of assessment is genuine maintained effort.'

From the foregoing it is, I think, clear that local circumstances need not affect a candidate's chances of qualifying for any of the stages of the Award, so long as he shows the necessary enthusiasm and application over the required period. I hope this will be of encouragement to those who were good enough to write.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bellringers.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION 1965

The 1965 reunion saw the Ravers in Hertfordshire, and on the evening of January 1st members were due to assemble at 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans. Those who reached the rendezvous early had a ring at North Mymps.

The sharp frost on Saturday morning did not deter proceedings. Codicote was followed by Stevenage, where some good ringing took place, including Stedman, four Spliced Surprise Major and Plain Bob. At Baldock the Master and his fiancée were presented by the Wotton Wonder with a church pamphlet on marriage! Hitchin was visited before lunch, but, alas! in a touch of Norwich the fifth rope broke.

Some good towers were arranged for the afternoon, including Luton (10), where Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and Little Bob were rung. At Redbourn the Ravers were united with their 'tenor king' and his wife, who are now living in Ireland. The reunion supper, as usual, was very lively, the highlight being a taped message from Past Master Ron Russ, who is now in Australia.

Ringing on Sunday morning was on the 10 and 12 in St. Albans. In the afternoon everybody was delighted with the light six at Radlett, to be followed by South Mymps and Wheathamstead, where goodbyes were said. Our special thanks are due to Ken Darvill, Mr. and Mrs. Darvill and Clare. The reunion was one of the best we have had. B. J. D.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 19



DAVID J. HERSCHELL,
The Guildford Diocesan Guild.

At the present time the Guildford Diocesan Guild is enjoying good fortune for, as well as a new Cathedral and handsome gifts of money enabling it to install a ring of ten bells early this year, it has a number of 'Up and Coming Youngsters' who, it is hoped, will continue to maintain the Guild's excellent standard of ringing and Guild administration created by such well known members, past and present, as John S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling, William Melville, Robert Whittington, Charles N. Burdock, Charles Hazelden, William J. Robinson, Frederick

Bennett, William Day, George L. Grover, William Beeson, Charles Denyer and a host of others.

One such youngster, presented to the Exercise by the Guild's Ringing Master, Mr. Douglas A. R. May, is David J. Herschell.

David was born at North Finchley, London, on October 26th, 1944, and has lived at Epsom, Surrey, since 1952. He passed the 13-plus exam to Kingston Technical School, leaving at the age of sixteen having obtained his G.C.E. For a career he has chosen banking and is at present employed by the Trustee Savings Bank at the Sutton Branch as cashier, having previously served in the branches at Morden and Kingston. Whilst at Kingston he was able to take part in the ringing at the Parish Church for the Tuesday lunch-time services. He shortly leaves the Trustee Bank to take up an appointment at the Westminster Bank Ltd.

David started ringing at the age of fourteen and so became the second Herschell to join the Guildford Guild. The first was the Rev. Sir John C. W. Herschel (spelt with one 'l'), ringing parson and astronomer, and Rector of West Clandon from 1919 to 1934.

David was taught to ring at Christ Church, Epsom Common, by Mr. William Parrott and the late Mr. Frank Oakshott. His first peal was when he rang the fifth to Bob Mignor at the Church of St. Mary, Buckland, Surrey, and was conducted by Mr. Nick Webb. His total of some sixteen peals range from Minor to Caters, and includes his first as conductor. This was Plain Bob Minor consisting of seven different extents rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, on August 25th, 1962. It is not surprising that this youngster's chief ambition as a ringer is to become an efficient conductor. His keen interest in the Guild's administration has gained for him a place on the Executive Committee. David pays tribute to that widely known ringer—thousand pealer and tenor king—Pat Cannon, who has helped him with his ringing during the last two years, and with whom he has rung his best peals.

Other ringing Associations with which he is connected are the Surrey Association and Ancient Society of College Youths, and he has other interests in the Church besides ringing. He is a server at Christ Church, Epsom, and a short time ago became a member of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary.

Well done, David! The Guildford Guild should be proud of you. NORVING.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

There was a good turn out for the Chertsey District A.G.M. at Hersham on January 9th, when ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. E. Hawthorne and included Double Norwich. The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. Hargroves, who gave the District a hearty welcome.

Following an excellent tea, the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, took the chair for the business meeting. The following officers were elected for 1965: District Master, Mr. C. Webb (Hersham); Assistant District Master, Mr. D. G. Blows; District secretary, Mr. R. Collins. Mr. May thanked the retiring officers for their hard work, and congratulated David Leach on his recent marriage.

The secretary reported an increase in membership and an average of 40 at the meetings held the previous year, which compared well with 1963. All towers were manned on Sundays except Weybridge, where a special effort was needed to get the bells going again.

Mr. Hawthorne stressed the need for better striking at all times, especially for those who aspired to ring on the new Cathedral bells.

Ten new junior and four new ringers were elected from Horsell, Chertsey, East Molesey and Thames Ditton.

Guild officers nominated were: Master, D. A. R. May; general secretary, C. W. Munday; treasurer, C. Kippin; auditor, P. Sherwood. Sixty ringers attended the meeting. Further ringing up to Cambridge Major completed the day. R. C.

A FULL DAY IN LONDON

In order to have the maximum benefit of their day's ringing in London, six Worcestershire ringers and one from Somerset arrived on Friday, January 8th.

The programme started with the light eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, followed by St. Lawrence Jewry, where a slight accident occurred. After the seventh was raised, a slider was found to have 'jumped' out. This did not prevent an excellent ring, St. George's, Borough, and lunch near London Bridge station followed.

The highlight of the day was Southwark Cathedral and ringing of Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus. Other churches in the afternoon were St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and the R.C. Church at Clapham Common. Two excellent rings came after tea—St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth. Visits were also paid to All Saints', Wandsworth, and St. Mary's, Putney.

Methods rung were Plain Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Caters, London Surprise Major, Putney Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Single Oxford and Plain Bob Major. Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples. A very good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Our thanks are accorded to Mr. M. J. Uphill for arranging the tour, Ann Horsford, Tony Clayton and Mrs. Uphill for finding accommodation for the night, John Maybrey and John Weaver for coping with the transport, and all incumbents, tower secretaries and tower masters, who made the tour possible. J. E. W.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WEEK-END AT BRISTOL

ON January 2nd Bristol produced blue skies and sunshine to welcome the Universities Association, making its first visit there for its annual dinner.

Bells available for ringing were Holy Nativity, Knowle, St. Mary Redcliffe, the Cathedral and Christ Church. St. James' was omitted, as it lacked one clapper, and it was unfortunate that not enough ringers turned up at Redcliffe to ring the 12. Some members were able to make up for this when they joined the service band on Sunday morning. At Christ Church it was once again demonstrated that these bells repay good striking even more than most.

After the service at Christ Church, the party dispersed to prepare for dinner at the Grosvenor. This was preceded by one of the Association's two annual meetings (the other always being held on the summer tour). The U.A. is fortunately blessed with very able officers, and the president, Mr. Paul Taylor, dealt with all business with great expedition. The arrangements for the 1965 tour at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street (including, it is hoped, a raid over the border to Edinburgh), and and for next year's dinner, at Nottingham, received unanimous approval. The auditor could find no fault with the accounts, this being one of the years when he had seen them!

Just over 40 people sat down to dinner. Speeches were kept to a minimum—an old U.A. tradition—and therefore were more appreciated, especially the toast of 'The Church' by our member from Pudsey. A fairly recently joined member was sent to bed happy in the knowledge that once he had paid a subscription of 1s, he was a member for life—another of the U.A.'s little peculiarities.

Some of the keener members rang at four towers for service on Sunday morning, which is a tribute to the staggered hours of church services in Bristol. (Contrary to widespread belief, service times are not fixed by the local ringers.)

Thanks for organising the ringing and dinner are due to our efficient secretary Don Excell, who also gave the necessary information to enable motorists to venture into this city of parking meters without falling foul of the law. (At least, so far as is known.)

Members left Bristol promising to meet again either 'on tour' or 'at the next dinner,' feeling once again that this is a useful Association, which through its hundreds of members is a link between the different University Associations, many of which it helped to create. J.G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

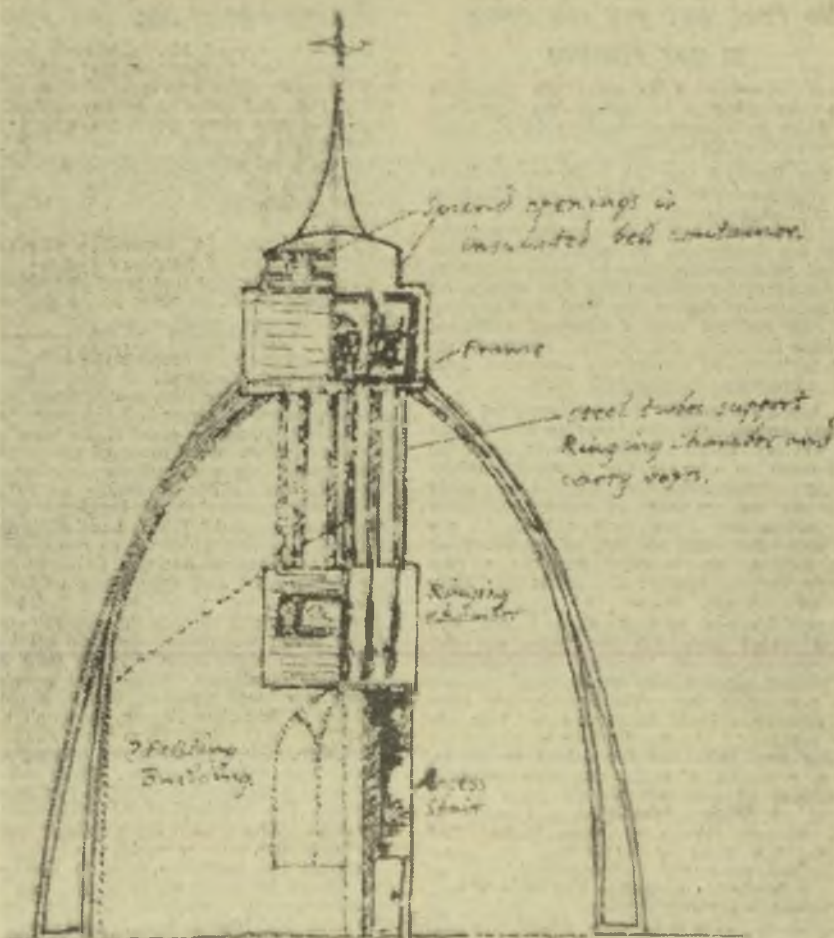
A very successful year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild, held at Ripponden Parish Church on January 9th. Comments of officers were: Honorary secretary: Warm thanks to incumbents, tower captains and members for general help; honorary treasurer: Best financial year during his periods of office; Ringing Master: Improved quality of ringing at meetings.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. P. Birkett; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Senior; secretary, Miss W. Mortimer; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Bond; auditor, Mr. A. Rogers; committee, Messrs. W. Holroyd, H. Quarmby and D. Smith.

In thanking the local company, Mr. A. Armitage mentioned the excellent arrangements, tea and well-cared for bells. Ringing was enjoyed to 9 o'clock.

Next meeting: Shelley. Special method: London Surprise Minor.

A NEW TECHNIQUE FOR TOWERS



Dear Sir.—I was interested in your article on tower design in the issue of October 23rd as this was a subject which came up after a meeting and I am further prompted by Mr. Chaddock's article on sound control.

Just as modern architecture has broken away from traditional building methods by virtue of new techniques, so should the concept of a church tower be liberated from stone and mortar. A 'tower' as such is no longer a necessity. The basic problem is to support a bell frame adequately at a suitable height from the ground, to provide somewhere from which to handle the ropes, and to enclose the bells so that the sound can be suitably directed, and preferably also shut in at will. This is an engineering rather than an architectural problem though of course there is no reason why the architect should not concern himself with the appearance of the resulting structure and its integration into the whole building. I enclose a sketch of one possible form which a bell 'tower' may take.

The main supports could be steel or reinforced concrete, set at an angle to withstand the lateral stresses of the bells without being unduly massive, which become one unit with the bell frame. The bells are enclosed in a light metal or wooden box, lined with insulat-

ing material or perhaps a double glass sphere would be more interesting for spectators, and variable openings are provided to let out the sound, preferably from near the top, for Sunday ringing or on other suitable occasions. Suspended from the frame is the ringing chamber which can take any form at all. There are no lateral stresses on this except for wind (or unruly ringers).

The whole thing could be free-standing if added to an existing church or it could stand over a low church building with the ringing chamber being provided on the roof of the church. Alternatively the supporting girders could be within the structure of the church either concealed or visible. Wells cathedral provides a good Gothic precedent for the latter if any is needed. What about a metal spire on top? The possibilities are legion provided that it is 'always borne in mind that the supported bell frame is the one central reason for the existence of the whole structure.'

Perhaps those better qualified than I would comment on such matters as cost and practical limitations. I am sure that the provision of new belfries with new churches is an important matter if the art of bell-ringing is to remain a part of living Christianity.—Yours truly,

GEORGE FUTERS

West Hallam, Derby.

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Letters to the Editor

No Peal, but you can come to our Practice

Dear Sir,—Having in mind the notorious Penn controversy, it is perhaps not surprising that Giles B. Thompson should sign his letter on page 20 as 'Anarchist.'

I am flattered that he finds me to be a well known member of the C.C. and a high-up in 'my' Association. My manners I know to be deplorable, but in making his complaint about my discourtesy, he might perhaps have advised your readers that he wrote direct to the Rector of Sevenoaks for a peal attempt on a Monday—the day of the local weekly practice. He did not send a stamped, addressed envelope for reply and he was, therefore, indeed fortunate to receive my somewhat terse (and admittedly ill-tempered) reply.

It has subsequently become apparent that he was arranging a peal tour in the district and whereas, as an anarchist, he is under no compulsion to observe the courtesies, others making arrangements of this kind quite frequently make a point of seeking assistance and information from local ringers. I am sure they often have no need of the assistance they receive, but it does promote a nice friendly feeling, whether the locals be 'high-ups' or 'low-ups.'

Except for peal attempts there is not, and during recent years has not been, any bar at Sevenoaks or any 'strings' to permission for visiting ringers who make their requests in a reasonable way. We have a very keen and competent local band and we ring the bells regularly. We would love to ring peals on our own bells and for others to do so, but as a matter of policy we have refrained from peal attempts for several years as we wanted to persuade the Church Council to have the bells rehung in a new frame. Our patience has been rewarded and an order placed for the work. I may add that we made a particular exception and rang a peal in December as a courtesy to our Rector, of whom we are very fond, on a special personal occasion.

I write as captain of the Sevenoaks ringers rather than as general secretary of the Kent County Association, but I am, of course, aware that 'my' Association has received sufficient financial benefit from Mr. Thompson's tour to solve our money problems for years to come. In addition of course we are suitably uplifted and encouraged that Mr. Thompson was able to ring various peals on 'our' bells, thereby suitably reducing our opportunities for our amateurish and stumbling performances.

Now that Mr. Thompson knows we ring at Sevenoaks on Monday evenings we shall be very pleased to see him at any time provided he is tough enough to withstand the hectoring and bullying methods we adopt in asserting our authority over those who have the temerity to ring 'our' bells.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

Previous Museum Exhibitions

Dear Sir.—Mr. Victor Sheppard may like to know that at the 1926 meeting of the Central Council the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Alexander Young, reported on behalf of the Science Museum Exhibit Committee that 'they had now in the National Science Museum a small section illustrating their Art and that it included the famous ringing machine invented by Mr. John Carter.'

I seem to remember that this was still on display in the early 1930s (certainly the machine itself was) but that it wasn't very comprehensive — nothing like the one Mr. Sheppard's enthusiasm has produced at Brighton. But I suppose it was quite an achievement to be recognised at 'South Ken'.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. BARNETT.

Outings—good and bad points

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. Maybrey's letter on the subject of ringing outings with interest and I heartily agree with most of what he says. Whilst I do not claim to be any authority on ringing outings there are a few points which I feel should be added.

Let me start with three questions:

(1) Would Mr. Maybrey's idea of a Central Council committee really be a workable proposition?

(2) Would such a committee, if formed, really serve a useful purpose? and

(3) Is it really best that procedure should be standardised at all, let alone to the degree suggested?

Many visiting bands already perform the valuable service of "keeping the bells going" in towers with no bands of their own. Such towers in a county like, say, Dorset are all too numerous—well over half the total I would say—and it would be good if we were all to give such towers much more of our attention. How many ringers contribute to the towers that they visit, either financially or by doing a little elementary 'steeple-keeping' where it is obviously needed? Whilst I am all in favour of the C.C. giving guidance to those inexperienced in arranging outings, I think the responsibility must and should rest with the individual.

I don't know if this is the general attitude, but at Leigh we always welcome all visitors who care to come (now that the bells are in reasonable condition). While most people, including our local residents, find it a pleasure to listen to first-class ringing, we don't always expect to hear such from the bands that visit Leigh. Most of these are Sunday service bands, from other churches, whose standards of ringing naturally depend upon circumstances at home. The standard of our own band isn't very high as we started from scratch less than two years ago.

Damage can easily be done in more sensitive towers by bands such as the one which recently sought permission to ring between 4.30 and 5.15 on Saturday afternoon. They eventually turned up after 5.20, without giving any reason for the delay, and proceeded to fire the bells for ten minutes!

What would really strengthen the Exercise, surely, would be the elimination of "tower grabbing" purely for the sake of scoring: something which the publication of lists in the R.W. is bound to encourage. Let the aim of those ringers who like to visit different towers instead be:—

(1) To try to choose for their outings those towers where the bells need ringing

(2) To support service ringing and practices in the many towers where outside help is really needed and

(3) To strive to improve the standard of their own ringing.

For those who belong to struggling bands, or whose towers have no band at all, visiting other towers is of course the only way of progressing. Here I speak from personal experience and I should like to say how kind and helpful I have found so many ringers and how grateful I am to them.

May I make a final plea that we stop using the horrid term 'the use of your bells'? Bells are rung, not used and this seems to strike at the heart of the matter.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DUTTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

Campanologia, 1702

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Savory is ever in this area I shall be happy to show him my copy of Campanologia Improved (1702), which was the subject of a letter to 'The Ringing World' about Whitson, 1952.

Photostat copies of pages to complete his copy are probably available from the Cambridge University Library, which supplied a couple for the Cambridge University Guild in 1954.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER B. MORRIS.

Oswestry, Salop.

'A Delightful Tribute'

Dear Sir,—R.W. p. 24 Belfry Gossip repeats part of a letter by R. H. Mansell, of Birmingham, describing the Christmas Day bells as 'absolutely perfect striking from start to finish,' but I trust that he doesn't really mean this. It is indeed a 'delightful tribute'—but it isn't true, and whilst it is appreciated that Christmas is the time for goodwill we mustn't let our superlatives run away with us.

Some of the striking was very good, some of it was nearly perfect but none of it was absolutely perfect. Listen again to the recording of the bells of Drumo, N.I., and Alloa, Mr. Mansell, and if you still think that this striking is even good, then I will be most surprised—especially as you come from Birmingham, where I am given to understand they do a little fairly good ringing from time to time.

Perfection, in all walks of life, is a difficult thing to obtain. There are no degrees thereof: it is either perfect or it is not, and if we use the word where it is not justified there is always the danger that standards will fall. So let's have it right shall we, and amend Mr. Mansell's remarks to read 'the striking, for the most part, was very good'—and that is still a 'delightful tribute'.—Yours faithfully,

Chilcompton, Bath. M. HEYMANN.

Friesland's View

Dear Sir,—As soon as I knew that 'The Sound of Bells' by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd was affirmed and acknowledged I had hoped that the message of the bells and in respect to him, that Christmas Day would have been just it.

Anyhow I do hope that the authority who holds the broadcasting will some day put in an effort towards such a day.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friesland.

First Quarter at Pluckley

Dear Sir,—With reference to the interesting article by Mr. N. J. Davis re Pluckley, Kent, and the claim to a quarter peal of Minor rung in 1959 being the first recorded on the bells I would like to mention that I had the pleasure of calling a quarter peal of Doubles there on May 18th, 1935. This was rung on the back 5 and rung after meeting short for the peal attempt, caused through putting the wrong post town on a letter, thereby causing it to be delayed in the post.—Yours sincerely,

Dorking. A. PAT CANNON.

'Cowardly and poor spirited'

Dear Sir,—I am prompted to write after the publication of the letter from 'Anarchist' (page 20), whoever he may be.

It is particularly nauseating to read the letters every week in the 'R.W.' only to find that the writer does not possess the manliness and courtesy to sign his own name, but has to use a nom-de-plume to avoid recognition. In my opinion it is thoroughly deplorable, and shows the writer to be very cowardly and poor-spirited. He certainly cannot be a popular member of society if he is so chicken-hearted that he dare not let everyone know that it is he who holds a particular opinion. So, Mr. Anarchist, don't have cold feet, but pluck up courage and let us all know who you are.

Finally, I would like to suggest to 'Anarchist' that, when he next writes a letter, he should keep to the point and not pass on to trivialities about when he applies to towers for peals. What connection that has with Norman Mallett's question of non-Association peals is anybody's guess: I suppose he wanted to save the 3d. stamp!—Yours faithfully,

M. F. LOCK.

Exeter, Devon.

The Origin of 'Mewslade'

Dear Sir,—'Mewslade,' the name given to Court Bob Minor, first rung on handbells on October 10th, 1964, originates from one of the bays in Gower, named Mewslade.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARTHUR HOAR.

Swansea.

LETTERS—Continued

108 Stedman Triples

Dear Sir.—With reference to the 108 of Stedman Triples. I would say that such a length is unobtainable. My reasoning is as follows:—

If rounds is to occur after 108 changes the row 2314567 must occur after 110 changes, assuming the touch is allowed to continue. So row 2314567, the second change of the touch, must occur exactly 18 sixes later for there to be a touch of 108 changes.

Define a 'block' to be a Slow six and the following Quick six. Then the 18 sixes form 9 blocks. Let us take note of the last rows of the blocks only. Also, for simplicity, instead of 2314567 (the last row of the first block) let us begin with 1234567 and endeavour to produce row 1234567 nine blocks later.

From 1234567 there are nine possibilities for the row of the next block, seven of which are different (B.S. produces the same row as S.B. and S.S. the same row as B.B.). These seven rows are:

2467153 2456173 2457163
2463175 2453167
2463157 2453176

Two important points to note are:—

(I) that 4ths place bell always becomes 2nds place bell, 2nds place bell becomes 1st place bell and 1st place bell becomes 5ths place bell. One deduction is that the bell in 4ths place of a block will always be in 5ths place three blocks later.

(II) 5ths place bell cannot be 4ths place bell of the next block.

On a large piece of paper draw a rectangle, seven squares along by ten squares down. In the first and tenth rows enter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each row will represent the end change of a block. Fill in the definite entries as shown.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	4			1		
4				2		
				4		
				5		
	5		1			
5	1		2			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This follows because of I. Now, starting with row two, write in all the possibilities for each square. For example, bells in 5ths or 6ths place could move to 3rds place in the next row. So in row 2, col. 3 write 5, 6; in row 2, col. 4 write 3, 6, 7, etc. Do the same for row 3. In col. 4 bells 3, 5, 6, 7 should appear. The 5th can be crossed out since, by I, it will

appear in row 6, col. 5. This is impossible since we've already fixed the 5th in row 7, col. 4 (see II).

Continue the process for row 4. Bells 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 should occupy col. 4. Using I and II notice that 1, 5 can be crossed out. This leaves bells 3, 6, 7 only, in columns 1, 2, 4. Therefore these bells must share these columns (in row 4) between them. And, as a result 3, 6, 7 can be crossed out in col. 3 (the only other place they occur in row 4).

In row 5 you'll be pleased to read that we need only consider col. 4. This position can only be occupied by bells 1, 2, 5. Using I and II we see that this is incompatible with the positions already fixed; therefore there is no solution.—Yours sincerely,

R. BLACKLER.

Nottingham.

Tower Vibrations

Dear Sir.—In the November 6th issue of 'The Engineer,' there appears an article dealing with the vibration of buildings, written by Dr. Josef Geiger, a German consulting engineer from Augsburg. Much of Dr. Geiger's article is devoted to church steeples which he claims can vibrate dangerously due to the ringing of the bells.

After describing simple methods for measuring the oscillations of towers and discussing the forces which create them, Dr. Geiger goes on to discuss possible methods for eliminating the vibrations.

His favourite treatment, among others, is to attach a weight to the headstock of the bell with the object of lowering its frequency of swing by a small amount and so avoid resonance.

My own view on this treatment is that it may very well work admirably for continental bells which are rung by mechanical means, but certainly not for English bells which are rung to changes. The frequency of swing of bells rung to changes is continuously altering; thus the avoidance of the resonance condition is not so necessary and moreover is almost impossible. Also imagine what the ringer's reaction would be if he arrived one Sunday to find that Dr. Geiger had made his bell abominably slow at both backstroke and handstroke.

Dr. Geiger writes of an experience at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, New South Wales, and the implication that he eliminated vibrations by treating two bells; he also implies he has operated in England. Does anyone know more details of his activities and what was the result from the ringers' point of view? —Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

Tape Recordings

Dear Sir.—I feel that out of 55,000 odd ringers in the British Isles some must own a tape recorder, a few might even use it to record bells. If so I should be very pleased to contact them.

My recorder will accept all size spools up to 7" two or four track, and at speeds from 15/16 i.p.s. to 7½ i.p.s.

If space in your paper and enough people are interested we might even have a tapespondence column.—Yours sincerely,

G. R. ASHCROFT.

Speke, Liverpool.

The Marbury Peal

Dear Sir.—I find other ringers, like myself, are somewhat puzzled by Mr. F. R. Morton's withdrawal of the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marbury on November 14th.

If, as is presumably the case, rounds was clearly struck at the 5,040th row, surely this must be rated as true a peal as one where the bells are immediately 'stood' or dropped (a frequent practice which I, personally, deplore), unless of course there is some rule governing the number of rounds to be rung at the end of a peal?

I am under the impression—one which, however, is open to correction—that in the past I have seen one or two isolated reports of peals of Doubles in excess of 42 six-scores at, for instance, the fifteen possible six-scores of Stedman Doubles each called thrice (5,040 changes).—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

Aggrieved

Dear Sir.—Whilst we have come to accept the misreporting in the lay press of technical terms used in ringing, a recent article in the London 'Evening Standard' which quoted my name contained such ludicrous inaccuracies that I must seek the courtesy of your columns to deny responsibility for the gross misrepresentation of the simple facts of ringing which were explained to the reporter, who arrived without notice during service ringing.

Bizarre phrases such as '1,260 changes of tone and chord' are possibly the reporter's revenge for my refusal to give the right answers to his many leading questions: I can only ask those who wasted their time reading the article to treat it with the hilarity it deserved.—Yours faithfully,

A. BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea.

Clocks by J. G. H. Hoch

Dear Sir.—I have recently written the story of the Danesfield Clock at the Officers' Mess, Royal Air Force, Danesfield, Medmenham, Marlow, Bucks, made in 1900 by John George Henry Hoch (1836-1918), of 311, Brixton Road, London.

I know of two further clocks made by him, but I believe there are others and if any of your readers know of any such clocks I should be glad if they would let me know.—Yours faithfully,

H. B. JEFFERIES.

Squadron Leader (Retd.).

Crestwood Cottage,
Bowers Lane,
Radnage, High Wycombe, Bucks.

H. and M. Incidence of Falseness

Dear Sir.—As from last week I am discontinuing the advertisement for Vol. II of H. & M. As I have only some dozen copies left it is no longer economic to advertise, and I shall therefore be very pleased to receive any further orders as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. HUDSON.

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EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD DINNER

As usual the Guild Dinner proved very popular and the 60 tickets available were all well and truly booked by the end of 1964.

On January 9th we met in high spirits at the Castle Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, even though two peals had been lost earlier in the day. Once again we were honoured with the presence of our President, Rev. J. R. Missen. There were two toasts apart from 'The Queen': the first 'The Church' proposed by Mr. L. Fox with our President replying and keeping us in 'stitches' with his funny jokes.

Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed 'The East Grinstead and District Guild' and gave some facts for the benefit of our many young members, on the beginning of the Guild and its aims. He finished by congratulating the two couples who had recently become engaged. Mr. B. E. Jeffrey replied and said how pleased he was with the enthusiastic attendance and hoped members would attend forthcoming meetings. The President thanked Mr. E. J. Ladd and his daughter for making the dinner arrangements. A course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Margaret A. Ladd, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and E. J. Ladd.

Tables were then removed and we sat back for the raffle and entertainment provided by members of the Guild ranging from songs by R. A. Large, impersonation by C. Osborn, short sketches and the Edenbridge Echoes. The evening was voted by many to be 'the best.'

M.A.L.

PRESENTATION TO MISS C. L. MASON

During an interval between touches of ringing for Evensong on her last Sunday as vice-captain of the Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, ringers, 18-year-old Christine Lesley Mason was presented with a copy of Mr. E. C. Shepherd's 'The Sound of Bells' as a parting gift from her fellow ringers. Mr. A. H. Beamish in making the presentation said that the good wishes of all the ringers went with her together with thanks for her loyalty and friendship. He wished her Godspeed in her new sphere of activities and assured her a warm welcome whenever she visited us. She had forged a valuable link between the over forties and the under twenties and welded them into a complete band.

In accepting the gift Christine thanked all who had helped her to reach the standard she had attained and hoped that her successor as vice-captain would be selected from the younger age group.

D.E.B.

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STILETTO HEELS BARRED

No major decorating work has taken place for over 30 years in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Leicester. Consequently, last September the ringers set about the gigantic task of renovation, devoting one evening a week for this purpose.

Many weeks of preparation passed before any visible signs of progress became apparent: a considerable amount of repair work was necessary on the walls, making good damaged plaster and restoring perished surfaces to a suitable condition for receiving the 'new look.' Apart from one or two minor items, the work was completed just before Christmas with the laying of new floor covering.

The colour scheme is of pleasing shades of pale lemon and silver grey on the walls, the two sections of colour being separated by a black rail. Entrance door and cupboard are ice blue. A pleasant contrast is in the warm red floor covering.

The ringers have installed new lighting (one is an electrician by trade). Two large opal spheres have been fitted, each carrying a 150 watt lamp.

With regret, it has been found necessary to strictly prohibit the wearing of stiletto or any kind of sharp heeled footwear in the ringing chamber as it has been discovered that this will cause serious damage to the floor covering. Visitors accordingly are respectfully reminded of this as the ringers do not wish to disappoint anyone visiting their tower.

S.H.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 30 ringers were present from 10 towers when the Association's winter quarterly meeting was held at Heanor on January 2nd. After a short ring in the afternoon on the medium 15 cwt. octave, the company gratefully adjourned to the warmth and comfort of the Church Hall, where the wives and friends of the local company had prepared an excellent meal.

The start of the business meeting, with Dr. G. Futers in the chair, was marked by a moment's silence for Provost H. Ham, a former Association president, who died on December 2nd, aged 95.

Following the re-election of Mrs. G. Halls and Mrs. D. Carlisle as auditors for the current year, the general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, announced that the new Association badges—in the shape of a bell and headstock—would shortly be available. He also gave preliminary notice of the A.G.M. in Derby on April 24th.

Although more tickets than ever are available for the annual dinner—to be held at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th—members were urged to obtain theirs without delay as they were likely to be in great demand. Both the Derby and Ilkeston Districts are hoping to arrange coaches, starting from Derby and Sawley respectively.

New members elected were Mr. J. Frear (Heanor), Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower (Derby) and Mr. J. C. Bradshaw (unattached). A special welcome was paid to the Rev. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale and president of the Lancashire Association. In reply the Rector said he had very deep roots in Derbyshire as not only was he born in Ripley but his father had been Rector of Heanor for 13 years, and his grandfather Rector of Sandiacre for 30 years.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised nearly £3. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company and the ladies for providing tea. Further ringing was then enjoyed.

M. P. P.

MR. DOVE WAS RIGHT

Concerning Oakham tenor, Mr. T. G. Briggs, of Melton Mowbray, writes: 'To put Mr. Rogers' mind at rest, its weight is as quoted by Mr. Dove, as witness the peal reported in "The Ringing World" on page 41. The bells "go" well and I have enjoyed several quarters there.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

About 45 members were present at the Ashford District annual meeting at Wye on January 9th. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, and tea in the new Village Hall was kindly provided and served by the Wye ringers.

The honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet for 1964 showed a successful year. Membership had increased by 48 practising members to 225 (192 adults and 33 juniors). Honorary members numbered 32, an increase of 10. Thirty-five towers showed subscribers. Average attendance at the eight meetings was 36. Service ringing was on the whole well maintained. Biddenden, Lympe and Willesborough had rung for every service. Thirty-two peals had been rung, and these included 12 resident first pealers. Notable among the peals were one at Cheriton by ladies from Folkestone and Lympe, and the first on the bells at Pluckley. Ashford and Mersham are now undergoing restoration.

Among the distinguished visitors was Mr. Bert May, honorary treasurer of the Association, who congratulated the District on a successful year, during which they had received over £63 to him.

Pluckley was announced to be the next place of meeting on February 20th. Eight new members joined the Association.

The thanks of the visitors was expressed by Mr. Alan Berry (Ringing Master) to the Rev. P. T. Robbins for taking the service and acting as chairman, and Mr. Eric Weston (captain of the Wye band) and his ringers, for their hospitality.

C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

It was a pleasure for members of the Tonbridge District to visit Leigh, on the occasion of their first meeting of the New Year on January 2nd. As usual, Mr. B. Pankhurst had kindly made the arrangements, and for many of the members it was their first ascent into the belfry by means of the new iron staircase replacing the old wooden ladder.

The six bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by Rev. J. H. Bounds who welcomed the members and said he was pleased that Leigh had been chosen when it had been found that Hadlow bells were not available.

Tea was enjoyed at 'The Fleur de Lis' before the District meeting, with Mr. P. A. Corby in the chair. After the meeting members were able to ring at Leigh, and also at Shipbourne.

M. A. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Forty-two members and friends attended the Biggleswade District A.G.M. held at Biggleswade on January 9th.

The Rev. J. H. Dominey conducted a short and most fitting service, which was followed by tea in the Memorial Hall, kindly prepared by the local ladies. The meeting elected the following officers: chairman, Mr. P. Mehew; secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; committee, Miss S. Percival, Mr. R. J. Sharp, Mr. M. J. Lockey and Mr. D. Saunderson; organist, Mr. M. J. Lockey; press secretary, Miss A. Alexander.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds for the learners to Surprise Major for the more experienced.

Next meeting: Clifton (8), February 13th.

A.R.A.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Andover District

Most encouraging reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer at the annual meeting of the Andover District, at Whitechurch on January 9th, with Mr. A. W. Alliston in the chair. Membership was up on the previous year and good attendances were forthcoming for the 12 monthly practices and at the quarterly meetings.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Guild, congratulated the District on its successful year and again emphasised the need to strike well, whatever methods were attempted.

Further ringing followed after tea at Whitechurch and Laverstoke in methods ranging from Grandfire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

OBITUARY

MR. R. N. ELLIOTT

Finchampstead, Berks, has lost its tower foreman by the death on January 6th of Mr. Robert N. Elliott, at his Eversley home. He was 59.

'Bob,' who learned to ring in the Bradfield district, was not a peal ringer, but his infectious smile and quiet manner endeared him to all who knew him.

Local ringers and a Ringing Master of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild attended the funeral service at Eversley Church on Saturday, January 9th. W. J. H. P.

MR. CHARLES J. BALL

The Bedfordshire Association deeply regret the passing of Mr. Charles J. Ball on December 23rd, in his 79th year.

He learned to ring at Tempsford just before the 1914 war. On moving to Sandy in 1919 he joined the Association. In 1922 he was elected as Secretary to the Biggleswade District and carried this office from strength to strength, with his forceful personality, until retiring in 1952. He continued ringing until four years ago but attended the meetings at Sandy until his death.

The bells were rung half-muffled, by members of the Biggleswade District, both before and after the funeral service on December 29th at St. Swithin's, Sandy. A peal of Bristol rung at Maulden and a quarter peal at Sandy by local District ringers were attributed in memoriam. A.S.

MR. R. V. EVANS

With the passing of Mr. Robert Victor Evans on January 5th, at the age of 68, Hughenden has lost its oldest ringer, the last of the old band. He was a nephew of the late John Evans, who is renowned, having conducted the first peal of London in the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1892, and with other Hughenden ringers rang a number of peals with J. W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Vic was an ardent churchman, having served his church as churchwarden and sidesman over a number of years. He was elected a member of the Oxford Guild in 1914. His ringing was confined mostly to the tenor behind, as he could always be relied upon to maintain an excellent beat. He rang in only 40 peals, all but three at Hughenden.

The interment was at Hughenden on January 9th and the large congregation paid their last respects. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Newton 1-2, D. A. Cornwall 3-4, R. Biggs 5-6, P. Newton 7-8. This was followed by half-muffled ringing on the tower bells. In the evening an in memoriam peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled. May he rest in peace. R. B.

MR. GEORGE MONK

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Mr. George Monk on January 1st, who on December 29th, 1964, celebrated his 90th birthday.

He had up to two years ago been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mellons Parish Church, Cardiff, from 1914. The ringers of St. Mellons rang a quarter peal for evening service on Sunday, December 27th, to celebrate his birthday.

He was buried in St. Mellons churchyard on January 5th. After the service the St. Mellons bellringers rang the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a long and faithful ringer. R. H. A.

MR. HARRY SEAR

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. G. S. Valentine, of Duston, Northants, writes:

I would like to pay a tribute to my old friend, Mr. Harry Sear, of Blechley. A very warm welcome always awaited me when I visited that way. He was a fine ringer and loved good ringing, but anyone who tried his best was very welcome where Harry was. I have many happy memories of times spent in his company. All North Bucks ringers leave a gap when they pass on to higher service, particularly with us older ringers.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The District A.G.M. was held at Retford on January 9th, East and West Retford and Babworth towers being open, but Ordsall, unfortunately, was not available because of weddings. The service, tea and business meeting were held at West Retford, 21 District members attending.

Mr. H. Denman, the retiring secretary and new chairman, reported that membership had dropped, and attendances at meetings were poor, though the Babworth meeting in December was well attended by District members. We had acquired three new Vicars during the course of the year and two of them seemed to be the sort we like.

In reply to a question, he said he had been secretary for 20 years, since 1945, when the old North Notts Association merged with the newly-formed Southwell Guild. The meeting expressed its sincere thanks for his services over this long period. Replying, Mr. Denman said he expected another twenty years would see him in his box!

Other officers elected: H. Poyner (secretary), J. Gow (Ringing Master), D. Whetton (committee). New members elected were: Christine Wright (East Retford) and Susan Hart (Babworth).

After the usual votes of thanks, further ringing took place. H. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Wisbech Visitors at Elveden

A well attended quarterly meeting of the N.W. District was held at Elveden on January 9th when a contingent of ringers from the Wisbech District, Ely Diocese, joined the Suffolk ringers. Many methods were enjoyed including Cambridge, Stedman, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Oxford, Double Bob, Norwich Kent, Plain Bob, Grandsire and rounds for two youngsters. Conductors were Messrs. J. Paul, E. Mastin, R. Rose, M. Rose, H. Fuller and A. Balham.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Newton Gates) and tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Fuller. A short meeting followed when Mr. Wright, the Chairman, thanked the friends from 'over the border' for making this such a good meeting. Mr. Boker, of Newmarket, was elected a new member.

It was proposed that the February evening meeting be held at Brandon, the March evening meeting at Lakenheath, the April quarterly at Newmarket, the July quarterly at Mildenhall and the annual in October at West Stow. Miss G. Reeve proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, to Mr. Paul for arranging the tea and to Mesdames Paul, Rose and Fuller for providing such an excellent meal.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower until 9 o'clock. G.R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

An extremely successful A.G.M. of the Northern District was held at Hitchin on January 2nd. The meeting was preceded by ringing at St. Mary's under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. A. S. Harwood), methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Meredith, who also gave a short but appropriate address. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Agg and several willing helpers.

At the business meeting the following District officers were elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Buck; Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. S. Harwood; Press representative, Mrs. J. K. Orme; General Committee, Messrs. J. R. Castledine and G. W. Critchley; District Committee, Mrs. A. G. Agg, Messrs. A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, D. Taplin, C. Worboys.

The finances of the Association were closely scrutinised, and several excellent suggestions were put forward for improving the same, and for further discussion at the County's A.G.M.

Ringing afterwards included two extremely good courses—one Bristol and the other Yorkshire—and was followed by an harmonious lowering of the eight bells, in peal of course! J. K. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 2nd at St. Michael's (Broad Street), with the Abbey bells being available in the evening. The service was conducted by the Rector of Freshford, the Rev. Francis Pollard, and the lesson read by the Master of the Association, the Rev. Henry Warren.

The meeting, at which 72 ringers were present, was held after the usual good tea and was under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. Pollard. The secretary (Mr. A. Lee), in his report, stated that the year had been one of average progress. Monthly Surprise practices had been promising, peals in the Branch numbered twelve (four less than 1963), but several members had rung their first peals which was encouraging. A fund has been started for the restoration of St. Matthew's, Widcombe, where the bells have been rough going for a few years. Also he wished to thank three officers who were not seeking re-election, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. L. A. B. White, now Rector of Shepton Mallet; vice-chairman, the Rev. E. Sargent; and the treasurer, Mr. T. Milsom, who reported a Branch membership of 147.

Officers elected for 1965 were: Chairman, The Rev. F. Pollard (Freshford); vice-chairmen, Rev. E. Rowe (Weston) and Mr. L. R. G. Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. F. Lee (Twerton); Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Owen (Keynsham) and Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston).

It was hoped to arrange meetings at Bathford, Priston and Keynsham for 1965. Seven new members were elected. Dunkerton and Weston have appealed for help with beginners in change ringing so the Branch instructors look in for a busy year. A. F. L.

Bridgwater Branch

The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held on the heavy but fine toned six at Cannington, on January 2nd. A celebration of Holy Communion was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Moss) who, in his address, spoke of the recent broadcast from Cannington, and of the hundreds of letters he later received from people who had found delight in the sound of the bells. This had impressed him immensely. He also mentioned his hope of completing the octave at Cannington in the future with the addition of two more bells.

A company of about 50 later sat down to tea and at the business meeting Mr. G. Duckham and Mr. K. Prime were elected again as chairman and secretary respectively. Mr. F. Sweet, of Wembdon, was elected Ringing Master. Some discussion took place on the form Holy Communion should take as a corporate service, the view being expressed in some instances that that this should take place on a Sunday and not at the normal quarterly meeting. A new venture this year will be a Branch outing to be held in the summer.

The report of the 'Silent Towers' Committee was received from Mr. G. Marchant, who said that all the incumbents circulated as to whether they had sufficient ringers for their bells had welcomed the offer of assistance to ring their bells over Christmas with the exception of one who had misread the letter. In fact all the silent towers were visited and the bells rung at least once over Christmas. This had started hope of reviving the bands in at least three towers and in one other case the Ringing Master had been asked to lecture to the village youth fellowship.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. King 1, W. Colwell 2, D. J. Withers (cond.) 3, T. Nicholls 4, H. Crabbe 5, A. Crabbe 6.

DATE TOUCH

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, 1,964 Siedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, A. T. Harris 2, H. A. Usher 3, S. A. Read 4, E. J. Chivers 5, R. D. Short 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, G. Salmon 8. Composed by J. Topp. For Evensong.

ABERGAUENNY, MON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. J. Ward 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, G. Lewis 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, N. G. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, R. Horsington 7, M. O. Roberts 8. Rung in honour of the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to Mr. W. Horsington.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, R. Liggins (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Jennings (first quarter) 3, B. Downie 4, D. Finnemore 5, M. Ingram 6, A. Short 7, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, G. Norcliffe (first quarter) 2, J. Corneilus (cond., 80th quarter) 3, A. C. Drayton 4, R. C. Beale 5, F. I. Welch (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to G. Norcliffe.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. I. Dear 1, C. Harwood 2, D. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton (first in method) 4, R. Castle-dine 5, J. S. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, M. Orme (cond.) 8. Rung for Parish Communion.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leslie Rundle (13, first quarter) 1, Penny Kift (12, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Kendal Rundle 6.

BURTON, OXFORD.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Linda Westmacott (first in method) 1, K. Hall (first 'inside' in method) 2, B. Hall 3, Brenda Hall 4, F. Soden 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms (cond.) 8.

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Griffiths 1, Sian Evans 2, A. F. Walters 3, S. Thomas 4, R. Pateman (cond.) 5, B. Griffiths 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tom Williams, bell-ringer and for many years chorister and faithful member of the church, who died on Christmas Day.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): I. J. Goodman 1, Miss M. Barratt 2, W. J. Atkins 3, C. Alvan 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, C. J. Harpley 6. For morning service and an engagement compliment to Monica.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods/variations): B. Smith 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 3, C. Smith 4, B. Osborne 5, C. Hillier 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, at All Saints', Shrub End, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Cobb 1, Lesley Ward (first of Doubles) 2, D. Whent 3, B. Vaughan 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, F. C. Coulson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Bushell 1, Lesley Ward 2, B. Vaughan 3, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 4, Peter Pitt 5, P. A. Schaffe 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 and 8 covering in turn, changing over at the call): W. J. Lewis Groom 1, Miss A. J. Thomas 2, Miss E. B. Thomas 3, W. G. Morgan 4, H. G. Blich (cond.) 5, J. H. Thomas 6, A. Charles 7, A. W. Thomas 8. Rung for the 64th birthday, 42nd wedding anniversary and 44th year as tower captain of Mr H. G. Blich, ringer of the 5th, and conductor.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Webb (first quarter) 1, Janet Hohl 2, P. J. Pease 3, S. Marshall 4, K. S. Hohl 5, T. G. Pett (first as cond.) 6, G. Bunning (cover bell) 7. Rung for the wedding of Paul Anema and Janice Negas.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): C. Hillier 1, R. Fisher (first in 11 methods) 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, D. J. K. Paul 3, G. A. Cockman 4, W. Parrott 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, W. J. Munton 7, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 8. For the Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Anne Goddard (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. B. Lufkin 2, M. J. Hallett 3, A. J. House 4, D. E. Belcham 5, F. V. Gani 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, P. J. Rothera (cond.) 8.

GUTHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): J. Dawson 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson (25th as cond.) 3, Miss S. Poppleston 4, S. Humphrey 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods/variations): A. Sturges 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting (first in 4 methods) 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey 1, E. D. Poole 2, D. Wight 3, G. Lister 4, J. Young 5, P. Maskrey 6, J. Blackwood (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung prior to the Sir William Borlase School carol service.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, Miss M. Bean (first quarter) 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, B. Howe 1 (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Carol Service.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, M. C. Austin 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, L. L. Dear 4, K. Warner 5, H. Duncan 6, C. G. Wright 7, F. W. Ellis 8, R. J. Chapman 9, D. S. Billimore 10.

HERNHILL, KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. I. Davis (first of Minor) 1, P. A. Harrison 2, R. C. Button 3, A. E. Davies (first as cond.) 4, M. E. Harrison 5, G. W. J. Beeching 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Carling 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Mrs. A. R. Arr 3, A. R. Arr 4, M. Trigg 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6, W. Todd 7 (cover). In honour of the birth of a son, David John, to June and John Meredith.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): A. K. Twaite (first of T.B.) 1, G. Johnson 2, Julie A. Vellam 3, A. D. Marshall 4, K. R. Davey 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Armstrong (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, G. J. Groome 5. For Evensong.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Templeman 1, R. J. Sharp 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, Christine Templeman 4, K. Fleming 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6. A 13th birthday compliment to Linda Templeman.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, at 431, Willerby Road, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: O. K. Smith 1—2, H. C. Palmer 3—4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5—6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (1, 2 leading): W. Jackson 1, A. J. Screombe 2, Sheila M. Gibbs (first of Triples) 3, Pamela Brown (first quarter) 4, Rosamund Rawlings 5, M. Uphill 6, Deborah Hopkins 7, P. Brand 8, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 9, D. Wilkins 10. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. M. Wilkins 1, P. A. Brand 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, R. J. Cooles 5, N. R. Waite 6, G. Jackson 7, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, A. S. Bishop 10.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Clark 1, G. Gartell 2, C. D. Vere Hodge 3, C. R. Balcumb 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. A. Vere Hodge (cond.) 6. First quarter 2. A 21st birthday compliment to R. A. Vere Hodge.

KIRKBRISTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Claire Skelle 1 (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Peace 2, Susan Peace 3, Roger V. Clarke (cond.) 4, Hedley Burton 5.

KIRKELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss L. Dalton 1, Miss P. Samuel (first of Cambridge) 2, G. K. Smith 3, H. C. Palmer 4, F. C. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, A. Walker 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. First in six methods by the band. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, A. Walker 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,560 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Tonks 1, H. P. Thompson 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Thomson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. All for Evensong.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fay Wiltshire (first quarter) 1, Christine Hassell 2, Kay Winterbourne (first of Grandsire) 3, P. G. Holmes 4, M. S. Holbrook (first as cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 31st, 1,835 Grandsire Caters: Susan Harber 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, Susan Jones 4, Penelope J. Welch 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. Evans 7, S. Fenwick 8, G. Stiekland 9, A. W. Smith 10. Longest length of Caters 1, 3, 4, 7, 10. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For early Communion service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Rachel Sinden 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6. For Mains. Also, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, M. Bryan 3, P. J. Gagen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jane Bridges.

MARDEN, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Fisher 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Orledge 1, Mrs. C. Purnell 2, W. H. Hurford 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Triples) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, R. J. Purnell 7, J. E. Newman 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 2 methods: R. H. Jones 1, S. D. Edwards 2, L. R. Porter (first in 2 methods as cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5.

MILTON LILBOURNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Pamela Osborne 1, B. Osborne 2, W. Alexander 3, J. Abbott 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tilher 1, John Davis 2, M. Hiller 3, D. Elery 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. For Christmas Festival.

N. FERRIBY, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Johnston (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 4, H. C. Palmer 5, Miss P. Samuel 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. A. Porter 1, J. List 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Holden 4, N. D. Deam 5, M. D. Morgan 6.

NORTON FITZWARRREN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Binden 1, F. Ascott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. J. Dean 4, R. F. Ascott 5, C. Gratton 6. For the Feast of St. Stephen.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. G. Oliver 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, N. D. Deam 5, I. Ross 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. J. Duguid 1, A. Page 2, W. Riddle 3, A. Burbridge 4, T. R. Taylor 5, N. Haile 6, L. D. Duguid (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8. For Watchnight service.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. D. B. Leyland 1, Mrs. J. Leyland 2, Miss J. Reynolds 3, F. Maude 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Leighton 8. Rung for the dedication of a new organ, on the 25th anniversary of Canon Paton-Williams as Rector, also to celebrate his 50 years in the ministry.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Griffith 1, D. Belcham 2, Miss S. Goodship 3, F. May 4, R. Goodship 5, G. Blower 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams 3, W. J. Aleay 4, A. A. Livings 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For carol service.

RUSHDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick 1, Miss M. Roden 2, Mrs. A. Worboys 3, L. Hatchett 4, T. R. Hatchett (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Wilce 1, Ann Whitworth 2, Ann Chettle 3, B. Whitworth 4, R. Coley 5, L. Priestley (cond.) 6, A. Gibbs 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung on Christmas Eve for Midnight Communion.

SHRAWLEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Cattermole 1, M. Powell 2, W. Raxter 3, R. Adams 4, A. P. White 5, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 6. First in the method for all.

SOUTH WIGSON, LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: M. G. Wood 1, K. H. Mildred 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corion 4, R. K. Sireton 5, A. R. Mildred 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, M. P. Brown 8. For service of Nine Lessons.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Spiced Sandal. London Scholars, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob Minor: E. Short 1, C. Toyne 2, H. Scott 3, E. Dalingwater 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, F. J. Jackson 6.

QUARTER PEALS

TOLLAR PORCUM, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, M. Hiller (cond.) 2, K. Jones 3, D. Ellery 4. First of Minimus 2, 3, 4. Believed to be first quarter on bells.

TOTTERNHUE, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, A. G. Stripp 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. V. Sinfield 6, J. L. Claughton (cond.) 7, W. Gladman 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Hamikon 1, Sarah Slemack 2, H. Collings 3, T. J. Grace 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, Katharine Hulme 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Hamilton and birthday compliment to Katharine Hulme.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—At 41, Cross Deep Gardens on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on handbells): Anne Horsford (first on handbells) 1—2, N. E. Edwards (first on handbells) 3—4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5—6. Rung for the 11th anniversary of these bells, tenor size 19 in F, cast by C. & G. Mears.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Blown 1, L. Smith 2, W. Jones 3, K. Tyler (first of Minor) 4, R. Chew 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6.

WARSUP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: B. Moran 1, J. T. Rooke 2, D. Whetton 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Cooke 5, T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for the Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day for early morning Eucharist, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Spencer 1, Miss Iris Cooke 2, A. Catherine Rooke 3, J. T. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor for Parish Communion: R. Spencer 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, M. Foster 5, Frederick Flint 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Francis 1, Miss P. Brookshaw (first 'inside') 2, Miss I. Gocher 3, M. Turner 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, N. T. Abbott (first in method) 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, Frances M. Massey 4, D. G. Massey (first in method as cond.) 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6. For Christmas.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): I. Johnson 1, D. Hunton (first 'inside') 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Stamper 1, R. Blackler (cond.) 2, Jane Blackler 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, P. K. Eke 6. For the service of Nine Lessons.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bath 1, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 2, Gwendolen Marshall 3, M. Church 4, R. Clist 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch Entertained

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on January 2nd and the town of Devizes was full of the 'sound of bells' as nearly 70 members manned the towers of the three churches. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Williams in St. John's Church. Afterwards members were the guests at tea of Mr. A. Weeks, who is celebrating his 50th year as a ringer at St. James', Devizes. He was congratulated by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge) and by the chairman of the Branch (Mr. M. Kneee).

At the meeting which followed, the honorary secretary (Mr. A. Knight) reported that the membership of the Branch stood at 240, 15 peals had been rung in the Branch and 38 quarter peals, in 20 different towers. The accounts showed a good balance in the bank.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. D. Bailey, who was appointed assistant secretary, with an eye to improving the liaison between outlying towers and the Branch officers. Any tower requiring help in teaching learners or in raising a band for special ringing is asked to get in touch with Mr. Bailey. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks and the chairman congratulating the young members who had rung a peal that morning at North Bradley.

Ringing continued in all three towers during the evening. A. K.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch Annual

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Totnes on January 9th, when it was well attended. Afternoon ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Samuel, Vicar of Totnes, the lesson being read by Preb J. H. B. Andrews, President of the Guild.

After tea at the Corner House Cafe, the meeting was held in the schoolroom at which Mrs. D. E. Hood, Branch chairman, presided. At the outset members stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Rev. Father Anthony de Guingand, of Buckfast Abbey, who recently met his death tragically. The Branch account and the Secretary's report were adopted. The latter gave a very comprehensive review of events during the past year. This referred to a drop in membership of eight, a tribute to the late Mr. E. M. Atkins, and the beautiful service at Buckfast Abbey last autumn, as well as the tragic death of Father Anthony.

Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Shingler (in place of Mr. D. J. Rozerts now general secretary); ringing master, Mr. W. Simmonds; general committee, Miss M. Russell and Messrs. B. E. Bartlett and A. C. Goss.

Certificates were presented to Miss B. Keland (Dartmouth) and Messrs. M. and R. Whittingham (Blackawton) whilst the following new members were elected: Mrs. B. Shingler (Teignmouth), Miss P. Johnson (Babbacombe), Messrs. S. French (Totnes), A. Peel (Dartmouth) and C. Wheeler (Torre), Mr. G. Langworthy, of Paignton, was also elected an honorary life member.

It was recommended that on Thursday, January 21st, peals or quarter peals should be rung in various towers, this being the anniversary of the first six score of Grandsire Doubles rung in Devon many years ago. Evening ringing took place at Dartington.

Next meeting Blackawton, with Dittisham as alternative, May 1st (subject to permission).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Central Branch was held at Lincoln St. Giles on January 9th. The bells were kept ringing during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

The secretary (Mr. S. Chambers), in his report for 1964, hoped for a better attendance at meetings for the coming year. Donations to towers in the Branch had been made for the purchase of new bell ropes, also a contribution to the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Officers elected included Mr. J. Walden, president; Mr. J. Freeman, chairman, Mr. J. Millhouse, Ringing Master; Mr. S. A. Chambers, secretary.

Tribute was paid to Mr. J. Walden, for his work as a ringer in the Lincoln Guild over a good many years. Members felt he deserved the honour of being elected their president.

The annual meeting for 1965 was arranged for Sleaford.

Ringing continued in the tower to around 8.30 p.m. S. C.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A Bristol correspondent writes: 'The first peal of London Royal in the city of Bristol was rung on January 11th at Christ Church with St. Ewen, by an all resident Bristol band at the first attempt. Watch out Williams! Wales, here we come.'

The band which rang the peal at Dereham on January 9th were very grateful to Rosemary Kemp, who stood in at the last minute when they met one short. This was her first peal of Major, but she struck her bell perfectly all the way through and made no more than two slips at the most. A truly commendable effort!—T.P.

The Rev. W. A. Peel, Rector of Tortworth, Glos., has accepted the living of Adbaston, in the Diocese of Lichfield, and will be instituted there on January 23rd. Mr. Peel has been at Tortworth for 33 years, is a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and was for some year chairman of its Wotton Branch.

COMPOSITIONS

5,067 STEDMAN CATERS

By JOHN R. KETERINGHAM

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5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By A. R. KENCH

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5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.66)

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First rung at Hugglescote, Leics, on October 20th, 1964, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS

Superlative Surprise Maximus is one of the infrequent Maximus peals. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, have rung two of these peals in seven days. In the first of these attempts at St. Philip's Cathedral, only Mr. George E. Fearn had rung it before. The peal was Norman J. Goodman's 500th.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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RUNCORN PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE

4 May, 1878. Chester Cathedral Society of change ringers rang 4,200 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F. 'It may appear strange to ringers why 5,040 was not obtained, but owing to darkness intervening, which made it impossible to see the ropes, the bells had to be set ...'

NEW CATHEDRAL AND BELLS AT GRAHAMSTOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

The tower and spire 200 ft. high. The Roman Catholic Bishop provately subscribed £5. 'A ring of 8 bells is earnestly coveted. When secured it will be the only ring in South Africa. About £700 would be required to complete the bells...' Subscriptions asked for.

RUISLIP, near UXBRIDGE

Sunday, 12 May, 1878.—New ring of 8 opened.

MOTTRAM PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE

15 May, 1878.—Ringers of the parish church rang 5,120 Kent T.B. Major, 3 hours 2 minutes. Tenor 14 cwt. 'Seven of the ringers had never tried to ring a full peal before.'

ST. MARY'S, ASHFORD, KENT

Bells reopened 20 May, 1878.—At 5 o'clock about thirty dined at the Saracen's Head Hotel. During the evening several tunes were rung upon the handbells and fairly bells... (What are 'fairly bells'?—C.R.)

FRAMLAND DEANERY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Annual meeting at Buckminster, 31 May, 1878.—Ringing began at 10 a.m. 'At 1 o'clock the Vicar's electric bell fixed on the roof of his house sounded the invitation to dinner which was provided in a tent in the vicarage grounds. When dinner was over the men had the pleasure of listening to Mr. J. Truman, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the veteran ringer of England... he spoke to the men of their training, their duties and their privileges. At 5 o'clock a business meeting was held and the men had tea... ringing till 8... supper... and 'all left for their distant homes at 9.30 p.m.'

DURHAM ASSOCIATION—BARNARD CASTLE

General meeting, Whit Monday, 10 June, 1878.—The ring consists of eight bells in good order, tenor 17 cwt. A dinner will be provided at 1s. per head, members only, at the Turk's Head...

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual meeting, Exeter, June, 1878.—The president, Major C. A. W. Trovte, present part of the time. The report included, 'The science of change ringing has at present made very little progress in Cornwall while so-called prize ringing is rife... The committee believe that a Guild might be formed in Cornwall which would do much to promote scientific ringing...

Mr. Aggett, of Chagford, had repaired the cage of the four at Gidleigh, had added two new trebles (cast by Taylors) to the six at Chagford and rehung the third at Woodland. Messrs. Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury have hung the new eight at St. Mary's Church and rehung the six at St. Petrock's, Exeter, and the five at Feniton, added two trebles to the six at Aveston Gifford and executed repairs at St. Thomas the Apostle and Rockbeare. Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, have cast a treble, recast the fourth and sixth and hung the six at Loddiswell. Warners have cast a treble for Buckland and completely rehung the six at Staverton.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE

15 June, 1878.—A peal of Holt's ten-part in 3 hours 9 minutes, conducted by W. H. Albinson, 'who is only 16 years of age and, so far as is known, the youngest person that ever conducted a peal.' J. Holt rang the treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

The anniversary of these eight bells took place 21 June, 1878... Dinner was served in a marquee close by the church. Squire Proctor wrote, '...from the excellence of the ringing it makes the meeting to be poted as the best ever known at Lavenham or ever before in the County of Suffolk. The Bennington Change Ringing Society rang 4,240 of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Superlative and Stedman; and the next day, at Bury St. Edmunds, 2,298 of Superlative Surprise Major, and Stedman Triples and Caters.

NOTICE.—The Editor would be glad to receive the names of clergymen who are able to ring and the methods in which they can take part, that their names and residences may appear in 'Church Bells,' so that, possibly, enough may be found within easy reach of each other to take part in a clerical peal, or that new rings might occasionally be opened by clergymen who had already taken part in the service.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL—NEW RING

'It has been decided to place a ring of bells in Llandaff Cathedral, to take the form of a memorial to the late Dean, and to which £823 is already (July, 1878) subscribed... Messrs. Mears and Stainbark entrusted with the casting...

A TREATISE ON TREBLE BOB

Jasper W. Snowdon, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, reports (13 July, 1878) that Part I of his book is now ready. He will supply copies 1s. 1½d. each post free.

NOTICE—TO YOUNG COMPOSERS

We shall always be glad to answer any questions or to render any assistance in our power in connection with the art of composition. Those young members of the Exercise who may not possess the advantage of having friendly advice near at hand, we shall always be ready, as far as we are able, to assist in obtaining some degree of proficiency in the theoretical part of the science. All correspondence in this direction must be legibly written, and each question plainly put. When necessary and convenient we will send replies direct, but it may take time.

SOME REFLECTIONS BY 'PEEPING TOM'

On the 1878 anniversary of Queen Victoria's Coronation he walked from Fleet Street to Fulham—bells and bunting everywhere.

'At St. Martin-in-the-Fields the bells were ringing grandly and when, some time after, I got into the vicinity of Westminster, the bells of the Abbey of St. Peter were holding forth. But what a falling-off was there. After hearing ten or twelve bells ring in peal, six bells produced anything but a lively impression. Why should not the ancient pile of Westminster boast of a good ring of bells? The present ring of six must evidently be in had order to judge from the striking... From what I heard I could not help sympathising with the ringer of the 5th bell, who seemed to be powerless to keep her in her place long together... After a time the ring of ten at St. Margaret's, close at hand, struck out in a charming manner. It was hardly possible to believe that some of those who were ringing at this church had just been performing at the Abbey... and it was amid the rounds of firing that I made my way up the river...

ST. ANDREWS, PLYMOUTH, DEVON

This church has been furnished with a set of carillon bells and new Westminster chimes by Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, the gift of Mr. C. Norrington, as a memorial to his son, who was a member of the Devonshire Guild and the College Youths... total cost, some £400. An opening service was held 6 June, 1878. These carillons are the only ones in Devon and Cornwall, with the exception of Holworthy. There are 10 bells, on which are played 14 tunes, one each day every four hours. At midnight a self-shifting apparatus changes the tune. The old tenor bell weights 25 cwt. 14 lb. Similar mechanism has been erected at Sligo and Worcester Cathedrals and at Rochdale and Bradford Town Halls, and elsewhere.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE

'Treble Bell,' of Bromsgrove, writes, 'Why has not Worcestershire its association of change ringers? The county boasts of some of the finest rings in the land (some authorities give the palm to Pershore as the finest), while its ringers are equal to any.'

HASKETON, SUFFOLK

4 July, 1878.—Bells opened after rehanging by Bowell, of Ipswich, reflecting great credit on him. Several good touches on handbells at the Turk's Head during the evening. 'We hear it is the intention of Mr. Newson, Churchwarden, to increase the ring to 6...

'Peeping Tom' suggests to Mr. Newson that this would be a fitting memento of the period when he filled the office of churchwarden, 'and if he could induce a couple of his wealthy neighbours to perform a similar action, thus securing a ring of eight, he would earn the gratitude of posterity.' (I think they still have six at Hasketon—either Mr. Newson could not find any co-operators or did not try to—or the small tower would not conveniently hold eight!—C.R.)

NEW RING OF SIX AT ST. MICHAEL'S, COWESBY, THIRSK, YORKSHIRE

4 July, 1878.—Bells given by Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Lloyd, cast by Warners, hung by T. Mallaby. Tenor B flat about 9 cwt.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK

13 July, 1844.—10,080 Plain Bob Major.
13 July, 1878.—Six of the seven survivors of that company met in the same tower and rang a peal of Oxford T.B. Minor. 'The above is thought to be a fair proof that ringing is conducive to health and longevity.'

ST. NICHOLAS', NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

Easter Sunday, 27 March, 1842.—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 59 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt. 'The harmony produced by the skill and talent employed on this occasion displayed to the science unequalled specimen of the sublime, beautiful and intricate art of change ringing.'

ANNUAL MEETING OF RINGERS

'Peeping Tom' writes, 'A young man from the country' advocates an annual meeting (congress, he calls it) of ringers from all parts of England in order to afford an opportunity of interchange of ideas upon ringing matters, on something of the same plan as now adopted by various scientific and learned bodies, friendly societies, etc., and he prophesies that incalculable benefits and advantages would accrue to the Exercise at large by holding of these yearly assemblies.

'I submit this proposition to the savants of the ringing world.'

CHURCH BELL WANTED

Rev. Francis Knowles of All Saints', Gladstone, New Zealand, wrote August, 1878, saying that his church had many pressing needs, including a bell, but they were then unable to purchase. 'A very small one would be of little use, the population being scattered. If any church in the mother country has a spare or disused bell, say from 18 inches upwards, it would be a great boon to us in this distant cure. Our Bishop now in England would, I am certain, readily take charge of it...

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK

These bells have been augmented from six to eight by Rev. G. H. Harris. Opened 30 July, 1878. Ringing took place till 1 p.m. when 90 guests of the Vicar dined in a tent in the vicarage grounds. The church service was at 3 p.m. New bells cast by Warners and hung by Mr. Skinner, of Norwich.

PEAL TABLET DEFACED

'Godiva' writes, 'The tablet recording the performance of the 12,000 at Shoreditch has been much defaced: an endeavour has evidently been made to obliterate the name of the conductor and other of the prominent writing concerning the peal. Again, the brass tablet recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Clement's has received something on its face and just where the composer and conductor's names appear, placed there with an intention, it seems, of obliterating his name therefrom...'

HINTON PARISH CHURCH, near TEWKESBURY

'The ring of five bells at this picturesque spot, after being silent for fifteen years, have recently (i.e. to Aug., 1878) been reopened. They have been rehung at a cost of £100 by Mr. White, of Besselsleigh, Abingdon. W. Laslett, Esq., formerly M.P. for the city of Worcester, generously gave £50 towards this object, the remainder being supplied by local and other subscribers. In celebration of the reopening a luncheon was given by the Rector (Rev. R. J. Baker) on the Rectory lawn to subscribers and friends who interested themselves in the movement.'

'Church Bells' adds a note as follows: 'We should like to hear more frequently of an increase of power to those rings which are weak numerically. A ring of five seems a kind of hybrid—and it is to be deplored that the authorities at Hinton did not entertain the idea... of augmenting their bells to six at least.'

THE GENTRY RING

'Huntsham, near Bampton, N. Devon.' On 15 Aug., 1878, a party of gentlemen assembled at Huntsham Court, the seat of Charles A. W. Troyte, Esq., and during the following week rang on the rings of eight at Oakford, Dunster, Taunton, Tiverton and St. Sidwell's. Exeter, and also amongst other performances, at All Saints', Huntsham. Tenor 13 cwt., on 21 Aug., 1878, 1876 Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 2½ minutes—G. H. Phillott, Esq. (Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire) 1; Rev. R. H. D. Ackland-Troyte (Porlock, Somersetshire) 2; L. Proctor, Esq. (Bennington, Hertfordshire) 3; C. D. P. Davies, Esq. (Cheltenham) 4; Rev. A. Du B. Hill (St. Winnow, Cornwall) 5; W. B. Fulford, Esq. (Exeter) 6; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq. (Huntsham) 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (Leeds, Yorks) 8. The touch was composed by W. Gordon, of Stockport, and conducted by C. D. P. Davies, Esq.

'Church Bells' adds, 'From a rough "score" kept by one of the ringers, we gather that more than 50,000 changes were rung during the week... this would prove that the ringers' hearts were in their work, their hands were hard and their heads clear. We wish them every success...'

LANE END, BUCKS

The church has been entirely rebuilt and was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford 1 Aug., 1878. It is furnished with a new ring of six bells, tenor 8 cwt., by Mears, at the sole expense of H. W. Cripps, Esq., Q.C.

THE ROYAL HANDBELL RINGERS

The Royal Handbell Ringers (Poland Street, London)—Messrs. Duncan S. Miller (conductor), H. Havart, W. J. Havart, J. H. Williams and A. G. Pritchard—were honoured by command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to give a campanological and musical entertainment on board the Royal Yacht 'Osborne' lying in Cowes Roads, Isle of Wight, on 19 Aug., 1878. The company included their majesties the King and Queen of Denmark and the Princess Thyra, with their suite, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Hesse, etc., who, with guests from other yachts, made a numerous and distinguished audience. By means of awnings the bridge and quarter deck of the magnificent steamer were converted into an apartment excellently adapted for the purpose of a concert... the whole vessel was brilliantly lighted by lamps and lanterns. The audience was located on the bridge while the just beneath, on the quarter deck... By special desire of the Prince the whole crew (120 hands) were permitted to be present... The entertainment commenced at 10.30 and continued until midnight, the programme including renderings on the bells of compositions by Handel, Weber, Costa, Strauss, Godfrey Lecca, etc., and selections of old English glees of a humorous character which were much appreciated. The pianoforte accompaniments of the vocal performances were by Messrs. Pritchard and Williams. The

Prince sent for Mr. Miller and requested him to explain to the King and Queen of Denmark the peculiarities of the bells... The night was beautifully calm and moonlit. It was remarked by the Prince that, on this occasion, the tones of the bells appeared peculiarly sweet and mellow, attributable to the surrounding water. The Danish and English national anthems were played... This is the ninth occasion on which the Poland Street handbell ringers have been honoured with Royal command.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

26 Aug., 1878.—First annual meeting of the Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers at Durham. The condition of the Cathedral bells is such that it is extremely difficult to ring changes on them, the seventh and tenor each requiring two men. The St. Oswald bells are also in very bad going order.

BOW BELLS, LONDON

'The Big Bell of Bow' puts in a letter which includes 'I and my colleagues, on whose behalf I now speak, are historical traditions in the annals of England... Our glory has, for some years, been on the wane. The behaviour of our old friends, the ringers, is not what it was... we are out of order... we want rehanging. At an estimated expense of £5,000 the sanctuary with which we are connected is to be rehabilitated, restored and reorganised. Could not they spare a few hundred pounds to reorganise us—the mightiest ring of ten bells in the whole metropolis? Do what you can for us, Mr. Editor...'

HEDDINGTON, WILTS

5 Oct., 1878. Harvest Thanksgiving and reopening of 5 bells, rehung by Mr. Alfred Yorke of Bristol. Three clergymen were among the first ringers.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD

2 Oct., 1878. Ring dedicated by Bishop Piers Claughton. 'Immediately after the blessing a peal of silvery music burst forth under the experienced hands of eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.' Bells cast by Warners, Tenor 10½ cwt. 'The Rev. Wharton Smith, to whose exertions the work of raising the bells from first to last is due, sets a good example which others of the clergy might well follow, by taking a bell himself, and so drawing priest and ringers together. "Pulling together" in all things is one of the mottoes of this parish. Its newest illustration is from the belfry.'

HOLY TRINITY, HULL, YORKS

12 Oct., 1878. Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association. The bells have been undergoing repairs. A reopening service was held. At the meeting in Hunter Street Schoolroom the President Jasper W. Snowdon Esq., took the chair.

KAFFRARIA

11 and 22 March, 1878. St. Mark's suffered severe gales. St. Andrew's Chapel unroofed and the Archdeacon's own church grievously damaged. 'It carried away the bell-tower and cracked the bell... it could be heard distinctly for 6 miles around. It was by Warners, B flat, and weighed 224 lbs. A larger one is to be ordered.'

ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.

4 Oct., 1878. Ringing by Squire Procter and his company from Bennington. Bells recently put in order by Warners. Tenor 28 cwt.

CASSINGTON, OXON

4 Oct., 1878. The Appleton Society of Change ringers visited the tower under Mr. F. White 'who has lately rehung these bells, tenor 13 cwt.'

CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON, YORKSHIRE

5 Oct., 1878. First peal on new bells by Warners—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hrs. 41 min. Tenor 16 cwt.

To be continued.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Chiddingfold, Surrey, ringers went handbell carolling at Christmas and raised £13 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The time taken in the peal at Ash, Surrey (page 42), was 2 hours 35 minutes and not as printed.

The quarter peal at Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, on January 10th was the first quarter on eight bells by an all local band since 1893.

The peal on the steel bells at Bootle on January 2nd was the first for over five years. These bells are now very odd struck, and the 'go' is not all it might be.

The band that attempted a peal at Cropwell Bishop, Notts, on December 29th would like to thank Mr. H. Shelton for entertaining them afterwards.

Mr. A. P. Cannon writes that the last peal of Minor on the bells at Limsfield, Surrey, was rung on September 12th, 1953. This is certainly not 34 years as claimed in the footnote.

Hughenden, Bucks, has lost a very faithful ringer by the death of Mr. R. Victor Evans, who had been a member of the tower for 51 years. To his memory his fellow members rang a half muffled peal on January 9th.

Wiveliscombe, Somerset, bells are being removed on January 25th by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for retuning at the White-chapel Foundry. A farewell quarter was rung on January 11th. This was also a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, of Chatham.

In the band that rang a peal as a welcome to the new curate at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, was the former curate, Rev. David Sansum, who is now Vicar of Stechford, Birmingham. He was visiting Bristol for the Universities Association annual dinner.

The band for the Swindon peal was to have been made up of members of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association but unfortunately Mr. W. B. Kynaston went down with a cold. Mr. Brian Hall, of Great Barrington, kindly stood in at short notice.

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3,500 Peal Ringers

Peal ringers in 1964 exceeded 3,500. Mr. James R. Taylor, of 15, Greenacre Road, Whitechurch, Bristol, who with his wife is relieving the Editor of the personal analysis, asks for those who desire to check their figures to send details to them without delay. 'It is no use being critical afterwards if advantage is not taken of the facilities provided,' is Jim's special message.

First Two Peals on the Same Day

Congratulations to Peter Mackley and Richard Bower, both boys of Gresham's School, Holt, on scoring their first two peals. On the morning of December 29th they rang 1—2 and 5—6 respectively to a peal of Bob Doubles on handbells, in the Church of St. Peter, Parmentergate, Norwich, where J. Armiger Trollope did some of his early ringing and, in fact, rang in the last peal at the church in 1893. In the afternoon they rang their first tower bell peal on the five at All Saints' Church, Intwood. Again the method was Bob Doubles. Also ringing was 14 years old Andrew Harrison, of Wroxham, who scored his first peal. Has any other ringer rung his first 'in hand' and on tower bells on the same day?

Gresham School's Bell Hangers

After rehanging the tenor bell at Bale, Norfolk, last March, the Gresham's School ringers rang regularly on the bells during the summer term. At the beginning of the autumn term, however, the clapper of the 15th century No. 4 bell, 'Gabriel,' fell out, breaking the crown staple. The term was spent in fitting a new crown staple and repairing the clapper. They should be able to start ringing on the five again this spring term, and look forward to the first tower bell quarter by the Society.

Tyneside Restorations

An appeal has been made for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle. These bells, now silent, were rung in defiance in 1644 to keep the Scots out, and an attempt was made at this spot to breach the city wall. Another restoration is at Winlaton, where the Rector and Church Council are having the bells rehung, quarter turned and retuned. A good start towards the £800 or more needed was £500 from a sale of work opened by the chairman of Blaydon U.D.C.

Highclere's 50th Peal

The peal of Putney Surprise was not only the 50th peal on the bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Highclere, but also the 50th peal for the ringer of the treble (Philip Murduck). The first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung in 1929 conducted by George Williams: since then there have been ten different Surprise methods, five different Major methods and a number of peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Triples. With the present rate of peal ringing Geoffrey Dodd does not expect it to be 36 years before the century is reached.

Watch Night at the Watch Tower

The ringers of the peal at Morpeth on New Year's Eve claim one of the last peals in 1964. When they finished at 11.50 p.m. they received the Mayor and Mayoress in the belfry who were very enthusiastic about the ringing and said how much it had been appreciated by everyone and the hundreds outside.

After a toast, followed by twelve blows of the tenor, Stedman Triples was rung to welcome in the New Year.

Christchurch Priory

The repair of the floor of Christchurch Priory ringing chamber has proved to be a much bigger job than was at first anticipated. The Priory architect, Mr. Ian Jessop, discovered serious deterioration, through wood worm and dry rot, to the floor and to the timber work beneath.

The 18 ft. oak beams supporting the whole floor were found to be in a very bad condition and it has been decided to remove the whole of the woodwork to the floor. This will be replaced with specially treated timber and the vaulting beneath the floor repaired at an estimated cost of £1,000. The work, necessitating the suspension of ringing at the Priory, will take from eight to ten weeks to complete from January 11th.

A Devizes Captaincy

Mr. Harry Sturgess, a ringer at St. John's, Devizes, for 40 years, and captain of the tower for 20 years, found that in the new church diary he had been replaced as captain by Mr. W. Davison. According to the columns about the incident in the local press, Mr. Sturgess, who is 67, has left St. John's tower and joined St. James' team under Mr. Alec Weeks.

Mr. Davison said it was Harry who first approached him and asked him if he would like to be captain when he retired. Mr. Davison agreed. The Rector (the Rev. W. C. Williams) stated that at the last annual meeting in February it was decided that Harry would continue for another year and would be followed by Mr. Davison. The appointment of a captain, he maintained, was the incumbent's responsibility. A different view is taken by Mr. C. Barber, deputy surveyor to Devizes Borough Council, who is a ringer at St. John's. 'In my opinion,' he is quoted as saying, 'the captain of bellringers is chosen by the ringers and not the Rector.'

Secretary Retires

We should like to add a tribute to Mr. H. Denman, of Rockley, Retford, who has been secretary of the North Notts District for the past 20 years when the North Notts Association merged with the new Southwell Guild. A friendship develops over the years between the Editor and the District Secretaries, many of whom he has never met, but familiarity of their names, with reports and notices, provides a link which we do not like to see broken. Mr. Denman is not retiring—it is a case of 'Friend, go up higher.' As chairman he will be able to advise his secretary of local eccentricities as Southwell might do things differently than Shropshire!

A Memory of 40 Years

Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Immediate Past Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot on New Year's Eve, to mark the 40th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung from the same position (treble) and in the same tower in 1924. Charlie was then a lad of 13, and his father had promised him all sorts of good things if he should succeed—there had been other attempts. Of the band of 40 years ago, there are three other survivors—Miss Hilda Mills, Miss Fisher and his sister, Mrs. Whitford. Four of those taking part in the anniversary peal were his pupils. The peal concluded, Charlie motored over to ring out 1964 in his own tower, Farnham.

30 Years Secretary

The peal of Cambridge S. Royal rung at Stroud, Glos. was arranged specially as a compliment to Mr. S. T. Price, of Stonehouse, who for 30 years was secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but has now retired. The tower captain made a request to the band to add a further footnote—a farewell to Rev. Clive C. Cooper, Rector, who left Stroud on the previous Thursday to become Rector of Woodmansterne, Surrey.

A Bell From Nazareth

On returning from a visit over Christmas to the Holy Land, a young member of the Harpenden band very thoughtfully brought a bell from Nazareth and presented it to the tower. The very charming gesture is very much appreciated by the band who say 'Thank you very much' to Nina Thomas for this happy thought.

His Golden Jubilee

Mr. Alec Weeks, of St. James', Devizes, marked his 50 years as a bell-ringer by entertaining the Devizes Branch to tea on the occasion of their recent meeting at Devizes. Nearly 60 ringers were present. The service was held at St. John's Church and all three Devizes towers were open.

Great-Grandad's Ambition

On Nov. 7th, Mr. William Rogers, of The Lodge, Mountains, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent, became a great-grandfather. He inquires if there are sufficient regular ringers, who are great-grandfathers, interested enough to attempt a great-grandfathers' peal? His inquiries so far have not been encouraging, but he asks those qualified and able to get in touch with him and so fulfil this ambition.

'Sounding the Bell for Tea'

Quoted from 'Home and Country' (the W.I. magazine) for January:

When Ufford (E. Suffolk) provided tea for visiting bell ringers, the news must have been rung out, as many more thirsty ringers arrived than were expected.

Further, the rumour in the Bingham District that the next meeting notice will read, 'Don't bother to send your name for tea, we can make a better guess,' is not true.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

David E. Parsons Treble	Richard C. Stevens 7
Roger F. Overington 2	Anthony R. Kench 8
David P. Hilling 3	Dennis Randall 9
Michael V. Chilcott 4	Rodney B. Meadows 10
Raymond E. Finch 5	Frederick E. Collins 11
John D. Rock 6	James Phillips Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 6).

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Kevin and Pat Taber, members of the local band, on the birth of a son, Sean Francis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Stedman, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*P. John Hall Treble	Harold Hooper 4
Stanley Lewis 2	John S. Walton 5
Gilbert G. Davies 3	Kenneth Gatehouse Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Harold Turner Treble	H. Dennis W. Bishop 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Harry J. Gaylard 6
Raymond P. Selway 3	Albert W. Dyer 7
*Derek S. Beaufoy 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal on eight bells.

ILMINSTER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C sharp.

Ronald G. Beck Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5
Frances M. Massey 2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver 6
Arthur H. Reed 3	George W. Massey 7
David T. H. Robertson 4	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret R. Field Treble	†Derek A. Hammond 4
Frank W. Rivett 2	Robert L. Piron 5
*Colin M. Payne 3	Martyn J. Marriott Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' † First peal. First as conductor in more than one method.

WOOTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's College Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Janis B. Whiting Treble	Stephen J. Wooler 4
Susan M. Law 2	R. Howard French 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	John W. Thorp Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp.

* First peal.

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Kevin Barnes Treble	Anthony H. Smith 4
Kathleen A. Rivett 2	Rodney H. French 5
*Derek A. Hammond 3	Martyn J. Marriott Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal in six methods. First as conductor of six methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

David Vincent Treble	Brian Gibson 5
Barbara Bangham 2	Michael Freeman 6
John O. Freeman 3	Allen Twyman 7
David Hogg 4	Alan J. Brown Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alan J. Brown.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated on December 12th. Rung by the local band.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Alec Osbaldiston Treble	William H. Dowse 4
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan McFall 5
Frank Osbaldiston 3	Basil Jones Tenor

Conducted by Basil Jones.

Derek F. Yates has now completed the Cambridge 'family.'

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Ian D. Thompson 5
L. Michael Callow 2	Peter Border 6
Geoffrey W. Randall 3	David J. Allen 7
Edward Holdsworth 4	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal in the method.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BRADSTONE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Non.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

*Ernest J. Cann Treble	*George E. Mudge 4
†Doris A. Bray 2	Wilfred C. Boucher 5
*John C. Mitchelmore .. 3	Leslie R. Cundy Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred C. Boucher.

* First peal † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

Rung for the Christmas Festival

EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Petrock.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*Nigel Shepherd Treble	David A. Wills 4
Norman Mallett 2	*Philip H. D. Jones 5
Mary Browne 3	Frank D. Mack Tenor

Conducted by Frank D. Mack.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Mary Browne and Philip Jones, before their marriage at Topsham on January 2nd.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*M. Elaine Murcott Treble	James Crowther 5
†Rodney A. Yeates 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
‡William Davidson 3	Alan R. Patterson 7

‡Andrew G. Craddock .. 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Rodney A. Yeates Treble	*William Davidson 5
*Andrew G. Craddock 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	†Rev. Frederick Ross 7

‡James Crowther 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 100th for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael.

Bishopwearmouth.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

M. Elaine Murcott Treble	*Andrew G. Craddock 5
*Rodney A. Yeates 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan 7
*James Crowther 4	Rev. Frederick Ross Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Iris Thomson Treble	James Crowther 5
William Davidson 2	Michael Maughan 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	Rev. Frederick Ross 7
John E. Anderson 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1, 2) Surfleet Surprise, (3, 4) Beverley Surprise, (5, 6, 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

William Davidson Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
*Gillian Douglas 2	Rev. Frederick Ross 5
James Crowther 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal 'inside.'

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29½ cwt

Leslie W. Houghton .. Treble	Tom Bush 6
Henry Tooke 2	Rowland M. Reed 7
Fredk. Wigmore 3	*Leslie F. Bailey 8
Ernest H. Mastin 4	*Michael E. Stacey 9
*Robin Shipp 5	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith.

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

Specially arranged to ring out the 'Old Year' and rung for the Ely Diocesan Association as a appreciation of a number of its members for their support at St. Margaret's over the years.

BUCKDEN, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Francis J. Hughes .. Treble	Robert O. Bellamy 3
†David J. Prescott 2	George E. Bonham 4

Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' The fastest peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

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

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London, Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	John A. Warner 4
*Jennifer M. Syder 2	Alan R. Syder 5
Philip J. Rothera 3	Robert J. Lindsell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Cliff Richards Treble	John C. Slater 6
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 7
Jennifer M. Taylor 3	James R. Taylor 8
*Alan Tubb 4	D. John Hunt 9
Michael J. Hobbs 5	Stephen J. Ivins Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Stephen J. Ivins.

* First of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. S. T. Price, of Stonehouse, who recently retired after holding the post of Stroud Branch Secretary for 30 years. Also a farewell to Rev. C. C. Cooper, former rector.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Michael D. Penney .. Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Walter H. Trueman .. 2	Brian Bladon 6
Michael J. Stanley 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*E. William Ford 4	Eric Sutton Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First in the method.

Rung as a token of appreciation and thankoffering by the Swindon Branch for the work of Mr. Tom Price, secretary of the Stroud Branch for 30 years, who retired from office at the end of 1964.

LECKHAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 416 Lincoln, 448 each of Superlative and Pudsey, 512 Dorchester, 672 Cambridge, 896 Bristol, 928 Watford, 960 London, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
*Rev. Roger Keeley 2	Gordon W. Land 6
Bruce Wakefield 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Victor Griffin 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of eight-spiced.

A farewell to the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray, former Curate, who has been inducted to the combined benefices of Staverton and Boddington.

STOKE BISHOP, Bristol.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Roger S. Algate Treble	†Rev. David H. Sansum .. 4
*Valerie C. Vincent 2	†Philip M. J. Gray 5
†Janthia C. Vincent 3	*A. J. Donald Bentley .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Alan Dowsett as Curate.

GREAT WITCOMBE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

Henry Lewis Treble	*Peter Clarkson 4
*Anna K. Sadowska 2	Brian Bladon 5
*John P. Parsons 3	Peter T. Hurcombe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian Bladon.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Charles W. Denyer .. Treble	Edward J. Bragg 5
Dudley P. Elsmore 2	Tom Page 6
William H. Viggers 3	G. Kenneth Williamson .. 7
Rex J. Corke 4	†William Siggery Tenor

Conducted by G. Kenneth Williamson.

* 40th anniversary of first peal. † First peal.

Rung half-muffled to let the Old Year out.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

George T. Cousins .. Treble	Lyndon H. Hatfield 5
John W. Hope 2	Robert A. Hatcher 6
Gillian E. Graney 3	Colin A. Lewis 7
John F. I. Turney 4	Danzey Watkins Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples for all, and first of Triples as conductor.

PENCOMBE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Arthur F. Wall Treble	James Ward 4
R. George Morris 2	John Clements 5
C. William Nutt 3	Thomas Cooper Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Ward.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*†Walter Ayre Treble	†Gentfrey Dodds 6
†Ruth M. Foreman 2	†Martin Press 7
†Julia A. Fellows 3	†George W. Debenham .. 8
†Eric Edmondson 4	Thomas J. Lock 9
†Joyce Dodds 5	†Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 500th peal for the Association. † First of Royal in the method.

† First in the method. § 100th peal. First peal of Royal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BENGEO, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Brian M. Barker Treble	Geoffrey Dodds 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Kenneth J. Darvill 6
*Roger D. R. Brown 3	Michael D. Frost 7
Joyce Dodds 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method.

THORLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Douglas R. Hutley Treble	Frederick Bird 4
Peter Warboys 2	Thomas Camp 5
*Albert Richardson 3	*Michael Camp Tenor

Conducted by Peter Warboys.

* First peal. First as conductor.

A compliment to the ringer of the fifth, on the 21st anniversary of his wedding day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 Rutland, 574 each Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each Brighton and London, 448 Superlative and 416 Bristol: with 135 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Mary S. Taylor Treble	*Richard G. Crosland .. 5
*John Faircloth 2	Arthur S. Richards 6
Ian H. Oram 3	*Andrew M. Macve 7
Ralph Bird 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of 10-Spiced Surprise Major. * 400th peal. First of 10-Spiced as conductor. First of Spiced on the bells. This is the first peal of 10-Spiced Surprise Major in which all the bells do all the work of each method.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative: with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	Frederick J. Cullum 6
Ann Jenner 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Andrew J. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13)

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Spiced 'inside.'

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

David K. Putnam Treble	*Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Thomas E. Sone 2	David S. Osenton 6
John W. Gander 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Reginald F. Lambert .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

SWANSCOMBE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis Treble	Andrew M. Macve 5
Mary S. Taylor 2	*† Ian H. Oram 6
John Faircloth 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Ralph Bird 4	*A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal of Surprise Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John A. Booth Treble	S. Michael J. Young .. 5
*Margaret P. Booth 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Neil Bennett 3	Dennis Latham 7
†Christine Andrew 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Richard J. Parker Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Frank Reynolds 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
John P. Partington 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

In memoriam Laurence J. Williams and Charles Sharples, former Vice-Presidents of the Lancashire Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Robert B. Smith 2	Derek A. Ashton 6
Neil Bennett 3	Derek Butterworth 7
*S. Michael J. Young .. 4	Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Derek A. Ashton.

* First peal of Bristol. First in the method as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mike Young before his departure for Rhodesia.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 21 methods, comprising 480 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Claybrooke, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 149 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Anthony D. Sansom Treble	Frederick Shallcross .. 5
Derek A. Ashton 2	John H. Fielden 6
F. John Nelson 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Neil Bennett 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 FARNWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Chris A. Lomax Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	John P. Partington 6
Richard Starkie 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Maryl Crossthwaite .. 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

David Vincent Treble	Albert Greenhalgh 5
Pauline Turner 2	Bernard Moss 6
*Norman Tompkins 3	*Joseph Thornley 7
Chris A. Lomax 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* 100th peal together.

Rung in honour of the Feasts of The Circumcision and St. John the Evangelist.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of
 St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble	Alan Capstick 5
James E. Burles 2	†§Stanley Anderton 6
Wilfred Bolton 3	John Bagnall 7
*†Nicholas M. Newby jun. 4	†Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Thomas R. Metcalfe.

* First in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ First in the method. § 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for the New Year.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., March 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Gayle V. Ryan Treble	Anthony J. Helliwell .. 4
Judith P. Winterbottom .. 2	Richard J. Parker 5
Roger Leigh 3	Robert A. Bolt Tenor

Conducted by R. A. Bolt.

BOOTLE, Lancs.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas R. Butler .. Treble	Edwin C. Birkett 4
Anthony P. Foster 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
G. Robert Mordaunte .. 3	Jack N. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Jack N. Brown.

ECCLESTON, (Chorley).—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas W. Smith .. Treble	†William O. Farrimond .. 4
Walter H. Hunter 2	Frank Bentham 5
*Bernard Lee 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

BOOTLE, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 32 extents of Grandsire and 10 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter D. S. Dennis .. Treble	Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 4
†Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Thomas S. Horridge .. 5
Roger J. Shea 3	*Godfrey R. F. Dennis .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas S. Horridge.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COLESHILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Edward Cawser .. Treble	William A. Lacey 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 6
Roland H. Cook 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

SKEFFINGTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*James H. Wadkin .. Treble	J. Geoffrey Geary 3
Ronald Russell 2	J. Julian Pawley 4

A. Norman Geary Tenor.

Conducted by J. Julian Pawley.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

First peal on bells after rededication after rehanging.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: two each of Single Oxford Bob and one each of Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Celia Harris Treble	David Swift 4
Valerie Carter 2	Ron Carter 5
*Jim Lacey 3	Tom Harris Tenor

Conducted by Tom Harris.

* First peal.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics.—At the Church of
 St. James-the-Greater.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 7 extents in 4 methods: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4-7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

*John Wright Treble	Michael J. Roberts 4
Mary Barrass 2	Brian G. Warwick 5
Stephen Hall 3	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	*Harold Gibson 7
John Freeman 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Norah M. Randles 3	George H. Randles 9
Ann Bateson 4	John Walden 10
Geoffrey R. Parker 5	Jack L. Millhouse 11
Peter A. Sharp 6	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Rochester Maximus by all the band and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

Brian Harris .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
Roger D. Bailey 2	Ronald C. Noon 6
John E. Allen 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Denis Woods 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

First peal of 2 spliced for all the band.

A compliment to Antony Roy Withyman, captain of this tower, and Judith Bagley, married at this church this day.

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

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5136 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Alan G. Payne .. Treble	Denis R. Woods 5
Keith R. Davey 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

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

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's var. of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Paul Raithby .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Anne E. Bateson 2	Edward W. Colley 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
*C. Anthony Parsons .. 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Emyr Williams and Miss Moongreen Randles, whose wedding took place at All Saints', Gresford, this day.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*G. J. N. Colborne .. Treble	P. A. Hill (1951-57) 5
(1963-65) 2	J. R. Holmes (Captain) .. 6
C. S. M. Nokes (1955-62) 2	C. McCartney (1955-62) .. 7
F. W. Pinchbeck (1925-30) 3	
*D. J. Hopkinson (1958-65) 4	D. R. Baxter (1958-65) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung by the King's School, Grantham, Society and believed to be the first of Major by a school society in the county.

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

On Mon., Jan. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Ronald C. Noon .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
Denis R. Woods 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
George W. Massey 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

First peal in the method by all.

HORBLING, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 extents of Kent T.B., and 3 of Plain Bob (two different callings).
June Bird Treble
Patricia F. Rooney 2
David J. Hopkinson 3
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.
Michael R. Rooney 4
*Graham J. N. Colborne 5
*David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First in two methods.

Average age of the ringers was 16½ years.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 7 extents in 22 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise. (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick Surprise. (3) Oxford and Hereward Bob. (4) Double Oxford. (5) Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob. (6) Fulbeck and Double Bob. (7) Kent Treble Bob. (8) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.
Frank Taylor Treble
Keith R. Davey 2
Edwin T. Chapman 3
Alan G. Payne 4
Derek J. Jones 5
Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 5 methods: 1-3. Grandsire; 4-6. P. Bob; 7-9. Winchester; 10-12. P. Bob; 13-15. St. Martin's; 16-18. P. Bob; 19-24. Rev. Canterbury; 25-28. P. Bob; 29-30. St. Martin's; 31-40. P. Bob; 41-42. Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
*Patricia F. Rooney Treble
*Graham J. N. Colborne 2
David J. Hopkinson 3
*Michael R. Rooney 4
David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First of Doubles.

Average age of the ringers: 17 years.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.
Jack L. Millhouse Treble
Christopher J. Sharp 2
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3
Geoffrey R. Parker 4
A. Robin Heppenstall 5
Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung-half muffled in memoriam Rev. Theodore Innes Pocock, M.A., Rector of this parish for over 40 years. R.I.P.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
Malcolm A. Phillips Treble
David J. Wilford 2
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3
† Michael Pilgrim 4
John H. Felden 5
Christopher K. Cooper 6
Richard S. Starkie 7
Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Richard S. Starkie.

* 25th peal. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. First of Yorkshire Surprise for the Society.

A wedding compliment to Michael J. Branigan and Patricia Rawlinson, married this day at Our Lady and All Saints', Parbold.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Number 3 version. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.
*Olive L. Rogers Treble
*Patricia Rogers 2
*Hadley Hunter 3
*Claire Tillamore 4
Andrew S. Hudson 5
*Martin Press 6
*Harold W. Rogers 7
*Christopher H. Rogers 8
John Hill 9
Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First of London Royal. First of London Royal for the Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
G. William Critchley Treble
Joan Beresford 2
Claudia A. Critchley 3
Alick Cutler 4
Dennis Knox 5
John Hill 6
Thomas J. Lock 7
John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry, Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
G. Ronald Edwards Treble
Gordon H. Lane 2
Richard J. Clifton 3
John K. Smith 4
Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5
Joseph W. Cotton 6
Arthur E. Rowley 7
R. Kingsley Mason 8
Derek P. Jones 9
David Eames Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

A 67th birthday compliment to Mr. C. B. Jones, father of the conductor, and a farewell to Rev. M. C. C. Melville on his departure for Norfolk.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Mon., Jan. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
William Clover Treble
Robin Churchill 2
C. Frank W. Phillippo 3
Charles R. Catchpole 4
Clive R. Calton 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 6
Henry Tooke 7
Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First in the method as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.
Timothy G. Pett Treble
*Rosemary J. Kemp 2
Roger D. Bailey 3
Keith R. Davey 4
Kevin S. Hohl 5
Sidney Marshall 6
Alan G. Payne 7
David R. Baxter Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal of Major.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. on G.
C. Frank W. Phillippo Treble
Wilfred G. Saunders 2
Henry Tooke 3
Thomas E. Spight 4
Leslie F. Bailey 5
Frank C. J. Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble
Miss Betty Syrett 2
C. Frank W. Phillippo 3
Wilfred G. Saunders 4
Frank C. J. Arnold 5
H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, one extent of Double Oxford, two extents of St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble
Frank C. J. Arnold 2
Robin Churchill 3
Wilfred G. Saunders 4
Frank Pearson 5
C. Frank W. Phillippo Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and St. Clement's Bob, and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
Kevin S. Hohl Treble
*Rosemary J. Kemp 2
Sidney Marshall 3
George Bunning 4
George P. Adams 5
Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REGINA BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
*Daphne J. Pollard Treble
J. M. Elaine Dixon 2
*William Birmingham, junr. 3
William Birmingham 4
Reginald W. Rex 5
Eric Sutton 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Sydney M. Bailey 8
Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by D. A. Bayles. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Roland Biggs Treble	*David A. Cornwall 5
*Robert H. Newton 2	*Arthur Newton 6
*Joyce I. Barton 3	*Percy Newton 7
Joan Beresford 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
Gordon W. Limmer .. Treble	Howard Oglesby 5
*Ronald Snack 2	Geoffrey Riglar 6
*Anthony K. Fortin 3	Jennifer Sceeny 7
*Frances Proctor 4	E. Russell Gotham Tenor

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
Roland Biggs Treble	Arthur Newton 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Robert H. Newton 6
*Keith H. Gould 3	David A. Cornwall 7
†Gillian N. Smith 4	Percy Newton Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung half-muffled, by members of the tower, to the honoured memory of R. Victor Evans, 51 years a member of the tower.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Alan A. Paul Treble	James Linnell 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Graham C. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Charles E. Truman 7
*Barry E. Saunders 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Graham C. Paul 4
Shirley Ruddlesden 2	Roger W. Smith 5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. nos. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 23 and 25. Tenor 7 cwt.	
*J. Martin Thorley Treble	Brian Harris 4
*Geoffrey T. Norris 2	Gerald W. Reynolds 5
Christopher Groome 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
*Peter Beaven Treble	†Geoffrey A. Carter 5
†Brian Carter 2	Richard O. Humphries 6
Jonathan H. Nibbs 3	*Robert D. Quartley 7
†Charles P. Quartley 4	Frederick Box Tenor

Conducted by Robert D. Quartley.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.	
Alfred E. G. Owen Treble	Frederick A. H. Cattell .. 4
Bessie A. Carter 2	Edward W. Colley 5
Michael R. Wycherley .. 3	Philip J. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

Rung on the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Union Society.

FINEDON S.M.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, and Plain Bob, and two extents Kennington.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	Robert D. Marsh 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
C. Raymond Larkin Tenor	

Conducted by Robert D. Marsh.

First peal as conductor.

A farewell to 1964, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Marsh, the conductor's mother.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods: being 3 extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, and April Day, and 6 extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Robert D. Marsh Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
S. Jane Dowse 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
C. Raymond Larkin Tenor	

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

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

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*M. 'Baz' Smedley .. Treble	†David T. Williamson .. 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	Simon Humphries 5
George A. Dawson 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 26 methods/var. viz. Three extents Little Aston, two each Stedman, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pl., Clifford's Pl., St. David, Winchendon, St. Simon, Grandsire and St. Philip; one each St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Paul, Newborough, St. Helen, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rushall, All Saints and St. Matthias.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	*†Peter Humphrey 3
George A. Dawson 2	*†Simon Humphrey 4
†Richard A. G. Ingles .. Tenor	

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* Most methods to a peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles 'inside.'

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Cathedral Church of

SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Richard C. Ingram .. Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
*Lucy Smith 2	*Clive M. Smith 7
†Marlene E. Townsend .. 3	††Michael W. Fairey .. 8
Philip G. K. Davies .. 4	Edmund Malin 9
Richard J. Warrilow .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First of Royal in the method. † First in the method. ‡ First on ten bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Edwin R. Goate Treble	Richard C. L. Brown .. 6
*Michael Utton 2	H. William Barrett .. 7
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Terence G. Page 8
†Ian Margetts 4	Ralph W. Bickers 9
Thomas Brock 5	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* First in the method. † First on ten bells.

Rung to honour Dr. Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, recent winner of the 'Nobel' prize for chemistry, after the civic reception on the occasion of her visit to her native town.

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 60 lb. in F.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	*Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 5
B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Cecil W. Pipe 3	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of London.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Dudley H. P. Buxton Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzev 5
Albert G. Harrison 2	Leslie G. Brett 6
Leonard E. Last 3	George W. Pipe 7
Harold W. H. Leather 4	Andrew T. Beckwith Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Andrew T. Beckwith.

Rung following the wedding of Mr. Gerald Cooper, of Stradbroke, to Miss Lucy Nunn, of Bedford.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Robert W. Hinde Treble	R. James Cook 6
Hilary F. Martin 2	Andrew J. Corby 7
Raymond E. Finch 3	W. Arthur Riddington 8
John A. Howard 4	*Stewart F. Kimber 9
Jean L. Lavender 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.

* 50th peal for the Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 56 lb.

John C. Baldwin Treble	† Catherine M. Powell 6
Angela Grainger 2	‡ Michael J. Bew 7
* Angela M. Wright 3	Albert W. Bond 8
† D. Paul Treble 4	† Raymond J. Talbot 9
* John R. Norris 5	Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by John C. Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ First of Surprise and of Royal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Angela Grainger and Peter Newing.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol and London, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 Lincolnshire, with 137 changes of method.

E. Jane Sibson Treble	* Ronald F. Diserens 5
* Patricia Diserens 2	* George Francis 6
* Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Edward F. P. Bryant 4	* W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barrett.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of ten-Spliced. † First of ten-Spliced for the Association.

WARBLETON, Sussex.—At the Church of the St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. R. Percy Treble	Frederick J. Lambert 4
* Janet M. Percy 2	† Rosemary Earl 5
* Betty Percy 3	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. Banks James.

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. Miss Rosemary Earl has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

COWFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of, London, Bourne, Neatherseale, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	George Francis 4
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	James R. Taylor 5
Stanley G. Ponting 3	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung for the appointment as Rector of St Stephen's, Kimberley, S.A., of the Rev. Bernard G. More.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

NEATH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven different extents, being three of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

John Locke Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 4
Harry Boyce 2	* John M. Hughes 5
Raymond J. Hosking 3	Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First peal 'inside.'

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CURY, Helston, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Corantyn.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Two extents of Stedman, eight of Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, four April Day, 20 Grand sire.

Alan Carveth Treble	Anthony Locke 4
Revd. A. S. Roberts 2	Anthony J. Davidson 5
* Arthur F. Burley 3	George W. Riddy Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Riddy, and 4 thanksgiving for the life of Mr. W. G. Hiscott, of Liskeard, a Vice-president of the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of The Ascension, Bitterne Park.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 41 lb. in A flat.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	* Arthur W. J. Butler 5
David J. Forder 2	Maurice J. Butler 6
David E. House 3	Thomas H. Francis 7
Michael J. Thomas 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Frederick W. Rogers.

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Anne M. Smith Treble	Michael J. Wake 5
* Andrew G. Stevens 2	William H. Riddle 6
Philip Stevens 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
William F. J. Cope 4	Stanley G. Ponting Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Malcolm M. Powell Treble	Maurice J. Butler 5
* Derek C. Jackson 2	Thomas H. Francis 6
Michael J. Thomas 3	Tom Chapman 7
David J. Forder 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal of London. First of London as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G

* Philip Murduck Treble	Peter J. Shipton 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Felicity T. Webber 3	Frank W. Lewis 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

The 50th peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

F. Mark Robottom Treble	John H. Fielden 6
David J. Allen 2	Ian C. Maycock 7
Pamela M. Turner 3	Malcolm A. Phillips 8
Susan Funnell 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 5	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung prior to the wedding of David French and Gillian Watkins.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Norman J. Goodman Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
Susan Funnell 2	Barrie Hendry 6
John C. Eisel 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EARLS CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.
Ronald J. Stephens .. Treble .. Arthur C. Berry .. 4
John E. Whittall .. 2 .. Anthony J. Brazier .. 5
James Attwood, jun. .. 3 .. C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

STOULTON, Worcestershire.—At the Stoulton Campanile.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 107 lb.
Arthur C. Berry .. Treble .. John E. Whittall .. 4
C. Barrie Dove .. 2 .. James Attwood, jun. .. 5
*Rosalind Porter .. 3 .. Arthur A. Jopp .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor and *inside. The conductor's 75th peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

RIPPONDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in G flat.

*B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble .. Peter A. Kirkby .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2 .. *Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Iris Lemare .. 3 .. Roger T. Lumley .. 7
A. Barry Sullivan .. 4 .. S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton.
* 50th peal together. Conducted by B. Gillian Schofield.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Roger J. Lumley .. Treble .. William Barton .. 5
Edna M. Poulter .. 2 .. Alexander E. Marsh .. 6
John W. Gibson .. 3 .. John Ambler .. 7
Gordon Benfield .. 4 .. Barry Sullivan .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Craven.
In memoriam Ernest Mann. Conducted by William Barton.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Barry Sullivan .. Treble .. William A. Kirkby .. 5
Jane Thurmott .. 2 .. Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3 .. Maurice J. Thurmott .. 7
Frederick A. Munday .. 4 .. Roger J. Lumley .. Tenor
Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

BIRSTALL, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Maurice J. Thurmott .. Treble .. Frederick A. Munday .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2 .. Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Peter A. Kirkby .. 3 .. Gordon Benfield .. 7
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 4 .. S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.

(Beverley and District Society.)

BURSTWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Norwich and Surfleet, and two each of Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
David S. Johnson .. Treble .. Richard D. Gibson .. 4
Howard C. Palmer .. 2 .. Ian G. Campbell .. 5
Graham K. Smith .. 3 .. F. Charles Hobson .. Tenor
Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
First peal of five Surprise Minor for all. First as conductor.

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

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 104 cwt.
Harold B. Schofield .. Treble .. Michael Staniforth .. 4
Peter Dawson .. 2 .. Alan E. Hartley .. 5
Roger J. Lumley .. 3 .. Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor
Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
The last peal on the bells, before being augmented, and in the same methods as the first peal on June 20th, 1931.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, Bedfordshire.—At 28, High Street.

On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

Jennifer M. Taylor .. 1—2 .. Stephen Ivins .. 5—6
James R. Taylor .. 3—4 .. *Avril Ivins .. 7—8
Arranged and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.
* First peal on handbells. First peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Gerald Penney .. 1—2 .. Kenneth J. Darvill .. 5—6
Julia A. Fellows .. 3—4 .. Walter Ayre .. 7—8
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
With best wishes to Mr. E. Garbutt (headmaster), who is leaving to take over another headship in Lancashire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation. Tenor size 19 in F.

*Alan McFall .. 1—2 .. Brian J. Woodruffe .. 5—6
Robert B. Smith .. 3—4 .. Giles B. Thompson .. 7—8
Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. First of Kent and Oxford T.B. Major on handbells by all.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Thomas J. Lock .. 1—2 .. Roger Baldwin .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. 3—4 .. *Frank C. Price .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 20 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. † First of 20 Spliced and 50th handbell peal.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

Thomas J. Lock .. 1—2 .. John R. Mayne .. 5—6
*Joan Beresford .. 3—4 .. Frank C. Price .. 7—8
Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London on handbells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—In the Church of St. Peter, Parmentergate.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.
*Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2 .. Paul Cattermole (cond.) .. 3—4
*Richard A. J. Bower .. 5—6

* First peal.

Rung by an honorary member and two members of the Gresham's School Society of Changeringers.

REEPHAM, Norfolk.—At Ollands, Road.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Herbert F. Laskey .. 1—2 .. John R. Smith (Cond.) .. 3—4
*Walter Ford .. 5—6
* First peal of Minor * in hand.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*Arthur Rogers .. 1—2 .. Vivian Nutton (cond.) .. 3—4
*Albert W. Bond .. 5—6
* First peal on handbells.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

COOPER—BAKER.—The engagement is announced between Bryan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Hoole, Chester, and An'hea Alma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Baker, of Chester. 6130

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRYANT.—Henceforth, the permanent address of Edward Bryant will be 7, Cumberland Gardens, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. 6120

SHELAGH COLLINS.—Mrs. Collins (and Steve) now live at 34, Oak Circle, Graywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk. Telephone King's Lynn 3053. Ringing friends welcome as ever—no decorating required this time! 6136

CROSS.—The address of Trevor and Patricia Cross is now 74, Combe Park, Yeovil, Somerset. 6137

RUMENS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rumens (late of Walthamstow) is now:—1, Aspen House, Elm Grove Place, Salisbury, Wilts. Telephone Salisbury 5698. 6123

PERSONAL

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.—Psalm lxxviii, 3.

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—A set of handbells. Full scale.—H. Tidy, Pardlesstone Mead, Holford, near Bridgewater, Somerset. 6132

WANTED to complete set, 1 Mears handbell, size 12 in G.—Joan A. Rance, Priestwood Common, Meadow Way, Bracknell. Phone Bracknell 60831.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

ST. IVES, CORNWALL.—Lindsay Court, Carbis Bay. Comfortable guest house in own grounds. H. & C. New Slumberland Divans all rooms. Car park. T.V. Good food. Personal supervision.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Holaway. Phone 592.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PERSONAL PEAL ANALYSIS, 1964.—If you want your total checked send details to Mr. James R. Taylor, 15, Greenacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol 4. Particulars wanted of tower- and handbell peals rung (separate totals), with numbers conducted in parentheses.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HAMPSHIRE.—Ringing suspended until further notice (estimated 8 to 10 weeks) during progress of repair work to fabric and belfry floor. District annual meeting (February 6th) will be held at Ringwood. Details later.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 6143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—At North Shields, 10-bell practice, 7.30 p.m. Friday January 29th. Visiting ringers very welcome. 6157

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting in Rotherham and Sheffield, Saturday, February 6th. Towers available: St. Stephen, Eastwood, Rotherham 10.30–11.30; All Saints', Rotherham 11.30–1. Sheffield p.m.: St. Mary, Handsworth 1.45–2.45; St. John Evang., Ransmoor 3.15–4.30; St. Marie R.C. 4.30–5.45; Cathedral 6.30–7.45. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 6134

NORTON, HERTS.—Practice night first Thursday in every month 7.30 p.m.—E. Buck. 6153

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Tickets (£1 each) from: D. R. Ingram, Lincoln Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Cheques U. of Nottm. Students' Union. 6157

ST. KATHERINE'S, MERSTHAM.—A Dedication service will be held instead of Evensong on Sunday, January 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road, Tel. Merstham 72. Please by Saturday, January 23rd. All are welcome. 6145

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, February 6th, Jesus College. Tickets with ringing arrangements (price £1) from Miss H. F. Pardoe, St. Anne's College, Oxford. 6122

WANTED.—A spare or unwanted 1965 Ringers' Diary.—Apply N. Siman, Badock Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9. 6156

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—An Executive Committee meeting will be held in the vestry of Holy Trinity, Guildford, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 13th. Main business—annual report. 6135

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices on Saturdays January 23rd and February 20th. Both from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome, so please come. 6134

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER CHURCH HOUSE RESTAURANT, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1. on February 13th, 1965, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Please send 22s. 6d. to Miss B. Dale, Westfield College, London, N.W.3, who will also supply ringing details, by February 8th. Visitors welcome. 6151

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwall (6), Friday evening, January 22nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6114

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Saturday, January 23rd: Induction at Dulverton 3 p.m. Bells from 2.15 and after service.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6157

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting held at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, January 23rd, 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mrs. S. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, and quarterly meeting, Woodchester, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 6094

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting Grantham, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Meeting in church 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.—H. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting at the Scout Hut, Almond Road, Burnham, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at Hitcham, 6 p.m.—Miss Hague. 6070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, January 30th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 6118

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—A practice meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich (a good six) on January 23rd. Ringing from 7 until 9. 6121

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wimborne, January 23rd. Bells 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne. 6112

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. Saturday, January 23rd, at Prittlewell. Bells 3 o'clock, service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells after meeting till 9 o'clock or as required. 6149

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurspierpoint. 6130

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice night meeting at Swindon Village on Monday, January 25th, from 7.30 onwards.—Rev. J. Homfray, Branch Sec., Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham. 6144

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Westerleigh, Wednesday, January 27th. Bells (6) available 7–9 p.m. 6044

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. Mary, January 30th. Bells 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 6128

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6150

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reynolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 6135

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton, Glos. on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Mitchell, School Crescent, Corse, Staunton, Glos, before 26th or no tea available. 6148

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 30th. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity bells 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming. St. Nicolas' bells afterwards. 6097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Williams, 7, Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6160

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual district meeting, Wood Green, January 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till approx. 8.30 p.m. 6104

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, January 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A.G.M., Chilvers Coton (10) on January 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Constitutional Club. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 27th, to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwick. Further ringing in the evening. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 6131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 6129

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided, but names are not required.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 6147

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Please be considerate and send names for tea by January 27th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber.—C. A. H. 6096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, All Saints, Northampton, Saturday, January 30th. Ringing at St. Peter's 2.30-3.45 p.m., All Saints 3.45-4.15 p.m., and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., All Saints. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6105

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 30th, Mansfield. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6124

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of members of the Guild Executive Committee and members of the Central District will be held at Palgrave, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. District quarterly meeting in church at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. for those applying by January 27th. Guild executive meeting to follow tea.—L. E. Last, Central Dis. Sec. 6057

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting Basingstoke, January 30th. St. Michael's bells 3 p.m. All Saints' bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, January 27th, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6161

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, January 30th. Bells 3-4.15 p.m. Service. Tea and business meeting to follow. Carisbrooke bells available afterwards.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney Branch.—Dinner, Masonic Hall, Church Green, Witney, on February 5th, 7.15 for 7.45 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. Branch members, 15s. non-members, 10s. juniors (all), before February 1st from E. Patching, 19, Common Close, Northleigh, Witney. 6133

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6126

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by February 3rd. Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 6154

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Thetford, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 3rd, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 6146

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BADSWORTH BELLS

By F. ATKINSON

THE four ancient bells in this fine Yorkshire village church are hung in its well-proportioned and strongly built tower. They are in a metal frame constructed to hold two treble bells for a future ring of six, and are tuned A sharp, G sharp, F sharp and E, which weigh 13 cwt. 24 lb. The melody of these bells is beautiful. Their inscriptions are:

Treble.—PERSONET HEC CELIS DULCIS-SIMA VOX GABRIELIS. Probably cast by Richard Mellour, 1488-1539, and Henry Oldfield, 1539-1589, of Nottingham.

Second.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. 1675. S. S. EBOR. I. H. H. H. H. W., CHURCHWARDENS.

Third.—I SWEETLY TOLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON MEATS THAT FEEDS THE SOULE. 1669. Hugh Oldfield.

Fourth.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. ANNO DNI 1582. Cast by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, 1577-1643.

Not long ago Mr. Michael King wrote an article in the 'R.W.' on four bell towers, and this ring evidently puzzled him. In August last these bells were examined by Messrs. John Sykes and John Weaver, and they, too, would like to know more of their history, but this will never be known.

There are two very similar legends concerning bells being taken from All Saints' Church, Pontefract, to Badsworth. One account says that Col. Bright took eleven bells away, leaving. The other account says that, after the last siege of Pontefract, 1648-9, Col. Bright, of Badsworth, obtained a grant of some of the bells for his own church. The question might be asked what did he do with them, or were there ever twelve bells at Pontefract? No. There may have been five and he took four of them.

At the Inventory of Church Goods, 1552, Badsworth Church had four bells. I shall always hold the view that Col. Bright took four bells away to Badsworth, leaving one at Pontefract. The present treble and tenor could easily have been two of them, and the other two recast later. It would seem that the Colonel changed the bells, pleased with their fine tone, and probably erected a new oak frame to hold them.

Seeing there is now a frame in the tower for a ring of six bells, some ringers wonder how the present four can be increased. W. Palmer, of Badsworth, says the treble would have to be recast, no; retune it, no; replace it, yes, decidedly, but do not place it on the church floor as a relic; use it.

The melody of these bells is too precious to lose, and my friend Fred Terry, of Hemingbrough, who has known them a long time, thinks there are none like them. A little while ago he took a band over and

rang them, and also taped them. I have known Badsworth bells for 70 years, rung on them and heard them four miles away.

The most sensible way to augment these bells is by three new treble bells, relaying the replaced bell to swing, or rigid, and a new Ellacombe chime rack for seven bells; the ancient melody would then be retained and the Badsworth bells would be unique.

The late Mr. T. W. Tew, who wrote an exhaustive account of All Saints' Church and who collected his facts from four accounts previously published, namely Fox's History, Boothroyd's History, a paper by Sir Gilbert Scott, and a sketch by Mr. Richard Holmes stationer and printer, of Pontefract, has the following in his very interesting 'Miscellaneous Papers':

It is said that there were originally twelve bells in All Saints' Church, and that Col. Bright took all but one away to Badsworth. This solitary bell became suddenly cracked in 1863, where the Rev. Sir Thomas E. Blomefield, Bart., a late esteemed Vicar, held a bazaar for some urgent repairs of the church, and the old bell was sent to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, that its metal might be cast towards a new ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., at the cost of £350. The Rev. W. C. Lukis, of Wath, procured plaster casts of the bell, its letters and devices, and the Rev. J. T. Fowler published some notes on this bell in the 'Yorkshire Archaeological Journal' for 1871.

The date inscription round the mouth of the bell was 1598, which supposing there to have been no mistake on the bell itself, or in the copies, shows that it was cast in the 41st year of Elizabeth—a reign in which great numbers of bells were cast. The arms of Nottingham were upon it, and a series of heraldic devices, most of them badges of the Royal House of Tudor. The tone of this bell was very rich, it was called by Fothergill, in 1707, 'a gallant, sweet bell.' The badges were a conventional castle, a pomegranate slipped (this occurs twice), a shield bearing a cross raguly between three crowns, a Tudor Rose, a Talbot Hound, a Portcullis. These badges would seem to show that the bell was given by one of the Talbots, and cast at the great Nottingham foundry, whose history has still to be written.

Col. Bright, afterwards Sir John Bright, Bart., lived at Badsworth, and died on September 13th, 1688; there is a tablet on the north wall of Badsworth Church to his memory. His eldest son, Mr. John Bright, born about 1650, was accidentally slain by discharging a cannon on the tower on November 5th, 1677. I remember the bells of All Saints', Pontefract, being augmented in 1905 by two trebles and the tenor, now 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G, recast.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The introduction of several controversial items added considerable interest to the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild held in St. Martin's Church Vestry on January 2nd.

Before the business meeting, the chairman, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, referred to the loss to the Guild by the death of Charles Dale, of Solihull, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

A proposal was made that church councils be invited to subscribe an annual affiliation fee to the Guild. It was suggested that both church councils and incumbents might thereby become more interested in their bells and ringers. Considerable discussion ensued, but, as several arguments were put forward both in favour and against such a scheme, the meeting decided that the subject required more consideration before any definite action was taken.

A striking competition between towers within the Guild was also proposed. This proposition met with support, and a committee was formed to consider the necessary rules for entering and judging.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary, who was pleased to report an increased balance over the previous year.

The name of Mr. Frank W. Perrens was added to the list of vice-presidents, in recog-

nition of his interest in the Guild over many years. The remaining offices were filled as follows: Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, Mr. S. O'C. Holloway and Mr. B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. David Ingram; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

It was decided to invite Mr. Frank E. Haynes to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on March 6th.

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