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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PEAL RINGERS

MR. KENNETH ARTHUR, the Master of the Durham and Newcastle Association, at the Association's recent annual meeting, stressed the importance of a code of conduct for peal ringers, which we feel is deserving of wider publicity than the Tyneside and the adjoining two counties.

Since the passing of the Noise Abatement Act, 1960, stated Mr. Arthur, more people than ever have become sensitive to everyday noises and, although there is no mention in the Act of church bells constituting a statutory nuisance, indiscriminate ringing can put ringers in bad odour, and incumbents may be forced by local feeling into a position of either closing towers altogether or drastically restricting ringing.

On two occasions recently in the Durham and Newcastle area peal attempts have been interrupted and stopped as a result of complaints and Mr. Arthur attributes the fault in both cases to a lack of foresight in organisation.

The day, the time and the giving of advanced publicity are important factors in making arrangements. In this respect Mr. Arthur proffers the following advice:—

Attempts at towers in business areas should be made at week-ends, early evenings or on half-days;

At places where ringing is infrequent, the church authorities should be approached well in advance and be made fully cognisant of the fact that a peal means three hours' continuous ringing;

Where possible, prior notice of special ringing should be given to the public through the local press.

It is also a great advantage if a peal can be associated with an event of either local or national importance or in connection with a red letter day of the church.

A notice outside the church telling the reason for ringing is also helpful in local relations. Invariably the first question when the bells are rung is, "Why are the bells ringing?"

Sound control in the bell chamber is essential. It is the duty of ringers to draw their incumbents' attention to it and tell him where he can get advice. The publicity given to the Newton-le-Willows protest has produced some good indirect results and one incumbent in the Greater London area has, in consequence, approached the Central Council for advice. There have been others.

We would implore conductors of peals not to hesitate to stop the ringing where the striking is inferior. The Central Council gives guidance as to the extent in which a fault can be corrected. There have been occasions when unholy mix-ups have occurred creating an intolerable din. These have invariably been sorted out by a dexterous conductor and after a few minutes the band has settled and the peal has been continued as if nothing had happened.

Rarely are the cases of mix-ups and bad striking resulting in an inaccurate presentation of the method reported to the Guild or made public through "The Ringing World." In the hundreds of peals rung there must be countless borderline cases apart from the flagrant breaches of the rules, and one of the problems before the Exercise is how to introduce into peal ringing a sense of honour and integrity.

The writer has a recollection of a peal of Stedman where a purist in the band told the conductor in no uncertain terms that he was not going to record the peal in his list. The peal was duly published and somebody scored his first of Stedman Triples. It was unchallenged publicly; never reported to the Peals Analysis Committee and remains in the annals of the Exercise as a true peal. Some might say, "Let sleeping dogs lie." However, one of the eight ringers had an uneasy conscience and was determined not to sully his record of peals.

We have digressed from Mr. Kenneth Arthur's observations but he urges that compliance with a simple code of conduct should be the duty of all ringers in the interest of their respective Guilds and Associations and also of the local inhabitants whose sympathy it is necessary for all ringers to retain and foster.

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CHALLENGE OF GUILDFORD GUILD'S NEW MASTER

More at Meetings : More Peals and Quarters : More Recruits

THE popularity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's dinner is undiminished. Held at the Newlands Corner Hotel on October 22nd, it attracted a larger company than in previous years and a cordial welcome was extended to the new Guild Master, Mr. P. G. Smart, and his wife, Angela. Young people predominated, the speeches were limited to four and the dance which followed revealed the versatility of the young people in our belfries.

This year the guest of honour was the Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of St. Michael's, Aldershot, a tower that has for years abounded with young life and where ringing was so infectious that the Vicar felt compelled to join in. Mr. J. L. Hayns was the toastmaster.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Guild Master in proposing the toast of "The Church and the Exercise" said they had a wonderful attendance that evening of 150 and he supposed there were present 100 ringing members. Why could they not have better attendances at meetings? Today there were a large number who came for half-an-hour, signed the attendance book and disappeared. Meetings were held not only for ringing but for an exchange of views and if the officers did not know what they were thinking about how could they carry out their duties? Attendances at meetings had diminished from 60 to about 10 who were members of the Guild. At the annual general meeting they got about 150 and from that it could be concluded that there were only two occasions when the members really met—at the annual general meeting and the dinner.

A drive for new members was in process and he had already welcomed a number. He reminded the company that they would not get new members by merely sitting in their belfries and waiting for them to come along. There were several organisations they could approach. Both the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts had ringers' badges, and they could approach the companies and troops in their area and offer to train any of their young people for the badges. There was, however, an individual responsibility over recruitment, and he submitted a challenge to every ringer present to find at least one recruit during the coming year.

Regarding peals, they had only had 18 rung this year. It was by peals and quarter peals that their standard of striking could be improved. Some people regarded striking as a by-product of the method; it was all wrong—striking should come first. He implored towers to introduce a monthly quarter peal like they did at Ash; it would result in an improvement in ringing.

Concluding, the Master thanked the Dinner Sub-Committee for their organisation. It was an extremely good meal well served.

"ROUNDS FOR THE VICAR"

The Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of St. Michael's, Aldershot, said he was overwhelmed by being asked to reply to "The Church" as he had not a purple cassock, but he had certain qualifications for speaking about the Church, as one of his earliest recollections was when, as a choirboy, he was pushed into a holly bush.

When he entered their belfry at Aldershot the cry invariably went up "Rounds for the Vicar," but lately, since he and his wife had become grandparents, it had been changed to "Grandsire Triples." At St. Michael's, Aldershot, he had found a new method of pulling the tenor ten times when "Stand" was called, which had become known as "Aldershot Surprise." He knew it was a new method because it gave the heaviest bell its name. He had always wondered why it was called ten—or, now he knew (laughter).

Their Master had issued a challenge to bring in new recruits. It was easy to forget, when ringing, that their whole purpose was to go out and get people inside the church—to

call them to worship. One of the tests of a good tower was whether the attendance on practice night and on Sunday compared favourably with each other. Their duty as ringers and churchmen was to challenge people to come and worship.

There were people who complained about ringing. "Do not be ashamed of your Church or the ringing Exercise. Those two things go hand-in-hand, and I count it a great privilege to reply to the toast."

Mr. W. H. Coles, father-in-law of Mr. Frank Price, proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the Guildford Diocesan Guild." He said he had been ringing for 45 years and his tutor was John Hunt, that stormy petrel on the Central Council who did much ringing in Guildford and took part in the record peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." That record still remained. He remembered John Hunt telling him that it was originally intended to go to 21,000 but during the peal he said to Alfred Pulling, the conductor: "If you go beyond 19,000 I will put my bells down." The peal was accordingly called round about 19,000.

They were extremely fortunate in having young men to take office. In the past they had had some illustrious leaders—Alfred Pulling, John Goldsmith and Major Hesse—all of whom he knew and rang with. Officers were only as good as the rank and file allowed them to be. If a man stood out in the Guild it was because he was surrounded by good men.

"YOUNG GEORGE"

Mr. Coles had a special greeting for the Bishop of Guildford, who regretted he could not be present. He knew the Bishop when he lived at Harlington, where his father, the Rev. Hector Reindorp, was Rector. "He was responsible for augmenting the bells, and when he retired we rang a peal and dedicated it to his life's ministry. We knew the present Bishop as 'young George' and when I tell you that my daughter used to ride on the handles of a very large hand roller pushed by the Bishop you will realise what a grand chap he was."

Continuing, Mr. Coles said: "I was privileged when your bells at the Cathedral were installed and dedicated to speak about them on the B.B.C. I thought your effort as a Guild was wonderful, and while you did not subscribe the major sum involved, you gave the inspiration. In that broadcast I said I thought these bells would ring out for peace and joy for hundreds of years to come."

STARTED RINGING WITH GUILD FORMATION

Mr. W. H. Viggers, a Central Council representative of the Guild, replied. He said he became a ringer the day the Guild was founded. He left the choir on December 31st, 1927, and Charlie Denyer took him into the belfry to see the ringers and join them, so his ringing career was the exact age of the Guild. The first meeting he went to was at Merrow and Clandon, where they rang call changes, and Mr. Hazelden told some of the old ringers to ring like some of the young recruits.

He remembered in his first peal he had to make a bob in Oxford Bob and he was ringing the same method to a peal at Shepton Mallet, which was called by Joe Dyke. At the end Joe called a single and they called out "What do you do now?" Joe replied "Same as a bob, you fool."

They had their Cathedral bells but they still wanted someone to provide the lift. Charlie Denyer did much towards getting the bells and it was a sad thought that unless a lift was provided he would never get into the belfry. The same applied to Mr. Albert Harman. There were three outstanding ringers commemorated in the Cathedral. There was the Guild Library, which was a memorial to Mr. Charles Hazelden, the Pulling bell in the Cathedral ring as a memorial to Alfred Pulling, and the Sanctus bell, which was a memorial to John S. Goldsmith. He coupled with the toast the names of Charles Denyer and Harold Pistow, who sent their apologies.

A touch of Plain Bob Major was then rung by Margaret Lewis 1-2, John Couterthwaite 3-4, Keith Williamson 5-6, Tom Page 7-8. The evening concluded with dancing.

THE COMPANY

On the top table, supporting the Master and Mrs. Smart, were the Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Dart, Mr. C. W. Munday (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Munday, Mr. W. H. Coles and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. W. H. Viggers, Major E. J. Bragg, Mr. A. Viggers, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hayns, Mr. T. Skilton, Miss J. Crane, Mr. A. D. Elsmore, Miss M. C. Arnold, Mr. M. Morris and Miss J. Beswick.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page, Mr. and Mrs. K. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Godden, the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Zeal, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. May, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting and Miss A. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Blows, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner, the Rev. M. and Mrs. Sellors, Mr. and Mrs. W. Siggery, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Maybrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. C. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chinnery, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Langley.

Mesdames K. L'Estrange, M. Davey, J. M. Kippin and D. Massey.

The Misses J. Oakshott, S. Parrott, D. Street, E. Stevinson, F. Simpson, J. Reyner, N. Hockley, H. Giddins, M. Lesley, D. Lid-dicott, J. Drury, M. Humphries, D. Pavey, E. Stewart, A. Fisher, J. Edmunds, M. Lewis, H. Kippin, D. Colcombe, J. Hughes, R. Catling, A. Pickering, C. Powell, A. Gibson and P. Hill.

Messrs. J. C. Davidge, K. Burgess, A. Walter, P. J. Munday, R. Fentiman, J. Munton, M. Elliott, R. A. Clift, P. Payne, J. H. Payton, D. Wilcock, Dr. Rossal, J. Couterthwaite, A. Giles, P. G. Sherwood, J. Collier, K. Glue, M. Cattell, D. Giddins, S. Peters, J. Sewell, M. Fry, C. Stewart, R. Bragg, D. Cole, M. Howells, J. Helder, M. Bew, M. Church, P. J. Privett, S. Hughes and P. Henry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Members of the Frome Branch took advantage of a glorious day to hold the autumn meeting at the little Church of St. Leonard on Mr. John Christie's private estate at Marston Bigott, three miles out of Frome, on October 8th. After an hour's good ringing on the delightful bells members from a wide area attended Evensong conducted by the Vicar of Marston-with-Witham, the Rev. L. E. Mitchell-Jones. He welcomed all present and in his address he mentioned that the bells were just one of many methods available to voice the word of the Church outside.

A really wonderful spread confronted ringers at the Village Hall for tea, those responsible being the ladies of the church. The business meeting commenced with members first standing in silence in respect of Mr. W. Rossitter, of Leigh-on-Mendip, who recently passed away. During the meeting six new members from two towers were elected and the Branch annual general meeting arranged for January 14th at Midsomer-Norton. Votes of thanks were passed, especially one to Mr. G. Wareham, who organised the meeting locally. Ringing continued on handbells and in the tower until 8.30 p.m. D. T. H. R.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Day 1, Miss E. Timmins 2, R. Humphries 3, Miss C. Slater 4, G. Page 5, A. G. Newman 6, A. Cleaver (cond.) 7, L. Fletcher 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Weatherley (first quarter) 1, D. J. Carr 2, T. R. Collins 3, D. Dancy 4, M. A. New (cond.) 5, R. Pearce 6.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE PULLINGER

George Pullinger's many friends throughout the country will be very sorry to hear of his death, at 75, on October 23rd, in the belfry of St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Having rung in a good touch of Stedman Caters and listened to some good rounds on 12, George refused a rope for Grandsire Cinques, and before the bells were pulled off again his distress was evident. First aid was expertly applied, but the five-minute bell (the tenor) for Matins had deeper significance for the ringers whose exertions had proved unavailing.

Until George's retirement seven years ago, he and Mrs. Pullinger lived at Bishopstoke, Hants, where for many years George had served St. Mary's faithfully; they then moved to Willingdon, Sussex. None who heard George's excellent striking and saw his superb bell control can have failed to wonder whether they, with two arms, could ever achieve the standard he reached with his one.

The ringing fraternity is indeed the poorer for his passing, and it is to be hoped that the deep sympathy of their many friends will be of some encouragement to Mrs. Pullinger in continuing her solitary path after many years of happiness with George. V. W.

MR. JOHN WELLS

Mr. John Wells, a life member of the Hertford County Association, died after a short illness on October 16th, aged 84 years. John Wells lived all his life at Kimpton and was associated with the Parish Church as a member of the choir and a bellringer from the age of ten. His father was verger for 40 years.

John had served on the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council and had a remarkable memory of village history over the past 70 years. His ringing had been mainly confined to his home tower, where he rang his first quarter peal at the age of 75. Although John gave up active ringing about five years ago, he continued to take a keen interest in the Kimpton Guild and held the position of tower captain until his death.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in memoriam by Guild members prior to Evensong on the day of his death.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The October meeting of the St. Albans District took place at St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden on the 15th. The lovely autumn day seemed to encourage many to turn out. The back-handed six at St. Paul's Walden were tackled in the afternoon, methods up to Norwich being rung. A very short service was held.

After tea in the local pub a business meeting was held in the church, with Mr. Reg. Darvill in the chair. Miss Margery Cartledge was elected a new member. It was announced that the November and December towers for the meeting had been reversed, so it will be Sandridge on November 19th and Harpenden in December. The final practice meeting for this year is to be at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Monday, November 7th. The tickets for the District dinner at St. Michael's Manor, St. Albans, are now on sale at 25s, each from any committee member. Numbers have been limited to 65, so it's "first come, first served."

Keith Walpole announced that Sandridge bells were at long last ringing again for Sunday service every second and fourth Sunday at 8.45 a.m.; help would be appreciated. St. Paul's Walden practice night has been changed to a Thursday. The meeting finished with votes of thanks. Evening ringing was at King's Walden. J. A. F.

FATHERS AND SONS PEAL



The band who rang in the Fathers and Sons peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on September 17th, reading from left to right: Tony Price, J. N. D. Chaddock, T. J. Lock, C. W. Pipe, N. Chaddock, G. C. Hemming, M. F. Rock, G. J. Hemming, R. W. Pipe, F. C. Price, A. Diserens and N. J. Diserens. For report of peal see page 693.

CHESTER GUILD DINNER AND DANCE

THE annual dinner-dance of the Chester

Diocesan Guild was held at Bowdon Assembly Rooms on October 15th. The guest speaker, Canon J. Saunders, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, spoke of the influence which bellringing has had, and is having, upon poetry and music. His toast of "The Guild" was replied to by the Master, Mr. John Worth, who welcomed all the visitors and made a special mention of those non-ringers who assist in the production of the annual report.

Reporting briefly on the state of the Guild during the year, the Master said that the whole-day annual festival had been well received by members, and would be continued in that form. To help with recruitment, all incumbents in the diocese had been approached and space was given to the Guild in the Diocesan Leaflet. A band drawn from members of the general committee had succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Macclesfield on the previous Saturday.

"The Guild had been hopeful that the appeal for the Cathedral bells, for which the Guild is responsible, would by now have been well under way. We are in the hands of the Dean and Chapter and the Cathedral architect; the general secretary, Mr. Henry O. Baker, has left them in no doubt as to our feelings of frustration!"

In concluding, Mr. Worth thanked the Guild officers for their work, and the Archdeacon for his good wishes.

The proceedings ended as they had begun, with handbell ringing (Double Norwich and Oxford Royal). R. B. S.

FATHERS AND SONS PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read of the peal of Cambridge Maximus by six fathers and six sons at Evesham on September 17th, and would add my congratulations to those they have undoubtedly already received.

It took me back to January, 1928, when six fathers and six sons met and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, standing in the order of father and son: Barnettts, E. sen. and E. jun. 1-2, Taffenders, T. H. and T. W. 3-4, Matthews, J. D. and C. J. 5-6, Bevan, R. and T. 7-8, Hibberts, R. T. and W. 9-10, Groombridges, T. sen. and T. jun. 11-12. The conductor was Mr. J. D. Matthews.

The original band included F. and J. F. Tillet, of Ipswich, but a few days before the peal one of them met with an accident. Mr. Taffender and his son were contacted and came at very short notice. I always admired them for this.

William Hibbert, Thomas Bevan and myself are the only survivors, all the fathers and three of the sons having passed away.

It also reminded me of a father and son peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith about 1920, which, in a weak moment, we published as the "first ever," only to be told the next week that a tablet in (I think) Richmond tower records a similar peal there, conducted by that celebrated conductor of the Cumberland lands in the 1700's, George Gross jun. — Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): K. Butler (first quarter) 1. B. Butcher 2. Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3. R. Birch 4. G. Neilson 5. A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

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Letters to the Editor

PEALS BY OFFICERS OF THE FORCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan Buswell's research into the Press cuttings collected for the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, formerly bell founders, reveals some interesting occurrences, as illustrated in your leading article in "The Ringing World" issue dated October 14th, 1966, with particular reference to two "Army Officers'" peals in 1919. For the record, may one offer a brief note of correction and additional information?

Strictly speaking, they were not peals by Army officers only, since R.A.F. officers were included. They did not take place on the same day, as the article would indicate. The Croydon (St. Peter's) effort in Grandsire Caters followed the Putney peal of Kent Treble Bob Major a little later. As you say, the Grandsire composition proved false. But there was a second Caters attempt at Croydon with, of course, another composition, and this was successful. A photograph of the band appears in the late Ernest Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing."

And so were rung the first (and to date the only) peals by officers of H.M. Militant Forces. They are both credited to the Ancient Society of College Youths.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

JUSTIFYING A YORKSHIRE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—In his letter on page 668, Mr. Morley appears to mention everything about my composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major except that it is a regular three-part and, in doing so, seems to miss the point completely.

My aim was to produce a simple regular three-part of conventional length without parting the tenors. Whereas it is comparatively easy to assemble 14 combination courses into a one-part composition, the restrictions imposed by a regular three-part make this task difficult, if not impossible. It is possible, however, to include 12 combination courses at the expense of also including some less musical courses.

My composition contains 12 combination courses. This is three more than in any other regular three-part (with tenors coursing and of comparable length) so far published. I feel I am justified in providing such a peal for those who prefer three-part compositions, because a quick scan of the peal columns of "The Ringing World" has revealed that of the peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung so far this year, over a quarter are recognisable as three-part compositions with a maximum of nine combination courses.

Another point raised in Mr. Morley's letter is the question of 82's and 83's. Whilst courses containing 82's and 83's would not be included to the exclusion of more musical courses, I would be careful about making sweeping generalisations. For example, the first part of my composition contains two courses with course-ends 45263 and 65234. In my opinion the first of these two is the more musical.

Regarding the number of singles in my composition, if one believes that singles are permissible, then I cannot see that it matters if there are 4, 24 or 44.

Whilst agreeing that we need standards for composers, can we also have standards for critics of compositions?—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

High Wycombe, Bucks.

WASHINGTON PEAL CONDUCTOR'S ORIGINS

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of "The Ringing World" I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the ringers of North America, who, during my recent visit, sheltered and fed me and without exception went out of their way to make me welcome. I would, however, point out in passing that I have my origins in Lincolnshire, not Lancashire, and whatever the University of London may think of me, they are, alas, stuck with me!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

London.

NO NEED TO CHANGE

Dear Sir,—I have been a reader of "The Ringing World" since its inception and am satisfied with the set-up, paper and type, though often opposed to the views of correspondents. There is no need to change anything material in this production; any change would probably be for the worse. Don't do it.—Yours faithfully,

J. HOWARD FREEBORN
(62 years a ringer.)

Cambridge.

ODD VENTURES—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to E. S.'s "Odd Ventures—Grandsire Triples" (page 669), here are two contributions:

1,259 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Having a single at the last call and ending with the 3rd in the hunt for five leads after 325476.

Start calling "Holt's Original" until the "bob lead" 254637, then call bob at 4 and S at 3.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS HEAD.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the written description of the calling positions in Mr. Whitaker's 120 of Stedman Triples on page 648 contains a slight error. If the figures are correct then the calling positions for the 6th are: Six times in 6-7 down; In and Out quick: Five times in 6-7 up; 6-7 up with a single: 6-7 down with a single; two times in 6-7 up.

It is not possible to call a bell 6-7 up with a single and a further twice with bobs.—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

"OLD AS THE HILLS"

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Percy Whitaker is not claiming originality for his "composition" of 720 Stedman Triples? ("The Ringing World," September 30th.)

One well-known old ringer showed me this touch several years ago, and it was as old as the hills when his grandfather showed it to him!

In any case, for such a short touch, the music of Queens and Whittingtons is hardly worth the sheer monotony of 678 and 468 behind for bob after bob.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

King's College, London.

THE BELLS OF MORDEN, DORSET

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Dalton's letter concerning the Morden bells and our quarter peal, I feel I must take up a few points with him.

First of all, we did (as we always do), apply to the Vicar of Morden for permission to rope these bells and ring them for about 45 minutes.

We then went to Morden and met an elderly gentleman who was in charge of the tower and bells. He assured us that he had rung the bells as long ago as 53 years. Both of these men were more than pleased that we were going to ring their bells. The Vicar sat on a stool between the treble and second ringers throughout the quarter peal. In my ignorance I thought this would be permission enough. I am sorry I omitted to get an "all clear" from Mr. Dalton or his bellhanging friends.

Regarding the tenor, we did not drive any wedges into this poor old bell, we did as we said—tightened the headstock bolts by turning the nuts around; that's the only way I know to tighten a bolt. I rang this bell throughout the quarter peal with no trouble at all, no flopping or rolling or anything of the sort.

You state there is the start of a crack in this bell that goes over the crown and half-way down the waist. Well, I'll take your word for that, but if this is so, this is not the start of a crack my friend, this is the finished article.

The driving in of wedges or dressing all the bells up in a new set of ropes at a cost to the good people of Morden of some £20-odd will not help, or the ringing of the bell with a soft pedal, as you appear to think you can do, if only for a short time. No, there is only one answer I am afraid, that is a lot of money and one melting pot.

You will be interested to know that the bells of Morden have been rung again recently by an extremely competent band. I have heard no mention yet of a cracked bell from them.

Finally, I must thank you for assuring us that the bell was cracked before we, the Charminster band, ever went into the tower. If I dare to suggest anything to you at all it would be that the next time you find something like this you tell the Vicar or other interested persons. After all, it is not top secret, is it?—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. AMEY,
Captain of the Charminster Ringers
and Deputy Ringing Master of the
Dorchester Branch, S.D.G.R.

DOUBLE ENTRY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Helen Y. Price's letter ("The Ringing World," October 14th) regarding towers entering two bands for competitions, we at Hughenden, Bucks, entered two bands in the East Berks and South Bucks, striking competition three years ago, one team all ladies and the other all male ringers.—Yours faithfully,

ROLAND BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

HENDON'S TRIBUTE CUT SHORT

Hendon, Middlesex, ringers arranged to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan disaster on Sunday, October 23rd. Miss Ruth Foreman reports that they had got as far as half way when the clapper sheered off just above the ball. While the ringers were disappointed, members of the congregation seemed satisfied that their church had chosen this method of showing some of the sympathy it felt.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The October meeting of the University of London Society was held on October 15th. The peal ringing fraternity got off to a bad start, losing Spliced Surprise Major at Stamford Hill in the morning. Towers open for general ringing were St. Augustine's, Kilburn, where the Belgian bells were much admired, St. James', Clerkenwell (8), St. Vedast's, Foster Lane (6), where we were invaded by the Middlesex Association, St. Botolph's-without-Bishopsgate (8) and St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). The service was conducted by the Rector of St. Olave's (the Rev. M. Dean) assisted by the secretary. Mr. Dean preached a moving and appropriate sermon, which showed how relevant bells and ringing were in the space age.

After an excellent tea, ably organised by the Misses Adrienne Gibson and Isabel Dean, the meeting was opened, the president, Mr. D. J. R. Martin, being in the chair. The president welcomed the visitors and new members, mentioning the fact that this year the Society was coming of age. A proposal was made by the Master, seconded by the secretary, that Mr. J. Seager be elected to the vacant vice-presidency. A second nomination, that of Mr. D. Sibson, was put forward without the prior knowledge of the chairman or committee, by Mr. A. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. F. P. Bryant. After considerable discussion it was decided to hold no election and to amend the constitution if possible to prevent a repetition of this.

It was confirmed that the day tour in Kent would take place on December 3rd, and Mr. N. J. Davies had kindly offered to arrange this. The annual dinner would be on February 25th, reverting to the second Saturday in February in following years. The annual tour would be held in Ireland either in the last week in August or the first in September. Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. Thirst for his help in producing the report, to the Editor (Mr. T. Pett) and also to the incumbents of the churches visited, and to Mr. J. Euston, and the Rev. M. Dean. D.C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Holt on October 22nd, when well over 50 members attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Giles Hunt, and in his address he mentioned that as a learner ringer he had found a fellowship of teamwork and good feeling existed between ringers. The art of bellringing was two-fold, firstly for and as part of the Church, and secondly to further the art of bellringing.

New members elected were the Rev. Giles Hunt, the Rev. D. Tuck, Donald Copeman, Maurice Hovell, Peter Morse, Frank Sheldrake (all of Holt), Ursula Stubblings (Intwood). Mrs. Mabel Frances Gidney (Holt) was elected an honorary member.

The Rev. P. Kelly reported that the committee had done a survey on towers in the area. He wondered if a voluntary subscription of 10s. a year would be practical for the Belfry Repair Fund? The chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, proposed the vote of thanks. C.B.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Criddle 1, Jane Markham (first in four methods) 2, June Legg (cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, J. Coombs 5, A. Skinner 6. For Harvest Festival.

University Past Masters Married



Left to right: Rev. E. T. D. Lewis, M. E. Evans,

the bridegroom and bride and the Rev. [Photo: L. J. King, Watford.]

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PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,582 Stedman Cinques: T. P. Edwards 1, A. M. Tyler 2, A. H. Reed 3, D. P. Hilling 4, C. H. Rogers 5, A. F. Thirst 6, J. Chikott (cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8, L. Barry 9, C. A. Barron 10, J. Anderson 11, W. Williams 12. Ring half-muffled as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

TWO past Masters of the University of Wales Society, Mr. Colin A. Lewis and Miss Gillian E. Graney, were married at All Saints' Church, King's Langley, Herts, on September 24th. They met while they were students at Aberystwyth.

The service was taken by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. E. T. D. Lewis, Vicar of Glasbury, Herefordshire, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Evans, Vicar of Nantmel, Radnorshire. The two bridesmaids were Miss Helen Lewis and Miss Carol Clement, and the best man was Mr. David Erlingsson from Akureyri in Iceland. Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, a past Master of the St David's Diocesan Guild, acted as organist.

The bells were rung before and after the service and, following the reception, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung. A peal was also rung by members of the Hereford Guild at Clifton the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are now living in Ireland, where they are on the staff of University College, Dublin.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, P. Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, N. I. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, E. Clifton 8. First in the method by all except 2.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (six methods): L. F. Cobb 1, D. Wilson 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. L. Claughton 5, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 6. By Sunday service band. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss E. Kenchington (first on eight) 1, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2, R. N. Marlow 3, J. L. Claughton 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

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Society of Roving Ringers' Annual Tour

THE Society of Roving Ringers this year took the bold step of starting their annual tour on the 12 bells at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge on August 20th. The ringing here was not as bright as the weather and did not really do justice to the bells. However, Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round and, of course, "Eternal" Grandsire, Adrienne's speciality, was also rung. Ringing continued with some good six-bell ringing at Stedman's tower, St. Bene't's, where Stedman Doubles was one of the touches. Saturday ringing was concluded with ringing by candlelight on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

MASTER'S PREROGATIVE

Sunday dawned as bright and fine as Saturday, and this was reflected in the ringing when a good course of Pudsey was rung at Trumpton for morning service. On the way to the next tower the Ringing Master, exercising his prerogative, demonstrated that the tour had really started by falling off his bicycle in the middle of the road. Fortunately he survived to supervise ringing at the next tower, Soham, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung. The last tower on Sunday was St. Mary's, Ely, where ringing for Evensong was half-muffled owing to the recent death of the Dean's wife. The most effective ringing here was the service touch of Grandsire Triples rung in whole pulls. Sunday night was spent at Ely Youth Hostel, an old Army camp situated at Witchford.

On Monday the weather took a turn for the worse and capes and sou'westers were the order of the day. After a long push to Mildenhall, Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and good Grandsire Caters were rung. At Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral the bells were found a little more tricky, and the Grandsire and Stedman Caters needed careful listening. The route to Elveden was through the King's Forest, which, according to the road signs, was inhabited by deer, but none was seen. The ringing at Elveden included Stedman Triples and a good course of Bristol, and at Thetford a good course of Rutland rounded off ringing for the day. Thetford Youth Hostel proved to be an old railway station, where the warden's morning wakening cry was "All change on number three platform," coupled with the loud blowing of a guard's whistle.

The first tower on Tuesday was St. Mary's, Kenninghall, where the ringing was disrupted for some minutes whilst a broken rope was hastily spliced. There followed the shortest ride of the tour, only one and a half miles to Quidenham, where Ealing was successfully accomplished but an attempt at four-spliced Surprise Major came to grief. After lunch, the 12 cwt six at Attleborough provided some good six-bell ringing, when Norwich Surprise Minor and Orpheus Doubles were rung. The last tower of the day before the hostel at Norwich was Hethersett, where an attempt at four-spliced once again came to grief. However, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were both successfully accomplished. On arrival at the hostel it was found that the warden's bark was worse than her bite and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all, at a cost of 3d. per head.

LIGHTENED BICYCLES

On Wednesday morning the weather seemed uncertain of itself, perhaps uncertain of the projected route, which proved to be a circle, returning for a second night at Norwich. This meant that lightened bicycles made cycling easy and, for the first few miles at least, the company was very lighthearted. This lightheartedness was enhanced, for eight ringers at any rate, owing to the fact that a touch of six-spliced was successfully brought round at St. Giles' Norwich. Wroxham provided some interesting ringing, where London, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and another of Adrienne's specialities, this time "Eternal" Spliced Minor and Doubles, were rung.



From left to right: John Brain, Roger Heyworth, Richard Fentiman, Andrew Slade, Ian Dear, Alan Luxford, John Eisel, Roy Mills, John Slater, Tony Foster, Fred Ellis, Alan Elsmore, Roger Ashmore (Ringing Master), Geoff Stevens. Seated: Sally Parrott, Jill Richards, Adrienne Gibson, Louise Taylor, Susan Cowan and Janet Crane.

The next two towers were swapped owing to a wedding, so Marsham was the first. Courses of Bristol and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung here. The next hour's ringing was most enjoyably spent on the ten at Aylsham, where a good half-course of Cambridge Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. On returning to Norwich another hour was spent on the 12 at St. Peter Mancroft. The Ringing Master here expressed his delight at some good Stedman Cinques and then called this lovely 12 into Whittingtons before calling "Stand" for the day. Some of the company, however, their appetites apparently not satiated after the hostel supper, went to the practice at St. George's, Colegate, where they were made very welcome.

At the first tower on Thursday, St. Michael and All Angels, Coslany, the bells were found a little difficult but Stedman Triples went well here and Rutland was brought round. A course of Wembley was successfully negotiated at Loddon but Royal ringing at Beccles did not seem to click, and good Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung. The last tower of the day was St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, where good Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus were rung. The latter was achieved to everyone's delight as it was 11 years since Maximus had been rung by the Society on tour. The night was spent at Great Yarmouth Youth Hostel, after savouring the delights of the fun fair.

At St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, the first tower on Friday morning, Stedman and Grandsire spliced, Cambridge, Pudsey and Watford were brought round. Next was the delightful six at Blythburgh, where the church was crowded with visitors who had come to the flower festival. Needless to say, an audience had soon gathered to witness the ringing of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor. At St. Margaret's, Leiston, a touch of eight-spliced Surprise Major was brought round. Ringing ended on the very good six at Saxmundham, and a very pleasant evening, though not always peaceful, was spent at Blaxhall Youth Hostel.

On Saturday the week-enders started to arrive in their cars to assist with the ringing. Wickham Market and Bredfield, the two morning towers, provided a variety of six-bell ringing but this was not thought to have brought on the rain. London Royal was brought round at Grundisburgh in the afternoon, also by the touring band, though there was a little prompting by the week-enders in

certain cases. Cambridge Royal and a ladies' course of Stedman Caters were also rung here. The lovely eight at Woodbridge provided the heaviest bells of the day, which must have been somewhat of a surprise, because the ringing here did not really do justice to the bells.

LUXURY

On completion of the day's ringing, 20 bicycles hurried towards Ipswich and the unbelievable luxury of a hotel, a hot bath and a sumptuous dinner. At the meeting which followed the dinner the president was elected to take the chair and, having been installed and decorated with his badge of office, called upon the Ringing Master, who gave his report of the week's ringing. Discussion of the venue of the 1967 reunion then took place, when it was decided to go to Reading. This was chosen as a central meeting place to try and attract older members to discuss the Society's 21st tour, to be held in 1967, when it is hoped that some special arrangements can be made.

Sunday was another day of service ringing in and around Ipswich, the morning towers being St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower's, with St. Andrew's, Rushmere, and St. Mary-le-Tower's in the evening. It was here that the Society had the honour of ringing Cambridge Maximus with C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds, two famous names from the Ipswich of 40 years ago.

An extraordinary meeting was held on Sunday evening, when it was decided that an extra reunion would be held in Leicester in November in order that the number of reunions could catch up with the number of tours, so that the 21st reunion would follow the 21st tour.

The Bank Holiday Monday was the last day of the tour, the first tower containing the ten at Stonham Aspal. There followed the lovely eight at Lavenham with some good ringing to whet appetites for lunch. The final tower of the tour was at Long Melford, where the band seemed to diminish very rapidly after every touch.

The final "goodbyes" were said with the feeling that this was indeed a memorable tour and with the hope for a bright future.

Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers. Special thanks are due to the Ringing Master, Roger Ashmore, for his competent handling of the ringing, which made the tour most enjoyable for everyone.

TARZAN.

Oxford Diocesan Guild Appoint Stewards

TO represent the Guild at Branch meetings, the Oxford Diocesan Guild at its autumn general meeting at Wantage on October 1st decided to appoint Branch stewards. These would represent the Guild at its respective meetings.

The Master (the Rev. C. Eliot Wigg), who presided, reported on the meeting of the sub-committee appointed to consider this matter, which recommended their introduction.

Supporting the suggestion, Mr. Foster advocated naming them "Assistant Masters."

The hon. secretary (Miss Marie R. Cross): For me, this means something else, too!

The meeting finally decided to call them "Guild Stewards," and first appointments to July, 1967, were:—

Mr. Walter Hunt (Newbury).—Reading, Sonning, N. Berks and Newbury Branches.

Mr. H. Oglesby (Hitcham).—E. Berks and S. Bucks, Chiltern, Central Bucks and Sonning Branches.

Mr. J. Baldwin (Wantage).—Vale of the White Horse, N. Berks, Newbury, Oxford, Witney and Woodstock Branches.

A nomination has yet to be received for the Central and Northern Branches.

GRANTS

Longcot.—After Mr. C. R. Miles had put in a very strong plea for a grant to this tower as an incentive to get something done, it was decided to make a provisional grant of £50 provided that a firm estimate for the work was obtained during the next 12 months.

Theale.—A report on this tower was made by one of the young Theale band, which had the task of raising £560. A grant of £50 was made with the best wishes of the Guild.

Bierton.—In reply to a question put by Mr. D. Wheeler, the Deputy Master replied that some action was being taken.

SUPPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD"

The proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) to make a grant of £40 provoked a discussion. During the debate it was explained that the original grant had been made to help tide the paper over a difficult period.

The hon. secretary pointed out that the Guild, since 1960, had given over ten per cent. of its working money to the paper.

Mr. W. Butler commented that the best way to help was for each to get another subscriber. He proposed that a nominal grant of £5 be made for this year. This was seconded by Mr. Cantwell and carried.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, on behalf of "The Ringing World" Committee, thanked the Guild.

REPORTS TO BE ABRIDGED

Suggestions were invited by Mr. P. Walker (Editor) for the 1966 Guild Report. Mr. W. Birmingham produced a report in which the peals had been recorded by photostat and asked if this might be possible. Mr. Walker replied by quoting figures and said it was as costly and not as satisfactory as the present method.

The hon. treasurer said the Report cost 7s. 6d. per copy to produce and Guild and non-members only paid 2s. 6d. a copy. The balance was met from members' subscriptions.

Mrs. J. Rance proposed that the Report be printed in an abridged form not to exceed £36, and this was carried.

The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) thanked Mr. W. G. Wilson for producing the duplicated reports, and the Editor for his excellent report for 1964-65.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Among the alterations to rules adopted was that Guild officers must be nominated six weeks before the annual general meeting in writing to the general secretary, but existing officers might nominate themselves for re-election without other nomination. The making of grants has been referred to the General Committee with the request that their recommendations be referred to the annual or general meetings. Also referred back to the general committee was that consideration of the next year's subscription should not be placed on the agenda of the annual general meeting unless a motion had been submitted for its alteration.

CONFIDENCE IN COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Diserens spoke concerning the discussions which went on at general meetings after the general committee had made recommendations. The general committee did not make any recommendations without careful thought and discussion. He asked the members to have confidence in their committee members after they had elected them.

A grant of £5 was made to the Churchill peal board and the election of three members of the Washington, D.C., band before a peal was ratified.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Mr. K. Leach thanked the Wantage ringers for their arrangements, and the ladies who prepared tea. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Schaufelberger), who preached at the Festival Evensong, and the choir and blind organist, "whose wonderful accompaniment of the hymns just carried the congregation along," were also thanked.

An invitation by Mr. A. Diserens to hold the autumn meeting for 1967 at Reading was accepted.

Witney and Woodstock Branch

About 60 members and visitors attended the autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Woolton on October 15th. The Rev. L. C. Perfect in his address at the service gave a short history of bells and their modern uses, of their insistence and of ringers becoming messengers.

Mr. Perfect, who presided at the meeting following tea in the absence of the Branch chairman, hoped it would not be too long before the Branch again visited Woolton. A discussion took place on the 1967 programme. It is hoped to hold the competition in Lechlade tower and so make a "day out" if it is well supported! Eleven new members were elected, ten being from Ducklington, a six-bell tower. This is a newly-formed band, who are ringing regularly for Sunday service. Evening ringing was at Wootton and Tackley.

WATFORD RINGERS ENJOY THE COTSWOLDS

The lovely Cotswold country has proved a great attraction to ringers of the Watford District of the Herts Association this year.

On a perfect day in early summer the Watford Parish Church band, accompanied by a few ringing and non-ringing friends, visited and rang at Chipping Norton, Stow-on-the-Wold (where a very satisfying lunch was also partaken of), Blockley, Broadway (looking at its best) and Moreton-in-Marsh: tea here, with a call at Banbury on the way home. Ringing to suit all capabilities from rounds to Cambridge Royal. Thanks to Dennis Laud for a well-planned day out.

The venue of the District outing not yet decided, a unanimous wish to revisit this area was gratified and, on October 1st, with Don Bartholomew again at the wheel, the coach headed for Cheltenham, where Cyril Wratten and Valerie Willard met the party. Several had their first pull on 12 here. Stedman Cinques left a little to be desired but Grand-sire went well on these bells, voted by all a good 12 for their weight. Lunch at Doris's Café, then to Bishop's Cleeve, Prestbury, and Burford, with tea at the Cotswold Arms.

As the shadows lengthened, Witney Church in its spacious setting was the last call. A feature of this outing was that all churches visited had central towers. As in the first trip, ringing was arranged to suit all, and in the eight-bell towers a special method for the day was Watford Surprise Major. Many thanks to Geoff Seaman, District secretary, for all the arrangements and to Cyril Wratten for invaluable help.

R. G. B.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. C. Isaacs 1, P. Clewett 2, V. Williams 3, F. Joyce 4, R. Old 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the Glory of God, and to mark the 21st birthday of Paul Clewett, also his engagement to Valerie Williams.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Williams and Miss Barnes have reluctantly given up active ringing after many years of faithful service at Christchurch Priory. We note from the District newsletter four or five recruits are in training to replace them.

The peal of 43 Doubles at Little Missenden, Bucks, on October 16th was Mr. A. K. Fortin's 50th tower for a peal. The peal was also rung to mark the end of the Little Missenden Arts Festival.

Mr. D. Ellidson calls attention to a heading in the "Daily Telegraph" of October 19th: "£2,500 Tower Grab," and adds, "I assume this is not the start of a third 'Great Adventure.'"

Mr. Gordon Lane rang his 100th peal at the Bell Foundry Campanile on October 11th, and not on September 13th, as submitted for publication in the issue of October 7th. The ringer of the seventh in the peal was David, and not Daniel F. Moore.

A peal attempt was proposed at Painswick on October 22nd with John Chilcott as conductor, but in view of the Aberfan disaster the band decided, after consultation with the Vicar, to ring a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Cinques as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MR. IAN H. ORAM'S 500th PEAL

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary of the Kent County Association, rang his 500th peal at Bromley Common on Thursday, September 15th. The method, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, was conducted by one of his teenage pupils.

Ian's first peal was at Hordle, Hampshire, in 1954, when he rang the treble to four Minor methods, conducted Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. Since then Ian has called peals in Minor up to 42 Surprise methods and Major up to 10, all the work. He will always ring and call from the last bell left. His peal total so far this year is 56.

Over 400 of his peals were rung for the Kent County Association. In ringing peals in nearly 200 towers in the county he has rung over 50 at St. John's, Erith, over 25 at West Wickham, and more than anybody else at his home tower at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chislehurst, where he is captain.

Good luck and congratulations.

T. L.

ONLY TWO RETURNED AFTER 30 YEARS

On October 8th the Framsdon and District party made their half-day trip to Lincolnshire, when ringing ranged from rounds to three-spliced at Surfleet, Pinchbeck and Spalding.

Pinchbeck visitors book records that the Helmingham company visited these towers in 1936, when a bounteous tea was enjoyed on the lawn of Glyn Garth. Unfortunately, only Bill Button and Les Brett were left to enjoy the return visit. Again an excellent tea was served at Surfleet by local ringer Charles Rawding.

To the delight of all, Mrs. Richardson was able to join the party, as also was that ex-Suffolk peal enthusiast, tearaway Ted Chapman, who so ably assisted in making this trip so successful.

To Ron Noon, who met us at Spalding, and the incumbents, our many thanks. It is hoped our East Coast friends get in a few hours' sleep.

FROM REJOICING TO MOURNING

The peal at Cannock, Staffs, was originally arranged as a wedding compliment to Michael W. Fairey (Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford) and Miss Anthea C. Richards, who were married at Little Aston, Staffs, on the same date, but due to the Aberfan disaster it was felt only right and proper that the peal be rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the victims.

LEICESTERSHIRE HALF-DAY

Thurnby, Leicestershire, ringers were joined by friends from Billesdon and Humberstone for an afternoon's ringing in Northamptonshire on September 17th. Bells were rung at Dingley, Brampton Ash and Stoke Albany before tea, and Islip and Lowick after tea.

At Brampton our usual fine of one penny per stroke was waived when it was discovered that something was clogging the works of the tenor and it could not be set. The best ringing of the afternoon was at Islip. The anti-clockwise ring at Lowick was a new experience to many of the party.

Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, with rounds for learners. J. J. P.

CULHAM, OXON, BELLS SILENT

The architect came recently to St. Paul's Church, Culham, to inspect the bell frame and the tower. He found that the damage to both was fairly extensive and he informed us that ringing would have to cease. The College and the village hope that this temporary silence will not continue for more than a year, but as yet we do not know how long the restoration will take. Visitors to the area will therefore have to pass Culham by, at least for the time being.

Ringing at the Parish Church was carried out by the Culham College Society of Change Ringers, who now hold their practice at Milton on Fridays at 7.45 p.m. Service ringing is on Sunday at Milton at 10.30 a.m. during term time only. Visitors are most welcome and are asked to get in touch with our secretary, D. R. Baxter, J.C.R., Culham College, Abingdon, Berkshire, to tell us when they are coming. M. J. H.

BARCOMBE'S CHURCHES

Mr. S. Brook writes correcting the peal rung at Barcombe, Sussex, on page 581. The dedication should be St. Mary not SS. Mary and Bartholomew, and the tenor weight 9 cwt, 2 lb. not 7 cwt, 2 qr, 9 lb. St. Bartholomew's Church is at the other end of the parish, with only one bell. He suggests that the mistake arose from R. H. Dove's "Church Bells of Britain."

GEDLING TOWER CAPTAIN IN HOSPITAL

We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. Dawson, captain at Gedling, Notts, tower, is ill in hospital. At the last meeting of the Bingham District at Shelford it was reported that he had had his operation and was feeling much better. Miss Ruth Blackman, the hon. secretary, has sent the District's best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

POTTON'S EXAMPLE OF MODERN YOUTH

An enthusiastic group of young people (all under 20) have more or less taught themselves how to ring at Potton, Beds. With no older ringers to guide them and the village situated away from any centre of ringing, they have proved that they have the enthusiasm and ability to make up for what may be lacking locally.

It says much for their enthusiasm when most would have given up, just by the "go" and tone of Potton bells.

They are all regular attenders at the Association District meetings, and that is not an easy task as the village is on the extreme eastern county border, and public transport renders no great assistance.

Well done, we say, and keep on trying. Let's hope they receive the encouragement they deserve.

SMART WORK FROM HEREFORDSHIRE

Ten months after his first bell-handling lesson, S. B. Bell (age 17), of Bank Crescent, Ledbury, conducted his first quarter peal. It was one of Doubles in four methods (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and April Day). The quarter peal was rung at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on October 18th to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Senlac.

UNIQUE EVENT IN YORK

In pleasant contrast to the many complaints of the "noise" of bells, York Minster Society of Change Ringers has been entertained to dinner by one who "did enjoy the Minster bells." An invitation was received from Sir Christopher Furness, Bart., in September, for the members of the Society to have dinner with him after practice on October 18th. Eighteen of the twenty active members were able to accept.

Sir Christopher, accompanied by his son, Captain Furness, met the ringers in the belfry and watched the ringing of Grandsire Cinques and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Captain Furness went up to see the bells and later studied Wilfrid Wilson's "Change Ringing." This ringing coincided with the golden jubilee festival service of St. Luke's Parish Church, West Hartlepool, which Sir Christopher knew in his childhood when it was no more than a "tin tabernacle." St. Luke's has no bells, but Sir Christopher's love for them began with the 21 cwt. ten in the neighbouring Church of St. Oswald.

Practice usually finishes at 8.30 p.m., but Sir Christopher asked for the bells to be lowered a few minutes earlier to allow time for a drink before dinner at 8.30. Sir Christopher, among his many and varied interests, is a railway enthusiast: the menus were printed on coloured postcards of a locomotive, Warship Class Type 4 2,200 h.p. Diesel-hydraulic. The main item on the menu was turkey cooked in gin.

Reference to Debrett had disclosed it was Sir Christopher's birthday. After a short speech of thanks and good wishes, the president presented him with a print of the south front of the Minster, signed by all those present, and four members rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

To close the party, Sir Christopher asked for what he called "the national anthem of Yorkshire"—"On Ilkla Moor bar t'at." The rendering may have been more enthusiastic than musical, but it went through all eight verses. It was not Sir Christopher's first acquaintance with ringers; he said he had entertained the Truro ringers some years ago.

The York Minster Society is greatly indebted to him for a most enjoyable evening.

M. E. W.

BADGE WINNERS AT BASINGSTOKE

Two Girl Guides and two Boy Scouts who have been trained at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, have been awarded the bellringer's badge. They are Ruth Taylor (15), Jean Taylor (12), Peter Mart (13) and Timothy Mart (12).

Mr. Andrew Taylor, who acted as examiner, found that the Girl Guide badge test was much stiffer than that laid down for the Boy Scouts, and some knowledge and practice of change ringing was required. In the case of the Boy Scouts, change ringing is part of the senior bellringer's badge. The successful candidates were pictured at the ropes in the "Hants and Berks Gazette."

IN MEMORIAM PEAL AT WEST DOWN

The recent peal of Stedman Doubles at West Down (page 673) was rung as an "in memoriam" peal to the late William Phillips, uncle of the tenor ringer, who was for many years a ringer at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5289 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In four methods, comprising 1,440 each of Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 960 of Cambridge with 100 changes of method.

Wilfred Williams Treble	David T. Darby 7
David P. Hilling 2	John Armstrong 8
Alan F. Thirst 3	Philip A. Corby 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	James G. A. Prior 10
Alan R. Patterson 5	Frank E. Darby 11
Antony R. Kench 6	Philip A. F. Chalk Tenor

Arranged by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Spliced Maximus by all the band except the ringers of treble and third. First peal of Maximus in four methods in London. Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEDMORE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb. in C.

*Richard W. Sweet Treble	Edgar T. Skipsey 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	D. John Hunt 6
†Michael G. Bartlett 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
John C. Slater 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

*50th peal with ringers of 2 and 6. † First of Surprise Major.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDINGTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one 1,440 and five extents each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Peter Radcliffe Treble	Henry B. Whitney 4
†Margaret R. Durrington 2	Alan W. Jeffs 5
Diana M. Frost 3	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in C.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) .. 6
K. J. Tripolw (Selwyn) .. 2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 7
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) .. 3	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 8
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 4	G. C. Galley (Queens') .. 9
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) .. 5	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Robin Shipp.

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

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

F. C. Hobson (St. John's) .. Treble	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 5
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) .. 2	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) .. 3	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 7
K. J. Tripolw (Selwyn) .. 4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Stephen Darvill and Bob Bunker, officers of the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

Bernard F. L. Groves .. Treble	Alan McFall 7
Harold C. Lanyon 2	Derek Butterworth 8
John Worth 3	Edward Jenkins 9
Basil Jones 4	Brian J. Woodruff 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Robert B. Smith 11
Richard S. Starkie 6	Brian Harris Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by John Worth.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 16 lb.

*John Ryder Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 7
John Worth 2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton 8
Harold C. Lanyon 3	Charles W. Lawton 9
†John Scott 4	†Roy Worrall 10
John E. Bibby 5	†Robert B. Smith 11
*Wilfred Kerr 6	John R. Bibby Tenor

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques. Ringers of 10 and 11 have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Rung by members of the Guild Committee, conducted by the Master.

ST. MARTIN'S, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford Bob. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*David Allman Treble	A. Doreen Edwards 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	John R. Scott 5
†Keith W. Eaton 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of four Minor methods. † First of four Minor methods "inside."

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman Treble	Leon A. Perry 4
John R. Scott 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a farewell to Canon J. R. Belyse on his retirement. Also as a birthday compliment to Leon A. Perry.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Richard S. Starkie Treble	†Robert W. Sherriff 6
†Peter Church 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 7
†Peter C. Randall 3	F. Neville Pailing 8
†John F. Thorne 4	Alan H. Bridges 9
†Christopher J. Royal 5	Michael Maughan Tenor

Arranged by Ian C. Maycock. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W. Stone .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Felicity T. Webber 2	Malcolm P. Phipps 7
Valerie Meadows 3	Peter Marriott 8
Edward F. Gobey 4	Burley P. Morris 9
Clive Thrower 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 MAPPERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Jack Chadwick Treble	Clive Thrower 5
Felicity T. Webber 2	Edmund Shuttleworth 6
Edward F. Gobey 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Peter Bellamy Knights .. 4	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Composed by E. Shuttleworth. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

MAPPERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

H. and M 2,119. —38—14—58—16—34—3458—34—18. 1.h. 16482735.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 38 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Dennis Ellisdon Treble	Alfred J. House 7
Donald E. Cobb 2	Ian L. Dear 8
Kenneth Warner 3	Michael C. Austin 9
Colin G. Wright 4	Dennis A. Hewitt 10
Frederick W. Ellis 5	Robert J. Chapman 11
Andrew J. Slade 6	Roger Durrant Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.

Rung to mark the 900th anniversary of the death of Harold, King of England and founder and benefactor of Waltham Abbey.

GREAT BARDFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt

*Lesley Ward Treble	*Peter G. Pitt 5
*Stephen D. Humphrey .. 2	*Brian J. Vaughan 6
Adrian G. Semken 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
Neil V. Avis 4	*David C. Culham Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

Frank V. Gant Treble	Chris C. M. Pain 5
Joan M. Peacock 2	George W. Cecil 6
Colin E. Wright 3	John W. Stephenson .. 7
John McDonald 4	Frederick E. Scoones .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

Rung as part of the local celebrations to mark the 1,300th anniversary of the foundation of Barking Abbey in A.D. 666 by S. Erkenwald, Bishop of London.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter G. Brown Treble	*Jennifer M. Syder 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Walter Arnold 6
*Robert J. Lindsell 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
John Warner 4	Alan R. Syder Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods as follows: (1) London and Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Lesley Ward Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4
Alfred E. Honeywood .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neil V. Avis 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, as follows: Four of Plain Bob, one of Kent T.B., one of Oxford T.B. and one of Kent and Oxford T.B.

*Neil V. Avis Treble	*Peter G. Pitt 4
Frank B. Lufkin 2	Brian J. Vaughan 5
David I. Morgan 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 50th peal together.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Michael J. Church Treble	*Michael W. Brown 5
*Alan D. Elsmore 2	*Derek A. Cox 6
*Beryl R. Simpson 3	Stanley G. Ponting 7
*Peter G. Smart 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung in memory of John S. Goldsmith, and as a farewell to Michael Brown, who is leaving the district for Cyprus.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Elizabeth Taylor Treble	*Michael Hart 5
Gillian Sims 2	Peter D. Sell 6
Ralph C. Godsall 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
George T. Cousins 4	Austin T. Wingate Tenor

Composed by W. F. Moreton. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

John Clements Treble	*James Ward 4
*C. William Nutt 2	E. Charles Biggs 5
John J. Webb 3	Leonard J. Walters .. Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Rosemary Bray Treble	Lawrence T. Mainwaring .. 4
Leonard J. Walters 2	*E. Charles Biggs 5
Leslie Evans 3	John Clements Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Kent T.B.,

Double Oxford, Cambridge S., St. Clement's, S. Oxford and Plain B.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
Walter Ayre 2	*Keith Sheppard 5
*Francis M. Byrne 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside." Rung half-muffled as an expression of sympathy with the inhabitants of Aberfan in the time of their great distress.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

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

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York,

Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	†Peter Church 4
*Alan H. Bridges 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Ronald Ducker 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First peal for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	John W. Smith 6
Frank J. Matthews 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

CHATHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

D. Paul Smith Treble	Raymond E. Finch 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Brian E. Jemmett 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Peter S. Muchlinski 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John E. Newcombe and Evelyn M. Mott, who were married later this day at this church.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Bernard E. Matthews .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
*John Q. Pladdys 2	David E. Rothera 6
E. Winifred Keys 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
*Robin R. Churchill .. 4	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Gillian A. Leale Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 6
John E. Anderson 2	Robin G. Leale 7
Cyril F. Low 3	William S. Deason 8
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	Eric N. Harrison 9
William G. Wilson 5	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

The conductor has now rung a peal in every county in England, plus the Channel Islands, and is the first to do so.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Jane Reynolds Treble	James Blackburn 5
Diana J. Handley 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
*Nicholas M. Newby .. 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 4	*Frank Reynolds Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Bloomer, Bishop of Carlisle, and as a tribute to his work in this diocese.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

H. Leslie Squires Treble	*Charles F. Baxter 5
Roland W. Morant 2	†William A. Holmes 6
William A. Dale 3	Denis A. Frith 7
Thomas A. Relf 4	‡W. Bryan Cox Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
Peter Kilner Treble Philip H. Reynolds 4
Joan Gilbert 2 Harold Barsley 5
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3 Albert E. Flatters Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Flatters.
Rung to commemorate the birth of King Henry IV (600th century) at Old Bolingbroke Castle.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
Robert E. Harrison .. Treble Maurice Lings 4
Pamela A. Gill 2 John H. Parker 5
Walter Ayre 3 Septimus Neave Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 7½ cwt.
Jack Bray Treble Roger Hippsley 4
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2 Maurice Lings 5
Harold Judd 3 Frank G. Bloomfield .. Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 16 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Bourne Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Childwall, St. Clement's and Buxton, (6) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Joan Gilbert Treble Keith R. Davey 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2 Albert E. Flatters 5
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3 Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents St. Clement's and three Plain Bob.
*F. David Keast Treble David F. Moore 4
Susan D. Cowan 2 David G. Wilford 5
Julie E. Lethbridge .. 3 Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

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

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Westminster and Allendale, (3) Norfolk and Primrose, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Durham and York, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge, with 33 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble Roger D. Bailey 4
John Q. Pladdys 2 Michael W. Coleman .. 5
Robin R. Churchill .. 3 Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

The ringers of the treble and tenor have now "circled the tower."
Rung as a somewhat belated wedding compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble Frank Pearson 4
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 2 H. William Barrett 5
Frank C. J. Arnold .. 3 C. Frank W. Philippo .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank Philippo.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. H. Mee; former Rector of Bunwell, and interred there the previous day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.
William Hibbert Treble Ernest J. Gower 6
*Clare F. Dolphin 2 John W. T. Hibbert 7
Michael V. Chilcott .. 3 Richard C. Stevens 8
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 4 Brian R. White 9
Cyril J. Hibbert 5 Edward Holdsworth Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* First peal on ten bells.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.
Frederick A. H. Wilkins Treble Roger Cadamy 5
Edgar J. Smith 2 James Linnell 6
William A. Yates 3 George W. Holland .. 7
Raymond A. Vickers .. 4 Frederick Vickers Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George W. Holland.
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

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

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.
Frederick R. Scott .. Treble Anthony D. Sansom .. 5
Gillian A. Leale 2 Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
Robert M. Ashman .. 3 Robin G. Leale 7
*Michael J. Church .. 4 J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. E. Foster, one-time tower captain at Iver, and Mrs. Foster.

OLD WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.
J. Keith Ward Treble Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5
Gillian M. Hunt 2 Frederick R. Scott 6
Maurice G. Ingram .. 3 David P. Hilling 7
Timothy G. Pett 4 D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
The ringer of the sixth has now "circled the tower."

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
George E. Fearn .. Treble David J. Purnell 7
*Ann E. Fellows 2 Martin D. Fellows .. 8
Michael J. Fellows .. 3 Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4 John A. Anderson .. 10
*James Insley 5 J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
John C. Eisel 6 Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Londinium.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows Treble	John C. Eisel 6
Diana M. Chapman 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3	Peter Bridle 8
George E. Fearn 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Norman J. Goodman 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Peter J. Stretton Treble	John R. Insley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	Peter Border 6
Edward W. Colley 3	Norman J. Goodman 7
James Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Merryn Hutchings Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth 5
John R. Insley 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
B. Gillian Schofield 3	James Insley 7
Ann E. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob	Tenor 7 cwt.
Ruth Blackshaw Treble	Frederick Derry 3
*Robert D. Marsh 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4
James H. Musson Tenor	

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Minor in five methods.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven varied extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
Sidney Carnall Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft 4
Katherine Burchnall 2	*Peter Carnall 5
Grace Burchnall 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt 5 lb. in F.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. Treble	†George Morrall 5
*Frederick R. Wiggins 2	Ian Friend 6
†Jennifer M. Beech 3	Frank Beech 7
†Edward R. Fairbrother 4	Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for the people of Aberfan.

CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation).	Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.
*Susan Lloyd Treble	*R. David Baker 5
Susan J. Devey 2	Kenneth W. Price 6
†Shelagh C. Guthrie 3	Peter J. Barker 7
†Lynda Roberts 4	Gerald W. Reynolds .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Barker.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. * First peal "inside."

First peal on the bells by a local band.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the lives lost in the Aberfan disaster.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GODSHILL, Isle of Wight.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in G sharp.
*David H. Stone Treble	Robert A. Partridge 4
†Susan E. M. Davis 2	Michael J. Thomas 5
Heather A. Walters 3	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside" and of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

GREAT HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 60 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur D. Sayer Treble	Robert W. Cole 5
*Andrew Jopp 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Leonard Mills 3	Walter H. Raxter 7
†Allan Russell 4	Fred C. Pugh Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Terrence W. Brighton .. Treble	R. Joy Watkins 4
Jennifer Pearce 2	Alan E. Hartley 5
Derek J. Jones 3	A. W. Alan Leggett .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

(Sheffield and District Society)

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt

Neil Donovan Treble	David Nichols 3
Richard J. Tibbetts 2	Frederick J. Jackson .. 4
Stuart Armeson Tenor	

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Rung in memoriam Fabian Stephen. R.I.P.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul 1-2	Richard J. Parker 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke 3-4	James R. White 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

BIRMINGHAM.—At The Union, University Poad, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul 1-2	Richard J. Parker 5-6
John R. Insley 3-4	*Rupert A. Clarke 7-8
James R. White 9-10	

Arranged by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* 200th peal.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 104, Holy Wing, Bede College.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Ruth Horwood 1-2	Malcolm E. Johnson 3-4
David J. Marshall (cond.)	5-6

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tues., Oct. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Edward J. Beer 5-6
*Frank J. Matthews 3-4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., Oct. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob, with 258 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
*Margaret A. Parker 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal in eight methods "in hand."

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HALF PEAL

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On July 20th, 2,520 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Oxford and Kent (spiced), 360 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): R. Amos 1, R. Chapman 2, R. J. Sharpe 3, D. Hammond 4, W. Rivitt 5, E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stewart 1, E. J. Bragg 2, D. Elsmore 3, Mary Davey 4, Edna Siggery 5, W. H. Viggers 6, T. Page (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the Mary Bragg memorial dedication service.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Drage (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Sinden 2, Dr. J. L. Garraway 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. Wyld 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Nicholas Davies and Brenda Foster, married this day.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Perrott 1, Sal Parrott 2, A. Walker 3, J. L. Hayns (first of Doubles "inside") 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, S. Mortimore (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles 1, 2, 5, Rung by Leatherhead District members on the morning of the Guildford Guild dinner.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hedcock 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bridges, on their 34th wedding anniversary this day.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Renee Sturges 2, Rosemary Kemp 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 7, F. E. Fagg 8.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Harris 1, Margaret Coombs 2, Caroline Stewart 3, P. Woolven 4, D. R. McLean 5, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2 and 3. By Nottingham U.S.C.R.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Marriott 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss P. J. Hillson 3, F. C. Hulatt (first of Major) 4, C. M. Payne 5, E. P. Inskip 6, D. A. Hammond 7, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Inskip (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Helen E. Gilbert 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn 1, A. L. Lawrence 2, Miss M. Simons 3, H. Lawrence 4, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Carol C. Bunn (first Minor) 1, A. B. Eldridge 2, L. H. Bennett 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (first of Minor as cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. First of Minor by the parish team. For Harvest Thanksgiving and a farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. J. Field) and his wife, on their retirement after ten years in the parish. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Standing 1, Christine A. McGarrick (first of Minor) 2, Carol C. Bunn (first of Minor "inside") 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. L. Jones (first on ten) 1, R. Jean Henderson (first of Caters) 2, R. J. Cooles 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, Veronica E. Dunne 5, Julie E. Surgeon (first on ten) 6, A. F. Udall 7, M. J. Wycherley 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. H. Lott 10. For Evensong.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot (first of Major) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, W. Nicholson 3, D. G. Hall 4, P. H. Gardner 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, P. D. Wenham 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Talbot 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, A. Boyd 3, P. D. Wenham 4, J. Close 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, I. Hope 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Payne 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond. 600) 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne (cond. 660) 5, N. J. Smith 6. For Patronal Festival. Also 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, T. J. Wellen 2, Miss R. Weal 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, J. F. Payne 5, P. Payne 6.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,266 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, E. Webber 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, L. Cavill (first "inside") 4, C. Lock 5, R. Somerfield 6. Rung after the induction of Preb. P. Cowley to this living. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith 1, E. Webber 2, J. Aldridge (cond.) 3, L. Cavill 4, C. Lock 5, A. Weisber 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

QUARTER PEALS

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, R. Newson 2, F. Sutton 3, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, W. W. Cousins 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6, H. B. Fuller 7, O. P. Claxton (first on the tenor) 8. For Evensong.

EASTON, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Bullock 1, R. K. Williams 2, P. G. Hickey 3, E. C. Biggs 4, S. B. Bell (first as cond.) 5, W. D. Cook 6. To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Senlac. Also for St. Luke's Day.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Miss K. Catherine 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, —, Teinnidiff 6, Dr. D. Hollis 7, Miss T. Brown 8. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 16th, 1,439 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, V. P. Evans (first of Caters "inside") 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, J. Goodall 5, J. R. Holmes 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. L. Squires 8, H. R. Woods 9, A. Crawford (first on ten) 10. For Patronal Festival.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Drury 1, R. J. Ellis 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, J. A. Underwood 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, R. J. Fordham 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

HARKSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Christian 1, M. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes (cond.) 4, R. Lockwood 5.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, Miss D. Sreet (cond. 600) 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. H. Payton (cond. 660) 4, M. D. Fuller 5. For the induction of the new Rector.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob, Grandsire): R. W. R. Percy 1, Janet M. Percy 2, Christine M. Baldock 3, S. F. Buckland 4, Mrs. B. Percy 5, I. V. J. Smith 6, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 7, C. A. Levett 8. First of Spliced Triples 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. To celebrate the novocentenary of Battle of Senlac.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G. Locke 3, M. Gregory 4, D. Huddleston 5, R. Huddleston (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HENDON, MIDDY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Liz Pearce (first quarter) 1, Sue Ellis 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, W. Knight 4, G. Ellis (cond.) 5, Ruth Foreman 6. For Parish Communion.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mitchell 1, Lynn I. Clowe (first "inside") 2, C. J. Groome 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods/variants): Delphine E. L. Holman 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. C. Randall 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, P. Ebsworth 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cox, parents of the conductor.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Exton 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, R. B. Mills (cond.) 5—6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Worthington (first quarter) 1, A. W. Childs 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. J. Robinson 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, K. Perrin 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. D. Howells, on leaving to become Rector of Tring.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret R. Durrington (first on ten) 1, June Sinfield 2, Diana M. Frost 3, H. B. Whitney 4, Valerie Willard 5, J. Sinfield 6, K. Jackson (first on ten) 7, K. Spavins 8, A. J. Frost (cond.) 9, R. Woodruff 10. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Willard. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,296 Minor (St. Clement's and Cambridge): Margaret R. Durrington 1, Diana M. Frost 2, H. B. Whitney 3, A. J. Frost (cond.) 4, K. Jackson 5, E. Conquest 6.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ, on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: T. Hesketh 1, M. Snape 2, J. Brown 3, A. Martin 4, D. Jones 5, D. Moore 6, J. Pryor 7, D. Wilford 8, A. McFall 9, E. Birkett 10, T. Fitzgerald 11, R. Smith (cond.) 12.

MICHELEVER, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Waller 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton 5, M. Palmer 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes 5, F. A. Cullford 6.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge and Kent and Oxford): J. Swain 1, F. Knowles 2, W. Swain 3, V. Cox 4, P. H. Wright 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. M. Kortwright 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, H. Hardwidge 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to L. Childs, on the 8th anniversary of his wedding.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laverack 1, P. Raithby 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. W. Raithby 5, A. E. Chilton 6, P. Wakefield 7, H. Stevenson 8. Annual ringing of Gonher.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, W. A. Osborn 2, M. Heymann 3, D. Targett 4, H. D. Mackay 5, E. J. Targett 6. First of Kent Minor by all.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Morgan 1, Susan Holden 2, E. Patching 3, G. Holden 4, P. Holden (cond.) 5, J. List 6. To the Glory of God, and as a compliment to the four "village Evangelists."

PACKINGTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cotton (first quarter) 1, N. Cotton (first quarter first attempt) 2, W. F. Woodward 3, G. Bailey 4, J. W. Cotton 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 6.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.—On Aug. 31st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. J. N. Dalton 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, G. E. Bonham 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, P. Mehew 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Houghton 1, Shelagh Collins (cond., 100th quarter) 2, F. Sutton 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding 7, T. Simmons 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Ann Mew 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, C. F. Mew 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, A. R. Millidge (cond., 100th quarter on bells) 6. A welcome to Rev. J. E. Sealy as priest-in-charge of All Saints', Putney.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Dallison 1, I. Goacher 2, A. J. Bull 3, W. Dunn 4, K. Dallison 5, D. D. Atfield 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, G. West 8. For Hospital Sunday.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Andrews 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, E. J. Beer 3, C. T. Osenon (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, P. Chidwick 6, S. Sandford 7, G. Philpott 8, B. Jemmett 9, L. Crouch 10. A welcome to the new Dean, the Very Rev. S. W. Betts.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Jean Dale 1, D. Fellows 2, Celia Bland 3, P. Dale 4, P. J. Fells 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

ST. PETER'S-IN-TANET, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): I. Whorlow (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Whorlow 2, Miss S. Wenden 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, G. Firman 7, W. Bridges 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Whorlow (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, Miss M. Elsdon 5, G. Firman 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. In memoriam Mr. J. A. Russell.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Rees 1, Miss D. Wilson (cond.) 2, R. Penn (first "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Rees 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sutton 1, W. Cousins 2, Shelagh Collins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, L. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, T. Simmons 8.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Overend (first quarter) 1, W. C. Shute 2, C. E. Bishop 3, A. F. Matthews 4, E. C. Burt 5, G. C. Grant 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Lovell 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombs 4, J. Lambard 5, W. Kingsbury 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to Candy and Ronald Ballam (ringer at this tower).

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gumbrell 1, K. Underwood 2, E. Warner 3, J. Avenall 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. A wedding compliment to Miss C. White and Mr. D. Tubbs.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, L. J. Gregory 2, C. East 3, H. G. Rand 4, J. Eustace (cond.) 5, W. H. Ayris 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wing Commander Patrick Brunnett, interred this day.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

BARNES—PARISH.—The engagement is announced between John Barnes, of Orpington, Kent, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, and Anne, daughter of the late Dr. T. N. Parish and of Mrs. Parish, Hazels, Cranbrook, Kent. 246

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GOSLING.—Will ringing friends please note that the name and address of Miss C. Wickens, of Charlwood Tower, is now: Mrs. D. Gosling, 5, Longbridge Road, Horley, Surrey. 233

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."—II Timothy iii, 16.

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Dinner will be held at Wells Town Hall on November 12th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names essential with remittance of £1 to Mr. D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Bristol, by November 1st.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Our Annual Dinner will be held in the Three Tuns Hotel, New Elvet, on Saturday, December 3rd. Tickets (25/-) from Miss P. Armitage, St. Mary's College, Durham, not later than November 23rd. Ringing arrangements with tickets. 245

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

College of Campanology

On the retirement of the Founder Principal at the close of ten years of life of the College, the Governors, with regret, hereby notify all members and interested persons of the closing down of the organised work of the College, with its dissolution as from the end of its academic year just closed. The decision has been reached as the result of circumstances detailed in the terminal bulletin recently issued to all active members and affiliated schools of ringing. The Principal and other members of the Administrative Committee would place on record their deep appreciation of all the support and encouragement which have enabled the College to achieve such as it has, and for recent tributes to its work and place in the Exercise.

EDNA Jones, Registrar.

Southsea,
October, 1966.

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ST. MARY'S, FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—Owing to maintenance work there will be no ringing for two to three weeks.—R. Wake.

ST. ANDREW'S, STRATTON RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 3rd

All local towers open. Details of ringing lunch, tea and service available from H. Stacey, Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton, Cornwall. Tel Bud: 2911. 264

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

Rehung ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark (the Ven. Brian Woodhams).

On Friday, November 11th, 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome. Refreshments available later. 205

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089).—P. S. Bennett. 116

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Basford, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham. 211

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Combined method ringing practice, Lelant, Saturday, November 5th. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. All stages catered for. Methods: Grandshire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. No refreshments available. All welcome. 184

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull (6), Saturday, November 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull, by previous Thursday. 254

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing and business after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Friday, November 11th. Names for the annual dinner, to be held on January 14th, to the secretary, please. 238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 204

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ightham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Collins, Rita Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere.—T. F. Metcalfe. 234

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, November 12th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Walsden (Todmorden) on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meat and potato pie tea 5 p.m., only for those who send names to Mr. J. M. D. Bateman, 7, Ashdene, Walsden, Todmorden, by Wednesday, 9th. Business 6 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD**—Joint meeting. Nettleham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by November 10th.—G. R. P. 196

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Whaploade, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Lincs, by Tuesday, November 8th, at the latest. 192

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, November 12th. St. Mary's, Battersea Church Road, 2-3; St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea. 3.30-4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington Church Street. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Renown 4423. 249

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Lyng, Saturday, November 12th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Reepham, and ringing at Reepham after tea 5.30-8 p.m. 241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Caversham on Saturday, November 12th. Bells: St. Peter's 3-4.30 and 7-9; Mapledurham 7.30-9. Service. St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Caversham Church House 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, by Wednesday, November 9th. 262

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Meeting. Harpole, Saturday, November 12th. Important: Names for tea to Miss Anita Starmer, The Bull Inn, Harpole, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 258

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ellesmere on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells after tea from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere, Salop, by November 9th.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 243

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting. East Bridgford, November 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 198

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Method ringing practice, Perran-ar-Worthal (6), Saturday, November 12th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. K. N. Mossop, The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. Tel. Constantine 259. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Practice meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Also District committee meeting. Will all committee members please attend. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 266

SUFFOLK GUILD—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Blythburgh on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Snowling, 10, East View, Blythburgh, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 9th. Wenhamston bells (6) available 7-9 p.m.—T. N. J. B. 235

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting. Owslebury, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available at Twyford (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, November 7th. 263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District.—Evening practice at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, November 15th. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 177

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting. Bridge-rule, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, November 14th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 257

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ivychurch bells (5) available for short time, details at meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Fagg, 7, The Oval, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, by Thursday, November 17th.—A. P. S. B. 087

LADIES' GUILD—Kent Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 19th, at Milton-next-Gravesend. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 29, Wilberforce Way, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday.—S. M. D., Hon. Sec. 209

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Durham Surprise and Little Bob.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 256

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Full meeting at Brewood on Sat., November 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, 8, The Pavement, Brewood, near Stafford, by November 16th, please.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 167

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Mill House Restaurant 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keymer Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Special General Meeting

A special meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19th, to discuss proposed revisions of the District boundaries. The meeting will be held in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, Winchester, at 2 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Miss P. Hornby, Bramdean Rectory, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, November 14th. Ringing (to be confirmed) at the Cathedral from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 251

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday, November 19th. Sherburn-in-Elmet bells available 2.30. Service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Potts, North Sweetmings Farm, Lennerton, Sherburn-in-Elmet. Tadcaster bells after tea.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Priory Church, Worksop, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3.20 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea (cost 2s.), please, to Miss Phillips, 19, Cuthbert Street, Worksop. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 270

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE. — Eastern District.—Meeting. Saturday, November 12th, at St. Mary's, Gateshead. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, November 9th. 272

PETER MANCROFT 1966 OUTING

Dereham, Swaffham, Narborough, Lynn, Another journey we begin
To where a ring of ten we ring,
St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray.

Centuries old Sanctus bell,
Carillon that chimes as well,
Four-foot thick "Norman" walls that tell
Of ancient history.

On then to where the bell has birth,
From mould and core and factory earth,
Small bells, bells of greater girth,
Are made and tuned in Loughborough.

"Their sound has gone out into all lands,"
Their bells are rung by many hands
In towers and steeples by varied bands,
Surprise methods and changes.

The parish church with ring of ten,
Peal boards recording feats of men,
Stedman Caters a record when
Eighteen thousand changes were rung.
(18,027.)

Mount Sorrell, "St. Peter's," a good ring
of eight.

Sibley "St. Mary's," its history great,
The Vicar there met us and facts did relate,
While the bells were merrily ringing.

Another day had come to its close;
Before it ended, a thought for those
Who worked, arranged all and the route
chose;

Our grateful thanks to all.

D. L. M.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. William Hewett, captain at St. Margaret's, Westminster, died on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire has lost its oldest member by the death on October 12th of Mr. Jack Hall, aged 86 years.

QUARTER PEALS

LANCHESIER, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Miss P. Lees 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First in five methods 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, H. P. Thompson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First in seven methods for the band. For Harvest Festival.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: A. Lazzarini (first quarter) 1, D. Lazzarini 2, R. Mills 3, D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: A. J. House 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, K. Warner 3, K. J. Walpole 4, C. Wright 5, D. Ellesdon 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, D. Hewitt 8, M. L. J. Jordan 9, A. R. Kench 10, R. E. Hardy 11, G. Penney (cond.) 12. First of Maximus 3, 4, 5 and 7. For dedication festival.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SALOP.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beech 1, R. H. Newton 2, E. Fairbrother 3, F. Leech 4, F. Beech 5, E. Willcox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STUTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Christian 1, R. Lockwood 2, S. Christian 3, M. H. Whittell 4, A. J. Munnings 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Stephen F. High.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, Harry Hine 2, Gwynneth M. James 3, A. G. Sears (first of Doubles) 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles (first P.B. Doubles) 6. For the jubilee of the first peal on the bells.

TILGHURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Runham 1, H. Haines 2, Miss K. Baldwin 3, Mrs. Howcutt (first Triples and first in method) 4, D. Everett 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, H. Haynes 8. A farewell compliment to H. Haynes.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas 1, D. E. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, A. J. Slade 4, I. L. Dear 5, E. T. Newnham 6, R. Durrant 7, H. Duncan (50th quarter) 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. C. Austin 10. Ring half-muffled prior to the service held to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the death of Harold, King of England and founder and benefactor of Waltham Abbey.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise: R. Spencer 1, H. T. Rooke 2, D. Whetton 3, F. Cooke 4, B. A. Richards 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Feast Evensong.

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