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A COLOURFUL CHARACTER IN LONDON RINGING

Mr. William H. Hewett

TALKING to "The Times" in 1959, the late Mr. A. A. Hughes gave as his only regret the disappearance of the "odd, colourful characters we used to have years ago." The death of William H. Hewett has removed probably the last of them from the London scene. A taxi-driver for many years, with a dry sense of humour, he could keep one amused for hours with stories of some of his fares. Despite a reputation of never being on time for a peal he was a splendid ringer and conductor, who figured in the "Leading Conductors" series in this journal, on April 7th, 1939 (a series which could well be reprinted for its historic interest alone).

He deserves to be remembered for several reasons. He rang at Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day, 1918, the last time the old six were rung. In fact one bell, I am told, could only be chimed — the Abbey bells at that time were hardly ever used. He criticised this state of affairs so effectively to the Abbey authorities that his advice was sought soon afterwards by Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, and it was not long before there was an announcement made that an anonymous donor, later revealed as Lord Lee of Fareham (who also presented "Chequers" to the nation), was giving a new ring of eight to the Abbey. It was also Mr. Hewett's suggestion that the Kent County Association's memorial to members who died in the first World War should take the form of the addition of two trebles to the then ten at Canterbury Cathedral; and he must be given the credit of being the first to advocate the holding of joint meetings between Associations.

In Bill Hewett's heyday St. Margaret's had an excellent band, most of them doubtless now forgotten by the Exercise in general but, in my time, men like Reuben Sanders, a superb heavy-bell ringer and striker who died earlier this year; James E. Davis, with over 1,000 peals to his name; George M. Kilby, one of the band who pioneered Spliced Surprise Major ringing beyond the four standard methods; and Edwin F. Pike, a gentle character for whom somehow everyone felt sorry. I recall being taken by my father to a practice there, about 1931, when Pudsey Royal was being practised, an almost unheard of method in those days (Mr. Hewett in fact called the first peal of it). One of the band set up towards the end of a course because that was where his diagram had run out and he hadn't realised he had only to reverse an earlier part of it! Times change — but no band would ring St. Margaret's bells better today, if as well.

Others will, I believe, write of his ringing career, but one or two highlights are worth mentioning. His peal total at the time of the 1939 article was 465, of which he had conducted 91, so that in all he must have rung over 500. These included 7,392 Cambridge Maximus and 10,440 Cambridge Royal. About half his peals were on ten or twelve bells; at the other end of the scale was the first peal on the pre-Reformation five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. But it is for his long and devoted service to St. Margaret's, Westminster, that he will most be remembered by those who knew him.

E. A. B.

THE PEAL BOOKS

The Peal Books of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, by a decision made at the annual meeting held at Berkeley in 1965, are now discontinued and with the exception of the record peal of 143 Minor methods rung at Castle Eaton on December 2nd, 1963, the last entry is a peal of Doubles rung at Great Barrington on December 27th, 1958. This was the 2,720th peal for the Association, thus there are recorded 2,721 peals in the eleven volumes.

Until the late A. E. Reeves became peal secretary in 1934 the writing up of the peals had not been done by the peal secretary; in fact, there is no record of any peal secretary until 1921 when G. Condict of Bristol became the first holder of the office. In that year peal fees and affiliation by Parochial Church Councils were also instituted. Peals had been written up before 1921, by the end of 1920 there had been rung for the Association 1,020 peals and of these only 200 had been written, the work being done by one, John Beams, who would appear to have continued doing it until 1929. I know nothing of John Beams, who he was or where he lived, but he did do a good job of writing.

In 1922 Albert Wright, who lived at Pitchcombe, Stroud, took office and continued until his death in November, 1934; he did not himself write up any of the peals.

It was in 1934 that Alf Reeves took on the job, of catching up on what must have been a large number of unwritten peals, and his last entry in the books was a peal at Newland, in the Forest of Dean, dated 25th April, 1957; it was of Minor and was peal No. 2,626. The books were then right up to date and the job was handed over, a work well done, a lasting memorial to a great man. Alf Reeves was succeeded by F. S. Wilton, who held the office for five years, during which period 354 peals were rung, but of these only 58 were entered in the book.

Eric Sutton took on the formidable task in 1962 of trying to catch up on these arrears, but by the date of the A.G.M. in 1965, when Mrs. Wratten became peal secretary, another 320 peals had been rung, and there were now 616 peals which had not been written up, with the rate of peals still increasing.

The Management Committee gave a lot of thought to the problem, Eric Sutton was willing to go on writing, and the A.G.M. were to be recommended to agree that when the present book became full the writing up should cease but the A.G.M. thought that it was too much to expect, and decided to stop at once; their resolution is written into the book, it is the end of a long and beautiful work.

The books had at one time been kept in the Vestry of St. Thomas's Church in Bristol, and in 1930 the Association spent £4 10s. 0d. on a steel cabinet and the books were transferred to the basement of Church House, Bristol, where they were locked up, out of sight, and available for inspection only on application to the Association's secretary. I was only asked once for the key, and once went myself to inspect and dust the books. In later years one of the books had always been on show at the annual meetings, generally the one in use at the time. At one time I kept a book at Churchdown, and by a letter to "The Ringing World" made it known that anyone could see it there, but no one came.

Now the books have been deposited into the care of the City of Bristol Archives, and when St. Nicholas' Church becomes a museum it is hoped that one volume will be on display there. The books remain the property of the Association, and are available for inspection at reasonable hours by any member of the public—it would be best if possible to make prior application to The Bristol City Archives Office, The Council House, Bristol, quoting No. 24,701.

There are eleven books covering (1) 1879-1897, (2) 1897-1902, (3) 1902-1909, (4) 1909-1917, (5) 1917-1919 and some between 1886-1889, as well as a "Toll of the Great War". The next six volumes are all styled "New Series" and are numbered I to VI. They contain: (6) 1919-1924, (7) 1924-1928, (8) 1928-1935, (9) 1935-1947, (10) 1947-1952, (11) 1952-1958.

The first cost of a peal book that I have been able to find was £2 15s. 0d. in 1925, but that was not the first volume; in 1951 the last of the books cost £16 14s. 9d. and a very conservative estimate of the price today would be in the region of £50. On one occasion I had to send a volume by post, and it was insured for £1,000 just in case. It is hoped that now that the books are available many more will avail themselves of the opportunity to examine the work of Alfred Reeves and the others who have done so much work for the G. and B. Association.

CHARLES ROUSE, Hon. Secretary.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' 329th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A YEAR OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS REVIEWED—GIFT OF HANDBELLS—PRAISE TO THE CUMBERLANDS—ONLY LADY MEMBER & HUSBAND HAVE 49 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

A YEAR of exceptionally brilliant ringing was reported to the Ancient Society of College Youths at its 329th anniversary dinner at the Albert Restaurant, Albert Embankment, London, on November 5th. A capacity attendance of 204 welcomed the Master, Mr. J. D. Rock, as he was escorted to his seat by Mr. A. J. Frost, senior steward.

Peals reported included:

Cambridge Maximus, St. Paul's Cathedral;
Cambridge Maximus, Liverpool Cathedral,
at which Peter Border rang the tenor
single-handed;

Three peals of Stedman Cinques rung
simultaneously in the City of London;
Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town
Hall.

According to custom, the Master proposed the toast of "The Church" and welcomed the company to "Swinging London" and expressed the hope that when closing time came it would not be too "swinging."

There was some significance about the year —66, he said. It was in 1066 that Edward the Confessor built Westminster Abbey, and in 1666 there was the Great Fire of London. 1966 would be remembered as the year the College Youths left the Bridge House for their annual dinner. They would return to the City of London next year and had already booked Bucklersbury House in the heart of the City of London.

He made no apology for associating ringing with a toast of "The Church." He considered that their meetings and organisation was as much a part of the Church as some of the other activities. In the past it had been considered that their ringing was a little divorced from the Church. With that he entirely disagreed. All of them owed a tremendous duty to the Church and as ringers their interests were centred around the life of the Church.

He was a parson's son and purposely he had taken wine with the clergy and the sons of clergy present. He did so because since the age of ten his main interest apart from work had been in bells. He recalled that in 1942 Leslie Evans in Herefordshire got about eight young men and taught them to ring, and they had a wonderful time cycling around visiting the churches.

ACHIEVEMENT

The great benefit of ringing was the thrill and satisfaction of achieving something. Many of them worked in humble jobs that did not give them much satisfaction, but they did ring and obtained a great sense of satisfaction from it. "There is nothing more satisfying than completing a really good peal. It might be quite ordinary but when it happened it was well worth it."

In ringing they met a lot of interesting people and they were pleased to have with them that night George Fearn, the only man alive to ring 2,000 peals. There was also Peter Border, who had turned in Liverpool tenor to a peal single-handed, and Pat Cannon, who had probably rung a combined total of different towers to peals and peals more than any other man. There were also some who they missed at this gathering who were no longer with them—Ernest Fenn, who was Master of the Society for seven years, and the cheerful face of Reginald Dennis.

The Ven. Martin Sullivan, Archdeacon of London, replied and said quite a number of people in the City of London told him that he was an Australian. When he replied that he was a New Zealander they commented that they lived close together. There were 1,800 miles of sea between them. If one told a Scotsman that he was Welsh and it did not matter as they lived close together there would be a strong protest.

The Archdeacon said he rang bells in his youth, but it was not scientific ringing but rounds and hymns. For 329 years their



THE MASTER, MR. J. D. ROCK

Society had been sending out the message of sound over city and countryside week by week and they would never know how many hearts had been stirred by that message. Their service was one of the imponderables.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Mr. W. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who said that many members of his family, both past and present, had taken a close interest in the Society's activities. Some of them might remember that his father was for many years a treasurer of the Society and also a Past Master, and his father before him was likewise a treasurer and a Past Master.

"My other grandfather, W. D. Smith, was also a Past Master," continued Mr. Hughes, "and, strange to relate, his father and one of his grandfathers were members of the other London Society—the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths."

When founded, change ringing was practised as a sport, but over the years it had become more closely bound in the service of the Church. He believed that the vast majority of ringers would agree that it must be the fundamental principal behind their activities. Although territorial and diocesan associations had been formed to cover most areas in the country, their Society held a unique position among ringers, with a membership drawn from all parts of the country and abroad. The success of their Society relied on the hard work of the officers and the enthusiasm of the members, and it was remarkable that since 1892 it had had only four secretaries and the last had only just completed his first year of office.

Mr. J. G. A. Prior, making his first reply as secretary, followed in traditional lines by reporting on the year's activities. He said they had thought that the unexpected change of venue and the inevitable increase in the price of tickets would have led to a marked decrease in the attendance, but their fears were groundless and the number present that night of 204 was well up to standard.

APOLOGIES

These had been received from Bishop Wand, Dean of Westminster, Canons Gilbert Thurlow and M. Stancliffe, the Revs. J. McCulloch and N. Motley, Messrs. Nelson, Sloan, George Symonds, T. G. Fox, Albert Tyler, Harry Miles, Henry Hodgetts, A. York-Bramble, A.

Richards, W. Moreton, F. E. Hansford, Comdr. Tim Watt and George Pipe. Henry Hodgetts, now 83, mentioned dinners at the Bridge House more than 60 years ago, which were like Lord Mayors' banquets and tickets were only 3s. 6d. each.

Since the last meeting they had elected 32 new members, viz., H. E. McDonald, Victoria, Australia; M. R. Ashmore, Harrow; S. G. Scott, Bracknell; D. Kirk Stedman, Sussex; H. R. Thomas, Brecon; M. T. Johns, Brecon; B. Rogers, Walton-on-Thames; J. R. Dyke, Wallingford; A. M. Faulkner, Woodford; A. D. Sansom, Cranford; D. L. Cawley, Whitstable; M. J. Uphill, Putney; M. C. Hughes, Knowle; C. T. Hills, Willesborough; J. Davidge, Epsom; P. G. Brown, Chelmsford; R. Aldington, King's Norton; T. J. Warner, Olton; R. A. Hunt, Ruskington; F. Shawcross, Ashton-under-Lyne; J. Ker-shaw, Walsden; J. A. Ainsworth, Halesowen; M. J. Hiller, Bradpole; D. F. Moore, Birstall; A. J. Martin, Oxtou; C. Bryant, Whipton; H. Russell, Perth, W.A.; J. Cloughton, Ringwood; E. Hudson, Sharow; K. Fleming, Ampthill; M. Marriott, Bedford; E. W. Harrison, Newcastle upon Tyne.

NOTABLE PEALS

"It has often been said that we are not a peal ringing Society but each year the secretary reports quite a healthy crop of peals. This year we have recorded a total of 32 peals, including some of more than usual interest. In December last there was a peal of Bristol at Westminster Abbey to mark the beginning of the Abbey's 900th anniversary year, and those who know the Abbey bells will appreciate that this was a fine performance, especially by the tenor man, Jack Crampion. There is to be another peal attempt at the Abbey to mark the close of the anniversary year. In March there was a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first of Maximus there for very many years, to which John and Michael Chilcott rang the tenor in splendid style."

In July, to mark the City of London Festival, three peals of Stedman Cinques were rung simultaneously and for the most part the bands consisted of members who regularly ring in the City.

"In August, at Liverpool Cathedral, there took place what must surely rank as the finest heavy bell performance in living memory, perhaps of all time, the ringing of a peal of Cambridge Maximus with Peter Border on the tenor (Applause.) We are very proud of the fact that the peal was rung for the Society and tonight we would like to offer to Peter and the rest of the band our sincere congratulations."

In October there was a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town Hall in honour of the 84th birthday of Lester Gray. "We are delighted to have Lester with us tonight looking as spry and youthful and as cheeky as ever." At St. Giles, Cripplegate, also in October, the Society rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in four methods, the first to be rung in London.

OBITUARY

The company stood while the following who had died during the year were remembered: H. F. Ashley, Bulkington (joined 1950); James Brackley, Old Woking (1951); Vincent T. Cherrill, Reading (1946); Alfred J. Clayton, Beddington (1900); Peter Crook, sen., Bolton (1924); Peter S. Davis, South Croydon (1952); T. Reginald Dennis, Cambridge (1911); Ernest G. Fenn, Barking (1899); Colin Harrison, Loughborough (1928); William H. Hewett, Camberwell (1915); Leslie C. W. Hunter, Chilworth (1962); John Pinfold, King's Norton (1944); Albert J. Pitman, Port Talbot (1949); Herbert G. Pratt, Croydon (1919); Thomas Rogers, Wallasey (1953); Reuben Sanders, Balham (1916); Kenneth Snelling, Crawley (1936); A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham (1921);

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Hobart E. Smith, Ipswich (1942); John W. Ward, Melbourn, Cambs (1930).

After referring to the highly successful meeting in Gloucestershire, arranged by Mr. Leslie Barry, the secretary said that for next year they had accepted the invitation of Tom Chapman to go to Northamptonshire.

GIFT OF HANDBELLS

"During the year we have had the splendid gift of a set of 12 handbells, arranged for tune tapping, in a special case, which are a link with Matthew A Wood, who was Master of the Society over a hundred years ago. We had no knowledge of the existence of these handbells until Mrs. H. K. Nicoll, last surviving daughter of Matthew Wood, now an old lady of over 90, wrote to Whitechapel Bell Foundry to say that she would like to present the bells to the Society. Needless to say we were delighted to accept the gift and the handbells are here tonight for your inspection. They have been cleaned and put into good order by Mears and Stainbank, who have also had a commemorative plaque affixed to the lid. It is interesting to note that the bells were ordered for Mrs. Nicoll by Matthew A Wood, who was Master in 1856 and 1859 from Mr. Arthur Hughes, the then head of the foundry, who was Master in 1907, and that there is a note in the case written by Mr W. D. Smith, who was Master in 1891, 1903 and 1904. Mr. Arthur Hughes and Mr. W. D. Smith were the grandfathers of Bill and Douglas Hughes. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Nicoll for her gift and to Bill and Douglas for the work they have done."

Concluding, Mr. Prior mentioned the golden wedding of Frank and Elsie Hairs, who were both members of the Society. Never before had such an event taken place and under the present rules there could not be another. Only nine ladies had been elected to membership and Mrs. Hairs was the only survivor. They all hoped they would be present at next year's dinner when both of them would have completed 50 years' membership, each having joined in 1917.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed "The Visitors and Kindred Societies" and said "bearing in mind the recent article in 'The Ringing World' it had been suggested that a soulful rendering of 'Come into the garden, Maud' would more readily fit in with the mood of the evening than an ill-starred attempt to cover up the blatant and piratical speech-preaching activities of the top brass."

CAMPANOLOGICAL CAULDRON

In thanking Canon G. R. Dunstan for the hospitality on St. Benedict's Day at Westminster Abbey, Mr. Corby said this would be the last time the Canon would be with them in his present capacity as superintendent of the belfry, Westminster Abbey. He was shortly moving into the wild and uncharted Midlands to become Canon Theologian of Leicester Cathedral. During this special year at the Abbey the lid of the campanological cauldron had been slightly lifted and Canon Dunstan had been able to see, no doubt to his intense horror, that there were a few misguided ringers who offered their loyalty to ringing organisations other than the Society. Alas, at Leicester he would find that the gullible natives had been subjected to the proselytising activities of some who should be nameless, but were not entirely unconnected with the present toast.

"However, from the proper grounding in the true faith that he has received from Harold Pistow, we feel sure he will not become a deviationist and his affection for this Society will remain unsullied."

There were no fewer than 31 counties—English and Welsh—represented that night, including a group of 14 from the Liverpool area, under the flag of leek and crossbones manfully displayed by Tudor Edwards.

In a welcome to the Master of the Cumberlands Mr. Corby said they admired the energy and enthusiasm Mr. Beresford had brought to his task. "I have been honoured by his Society by being asked to compeer a number of remarkable performances in the realm of non-conducted and Spliced Surprise Major and of hearing some really first-class ringing."

Canon Dunstan and Mr. Dennis Beresford replied. The latter spoke of the great privilege the Cumberlands had had this year in ringing at the Abbey and the privilege extended to him of attending a business meeting of the Ancient Society.

"THE MASTERS OF 300, 200 AND 100 YEARS AGO"

This concluding toast was proposed by the Master, who said William Stewkly was elected Master in 1666, having joined the Society in 1658. Among the members in Stewkly's time were Sir Francis Withins, Sir Martin Lomly, Sir Richard Everard M.P., John Brereton (son of Lord Brereton) and Sir Henry Tulse, later Lord Mayor of London.

The year 1766 fell in the period when there were two Societies of College Youths—the "Ancient" and the "Junior." At this period the Junior Society was the more active; but they had no record of the name of either Master.

George Mash was elected Master in 1866. He joined the Society in 1858, and was only 26 years old when he became Master. He was for a long time steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark (now Southwark Cathedral), a job which his father James, his son, George, and his grandson, Thomas, also did. He was a man who was respected by all for his good nature and invariable courtesy. He took part in 85 peals, including the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, and was a foundation member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild. He died in 1893 at the early age of 53 having been Master of the Society three times.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung in impeccable style by W. T. Cook 1-2, W. Wilson 3-4, M. V. Chilcott 5-6, J. E. Chilcott 7-8, P. A. F. Chalk 9-10, M. P. Moreton 11-12.

THE COMPANY

Top Table.—The Master, the Ven. M. G. Sullivan (Archdeacon of London), Canon G. R. Dunstan, the Revs. D. Harbord (St. Botolph's, Aldgate), E. J. Rogers (St. Giles' Cripplegate), J. F. D. Trimmingham (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), A. J. Frost (senior steward), P. A. Corby (junior steward), J. F. Smallwood (trustee), J. A. Waugh (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), D. Beresford (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), P. A. F. Chalk, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, H. N. Pittow, W. R. Winterton.

Others present: Messrs. R. Aldington, J. A. Anderson, K. Arthur, M. R. Ashmore, H. E. Audsley.

A. E. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, R. E. I. Baker, R. F. Baker, L. Barry, D. A. Bayles, A. W. Beard, F. H. Bennett, A. J. S. Berry, P. Bird, H. E. Bishop, J. H. Bluff, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, F. W. Budgen, D. Burnett, A. A. J. Buswell.

J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, G. Challans, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. A. Clarke, C. T. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. Coates, M. W. Coleman, W. H. Coles, F. E.

Collins, R. J. Cook, F. Cooke, J. B. Cooke, C. K. Cooper, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, J. H. Crampin, M. Cubitt, F. J. Cullum.

D. T. Darby, F. E. Darby, A. J. Davidson, R. E. J. Dennis, L. Derrick, J. R. Dyke, P. J. Dye.

R. G. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, B. Eglesfield.

A. M. Faulkner, G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, John H. Fielden, J. Fox, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox, J. L. Garner-Hayward, J. G. Gipson, C. J. Gould, E. Gower, L. L. Gray.

F. E. Hansford, R. Harris, R. W. H. Hayes, F. E. Haynes, D. Highton, K. J. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, C. Hibbert, J. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, M. J. Hillier, D. P. Hilling, R. W. Hinde, E. Holdsworth, S. J. Holgate, M. Hooton, J. Howard, M. Hughes, R. A. Hunt, E. R. Iveson.

D. Jenner, D. Jewell, M. T. Johns, C. M. P. Johnson, B. Jones, E. G. Jones.

A. R. Kench, R. Kenrick, J. Kershaw, S. F. Kimber, C. H. Kippin.

R. J. Lee, A. F. Lewry, D. J. Llewellyn, J. H. Lott, C. Low, Rev. B. K. Lunn.

F. D. Mack, L. Mackie, A. G. Mason, J. S. Mason, D. Massey, G. W. Massey, I. Maycock, R. B. Meadows, D. Moore, M. P. Moreton, B. Murdick, D. Murdick, P. Murdick.

F. J. Nelson, C. E. Norris, R. E. Norris, R. F. Overington.

H. L. Parfrey, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. Patterson, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, J. B. Pickup, H. A. Pinchbeck, R. W. Piron.

D. Randall, E. R. Rapley, W. J. Rawlings, W. A. Riddington, D. T. H. Robertson, E. P. Rock, C. H. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, P. Rothera, M. Rowbottom, E. J. Rowe, R. K. Russ.

J. B. Sansom, T. J. Setter, R. Sherlock, C. Simpson, B. F. Sims, F. W. Slocombe, A. H. Smith, M. Snape, K. G. Spavins, R. Starkie, R. C. Stevens, A. Stimson, A. N. Stubbs.

D. Taylor, E. Taylor, L. R. G. Taylor, C. A. Tester, W. A. Theobald, M. R. Thomas, B. D. Threlfall.

A. F. Udall, E. R. Venn, R. A. Vickers, L. Walters, T. J. Warner, D. Whetton, B. White, T. W. White, W. Williams, J. Willis, K. Wilson, A. C. Winn, J. Worth, M. R. Wycherley, B. J. Wyld, W. A. Yates, D. G. Yeo.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Lady as R.M. of Rochester District**

The Rochester District held its annual general meeting on October 15th in the new £15,000 Church Hall, which adjoins St. Botolph's Church, Northfleet. Previously the Northfleet ringers and friends had entertained the 60 ringers present to tea. In appreciation of this kind gesture the sum of £15 was collected for the Parish Hall Fund.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. Glandfield), who had conducted the service, also presided at the meeting. Members stood in silent tribute to the many District members who had died during the past year. A comprehensive annual report was presented by Mr. T. Barton (District secretary) and adopted. Thanks were accorded to him and to two retiring from office—Mr. B. Trill, Ringing Master, and Mr. D. S. Osenton, District representative.

Miss Joan Haywood was elected the first lady District Ringing Master, Mr. Barton continues as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Ray Finch and F. J. Cheal District representatives. Mr. L. Mitchell (Newington) proposed the vote of thanks.

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Letters to the Editor

FORMER COMMITTEE MEMBER'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—The last part of Mr. Howard Freeborn's letter in the issue of the 4th inst. ("any change would probably be for the worse") has been proved true by the new heading of that issue. If this is the committee's start of "improvement" then I dread to imagine what "The Ringing World" will be like in a few years' time. That style of heading would, to my mind, be quite suitable for a supermarket's list of cheap offers, as that particular style looks cheap and is out of place.

Is it another of the committee's "improvements" to relegate the founder's name to the seventh page, or are they going to drop Jack Goldsmith's name eventually? Shortage of space cannot be the reason, as there is over an inch of space to spare on the front page alone.

Apart from local ringers, I have just had the opportunity of meeting some London ringers and the consensus of opinion is "cheap."

If you want to lose more readers then carry on with the "improvements," but I would again quote Mr. Freeborn—"Don't do it"—Yours sincerely, F. I. HAIRS.
Groombridge Sussex

PREVIOUS DESIGN

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to say a little about the proposal for a new design for the front page of "The Ringing World"?

This is not a new idea. As long ago as Whitsundie, 1953, when the Central Council met at Bournemouth, I urged "The Ringing World" Committee to make such a change and, at the same time, I submitted to Mr. J. F. Smallwood a design for this purpose which was drawn by Mr. C. Cullen, who is a ringer and one of the leading commercial artists in London. He is the gentleman who wrote, without charge, in beautiful and dignified lettering, the Ringers' Roll of Honour for World War II.

"The Ringing World" Committee were not keen on accepting my proposal at the time but assured me that the committee had already thought of making a change in the layout of page one, and that such a change would be made soon. That was 13 years ago!

Has this design by Mr. Cullen been considered recently? If not, why not? If it has been considered and rejected I should be glad if the drawing could be returned to me as soon as possible.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

UNORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—How can Mr. John Pladdys have the audacity to state that Mr. Whitaker's composition of 720 Stedman Triples is not original when he frequently publishes unoriginal "compositions" of Plain Bob Major? I refer in particular to a recent "composition" of his published on page 670 of "The Ringing World." This "composition" was first shown to me several years ago by my old friend Mr. B. R. Douglas and was as old as the hills when his grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Spriggs, showed it to him!

In any case, who wants to conduct (or even ring!) a one-part peal containing 15 courses of unmusical 468's for the sole purpose of obtaining Queens and Whittington? The composition also possesses the unforgivable fault of having six consecutive calls at Wrong, a step which appears to be only necessary for handbell compositions.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. WILLIAMS.

London, W.C.

THE "NEW" "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—For many weeks readers of "The Ringing World" have been subjected to so much propaganda on the subject that they have been brain-washed into thinking that a change in the journal's title was called for; so much so that they have been led to believe that Mr. Pipe's splendid new design was something they could hardly wait to admire. "The Ringing World" Committee have put in hours of work and travelled hundreds of miles, we are told, in their efforts to produce an improved and attractive "Ringing World," whose increased appeal would boost its sales. What a hoax!

When I saw this first result of their deliberations I was horrified and dismayed. "The Ringing World" now has the appearance of a cut-price third-rate parish magazine, whose founders' aim was to produce, without any regard for the eye of the reader, the cheapest magazine possible. The new type is most unattractive, and the background which we have enjoyed for as long as we can remember has disappeared. Such stark, unrelieved inanity is quite unworthy of both our art and its journal.

What was wrong with the original design?—or did familiarity (only) breed contempt? Perhaps some member of "The Ringing World" Committee would tell us what criticisms had been made to them, or what induced them to foist this abomination upon "Ringing World" readers. Let us hope that this is only an experiment and that it is not intended to be an irrevocable decision.

There must be others besides myself who feel that it was most fitting that the background to the journal of our activities as church bellringers should have been Canterbury Cathedral, the centre and "father" church of religion in these islands, and of the whole Anglican Communion, and that it should be reinstated—or are we to see in its deletion that the committee is recognising the present lamentable trend towards the secularisation of ringing, when the lure of a peal is greater than that of duty to God and His Church?

If this new design is the committee's first step towards the new and more attractive "Ringing World" we have been led to anticipate, then heaven preserve us from the second and subsequent ones.—Yours faithfully,

Stoke Poges.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

RINGER-CHORISTER RECORD

Dear Sir,—In your correspondence columns of August 28th 1966, someone asked if there was anyone who could equal or beat the record of Mr. T. Gascoigne as ringer and chorister mentioned in Mr. J. W. Raithby's letter. I may say that I have been a chorister for 66 years and a ringer for over 65, and am pleased to say still carrying on in both capacities.—Yours truly,

H. JOHNSON.

St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford.

AN OMISSION

Dear Sir,—I believe the composition of Plain Bob Major by Cornelius Charge on page 717 ("Ringing World," October 28th, 1966) is printed incorrectly. Surely three courses called Ws. 3H should be inserted as the 11th, 12th and 13th courses in each part, the two final courses being as printed.—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD C. STEELE

Upper Clapton.

UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISM

Dear Sir,—May I through the courtesy of this column raise the matter of touring parties making adverse criticism of the towers they have visited.

I would like in particular to question the remark of "D.R.M." of St. Katherine's Society (page 685), concerning St. James's, Grimsby: "Here two bells proved difficult to handle; investigation aloft showed that an additional frame for the two bells had been strapped to the existing one, an admirable economy but unfortunately the considerable movement of the new fixture failed to justify it."

The admirable economy referred to was part of a major reconstruction of the tower and augmentation costing the economical sum of £5,000, approximately. How any touring party can justify such a remark after only one hour's ringing is beyond me, especially as we have at Grimsby 9- and 10-year-old learners who handle these bells with aplomb. This does not of course mean that our 9- and 10-year-olds are better ringers than the St. Katherine's Society: it just means that each and every single bell in a peal has to be handled in a different manner.

A week or so before the visit of the party named we had had a visit from a Herts ringer well versed in the question of frame movements, etc.—the whole ten bells ringing in peal produced the CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT of 1/64th of one inch.

May I, with respect to D.R.M., suggest that his remarks about St. James's bells after one hour's ringing are, to say the least, stupid and ill-informed, and that he should in future stick to ringing bells and leave remarks about moving frames, etc., to the people who are experts in this field.—Yours faithfully,

F. KENNINGTON.
Captain and Secretary,
St. James's, Grimsby.

BRISTOL FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—The organisers of the fourth Bristol Festival were gratified when several people thanked them for an enjoyable day. However, it appears to have been marred by one thing.

At 12 noon a 40-minute service had been arranged at the Cathedral, which was very well supported, the Dean obviously going to some trouble to give a special sermon about ringing. Also at 12 noon a "tall fellow with glasses," who I assume to be Mr. C. Barrie Dove, of Leeds, and "a shorter chap with a bowler hat," who is assumed to be Mr. P. John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare, knocked at the door of the Vicarage of St. George's Church, East Bristol, to ask if they could ring. The Vicar was out, and his wife was doubtful whether she ought to give them the key. However, on being told that they were "University ringers," she did let them have it. In her own words, "It hardly seemed worth it—they only rang for five minutes." St. George's bells were, of course, available as one of the advertised towers from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

To make matters even worse, at the social in the evening the prize of a fountain pen was awarded to the person who had rung at the most towers during the day. This was claimed by Mr. Dove with 15. How he had the cheek to take it beats us!

The organisers of the Festival and the officers of the Bristol City Branch take a very dim view of this, and are convinced that such snatch and grab tactics whilst a service is being held cannot do the Exercise much good. However, we shall take all precautions possible to ensure that there is no repetition of this sort of thing during the next Festival.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT,
Secretary, Bristol City Branch.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION REVIVE ANNUAL DINNER

ALTHOUGH the menu card read "Annual Dinner," it was in fact almost 30 years since the Lancashire Association had held a dinner. The event was revived on October 29th at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, when almost 120 people sat down to enjoy an excellent meal.

On the top table the president and his wife (Canon and Mrs. A. Hodgson) were supported by Canon J. M. W. Adam (Vicar of Preston). Mr. Vernon Bottomley (secretary of the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association) and his wife, Jeanne, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunkerley, Mr. and Mrs. N. Newby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. F. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

Visitors included A. R. Peake, B. Bladon, W. E. Gearing, F. E. Jones, P. Toombs and the Misses A. D. O'Brien and L. M. Weaver (Gloucester and Bristol), A. G. Keen (Salisbury D.G.), T. Lewis and I. Oram (Kent C.A.), W. A. Theobald (A.S.C.Y.), T. N. J. Bailey (Suffolk Guild) and Miss S. F. Chapman (Yorkshire).

In proposing a toast of "The Church," Mr. N. Newby (vice-president) stressed the essential relationship between ringers and the Church, and pointed out how all ringers, not merely in this country but also overseas, were drawn together by a common interest through the pages of "The Ringing World." Perhaps other branches of the Church could learn much from the ringers. He also commented on the large number of young people present—among whom were to be found some of their best ringers.

SINCERITY OF MESSAGE

Replying, Canon Adam said that he was expected to be witty but not too lengthy (both of which he complied with admirably). He recalled how, when he was still a boy, the sound of the bells of Doncaster Parish Church had drawn him to walk two miles to the church. Ever since then he had loved the sound of bells, and today in a world where noise was ever on the increase the sound of bells stood alone in the sincerity of their message. No one who heard bells could mistake their message. They might ignore it, but they could never be in any doubt where the sound came from or what it proclaimed. He thanked all ringers for this act of Christian witness, and urged them to carry on the good work—the wardens would always be glad to pay for any broken stays!

The health of "The Lancashire Association" was proposed by Vernon Bottomley, who hails, of course from the other side of of the Pennines, where tea is "mashed" instead of "brewed." In drawing attention to the privileges of belonging to an association, he emphasised the importance of setting high standards in all that they did. This might make recruitment harder, but he felt that it was often necessary to be ruthless in order to achieve good standards of ringing. In punctuality as well as striking, in attendance as well as progress, they must set the highest standards. Above all, he stressed the importance of the example set by Association officers, tower leaders and secretaries. His advice to all office holders was: "Get out before you lose interest, not when you have lost it."

Vernon was thanked for his toast by the president, who also gave him the best wishes and support from Lancashire in his new job of secretary to the Central Council. It was a great pleasure, he said, to see such a good

and enthusiastic gathering as that, the first dinner to be held by the Association for so many years, and he warmly thanked Cyril Crossthwaite and his wife for their work in organising it. He also praised the officers and committee for the excellent way in which they conducted its business.

"PLAY THE GAME"

He then went on to discuss the relationship between ringers and the public. Generally speaking, the public accepted the sound of bells as part of our Christian heritage—but occasions could arise when prolonged and frequent ringing would not be acceptable. He therefore urged ringers to accept this possibility and to "play the game" whenever it arose. Commenting on the relationship between ringers and clergy, he suggested that whenever the Vicar came into the belfry, although he could not be expected to take a rope, he might well appreciate being asked to say a prayer before ringing began. This at least would be something in his own line.

All the speakers were thanked for their efforts by Cyril Crossthwaite and, in proposing the toast of "The Guests," he particularly welcomed Fred Dunkerley, who had done so much for the Association in the past. He was also gratified to see so many eminent visitors, particularly two of the "ton-up" band from Wiltshire.

Throughout the evening Frank Reynolds acted as master of ceremonies in a most able manner and kept the proceedings going at just the right pace.

In between speeches the gathering was entertained to some delightful tune ringing by Nick Newby and his two sons, Nick jun. and Keith.

After the formalities had ended there was plenty of time for the meeting of old friends and convivial fellowship, and the general consensus of opinion was that the evening had been a great success.

C. C.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING

RINGERS' ANNUAL TOUR, 1966

THIS year's tour was once again of three weeks' duration, comprising the last week in July and the first two weeks in August.

The first week was mechanised and held in Cheshire. In all, approximately 80 towers were visited. In spite of the weather doing its worst, this week was much enjoyed.

The second two weeks' was to be a cycling one of the West Midlands, the tour stretching from Shropshire to Gloucestershire. After the Saturday most of the mechanised party left, and on the Monday we were reduced to four and then to three! All hopes of a ringing tour seemed ended and a cycling-only tour, with suitable visits, seemed the order of the day. However, three more joined us. We then rang at all the sixes and eights but did not, of course, ring at the tens and twelves unless this coincided with practice night.

The third week was better, with ten members, but with this number it was still an effort to get through the programme. "This is all" was called on the Thursday with one day yet to go. It seems almost impossible that in a space of four years we have fallen from having two separate Spliced Surprise Major bands on tour to this level!

Next year the tour is to be reduced to two weeks, the last week in July and the first in August. The venue will be South East England.

J.E.C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Striking at Bishopstoke

The Guild's annual striking competition was held at Bishopstoke on October 29th. Hopes for a record number of competing teams this year were not realised and it was particularly disappointing that last year's winners, St. Mary's, Southampton, had to withdraw at the last minute. Seven teams were in the final line-up—Ringwood, Alton and Fareham to ring Triples, and Eling, St. Mary's, Liss, Kingsclere and Bitterne Park, Southampton, to try Doubles. Mr. C. H. Kippin was the judge, and Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Guild, acted as belfry marshal.

After the ringing, 80 people sat down to tea in the Church Hall. Before proceeding with the competition business the Master paid tribute to the memory of Mr. George Pullinger. The news of Mr. Pullinger's sudden passing at Cheltenham on the previous Sunday came as a great shock to many present. Canon Felstead recalled that the Guild owed much to the diligence and keenness of George Pullinger, who had held every office open to him in turn, including that of Master and Guild representative to the Central Council. The assembled ringers stood in silence.

Mr. Kippin gave the results of his afternoon's judging, dealing with each team's effort in order of ringing. Ringwood, who rang 252 Double Grandsire Triples with 141 faults, were the winners of the Alliston Cup; Eling (174 faults) were runners-up, followed by St. Mary's, Liss, Kingsclere, Alton, Fareham and Bitterne Park in that order.

The Master thanked Mr. Kippin for again acting as competition judge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Striking Competition

The Oxford Guild once more held its striking competition at Radley, Berks, on October 22nd. As only six Branches were represented the semi-finals were cancelled. Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. W. Parker acted as judges.

The results were as follows: 1 Reading (St. Mary's) 234 faults, 2 N. Berks (E. Hagbourne) 44½, 3 E. Berks and S. Bucks (Burnham) 47, 4 Witney and Woodstock (Eynsham) 60½, 5 Oxford City (Headington) 61½, 6 N. Bucks (Stoney Stratford) 147.

The Stoney Stratford band was a very young one, at least three of the members being under 15 years. They had offered to represent their Branch.

The judges in summing up stressed the importance of the 2nd ringer in setting the pace of a band and commented on the fact that most bands lost marks early in the test because of the inaccuracy of the 2nd. A band needed its best ringer on that bell as he had to set (as soon as possible) the speed which was needed by the rest of the band.

Mr. Peter Pearce, in the absence of the Master, thanked the judges, the Vicar of Radley, and the young ringers under Miss D. Pollard for the excellent tea.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS MISSING

Dear Sir—I would like to refer to the report of the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Heptonstall and published on page 677. The Central Council's Decisions, published in the Handbook, state that "reports of peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal." No details of the number of changes were given and I feel that it is an unwise step to start publishing peals in this manner.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney.

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Mr. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR of the NORTH EAST

By TUDOR P. EDWARDS

THE venue chosen for this year's tour was the North East in the Tyne-Tees area, but a suggestion that it should be a T.T. tour was quickly squashed. The vanguard of the party assembled at the Crown Hotel, Bawtry on the Friday, and included Wilfred Williams, Bill Theobald, Jim Pipe, Ralph Edwards, Ted Jenkins, Tudor Edwards, Ken Hesketh and Leslie Barry. We also had Maryl Crossthwaite and John Fielden with us for the first weekend.

Sprotborough's was our first tower on the Saturday and it was decided to ring Pitman's four-spliced, all the work, in memory of the composer, who had died the previous week.

A quick lunch and we were off to Selby, our next tower. Here we were joined by Pat Cannon and George Thoday, who had just finished a tour of Yorkshire. We also met the remainder of the tour party and also Mr and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and some of them had a quick ring before we started the peal.

Both the Abbey and the bells are magnificent and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was rung. Afterwards we spent a pleasant evening at Selby and then said goodbye and John and Maryl before travelling on to York, where we were stopping for the night.

PETER AND PAT MEET

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at York Minster and we are grateful to the Minster band for letting us join them for ringing on the magnificent 12. Then on to Harrogate for lunch and to meet Peter Border, who was suitably congratulated on his performance at Liverpool by the other tenor ringer, from Dorking.

Birstwith's was the afternoon tower and, after a slight detour by some of the band, a peal of London was duly rung. By conducting the peal Peter joined an elite company of conductors including H. Poole, R. F. B. Speed, R. Leale and J. Freeman, who have succeeded in getting Pat through a peal of London.

After the peal we returned to Harrogate and had the pleasure of joining the local band for ringing for Evensong on the delightful if somewhat loud bells at the Parish Church. Then on through appalling weather to Stockton-on-Tees where we were to stay for the following three nights.

The Parish Church at Stockton was our first tower on the Monday morning and the method chosen was London Royal. However London did not seem to go, and Cambridge was quickly substituted. This proved to be a wise decision and a very good peal was rung on the grand ring of ten. Bristol was rung at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, in the afternoon, in spite of the conductor. After finding Wilfred, who had somehow got lost after the peal, we returned to Stockton to meet Stan Mason, who had just arrived.

An advertisement for a well-known brand of kitchen appliance which we were to see quite a few times during the week, and stating that "Cannon is the world's best cooker," was the cause of much amusement amongst all bar one of the party.

PUBLICITY

Following the peal of London at Ormesby the following morning, Wilfred was interviewed by the B.B.C. and the interview was broadcast a number of times during the following days. We were also the subject of an article in the local Press, in which it was stated that Peter had rung Liverpool Cathedral tenor to 75,280 changes. On reading this, Peter said that 5,280 was enough for him.

The afternoon peal was at Skelton-in-Cleveland and a peal of Yorkshire was rung on the bells which although relatively quiet inside the tower are by no means quiet outside, and it was very pleasing to be complimented by a lady living immediately beneath the tower on the quality of the ringing. In the local hos-

telry afterward we were able to listen to Stan's tape recording of Wilfred's interview, which had been broadcast while the peal was in progress, and also to a recording of part of the peal. Stan was to take recordings of most of the peal attempts and it is helpful to listen to and constructively criticise ringing immediately on completion of a peal.

Wednesday morning saw us at West Hartlepool, where we received a very warm welcome from the local incumbent and also had a group photograph taken by the local Press. Because of the awkwardly placed clock case the smaller members of the band were placed round the back end, and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was rung.

A HIGHLIGHT

A hurried lunch and we were on our way to Newcastle for one of the highlights of the week—a peal at the Cathedral. The peal was to be rung in the evening and, after booking into our hotel, we made our way to the tower. A number of the party were a little late in arriving at the tower due to the evening traffic, but we were soon away ringing Cambridge Maximus on the fine bells. A good peal was rung without incident and a pleasant hour was spent afterwards in the "Post Office" in the company of some of the local ringers. We were all quite taken by the friendliness and atmosphere of this hostelry and we were to visit it time and again during our stay in Newcastle.

The week so far had been highly successful with 100 per centage success in our peal attempts. Leslie's score sheet at this stage was also quite impressive—no peals, nine new towers and ten new breweries. However, things were not destined to proceed as smoothly for the next day or so.

London Royal was going quite well on the pleasant ten at Gosforth the following morning, but after approximately three-quarters of an hour's ringing the stay on the second fell out with a loud crash and the peal was lost in the resulting confusion. This was our first failure of the week and Bill remarked that it was the first time this week his prayers had been answered.

SECOND FAILURE

Following a leisurely lunch hour we made our way to Fenham for the afternoon attempt. The bells and all connected with them are a fine example of the best of the bellfounders' work and the only possible complaint is that they are a little loud in the tower. We started off ringing London but our efforts did not match our surroundings. Cambridge was substituted but this was not to be our day, as after about an hour's ringing an irate local gentleman entered the tower and that was the end of the attempt.

That evening we had a ring on the heavy six at Wylam, just outside Newcastle, thus enabling Pat to complete all the ringable bells in Northumberland. Afterwards we met Jack Fielden, who was on holiday at Whitley Bay, and a pleasant time was had by all discussing the relative merits of two well-known bell foundries.

The Watch Tower at Morpeth was the venue on Friday morning and Bristol the method. Before starting, Eric went up to the bell chamber to fix the shutters over the louvres as the tower is right in the centre of the busy town. The ringing went very well but with nearly two-thirds of the peal completed a loud banging on the trap door of the ringing room and the efforts of someone to get in nearly resulted in the conductor being lifted off her feet. This caused a momentary lapse of concentration and the peal was mis-called. Unfortunately the louvres had not been completely blocked and the ringing was causing considerable inconvenience to local office and shop workers, and it was probably best that the peal had been lost, so that no further trouble was caused by continued ringing.

On the way to Whitley Bay for the afternoon attempt we had a ring on the grand, if extremely noisy, six at Cramlington. A number of the party who arrived at the tower early were conveniently situated near the local turf accountant's, and a certain horse with Welsh connections proved quite profitable.

Our run of ill luck continued at Whitley Bay, where eight-spliced was lost after an hour's good ringing. After the attempt we said goodbye to Peter, who was off to collect his family, and also to Mike Maughan, who had joined us for a number of peals during the week and was now off on Tom Lock's tour.

FIFTH SUCCESSIVE LOSS

Bishopwearmouth's was the Saturday morning tower, and again ill luck was with our efforts, for with four courses of Lincolnshire rung a large piece of plaster came away from the wall in the room above the ringing chamber and in the resulting confusion the peal was lost.

Five successive losses—and we were beginning to wonder if we would ring another peal during the week. As we had time to spare we were able to have a short ring at Sunderland Parish Church. We at last broke our series of bad luck by ringing a good peal of Yorkshire Royal on the fine Gillett ten at Roker in the afternoon.

Sunday morning saw us joining the Cathedral band for ringing for Matins. The apparent difference between the Cathedral bells when they are rung to Cinques as compared to Maximus is quite remarkable and there were quite a number of the party who wished we had rung Cinques earlier in the week.

After a farewell visit to the "Post Office" for lunch we set out for Blackhill, where the afternoon attempt was scheduled at the Roman Catholic Church. However, on arrival we found that recent damage to the tower made ringing impossible, but as compensation we were able to have a short ring on the interesting eight at Blackhill Anglican Church.

We then started retracing our steps to York and a number of the party made a slight detour to visit the magnificent Cathedral at Durham on the way. For Evensong we rang on the extremely fine eight at Northallerton.

During the course of a pleasant evening spent at the hotel at York Wilfred was presented with a gift as a small token of our thanks for arranging yet another tour.

All too soon our final day was with us. In the morning we rang a College Youths peal of Bristol in the semi-darkness of All Saints' Pontefract. Then the long journey to Hull Parish Church for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the fine 12 with Pat ringing the tenor in his own unmistakable style.

Thus ended another of Wilfred's tours—good company, good bells and good ringing. We would all like to express our gratitude to Peter Rock, Eric Harrison, Eric Critchley and all the others who helped to make the tour a success. Our thanks also to all the local ringers and incumbents.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

For the first time for many years the District visited Royston on October 29th; it was an evening meeting under the direction of Mike Trigg and over 40 people attended during the two hours the bells were available. The number of young people present was most encouraging and it is hoped they will attend more District meetings in the future.

The evening's ringing finished at 8.45 p.m., when most of those present made their way to the Star, Melbourn, mine host being Ben Scoot, one-time Baldock ringer and a good friend to the District.

J. K. O.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. HEWETT

An Appreciation.

Dear Sir,—To those who have frequented the ringing chamber of St. Margaret's, Westminster, even at any time during the period of the last 60 years, the absence of William H. Hewett will be keenly felt. It has rightly been said that the great reputation at St. Margaret's, after his taking over the leadership from another London stalwart, the late James E. Davis, was due to Bill Hewett.

His quiet disposition did not reveal how much he had done for such a long time, for not only did he regularly maintain Sunday service ringing in this famous ten-bell tower, but adequately fulfilled the responsibility of arranging ringing on these bells for State and Parliamentary occasions in addition to innumerable society weddings. Really, his duties have been unique in the annals of campanology.

William H. Hewett was a very respected member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. His membership commenced in 1905 and his first peal—at St. George's, Camberwell, on April 21st, 1906—was rung for the Association. This and many other of his peals were rung under the conductorship of the late William Pyc.

After conducting thousands of people around the streets of London in his taxi-cab and conducting scores of ringers along the paths of various methods. Bill has truly earned his rest. T. J. L.

MR. GEORGE PULLINGER

An Appreciation

It was with great regret that I read of the tragic and sudden death of George Pullinger. During my residence in Hampshire I had the privilege of ringing with George at his own tower at Bishopstoke and at the far-famed tower of North Stoneham, the latter tower then having only eight bells.

It was a pleasure to see the masterly way he handled his bell through a peal, with only one arm. And almost 50 years to the day of his death I can well remember ringing my first peal of Double Norwich at Bishopstoke where George faultlessly rang the third. This peal was conducted by his old friend George Williams. H. BADGER.

MR. DONALD THOMPSON

With the death of Mr. Donald Thompson at the age of 88 years on October 31st, St. Paul's, Bedford, lost one of its most faithful ringers and its chief link with the past.

At the age of 17 Don rang his first peal on the tenor of the old ring of eight in 1895. It was at ringing the tenor behind that he excelled until only a few years ago, his more recent ringing being confined to hunting the treble, which he could still do very well if the other bells kept right.

During the last few months he had been eagerly awaiting the rehanging of the bells and sadly, missed this by only a few weeks. He last rang at Bromham only eight days before his death, and a quarter peal was rung there as a tribute to him on the eve of his funeral.

MR. E. RUCK

Mr. E. Ruck, the sole surviving founder member of the Kent County Association, died on November 6th, 1966, within seven months of his 100th birthday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Southern District had an enjoyable meeting at St. John's, Shildon, on October 22nd, with a good attendance, which included the Association's president, Mr. W. Tyson. An enthusiastic band of beginners at St. John's, under the leadership of Mr. George White, has made many improvements to the belfry, and everything in the tower was in excellent order.

From rounds and call changes for learners to Bristol, Lincolnshire and Spiced Surprise Major, there was a good variety of ringing at all stages.

At the meeting which followed tea, the Association's Ringing Master, Mr. Kenneth

PETERBOROUGH GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER

THE 1966 annual dinner of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall, Northampton, on October 22nd. The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland, and he was supported by the Rt. Rev. A. R. Graham-Campbell (Assistant Bishop), Mr. E. A. Barnett (past secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, Messrs. H. Peacock (Ely Diocesan Guild), J. H. Bluff (Guild Master) and E. Billings (Guild secretary).

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by the Guild Master, who spoke about ringing being the most fascinating of all sports. Bishop A. R. Graham-Campbell replied and in his preface spoke of the only sad faces at a dinner belonging to those who had to make a speech. He went on to say how grateful he was to have been asked to speak about the Church at this dinner, especially in view of the present day criticism of the Anglican Church as "a noble ruin." He made the point that people had been saying for over 300 years that the Church of England was dying, but it nevertheless had shown a tough vitality and, for a "falling" Church, it had learned the trick of rising again.

In conclusion, he stated that ringers had a real place in the life of the Church—the Church existed for the worship of God, and ringers called people to church and reminded those who were unable to go of the Church's message; and, further to this, that ringing should be an act of worship in itself.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed the toast of "The Peterborough Diocesan Guild" and began by saying how fortunate the Guild were in its choice of secretary. He mentioned that the Peterborough Guild was unique in that the Rutland Branch was formed in 1933 and this was reported at the time in "The Ringing World" as the last part of England coming under the wing of organised ringing. He thought that the Guild was fortunate in covering the whole of the Peterborough Diocese and not being divided by different ringing bodies within its own boundaries.

The president of the Guild replied, quoting the objects of the Guild. He stated how well they had been carried out—especially the first three, but continued on a more sombre note, speaking of the perennial problem of maintaining and furthering the art of change ringing, and of the difficult task of training learners to be good and faithful members of a band. He concluded his remarks by suggesting that more activity should be undertaken by the Guild as a whole in this field.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the Guild secretary, who explained how he tried to invite each year guests who were representatives of all the various aspects of organised ringing. In reply, Mr. H. Peacock, of the Ely Diocesan Guild, mentioned that three of his Guild's towers were within sight of Peterborough Cathedral. He expressed the thanks of all the guests for the hospitality they had received.

A very successful evening was rounded off by the entertaining act of Mr. N. Ayris, magician.

Arthur, outlined the scheme for scrapping the Association's present four Districts and substituting three. Under the suggested division, the Southern District would lose Brancepeth (eight) and would gain West Hartlepool, with two eights and a ten-bell tower. This met with general approval, but Mr. Arthur stressed that the proposals he had outlined had not yet been finally determined.

Next year's programme of meetings was settled, and there was further ringing until 8.30 p.m., when the Shildon ringers served refreshments, and some of the keenest stayed on for handbell ringing. E. P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal at Coddington, Notts (page 732) the name of the ringer of the fifth was inadvertently omitted. He was J. Edward Brown. Apologies.

With a peal of Maximus at Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull, on November 5th, Geoffrey W. Randall completes the Cambridge circuit of Minor to Maximus.

The Society of Rambling Ringers are reducing their tour next year to two weeks—the last week in July and the first in August. The venue will be South East England.

The peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on October 12th was a memorial peal to Mr. Peter Wycherley's mother-in-law.

The last ring on the bells of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, before being dismantled, was on October 30th, when they were rung half-muffled in sympathy with the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

Corrections.—The peal at Erith, Kent, on page 730 was 5,184 Yorkshire Surprise Major and not London, as printed. The handbell peal at Halling, Kent, on page 732, should have Stuart Sandford ringing 9-10.

To the list of strange requests at weddings must be added an incident at Thurnby, Leics, when the ringers were asked by the best man to stop ringing because the bridal group could not hear the photographer's instructions.

In aid of a new sixth bell at Blaby, near Leicester, a choral evensong was held on October 29th. A Northampton ringer who attended and rang on the five states it was "good music and singing of the very highest order."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ROPES CUT AT MORPETH WATCH TOWER

Four of the eight bell ropes in Morpeth Watch Tower have been severed by vandals. Three were cut immediately above the sally and one about a foot above. The ropes were installed last April and the damage is estimated at £22.

A spokesman at the Morpeth Borough Surveyor's Department said (as reported in the "Newcastle Evening Chronicle" of November 1st): "It is sheer wanton and wilful damage, done, we assume, by youths who have nothing better to do. It has certainly not been done by children. This is obvious from the height at which the ropes were cut."

The clock tower door was locked as usual, but the vandals found a way of forcing it off its hinges. The door has now been fixed more securely and a new lock fitted.

NEW SPICED MAJOR RECORD

Another advance has been made in Spiced Surprise Major. Anthony R. Peake's band rang at Malmesbury Abbey on November 5th a peal in 110 methods. This is the greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal, and included nine methods not rung previously. Congratulations to all.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HIS FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Few ringers live to have the distinction of Major J. H. R. Freeborn, of Cambridge, and formerly of Oxford. On October 29th he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques to mark the 60th anniversary of his first peal in the method. This was a Cambridge University Guild peal at Saffron Walden. The peal was also to celebrate the Major's 79th birthday, which took place the previous day.

NEVER BEFORE

Recently we have recorded a number of very young ringers scoring their first peal. This week from the private campanile of Mr. A. A. Jopp, at Stoulton (tenor 107 lb. in C) comes a peal of Plain Bob Minor in which eight-year-old Paul Jopp was ringing his first peal and his brother Andrew (aged 13) was conducting. To Andrew's query, "Is this a record for two brothers aged eight and 13 to ring their first peal and first as conductor respectively on their own bells?" we would reply "Unquestionably."

ELUSIVE STEDMAN

Among the many who have found success at Stedman elusive is Mr. A. R. Sage, of Clevedon. He selected a party to ring a quarter at Calne Parish Church on November 1st in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of his daughter, Mrs. Gwendoline Turner. With one exception the band came from the Chew Deanery Branch: the quarter was lost after 35 minutes. A similar misfortune befell Mr. Sage's party on April 19th, also at Calne (Mr. Sage's old tower). To the ringers who made these special journeys Mr. Sage extends his sincere thanks.

FIRST PEAL ON BELLS SINCE 1911

The peal at St. Thomas', Salisbury, is the first of Stedman on the bells since George Williams took a band there on Easter Monday, April 14th, 1911, and conducted Thurstan's peal.

There have been a number of attempts including a special endeavour five years ago to mark the jubilee of the 1911 peal, but all have been unsuccessful. It is inconceivable that the band who rang so long ago would have imagined that it would take so long for others to emulate their achievement!



UNUSUAL

The new bell for St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Flint, weighs seven cwt. and was cast by O'Byrne of Dublin. It stands on four large pillars.

This bell, writes D. H. B. M., may not interest change ringers as such, but I think this is a fine example of modern bell foundry art and shows what can be done, especially for new churches on new estates. The parish priest, Fr. J. P. Donnelly is on the left and his curate, Fr. A. Edwards, on the right.

[Photo: C. H. Maddock, Holywell, Flint.]

FROM THAMESIDE TO CENTRAL AFRICA

A letter to the "Daily Mirror" asking for an old bell for the little church to be opened at Palanye, Botswana, Africa, on Christmas Eve, has been responded to by Burrell and Co., chemical colour manufacturers of Millwall, London. They have offered a 3 cwt. bell recast for them in 1892, and also to pay the shipping cost. Burrells believe that the original bell was used as a work bell during the construction of the famous "Great Eastern" steamship built there in the 1850's.

PEAL CONCENTRATION IN HERTS

During the past month Hertfordshire has seen an invasion of ringers each Saturday for the purpose of ringing two eight-bell peals. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. Martin Press. Five attempts were successful, only one attempt being lost halfway. One ringer was heard to comment that this was the "Press Peal Month": indeed it was. Our thanks to Martin for organising this unusual peal tour! and to all incumbents for the use of their bells.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

In September, 1960, the first Lichfield Diocesan Festival was held in North Staffordshire, and on September 17th it was again the turn of the North Staffordshire Association to be hosts to the other two Associations in the Diocese of Lichfield—the Shropshire Association and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

This year the festival was centred on Uttoxeter and included some towers in the "Churnet" and "Dove" valleys. Ringing started in Cheadle, where there are two churches with bells and both having the same dedication—St. Giles. The Parish Church has a ring of six with a tenor of 14 cwt. in F, and the Roman Catholic Church a typical ring of eight bells—14 cwt. It is perhaps fortunate that the two rings are tuned in the same key of F, as the bells are within earshot of each other.

After lunch, ringing continued at Mayfield (a ring of six) in a church which some people had difficulty in finding; Ellastone (a tricky six); Alton (a new Taylor eight) and perhaps the best ring of the day; and Leigh (also a recently cast ring with six bells).

The annual service was held at Uttoxeter and was followed by a three-course meal in the Church Hall. Evening ringing was at Uttoxeter (an octave with the tenor slightly out of tune), Rocester (a good light eight rung from the ground floor) and Alton, where a course of Glasgow was rung.

Thanks are due to our friends in North Staffordshire for their organisation of this festival, and to incumbents and tower captains.

Whilst an enjoyable day was had by all, it should be remembered that this was a diocesan festival, and perhaps next year a more representative gathering of ringers will be possible. J. H. A.

RINGING MASTER MARRIES TOWER SECRETARY

October 22nd, the last day of British Summer Time, was marked by the wedding of two Little Aston ringers, Michael W. Fairey and Anthea C. Richards. The bridegroom is Ringing Master at Little Aston and also Ringing Master of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. The bride is secretary of the Little Aston ringers.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Follis, officiated at the choral service, the bridegroom having been a member of the choir for many years. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. C. L. Richards, wore a full-length white satin gown with fur-trimmed sleeves. Her long shower veil was held in place by a white rose. The matron of honour was her sister, Mrs. Annette Corner, who had flown from Geneva for the occasion. Mr. Neil Fairey was best man to his brother.

The local band, many of whom had been taught to ring by the bridegroom, rang before and after the service. Some 75 guests attended the reception at Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. Despite a frantic search, the familiar green Austin Cooper car could not be found and the newly-weds got off to a rather rapid start to their married life.

KNARESBOROUGH ACTIVE

We are pleased to hear of activity at Knareborough, Yorks, where the bells have rarely been fully rung. The band is composed of old and new ringers and it is hoped to have eight-bell ringing for Christmas.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part	
Tenor 24 cwt 91 lb. in D.	
William A. Theobald .. Treble	Richard A. Hunt .. 5
Alan G. Spreadbury .. 2	Martin D. Cubitt .. 6
William T. Cook .. 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
David T. Darby .. 4	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Cook.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bloomfield, of Branksome.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bathwick.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Five-part.	
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat	
C. Martin Press .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy .. 5
Philip M. J. Gray .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
Gillian M. Hunt .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. 7
Richard W. Sweet .. 4	John C. Slater .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings	
Tenor 11 cwt	
Arthur H. Reed .. Treble	*Raymond M. B. Cullen .. 4
Francis J. Morris .. 2	Albert W. Knight .. 5
*Keith E. Beale .. 3	Albert H. Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal of Doubles "inside." First as conductor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.	
Margery A. Wratten .. Treble	Michael J. Hobbs .. 5
Philip M. J. Gray .. 2	John C. Slater .. 6
Richard W. Sweet .. 3	Patrick J. Bird .. 7
Dr. Tudor P. Edwards .. 4	Cyril A. Wratten .. Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Dr. Tudor P. Edwards

Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

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

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt	
Diana M. Chapman .. Treble	Roland H. Cook .. 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Howard C. Palmer .. 6
Martin Green .. 3	A Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
Malcolm E. Wade .. 4	*R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason

* 50th peal as conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat	
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 7
Susan Jackson (Girton) .. 2	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) .. 8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) .. 9
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) .. 4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) .. 10
W. J. Ridgman (Queens') .. 5	P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn) .. 11
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of J. H. R. Freeborn's first peal in the method, also to celebrate his 79th birthday (October 28th, 1966)

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,440 of Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.	
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
G. H. Jones (St. John's) Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) .. 5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens') .. 2	R. M. Damerell (Corpus) .. 6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 7
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb	
David I. Atkinson .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5
Derek Yates .. 2	John Worth .. 6
William H. Dowse .. 3	Basil Jones .. 7
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

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

On Sat. Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb. in E	
Derek Yates .. Treble	J. Anthony Beaumont .. 5
*Jane Reynolds .. 2	Allan Twyman .. 6
*David Hogg .. 3	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 7
Alan J. Brown .. 4	Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar the Rev. M. J. Ridgway, as Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat. Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.	
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 7 lb. in G sharp.	
David Allman .. Treble	John R. Scott .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	†Leon A. Perry .. 5
*†Keith W. Eaton .. 3	†Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 25th peal, all rung this year † 25th peal together. ‡ First of three Minor methods "inside"

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

42 extents in 21 methods/ variations. Being two extents each of: Stedman, Reverse St Bartholomew Grandsire New, Huntspill St. Vedast, Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, Lapley St. Giles, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Eynsham, Plain Bob and April Day.

Tenor: 13 cwt in F	
*Delphine Holman .. Treble	John F. Thorne .. 4
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Robert W. Sherriff .. 3	*Richard M. Andrews .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.

* Most methods to a peal † First peal of Doubles and most methods to a peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor

Rung on All Saints' Day to honour the Patronal Festival.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.	
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.	
Peter J. Oates .. Treble	Michael W. Carter .. 4
Christopher R. F. Muncey .. 2	Michael C. E. Hodge .. 5
Kathleen A. Jordan .. 3	Michael Hawes .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Hawes.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary, Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.	
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb in G.	
Eileen Gibbins .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell .. 4
Rachel J. R. Orman .. 2	Alan R. Andrews .. 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	George N. Orman .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble	Douglas A. R. May .. 5
David J. Tubbs .. 2	C. Martin Press .. 6
Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 7
Tom Page .. 4	*Philip A. F. Chalk .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of four-spliced Surprise Major.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Carolyn Tubbs.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5,000 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 110 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Claybrooke, Deben, Dublin, Jersey, Langley, Maulden, Minsmere, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Superlative, Vauxhall and Wordsworth, 64 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Campsall, Cherwell, Cray, Eastcote, Ickleton, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northolt, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Rutland, Shoreditch, Thorne, Tring, Warwickshire, Wembley and Yorkshire. 32 changes each of Acton, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedford, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Cambridge, Chester, Chippenham, Colerne, Conisbrough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Dursley, Eastbury, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Hazelbech, Hendon, Highgate Hitchin, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lambourn, Leckhampton, Lincoln, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Lydney, Malmesbury, New Gloucester, Northleach, Northwood, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Ruardean, Shenley, Southwell, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Thornbury, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Watford, Wootton, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Victor Griffin 7
Brian Bladon 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The first peal of Major on the bells. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.
Rung on the eve of the christening of Katherine Louise Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hobbs.

Ruardean: —38—14—58—16—14—38 56—36.1.	f.
Olveston: 56—56.14—58—36.14—34.58.14—12.3.	mx.
Leckhampton: 38—38.14—12—38—14—58—16—T.	f.
Liskeard: —38—14—56—16—12—58.14—12.5.	f.
Wootton: —58—16—12—36—14—58.14.36—3.	f.
Lydney: —38—14—58—16—14—58.12—36.7.	b.
Lambourn: —36—14—58—16—14—12.58—16—3.	f.
Chippenham: —36—14—12.58—16—12—58—36.12.3.	f.
Northleach: —58—16—12.58.36—12—58.12.36.12.7.	f.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Rev. Canterbury and four of Plain Bob.

Mrs. M. J. Hope Treble	W. John Clayton 4
John W. Hope 2	Thomas Bound 5
*Leonard Morley 3	Frederick R. Harris Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R. Harris.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Colin A. Lewis and Gillian E. Graney.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George's Chapel of Unity

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Frank J. Matthews 5
Herbert E. Audsley 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Frederick J. Cullum 7
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung in memoriam William H. Hewett.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Wells, (4) Surfleet, (5) London, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
*Gillian M. Hunt 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Ian H. Oram 3	D. John Hunt Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. John, Cantius, Confessor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Basil Jones Treble	Dennis Latham 7
Neil Bennett 2	Edward Jenkins 8
*Margaret P. Booth 2	Jeffrey Brannan 9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4	John H. Fielden 10
Margaret E. Fort 5	Derek Butterworth 11
Christine Andrew 6	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First 12-bell peal.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Tenor 25 cwt. 8½ lb. in D.

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

On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

Margaret E. Fort Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
J. Colin Ashworth 3	John H. Fielden 7
David V. Hodgson 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Rung as a compliment to Frederick Shallcross and Carole Williams on their engagement.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
*Tony Lewis 2	Richard J. Parker 6
Jeffrey Kershaw 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal of Major as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to Tony Lewis on his 20th birthday.

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

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 changes of Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method.

Christopher L. Watson .. Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Neil Bennett 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Richard J. Parker 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*R. Keith Lister Treble	Jeffrey Brannan 5
†James E. Andrews 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Jeffrey Kershaw 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of

St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Thornley Treble	Harold Worrall 5
David Vincent 2	James E. Andrews 6
James Cunliffe 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
*Keith Lister 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First in method "inside." First in method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled for All Saints' Day and in memory of the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton Treble	Martin Green 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Samuel J. Haines 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	*Walter Tomlinson 3
*Harold F. Gibson 2	*John Walden 4

*Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Turner, of Dunston.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. John at Hackney.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

E. Winifred Keys Treble	Thomas H. Norris 5
Bryan C. Burrough 2	Robert E. J. Dennis 6
Elizabeth M. Emmett 3	Leonard J. Worth 7
Clive W. Simpson 4	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

David C. Brown Treble	Robert Wiggins 5
Monica Blagrove 2	Jeffrey M. Britchford 6
Albert C. Wenban 3	Alan E. Bagworth 7
James Brooks 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur T. King. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

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

On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
Richard W. Sweet 2	D. Paul Smith 6
*David E. Clarke 3	J. Keith Ward 7
David E. Rothera 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

Being seven different extents.	
Vivienne M. Rigby .. Treble	Norman W. Attaway .. 4
Sheila Parsons 2	Robert Farmer 5
*Kenneth Cummings .. 3	Gordon H. Lane Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Michael W. Fairey and Anthea C. Richards, who were married this day at Little Aston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Timothy G. Pett Treble	Bert Gogle 5
George P. Adams 2	H. William Barrett 6
Canon Gilbert Thurlow .. 3	Kevin S. Hohl 7
Sidney Marshall 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung by the Association in appreciation of the life and work of the late Canon Noel Boston, a former Vicar of Dereham, a lover of bells and a friend of ringers.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BULWELL, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

John G. Hallett Treble	†David R. McLean 5
*Beryl M. Twigg 2	Paul W. Webb 6
Ann Harris 3	Simon Humphrey 7
Jean A. Hallett 4	Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* First peal. † First of Major. First of Plain Bob as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment (November 8th) to Ian V. J. Smith, Ringing Master of the Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HITCHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,880 Single Oxford and 2,160 Plain Bob.

*Philip Ferris Treble	Martin Seeny 4
*Penelope Ferris 2	Gordon W. Limmer 5
Francis Oglesby 3	Howard Oglesby Tenor

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

LONG CRENDON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Knox Treble	*Derek Francis 5
*Ronald J. Snack 2	*Robin J. Lee 6
*Roy Woodruff 3	*Anthony K. Fortin 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Lincolnshire First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Edward S. T. Farr .. Treble	Albert C. Wenban 5
Monica Blagrove 2	A. James Glass 6
Norman V. Harding .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
Frank B. Lufkin 4	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being 840 each of Grandsire, St. Quintin, New-	
borough, Longparish, St. Lucy and Daffodil. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.	
C. Richard Miles .. Treble	Leonard R. Porter 3
Joe Strawford 2	J. Paul Coad 4

Roy H. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

Rung for United Nations Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth M. Barber.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STAVERTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Robin Wilson 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Richard F. B. Speed 7
James Linnell 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Roger Smith 4	Graham C. Paul 9
Barry E. Saunders 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Royal. First peal in the method.

STAVERTON SURPRISE ROYAL

mx, 56—56, 14—50—36—14—50, 14—14, 30—34—10.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest J. Gower .. Treble	*Roger W. Smith 5
Peter Border 2	*Alan A. Paul 6
*Graham C. Paul 3	*Barrie Hendry 7
*Barry E. Saunders .. 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Jean F. Woolford .. Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	*Tom Page 6
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Kenneth Newman 4	*James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster, who were married on October 1st.

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

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

On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDONIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ann E. Fellows .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Roderick W. Pipe 2	John C. Eisel 8
Graham C. Paul 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
*John R. Insley 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Insley 5	Martin D. Fellows 11
Michael J. Fellows .. 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Londinium. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
 On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 J. Alan Ainsworth Treble .. Edward W. Colley 7
 Ann E. Fellows 2 .. Michael J. Fellows 8
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 .. Peter J. Stretton 9
 Roderick W. Pipe 4 .. John C. Eisel 10
 John R. Insley 5 .. John A. Anderson 11
 George E. Fearn 6 .. Peter Border Tenor
 Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
 On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 39 cwt. 63 lb. in C.
 John E. Anderson .. Treble .. James Insley 6
 Ann E. Fellows 2 .. Roderick W. Pipe 7
 B. Gillian Schofield .. 3 .. Brian J. Luff 8
 John R. Insley 4 .. John A. Anderson 9
 Norman J. Goodman .. 5 .. J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor
 Composed by R. W. Pipe. (87's.) Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
 *Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble .. Harry Poyner 5
 *Katherine Burchnall .. 2 .. Geoffrey R. Parker 6
 William Exton 3 .. Jack L. Millhouse 7
 *Grace Burchnall 4 .. Colin W. Reed Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of Rutland Surprise.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
 *Ernest G. Pearce .. Treble .. *Michael J. Howes 6
 *Clifford R. Lovett 2 .. Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
 George W. Pipe 3 .. J. Barry Pickup 8
 Cecil W. Pipe 4 .. Roderick W. Pipe 9
 B. Gillian Schofield .. 5 .. Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
 * First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Wed., Oct. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
 Cecil W. Pipe Treble .. Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
 Stephen J. Hammond .. 2 .. Peter Harris 6
 Laurence J. Parry 3 .. Ernest G. Pearce 7
 Michael Daniels 4 .. Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor
 Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
 Rung half-muffled to the memory of those who perished in the
 Aberfan disaster.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
 On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent each of seven methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet S., (2)
 Beverley S., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Kent T.B., (6)
 St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.
 Kay J. Tremear .. Treble .. R. Brian Walton 4
 Keith Sansom 2 .. David M. Hughes 5
 Lesley J. Read 3 .. Michael J. Uphill Tenor
 Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
 First peal in seven methods for all the band except the conductor.
 Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Deborah Hopkins and
 Tony Bishop, who were married recently.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 John E. Anderson .. Treble .. Clifford A. Barron 5
 Ann E. Fellows 2 .. Roderick W. Pipe 6
 J. Alan Ainsworth 3 .. Brian J. Luff 7
 James Insley 4 .. Michael J. Fellows Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary.
 On Fri., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
 Roger Hunt Treble .. *Graham Stock 4
 Eric Styler 2 .. John W. Perkins 5
 Richard H. Spray 3 .. Michael V. White Tenor
 Conducted by Michael V. White.
 * First peal "inside."
 Rung to honour the birth of a daughter (Louise Maria) to Mr.
 and Mrs. R. H. Spay, both ringers at this church.

STOULTON, Worcestershire.—At The Campanile.
 On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Seven different extents. Tenor 107 lb. in C.
 Arthur A. Jopp .. Treble .. Ernest F. Cubberly 4
 *Paul Jopp (aged 8) .. 2 .. Arthur C. Berry 5
 Martyn Hawkes 3 .. Andrew Jopp (aged 13) .. Tenor
 Conducted by Andrew Jopp.
 * First peal. First as conductor.
 Rung for the centenary of the casting of the tenor bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the
 Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.
 Edward Jenkins .. Treble .. Walter Tomlinson 7
 Christine Andrews .. 2 .. Harold F. Gibson 8
 Geoffrey R. Parker .. 3 .. Michael W. Crowder 9
 Jack L. Millhouse .. 4 .. Neil Bennett 10
 *Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5 .. Derek Butterworth 11
 Michael Maughan .. 6 .. †Robert B. Smith Tenor
 Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal of
 Maximus.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Richard A. Shelton and
 Miss Catherine Mahon, married this day at All Saints', Rotherham,
 and as an engagement compliment to Mr. Gregory Paul, of Lincoln,
 and Miss Margaret A. Tyler, of Rainham, Kent.

(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Geoffrey N. Goodall .. Treble .. John J. L. Gilbert 5
 Cyril Rusby 2 .. H. David Holland 6
 Stuart Armeson 3 .. Ian M. Holland 7
 John S. Seager 4 .. John E. Turley Tenor
 Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John E. Turley.
 A birthday peal for the conductor.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.
 *Roger Harper .. Treble .. Neil Donovan 5
 Elsie Chaddock 2 .. Stuart Armeson 6
 Tessa Hollis 3 .. Norman Chaddock 7
 Alan Howland 4 .. John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor
 Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
 * First peal.
 Rung by the local band for the Patronal Festival.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
 On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In 60 methods, viz.: (1) Forncett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton,
 Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thorn-
 borough, Longford, (2) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (3) Horsley,
 St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (4) Plain Bob, Southrepps, (5) Kennington, Re-
 verse Canterbury, (6) Dedworth, Wychbold, (7) Stedman, (8) St. Jude,
 (9) Somerville, (10) Elford, (11) St. Albans, (12) Eynsham, (13) St.
 Simon, (14) St. Mary, (15) Nuffield, (16) Shreshill, (17) St. Nicholas,
 (18) Lapley, (19) St. Giles, (20) St. Laurence, (21) Magdalen, (22)
 Austrey, (23) St. Paul, (24) St. Leonard, (25) St. Martin, (26) St.
 Crispin, (27) Wadham, (28) Ryton, (29) Winchendon, (30) St. John,
 (31) St. Miles, (32) St. David, (33) Campion, (34) Little Aston, (35)
 Clifford's Pleasure, (36) Cadbury, (37) Litchurch, (38) Hudibras, (39)
 Seighford, (40) April Day, (41) Folke, (42) Grandsire.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.
 Allan Sheppard .. Treble .. Robin Brown 4
 John Potts 2 .. Ronald R. Warford 5
 C. Barrie Dove 3 .. David Hawkins Tenor
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung half-muffled for Aberfan Disaster.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Hills 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock 6. First in the method for all the band and by the parish team. Rung half-muffled, also in respect to Dr. Hewlett Johnson.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On All Souls' Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret A. Pbelan 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, D. H. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber 7, T. Farmer 8. Rung half-muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, H. Burton 3, S. Allen 4, G. Ford 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory to all who died in the Aberfan disaster.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Parsons (11) 1, G. S. Keay 2, Barbara Wiggin 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, G. Hall 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Half-muffled.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marilyn Wharton (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith (cond.) 2, Delia M. Langton 3, R. C. Moore 4, C. C. Stokes 5.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Cooke 1, D. Pike 2, A. Cooke 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Farming 6. Half-muffled.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. R. Cadwallader 1, H. L. Wykes 2, P. F. Pawley 3, C. Glenton 4, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 5, I. Glenton 6. Rung half-muffled.

HALF PEAL

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Nov. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): Carol Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Ann Whaley 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First half peal 1, 3 and 6. To mark the consecration of Canon Ramsey as Bishop of Durham.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline Washington 1, Delia F. Leslie 2, Mary Bourgourd 3, C. E. Mugford 4, F. G. Barron 5, C. W. Philpott 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. Evershed 8. For the engagement of Mary to David G. Pipe (January 2nd) and Delia to Colin (September 4th). Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mervyn J. Bray 1, Mary Bourgourd 2, Delia F. Leslie 3, Marion Bartlett 4, C. E. Mugford 5, C. W. Philpott 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. G. Pipe (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Delia, and for the 17th birthday of Barbara Curtis, local band.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. B. M. Davies 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, C. Wyld 4, B. Johnson 5, A. H. Smith 6, N. J. Davies 7, R. Swift 8. First of Surprise Major 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Pettett 1, J. Orme 2, E. Castledine 3, R. Castledine 4, R. Vigor 5, L. Hughes (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, D. Sutcliffe 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, cremated earlier this day at Luton.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Prisca Hornby 1, T. Chapman 2, Linda Cull 3, Margaret Chapman 4, Mrs. Alice Reed 5, L. Tremmer 6, R. Reed (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8. For the silver wedding of the ringers of 5 and 7, who were married at this church on November 1st, 1941, by the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Vincent 1, A. R. Elkins 2, Mrs. C. K. Lewis 3, A. J. Brown 4, J. Moore 5, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 6, D. Hogg 7, A. Twyman 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Lord Stamford.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, M. Powell 2, T. Newlands 3, D. Rennolds 4, R. W. Sweet 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8. First of Kent 2, 3 and 4.

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss E. J. Gill (first quarter) 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, J. Walton (cond.) 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Loxton 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Radford 6. For 21st birthday compliment to T. Feltham.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Hohl 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. Adams 3, P. Palmer 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Adams 6, K. Hohl 7, P. Adcock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For Ringers' Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Wheeler (first away from tenor) 1, G. W. Bishop 2, S. Wells (first "inside") 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, J. H. Napper 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,296 Minimus: R. D. Tranter (first quarter) 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, L. M. Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick (supervised) 4. First quarter of Minimus by all.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): C. D. Corby (first quarter) 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain (first of Minimus) 2, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 3, T. R. Garrett 4, I. Sawford (first quarter) 5. First of Minimus on the bells.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturgess 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. W. Stevenson 8.

FLIXTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eveline Taylor (first quarter) 1, Ethel Collier 2, M. Murphy 3, W. Mason 4, W. H. Riddle (first as cond.) 5, P. Mason 6. For the dedication of the rebuilt organ and memorial garden. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harper 1, M. Murphy 2, P. Mason 3, G. Nes 4, W. H. Riddle (cond.) 5, W. Mason 6. For Harvest Festival.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (handbells): Rosemary J. Palmer 1—2, Janet I. Rogers 3—4, R. H. Rogers 5—6, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 7—8.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. S. Hall 1, A. G. Clarke 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, B. Rhodes 5, G. M. Hall 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A wedding compliment to Miss Veronica Roberts, Sunday school teacher, and Mr. John Burton.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline S. Wellard (first Minor) 1, Brenda I. Wilkinson (first "inside") 2, H. D. Butler 3, H. C. Weaver 4, R. M. Cox 5, C. J. Champion (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Plain Plain Bob Minor: K. Mumford 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, Judith Collins 4, P. J. Privett 5, R. Collins (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Constance Scott 1, Merrilyn Chambers (first "inside") 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, Jacqueline Culwick 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and Miss M. Chambers' 21st birthday.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, D. Stephens 5, A. Beattie 6. Rung non-conducted.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss S. Collins 1, Mrs. F. Bradley 2, F. Sutton 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Howes 5, R. Newson 6, F. Bradley 7, C. Cousins 8, Rev. G. Galley 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

LANCASTER.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, R. Rainford 2, R. Warden 3, E. Doddrell 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Pye 6. By the Sunday service band for the 107th anniversary of the Cathedral.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' Church on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Chapman 1, A. Cattell (cond.) 2, R. D. Hughes 3, R. Starbuck 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, G. B. Brown 6, J. E. Cook 7, N. R. Ellway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold, last Saxon king of England.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedasti's, Foster Lane, on Oct. 16th, 1,248 Concussate S. Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1, J. Q. Pladdyn 2, D. L. Crawley 3, R. R. Churchill 4, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 5, M. W. Coleman 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle I. Butcher 2, R. F. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Makolmson 6. For Evensong, at which a peal board was dedicated.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. E. D. Fearnough 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, D. M. Barracough 5, P. W. Cave 6, A. G. Keen 7, G. D. Fearnough 8, A. Ward (first of Caters as cond.) 9, M. D. Radcliffe 10. First of Caters 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10. Rung as a token of respect to the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Manchester from 1924 to 1931.

MANSTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mcarns 1, J. W. Marshall 2, E. H. Amey 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collina (cond.) 5.

MARDEN, WILTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Smith 1, C. Smith 2, F. Stone 3, W. Alexander 4, C. Hillier (cond.) 5.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Ellison 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, K. Fleming 3, R. Castledine 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6, J. Dear 7, M. Orme 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, by a few of her many friends in the area.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. Parker (cond.) 2, C. Gratton 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Dean 5, R. Welch 6. Rung to celebrate the births of Liesl Ann Gratton and Karen Elizabeth Neal, granddaughters of ringers 1 and 3.

SAMLESBURY, LANCS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,344 Ashted Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 1, Jane Reynolds 2, D. H. McCormick 3, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 4, F. Reynolds 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, R. Barnes 7, J. H. Fielden 8. First in the method for all. A 17th birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's, Walkley, on Oct. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Fletcher (rst quarter) 1, J. J. L. Gilbert 2, G. W. Pilkington 3, M. King (cond.) 4, P. S. Wood 5, G. R. Hiner 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. S. A. Clark.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Bitterne Park, on Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela J. Coombs (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Beryl J. Cross 2, Heather J. Hinton 3, Deborah N. Maggs 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, S. P. Smith (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all—for Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Harper (first quarter) 1, Beryl J. Cross 2, Heather J. Hinton 3, Deborah N. Maggs 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, R. V. Smith (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHBORNE, Bournemouth, HANTS.—At 53, Herberston Road, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Perrins (first "in hand") 1—2, A. V. Davis 3—4, A. A. Price (cond.) 5—6.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. W. Hopson 1, W. Swain 2, B. Dye (first quarter) 3, J. Swain 4, E. Brooks 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Marshall 1, T. F. Collins (25th quarter) 2, Miss M. Lush 3, G. J. Goringe 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Meats 6.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, E. Howes 3, R. Newson 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. Harding 7, J. Coles 8. To mark the retirement of the organist, Mr. George Easton, and as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sutton.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Bellhouse (first quarter) 1, H. C. Churchill 2, Marion J. Beale 3, R. F. Arcott (cond.) 4, B. G. Vine 5, F. H. Mills (first quarter) 6.

WANSTEAD, LONDON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Waring (first quarter) 1, E. H. Wright 2, J. P. Eyre 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. Chalk 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Dolphin 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Border 3, M. Rowbottom 4, E. Holdsworth 5, H. G. Summers 6, E. Gower 7, J. Pratt 8, W. Male 9, J. L. Garner-Hayward 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother to open the new Shire Hall in Warwick.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Diana Parrott 2, A. J. Glass 3, A. C. Wenban 4, Margaret Wenban 5, J. Brooks 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.

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ENGAGEMENT

PAUL—TYLER. — The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, younger son of the late Mr H. A. Paul and of Mrs. Paul, of Lincoln, to Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. S. J. Tyler and the late Mrs. Tyler, of Rainham, Kent. 331

PERSONAL

TO ALL RINGING FRIENDS.—Please remember in your prayers Miss Mabel Prockson, who is seriously ill in Ward 20, Orpington Hospital, Kent. Thank you. 358

"It is not good to eat much honey; so be sparing of complimentary words."—Proverbs xxv, 27.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COOK.—The address of William T. Cook is now: 46, Station Road, Sidcup, Kent. 330
CRUTTENDEN.—The address of F. E. Cruttenden is now: 1, Steam Mill Cottages, Lower Station Road, Henfield, Sussex. Tel.: Henfield 2223. 332

HANDBELLS WANTED

OLD HANDBELLS of any size and in any condition (except cracked) required by tune ringing team. Please state price.—M. White, 35, Highgate Road, Sileby, Leics. 276

MISCELLANEOUS

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Lancs, by Wednesday, November 23rd. All welcome.
J. C. Breese, Tower Captain. 295

KING'S LANGLEY practice night will be changed to Wednesday each week as from Wednesday, November 16th. Will friends please note. 339

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Towers for joint meeting in Manchester, November 19th. St. Peter, Ashton-u-Lyne (8) 10.30-11.30; St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-u-Lyne (12) 11-12; Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton (8) 11.30-12.30; Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) 3-4.30; Manchester Cathedral (10) 4.15-5.45; Manchester Town Hall (12) 5.30-7.30. Two further towers between 12 and 1 and 2.30-3.30 anticipated.—D. J. Jukes, Guild of Change Ringers, University Union, Manchester 14. 363

LATE NOTICE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Hallow (8), December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Grimley (6) from 7 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. 365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Guild members are asked to note the following dates:
March.—Guild Committee meeting (Reading).
April.—Guild Striking Competition.
July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.
October.—Autumn general meeting (Reading).
M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

"RINGING WORLDS" WANTED. — A complete set, in order to continue work on history of the Exercise and to complete work for the Records Committee. I need 1911 to 1946, but would buy a complete set. Details to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor. 313

ST. BOTOLPH - WITHOUT - ALDGATE. LONDON.—The Rector, Rev. Derek Harbord, wishes it to be known that all matters connected with the bells will be dealt with through the Tower Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. — Phone Sevenoaks; 52638. 357

ST. MARY'S, SILEBY, LEICS

Annual Bellringers' Service
Sunday, November 27th, at 6.30 p.m.
Bells available from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and also after the service.
The hymns will be sung to handbell accompaniment. All visitors very welcome. 275

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON. — Peel ringers please note.—Bells not available for peel attempts pending repairs to bell wheels, etc.—H. Griffiths, Tower Captain, 89, Fairview Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 3rd

Lockington (6)	14-3-0	1-3 p.m.
Castle Donington (6)	17-1-6	2-4 p.m.
Diseworth (6)	10-2-13	3-5 p.m.
Melbourne (6)	15-1-24	4-6 p.m.
Aston-on-Trent (6)	9-3-15	5-7 p.m.
Shardlow (6)	12-0-0	6-8 p.m.
Alvaston (6)	17-1-3	7-9 p.m.

All ringers will be welcome to come and help in our celebrations. 288

Tower Secretaries.—Please book this date
SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD
Ringing Day and Floral Festival,
July 8th and 9th, 1967
at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.
Joint with the Essex Association.

Ringing Day, Saturday, July 8th
Towers open throughout the District.
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F.R.Hist.S., to preach at the Ringers'
Service, 4 o'clock

Ringers' Sunday, July 9th
Special ringing arrangements.

Floral Festival July 8th and 9th
Floral arrangements by members of local Societies.

Special ringing arrangements available for full bands
Further particulars available from Mr G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. 324

LATE NEWS

At Birmingham Cathedral last Saturday a new record peel of Stedman Cinques was established—15,699 changes in 10½ hours.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Dinner 8th April, 1967

Book the date now

Details later

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MEETINGS

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Blackwell on November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Thursday previous. Names, please, to Mr A. Smithson, 27, Littlemore Lane, Newton, Derbys. 291

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec. 300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting directly after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 300

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — Change of arrangements, Stroud, Saturday, November 19th, evening practice only. Bells (10) from 5.30. Next meeting: Annual, Chalford, December 17th.—E. Cribley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Shalford on November 19th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford, Guildford. 286

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Sandridge, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 282

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Bells: Sawbridge-worth 6.15; Thorley 7.45. 306

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.—S. M. D., Hon. Sec. 209

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stevens and J. Cotton. 277

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Practice meeting at Wallingford, Saturday, November 19th, 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. 293

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Plain and Surprise Major methods.—E. Morris. 342

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss G. Birch-nall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.—B. N. Reed. 287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Aldrington (6) 3-4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shoreham (8) 6.15-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, 62, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 279

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting at Wakefield, Saturday, November 19th. Ringing arrangements: Kirk-thorpe (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and Wakefield Cathedral (12)—opportunity to ring on the light 10) 6.15 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting in Wakefield. Names for tea essential to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 274

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LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. —
Practice meeting, SS. Philip and Jacob's,
Bristol (8), November 24th. Bells 7.30–9 p.m.
—M. de J. 341

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—The A.G.M.
will be held at Curry Rivel (8), Saturday,
November 26th Service at 4.30. Meeting to
follow. Names for tea essential. Branch
Dinner, February 10th, tickets available. 299
J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.—Bath Branch.—Corporate Com-
munion on Wednesday, November 23rd, at
St. Michael with St. Paul (Broad Street), 7.30
p.m. Ringing 7–7.30 and 8.30–9 p.m. All
ringers welcome.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 335

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. —
Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Church-
hill (6), Saturday, November 26th, 5 p.m.—
M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 346

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton
District.—Ringing contest and meeting. Cad-
dington, November 26th. Practice ringing
from 3 p.m. Contest at 4. Short service at
5, followed by tea and judges' remarks at
5.30. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Red-
fearn. 41, Fairgreen Road, Caddington, near
Luton Beds. 348

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—
Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3.
Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss
A. C. Hardman, 129, Knott Lane, Hyde,
Cheshire, before Friday, November 25th.—
C. K. Lewis, Sec. 327

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenh-
hall Branch.—The annual general meeting will
be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Novem-
ber 26th, following the rededication of the
rehung bells. Rededication service (conducted
by the Bishop of Birkenhead) 3 p.m. Tea 5
p.m. Meeting following tea. Bells available
after service and also after tea. Names for
tea are essential: please forward to M. Thom-
son, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, War-
rington, Lancs. by Wednesday, November 23rd.
—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 351

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORK-
SHIRE and the YORKSHIRE (Northern Dis-
trict) ASSOCIATIONS.—Meeting at Thornaby,
Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) from
2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to
Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby,
Middlesbrough. 367

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
—Meeting at Sprotborough (8), Saturday,
November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5
p.m. Names to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310,
Melton Road, Sprotborough. 343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of
ringers' war memorial at Evensong, 4 p.m.,
November 26th, in Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea
in G.F.S. Hall, Cottage Place. Bells after tea
Names for tea to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road,
Writtle, Chelmsford (Tel. Writtle 491), by
Thursday, November 24th. 329

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-
TION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Ship-
ton Moyné, Wednesday, November 23rd. Bells
(6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting 8.30
p.m.—H. Heath 338

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Fara-
ham District.—Nomination meeting at Alder-
shot (8) on Saturday, November 26th. Bells
available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5
p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20,
Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. (Aldershot
24968).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 297

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton
Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Novem-
ber 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5
p.m.—M. E. Fort. 368

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —
Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November
26th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Names
for tea essential, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett,
Carlton House Dale Street, Ossett, by pre-
vious Wednesday. No name, no tea. 354

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinck-
ley District.—Meeting, Thurlston (6), Satur-
day, November 26th. Note change of date.
Names to Mr. Pickering, 17, Desford Road,—
V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 231

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —
Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Castle-
acre on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6)
available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names
for tea to Mr. W. Houghton, Castleacre,
King's Lynn. 327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks
and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter,
Saturday, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs.
Swift, 26, Fieldway, Chalfont St. Peter, by
November 22nd.—Miss Hague 265

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at
Wootton, Saturday, November 26th. Usual
arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost,
69, High Street, Pitsford, by Tuesday previous. 301

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salis-
bury Branch.—Evening meeting, Woodford,
Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 5.30–
8 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 340

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West
Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis,
Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Ser-
vice 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis,
Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 334

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mans-
field District) and E. DERBYS and W. NOTTS
ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Warsop (6),
Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea,
please, to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace,
Warsop, Mansfield, Notts, by Wednesday pre-
vious.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 345

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.
—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nay-
land, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8)
3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee
meeting in church at 7 p.m. Names for
tea, please, to Mrs. D. Colman, The Angel
Inn, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, by Novem-
ber 24th. 319

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—
Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th,
6.30 p.m., at Buxhall (6).—H. W. H. L., Dis-
Sec. 364

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Dis-
trict. — Nomination meeting, Betchworth,
November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to
Mrs. S. M. Lucas, 83a, Brighton Road, Red-
hill, by November 24th.—K. G. Game, Dis.
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Hail-
sham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3.30
p.m. and 6.15–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5
p.m. Meeting will be held either after tea
or after ringing in the evening. Names for
tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood,
Hailsham, by Wednesday, November 23rd.—
G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 355

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. —
Quarterly meeting, Buriton, Saturday, Novem-
ber 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.
Bells after tea, Numbers for tea, please, by
Tuesday, November 22nd.—C. E. Bassett,
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District. — Practice meeting at Ilkley (8) on
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Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Nor-
wich. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ring-
ing Master. 271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. —
Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's,
Taunton, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12)
3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea,
please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Roches-
ter District. — By-meeting at Stockbury on
Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Ser-
vice 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P.
Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sitting-
bourne, Kent, by previous Wednesday, please.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern
Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead, Saturday,
December 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify
me by Monday, November 28th.—P. J. Kilner,
Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
and **SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND**
YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December
3rd. Barnes (8) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Luke's,
Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8)
3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and
in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5
p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J.
Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms,
Hatfield, Herts, by December 1st. 353

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wim-
borne Branch. — Evening practice meeting,
Witchampton (6), Saturday, December 3rd, 7–
8.30 p.m.—J. A. Robertson. 325

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. —
Southern District.—Annual general District
meeting, Sketty, Saturday, December 3rd.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for
tea (5.15 p.m.), please, to J. A. Hoare, 6,
Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by
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Bands for the ringing were drawn from the various Districts to precede the festival items in the Cathedral.

Opening service, Saturday, Oct. 15th North Western. Touches of Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Bells rung in rounds by the Cathedral band during the closing hymn.

County Harvest Festival, Sunday, Oct. 16th. Cathedral band. 1,260 Bob Royal. Wendy Rathbone (first quarter) 1, Ann Edwards 2, Edna Cooper 3, Rosemarie Frith 4, Marion Panton 5, H. A. Shadrack 6, L. J. Clark (cond.) 7, C. Cooper 8, I. Panton 9, P. Bennett 10.

Monday, Oct. 17th. Cathedral band 1,287 Stedman Caters. Marion Panton 1, Ann Edwards 2, Edna Cooper 3, Rosemarie Frith 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, C. Cooper 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8, P. J. Eves 9, G. Thoday 10.

Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Northern 1,249 Grandsire Caters. R. Suckling (cond.) 1, Josephine Quilter 2, A. Wilfen 3, Mrs. A. Syder 4, F. Roper (first quarter Caters) 5, P. Wood 6, J. Warner 7, A. Syder 8, Hilda Snowden 9, R. I. Lindsell 10.

Wednesday, Oct. 19th. South Western 1,294 Stedman Cinques. D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, F. V. Gant 2, K. Warner 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. St. J. Boyack 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, M. C. Austin 9, I. L. Dear 10, A. J. House 11, E. T. Newnham 12.

Thursday, Oct. 20th. South Eastern. 1,336 Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Ann Edwards 1, Claire Hudson 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, B. J. Howard 4, P. G. Brown 5, R. J. Harrison 6, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 7, C. K. Cooper 8, I. R. Panton 9, D. A. S. Symonds 10, G. Thoday 11, J. L. Towler 12.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd. North Eastern. 1,264 Plain Bob Major. Daisy Andrews 1, Violet Hales 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, Janet M. Beant 4, F. Pike 5, A. E. Honeywood 6, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8.

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