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THE BORN RINGER AND THE MADE RINGER

WHEN I listen to well-struck 12-bell ringing I am always absorbed by the incredible skill. Not the skills that seem to amaze non-ringers—like “Fancy ringing all that time without stopping!” “Don’t you get tired?” and “How do you manage without music?”, but the skill of twelve people ringing all those varying masses of metal and placing them to such a degree of accuracy. The time intervals are so brief that they are barely perceptible.

Now I am not a born ringer, but a made ringer. Most of our finest “class” ringers are born ringers, but they seem to be no better able to explain their skill in striking than anyone else. A born ringer has outstanding innate ability, a made ringer has to work harder and more consistently. The born ringer is revealed in at least two important ways. To begin with, he can adapt very readily to ringing on higher numbers of bells than he is used to. Then again he does not need constant practice to maintain his standard—after a year or more out of the country or peacefully hibernating he can take his usual part in complex ringing of a high standard whenever he wishes. In this respect Richard A. Gifton of Whitley Bay, William J. Davidson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and John McDonald of Birmingham are born ringers whose names spring to my mind. On the other hand, two babies and two years out of ringing reduces me to helpless inadequacy and frustration, unable to place my bell though still able to hear my appalling striking.

There are some obvious qualities necessary for the born ringer and some less obvious. An adequate memory seems a basic requirement, although the right approach to learning methods can make a considerable difference. The ability to observe and act on several things at once is a basic requirement for a conductor or anyone who progresses beyond the blue line stage. My own inadequacy in this should have been predictable by me since I know that an interesting train of thought when I am walking along a crowded street will leave me bumping into lamp posts and mowing down old ladies who cannot escape quickly.

The born conductor will continue an interesting conversation, steer me away from the old ladies, wave to a friend, and notice the price of articles in the shop windows, all at the same time. Then in the belfry, with training, he will ring his own bell, watch all the other bells, transpose the course-ends, check the coursing order, call the bobs and even blow his nose if necessary. I am barely able to swallow or smile without my ringing deteriorating.

But this is a different matter from striking well and even blue line ringers can strike well. In theory to strike your bell correctly seems a straightforward business, using ropesight and listening to your bell. If you hear a gap between your bell and the treble as you strike over the treble, then you remember to pull closer after the treble next time, and if you hear a clip when you ring over the 4th at handstroke but a gap at backstroke then you assume the 4th is oddstruck and you remember to adjust and keep listening and checking and adjusting constantly. But this is a long and laborious procedure, only possible in a long touch, and in practice it just does not seem to work.

“Rhythm,” say the class ringers. “You must ring by rhythm.” They suggest that you can pull your bell in and hold it up rhythmically, so that you could follow your path alone, even with no other bells to fit in. This suggests a rhythm of movement, a swaying to an inaudible beat. But this is not the whole truth—because when the bell at the lead hesitates these rhythm ringers will all hold up just the right fraction. If they were all ringing to strict tempo they would all pile on to the leading ringer. In fact, I suspect they ring as I do when I am on form and ringing with a good band. I listen to the bells and tap them in my head as I hear them—tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap. That is all I do.

My brain works out the rest. It is much cleverer than I am, though not so efficient as the brains of better ringers. It works out the interval and the relation between pull and sound, and all I do is to listen to the taps and pull my bell. As a check that I am not ringing consistently (and rhythmically) too quick each change or too slow, I have to note how I lead. If my lead is wide then I may be striking wide at every change so I must pull in a little. If everyone in a band rings with this sort of rhythm they can adjust to occasional irregularities without losing the beat. If everyone rings in this way it accounts for the fact that there may be some enjoyment to the ringers in a peal in which one ringer clashes about on a quiet or light bell. The other ringers can ignore him and ring to a beat with seven taps and a blank.

Where there is an inaccurate ringer on a heavy bell, however, everyone in the band is more likely to keep away from him, and they may even succeed. In this case the result from outside the tower may have no clips and no gaps and is likely to sound less offensive than the previously mentioned peal in which there may be a mistake in every change. Nevertheless, the second peal will probably seem to the ringers to be a continuous struggle by ropesight, lumpy and laborious with no rhythm.

There are other oddities about ringing and striking. For one thing excellent peal ringers often appear to disadvantage in short rough touches because they do not strike by ropesight. For another, great ringers are frequently bred in towers with badly-going oddstruck bells, rather than in the towers that seem best designed to encourage them—the smooth, humming, light rings. Perhaps this is because oddstruck bells are not conducive to ringing by ropesight, and heavy bells more easily promote the physical rhythm of ringing. George Fearn (a born ringer) rates bells by whether they have a “good strike note,” not by the richness of their harmonics, and this, of course, emphasises the importance of the tap, the beat, the rhythm.

Born ringers undoubtedly have great advantages in all branches of ringing, not least the confidence which comes from success and which makes it easier to leave the precision of meticulous striking to the rhythm of the unconscious mind. Made ringers are more uncertain, tentative, dependent. Nevertheless, with perseverance, training, practice, the experience of well-struck peals, they can ring as well as a born ringer, and may even ring more conscientiously than some brilliant ringers. Their value to the Exercise is indisputable.

M. S. A.

DEREK E. SIBSON REVIEWS THE PEALS OF 1966

FROM time to time, various articles on different aspects of peal ringing appear in "The Ringing World." Canon Felstead reports "Points from recent peals" at intervals; the analysis of peals is produced annually; and the Peals Analysis Committee's report is presented to the Central Council at Whitson and subsequently published in these columns. It is not the purpose of this article to steal the thunder from these various reports, but merely to make some observations on outstanding and interesting performances, and to review in a little more detail certain groups of peals without making it sound too much like a catalogue.

Since the Central Council meeting at Yarmouth, where the Overseas Committee was established, ringers in this country have become more aware of activities abroad. This was further enhanced by the opening of the Washington Cathedral ring and its full coverage in "The Ringing World," and by Great Adventure II. It would, therefore, seem fitting to begin with a look overseas. Probably the most exciting events here are in connection with the Washington Cathedral band. Three of their members, including their captain, Richard Dirksen, visited this country, and during their stay first peals were arranged for all of them. This was of great advantage to them for, six weeks later, they took part in the first local peal at Washington, and the band then contained three other first pealers. It is rare to see a peal from Canada, but the first for at least 20 years is recorded this year from Calgary, in April, and it is hoped that it will not be as long again before another appears. Understandably, not so many peals have been rung in Australia and New Zealand this year, but the first has been scored on the new ring at Sydney Cathedral. As a tribute to A.N.Z.A., a band connected with Australian ringing in this country rang a peal at Crewkerne; this band contained several who had returned from Australia and some who had taken part in Great Adventure II.

A YEAR OF RECORD PEALS

There is little doubt that 1966 will be remembered as a year for record peals. Most of these records have been in numbers of methods rung, but one record length has been achieved. The series started in January with a peal at South Collingham in 180 Doubles methods and variations. Through the latter months of 1965 and the early months of 1966 the Essex Minor band were gradually increasing the number of methods rung in their peals, culminating in the new record peal in 145 methods at Rayne in March. This achievement had obviously sparked off some friendly rivalry in the neighbouring county, for in the same issue was recorded a peal for the Suffolk Minor band at the beginning of a trail which took them to a peal in 148 methods at Ashbocking in July. It seems unlikely that the rivalry will stop at that point, as one of the band has told me that new extents are being produced by Harold Chant at not infrequent intervals, and that the record now possible exceeds 160 methods. Perhaps this year will see the achievement of this in one of the two counties.

The other record band would seem to have the field of Spliced Surprise Major to themselves, and the number of methods continues to increase. Every other week we read of a new peal and several new methods under the peal. The limit with Anthony Peake's band would appear to be one lead of each of 159 methods if they stick to short courses, and

the writer, for one, looks forward to seeing this achieved in the coming weeks. With peals in these enormous numbers of methods the praise for ringing them is, quite rightly, considerable; but the composers of these extents of Minor and peals of Major should not be forgotten, for a tremendous number of hours of work are required to put the peals together and to prove them.

HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENTS

As in last year, the Bushey handbell band has been active. They achieved their original ambition of 25 Spliced Surprise Major in early May. Just to prove the point, they rang two peals on consecutive nights, and that is a fine achievement. The writer was privileged to umpire some of their earlier records, and it was a real pleasure to listen to their ringing. With this record behind them, they turned to Surprise Royal and, having rung some Cambridge Royal, they started on Spliced Surprise Royal. So far six methods have been rung, and it is hoped that it will not be long before once again their performances appear in the peal columns.

Perhaps this would be a good point to say a little about handbell ringing this year. Up to the time of writing, 2,407 tower bell peals have been published, and 235 on handbells. Whilst the number on tower bells would appear to be slightly down on 1965, the handbell total is approximately the same. Last year a large number of handbell peals came from South Wales, but this year they are much more evenly distributed throughout the country. There are bands from Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Kent, Leicester, the Midlands, Hertfordshire and other areas, all ringing regularly peals in methods up to Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. It is a very encouraging sign for this side of the art, and whereas handbell ringing of recent years has not been so plentiful, the wide distribution may herald a revival, and we look forward to seeing a further increase in 1967. One handbell peal of particular note was that to mark the 50th anniversary of the first 12-bell handbell peal in Birmingham, and Frank Perrins took part in both of them.

LOCAL BANDS

It is always a pleasure to read of peals rung by local bands. So far this year at least 25 have been recorded. The methods rung range from Grandsire Doubles to 118 Doubles variations, Plain Bob Minor to seven Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, and Plain Bob and Spliced Surprise Major. It would be invidious to single out any one performance, but congratulations are due to all these bands for their continued loyalty and perseverance. It would be even better if some 10- and 12-bell peals appeared with local band footnotes, and perhaps they soon will, for some of this year's are from 10-bell towers.

The variety of footnotes that appear to peals seems to become more varied every year. Church festivals and local church occasions provide a number of these. Examples are the peals rung for the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey, and the first peal on the new bells at Easthampstead, which also marked the centenary of the church. The 200th anniversary of the first peal at Horsham was marked by the ringing of a peal in the same method. Ordinations, inductions and enthronements appear in footnotes with unfailing regularity, and it is a very fitting welcome to a new vicar for a peal to be arranged. The Southam Deanery of the Coventry Diocesan Guild celebrated the tenth anniversary of the enthronement of the

Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley as Bishop of Coventry with a selection of peals. Historical events, too, have earned their place, and in particular the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings was suitably commemorated in the right part of Sussex.

BIRTHDAYS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Birthdays have been complimented by 136 peals and 21st birthdays by a further 56. George Symonds took part in his 91st birthday peal, and the writer wonders whether this constitutes a record. It would be interesting to know who is the oldest person to have rung a peal. Another interesting birthday peal was that at Tenby celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Kate Jenkins, the band containing her nephew, great-nephew and great-great-nephew. How "unofficial birthdays" come into the reckoning remains a mystery, but a peal at Clifton was thus described.

Engagement peals number 37, and wedding peals 156. It is very noticeable that prominent peal ringers always seem to manage to have several peals rung for them, and 1966 has been no exception! Wedding anniversaries, too, have featured regularly; three peals were specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Hairs' golden wedding, and they took part in the handbell peal, just as they had done on their wedding day. Only one diamond wedding peal is recorded, but what must be a very much rarer occasion is a 70th anniversary commemorated by a peal at Rogate.

In memoriam peals total 108, most of them being rung half-muffled, though some rung open at special request. Two prominent composers died during the year, namely Ernest W. Tipler and Albert J. Pitman, and it was appropriate that so many peals should be rung to their memory, using their own compositions as a tribute to their contribution to the Exercise. The widespread sympathy which the Aberfan disaster engendered was shown by the memorial peals rung, and one or two which were left unring on that dreadful day.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

This year has not been unremarkable in the field of personal milestones. George Fearn rang his 2,100th peal and, shortly before this, became the person to have rung the most peals ever, surpassing Ernest Morris's total. In addition, he rang his 500th peal at Birmingham Cathedral, which is considerably more than anyone else has rung at one tower. Two other possible records were Pat Cannon's 800th tower for a peal and Wilfred Williams' 60th tower for a 12-bell peal. John Mayne rang his 200th different Surprise Major method and also his 100th peal of Surprise "in hand," and in both of these became only the second person to do so. Many other personal milestones have been reached, but it is impossible to list them all. However, a few firsts should be mentioned: There were three first pealers in a peal at Flore, four first pealers in a peal at Longparish, and seven first of Spliced in a peal at Gloucester. A Rector rang his first peal, conducted by his daughter, which must be a somewhat unusual situation, but an alternative position for the incumbent during a peal is to be on guard against protests, as happened at Mitcheldean.

Nineteen-sixty-six will be remembered for a very fine heavy bell performance. In August, Peter Border turned in Liverpool Cathedral tenor single-handed, and this must surely rank as one of the greatest heavy bell performances of all time. There have been several other interesting 12-bell peals during the year: Cam-

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Tower Captaincy Without Tears

By OSRAM

PART II

IN the first article the suggestion was made that many of a tower captain's problems could be solved by first of all recognising a few basic principles

The first two principles were (a) Why not accept captaincy?; (b) Why put in more belfry attendances than the average ringer?

This week let us discuss four more principles.

PRINCIPLE 3. RECOGNISE THE NON-ATTENDANCE FACTOR

A band "on the books" is divisible into "steadies" and "casuals" very easily. Steadies are those who come every session (except annual holidays) failing circumstances barely within their control (e.g. parents taking them away to visit relatives for the week-end). You can count on them to be there without specifically asking them. You know who I mean. "Casuals" are the rest. Now "casuals" in any other walk of life—the like bonuses, aren't they—fine if they come and not critical if they don't. So, belfry captain, be brutal with your wishful thinking. Count up your "steadies." Forget the others. Then subtract some (one third, say) for circumstances beyond their control. The answer? Your guaranteed Sunday service attendance. In your tower that isn't as many as the number of bells you've got, is it? You wouldn't be reading this article if it were.

So face the non-attendance factor objectively. This article posits one-third of "steadies" not attending an average session, on the basis of the writer's experience. What do you posit? If it is one-third then to get all the bells ringing for every service you will need half as many "steadies" again as there are bells. And if you haven't got them, then either (a) accept that it is your responsibility when you turn up short one Sunday, and smile, or (b) get them.

PRINCIPLE 4. RECOGNISE THE WASTAGE FACTOR

Take any hobby. Stamp collecting: fishing: swimming: wife-beating. We've done them all at one time. Haven't we? And we don't do them any more. Do we? Nobody wept when we gave them up, because it is accepted that in our youth we were dilettantes, and tried anything. So why cry when a learner leaves the belfry? There are plenty more to take his place. Yes! Of course there are—read on. The practical action is to accept it as a fact of life which is not unduly unpleasant because there are more coming up in the pipeline.

What did your boss do when you changed your job last year? He got someone else, didn't he (promoted your subordinate?). Well, you're the boss now.

Why not budget for one-third of your learners leaving sooner rather than later? While, however, a learner is with you he's a potential "steady." Count up, then. You've 12 bells, three "steadies" (discount the 13 "casuals"), six potential "steadies." Since you need 18 "steadies" altogether (to allow for one-third non-attendance), then the 15 still to get will be produced by 23 potential "steadies." So having already got six, you need 17 more potential "steadies" (i.e. learners). The man you've just replaced as captain shouldn't have believed it. That's why you replaced him.

PRINCIPLE 5. RECOGNISE THAT THE MAJORITY OF OLDER PEOPLE WITH KEEN OUTSIDE INTERESTS STARTED THEM YOUNG

Most people over 30 years of age with a hobby started young. Most people don't have two hobbies which they pursue with real interest. And most women don't have hobbies. If you accept these premisses, why waste time and effort trying to persuade your friends

to ring? And why bother to chase the girls? Let them come if they want to, by all means—some girls are fabulous ringers, fabulous swimmers, fabulous opera singers. But the dedicated will find it for themselves. On the same principle leave your wife alone.

Recognise that your best potential ringers to go out and get are boys about 11 years old, and not either choirboys or Boy Scouts (you don't want two-hobby people).

Now, who are the experts in coaxing, attracting the attention of, making things attractive to 11-year-old boys? Parents of 11-year-old boys primarily. But they are difficult to find. Primary school teachers next. Why not go to them, therefore, to find recruits? There will be several primary schools in your area. Write to the headmaster and then keep phoning him until he gives you a few names and addresses to get rid of you. Better still, have a recruitment officer to do it for you. (See later under "Delegation.")

This is true even for a heavy ring, you know. Generally learners are not contributing expertly to a tower's ringing until they have at least two years' experience. And by the time an 11-year-old is 13 he is getting quite strong and capable of moving round towards the medium-sized bells. There is room for thought here moreover. You, reader, might be no more ambitious than to want a rounds band in the long term. However, if you are looking for a Londinium Maximus band then think carefully before recruiting any old 11-year-olds that the headmaster offers. Why not specify 11-plus-passers or near misses? You will be more surely laying intelligence up for yourself this way, and this could be fruitful later. It all depends on the long-term standard you want.

Principle No. 5 is, therefore: direct your maximum recruiting effort where it will be most economically repaid, and aim at qualifications for them consistent with long-term levels required.

PRINCIPLE 6. RECOGNISE THE CONFLICT WITH TIME

If you are to keep your own personal attendances down to "normal" levels, does this mean that more should be packed into available time? With 17 new recruits, it obviously does. A skill like metal-working, or calculus, takes many many months of concentrated and devoted effort on the part of the individual and his teacher before he is able to employ it to the full. Is it fair to expect a ringing learner, surrounded by other learners, to learn the intricacies of campanology without the maximum of attention devoted to him? Yet out of two hours' practice and possibly two hours' service ringing per week, how many minutes does he get at the end of a bell rope? Twenty? Could this be increased?

Calculate your official tower ringing periods in a weekly total. Then one week when you're not ringing a quarter peal count the number of minutes the bells are actually rung for the week. Punctuality and reduction of wasteful non-ringing time between touches could increase ringing time by up to a third, perhaps. If so, then surely this is of immense value to our learners.

By the same token it is a major disaster to omit any Sunday service ringing because there aren't enough local ringers available. One hour's potential ringing time lost is a large proportion in a week (quite apart from the consideration that Sunday service ringing is your main brief as church bellringing captain). Is it consistent to insist on punctuality and then gaily abandon an hour without extremely good reason, leaving three learners to miss valuable experience? Why not contact a neighbouring tower for "spares"? At the very worst, encourage your three learners strongly to go to another tower to ring.

Talking of punctuality, you are not late for work every morning. You don't keep your friends waiting after arranging to meet

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Peals of 1966—continued.

bridge Maximus was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral for the first time for many years, and the first peal of Surprise at York Minster took place during the summer. To celebrate the City of London Festival, the College Youths rang three peals of Stedman Cinques simultaneously to the same composition at Bow, Cornhill and Cripplegate. Unusual performances provide special interest, such as the peal of Cambridge Maximus which was rung by six fathers and sons at Evesham: the peal at Accrington rung during a Cross procession through the town by all denominations, and the peal at Withyham on November 12th by a band of first world war veterans.

Peals as accepted "scientifically" are not usually associated with call change ringers but, for the first time ever, one has been accredited to the Devon Association. The integration of call change ringers and scientific ringers is long overdue, and now that they are represented on the Central Council and a peal has been rung by them it is to be hoped that the friendship will become much greater.

150 MAJOR METHODS

In conclusion, what have we rung during 1966? The variety of methods and types of peal is enormous, and to list them here would not be very interesting. Minor records have already been referred to, but there are many other bands who regularly ring multi-method peals, though not aspiring to such heights. The most surprising feature to the writer was that over 150 Major methods have been rung this year and over 120 of these were different Surprise methods. The Peals Analysis Committee report lists methods in which more than ten peals have been rung, and for the first time Glasgow will feature in the list. It is difficult to assess why there has been this sudden rise in popularity in what used to be considered a difficult method. The use of singles in Surprise composition may well be considered controversial, but, whether one approves or not, it has opened up a new field of musical possibilities, as has been shown by the spate of compositions appearing. This is reflected in what has been rung, and it is encouraging to see conductors choosing the more musical compositions of Yorkshire and London rather than just the simple ones. It was for this reason that the writer considered peals of London this year in rather more detail. 1965 saw a tremendous increase in peals of London which has not been maintained so far this year; 1965 also saw the publication of a number of very good compositions of London by Roger Baldwin, Stephen Ivin and Roderick Pipe. The number appearing this year has not been so great and this may account for the falling off in the peals. However, of the 77 peals of London which have been published up to the time of writing, no less than 57 were composed by these three. It looks very much as though the days when Gabriel Lindoff's name appeared below the majority of peals of London have gone, and it will be interesting to watch the pattern of this side of peal ringing during 1967.

or you would not be their friend for long. So, as ringing boss, why should you tolerate lack of punctuality? It may be difficult with the old lags but a few well-chosen public words with the young learner goes a long way with everyone. (A band the writer knows once, between the wars, locked their doors the instant Sunday service ringing started, and latecomers took the consequences. So, probably, did the band.) But every minute's delay in starting three-quarters of an hour's service ringing is over two per cent. of your ringing time gone. The sixth principle, then, is to recognise the conflict with time. Why not think of what you're going to do next while the current piece of ringing has returned to rounds prior to standing? And why not risk offending and possibly losing latecomers by pointing out a few salient facts about the use of time?

[In the next article the nine basic principles will be concluded, ready for dealing with planning. The importance of delegation, referred to earlier, will be elaborated.]

Letters to the Editor

OLD AND DERELICT BELLS AT POTT SHRIGLEY

Dear Sir,—Earlier this month Pott Shrigley (Macclesfield, Cheshire) Parochial Church Council finally decided to restore and retain the three old bells instead of recasting towards a new ring of six. There is room for a ring of six and the raising of funds should not have presented a serious problem according to members of the Council.

The three bells consist of the tenor, an Old field bell cast in 1607 and two other long-waisted undated bells cast by Robert Crouch (1479-50), which are so badly cracked as to render them not liable to ancient monument preservation. They were last rehung in 1890 and are now unringable, and the frame, wheels and clappers are in derelict condition.

There remains in the village a hard core of feeling in support of retaining these bells, which in my view is not justified. As far as I know, no one associated with the Exercise was involved at the final meeting. I suggest that those in favour of restoring the three were influenced by over-enthusiastic historians instead of listening to the Guild bell consultants who had been present at an earlier meeting of the Council. My object in writing is to invite comments either way on this matter.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN SCHOFIELD.

Pott Shrigley, Cheshire.

PRACTICE NIGHTS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—Re the letter on page 856 by Mr. Easton. I would remind Mr. Easton that "Dove" is not always reliable on the subject of practice nights. From the Kent handbook there are 23 towers in the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of which one has no band and the bells of another are unringable. Of the rest, four practise on a Monday, five on a Tuesday, four on a Wednesday, three on a Thursday and five on a Friday. This shows that in this part of Kent the weekday ringing is quite well spread out.

I advise Mr. Easton to buy himself a copy of the Kent handbook if he intends to carry out this type of research. The handbooks are obtainable from the Kent general secretary, who is Mr. Corby.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

AN EXAMPLE — A GOOD PEAL, A LETTER OF THANKS AND A ROPE FEE

Dear Sir,—Ring a bad peal or, as on outing correspondent, pass an opinion, and you can be sure of making the headlines in "The Ringing World."

For a change, I would like to congratulate the band who rang a peal at Hilgay on December 17th; I did not hear it, but several people commented to me how well the bells were rung and how they enjoyed listening to them. Also for a letter confirming the starting time, no objection to a rope fee, and a letter of thanks following the peal.

The Hilgay band includes about a dozen teenagers and the bells are rung for two services nearly every Sunday. On practice night (Monday 7-9 p.m.) with help we manage Bob Major and Triples and Grandsire Triples. Although the villagers never complain about our striking, it is nice to know they appreciate and know when the bells are being rung in peal fashion.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

"CHRISTMAS BELLS"

Dear Sir,—Christmas bells came through this year with equal splendour as last year, especially the heavy ten at Wells Cathedral and St. Michael's, Cornhill, London (12). I think this is an ideal way of commencing Christmas Day and shall look forward to hearing perhaps one of the following (as I have stated before): Liverpool Cathedral or a 12-bell tower from Birmingham such as Aston Parish Church, St. Martin's or St. Philip's Cathedral.

Wishing you and "The Ringing World" prosperity in the coming year.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHALLENGE TO BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rigby's recent letter has only stated what the object of the so-called Bristol Society is and not how one may become a member or who the officers are. In fact, if the "Society" has any officers at all they are remarkably silent.

It is just as well that Mr. Rigby said that the "Society" was "a group of fair-minded ringers living mainly in the Gloucester and Bristol Association's territory," because, if the report was correct, the peal that he rang for the "Society" was at Loughborough. Is one seriously to believe that the peal would have otherwise been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol, as the letter may be taken to mean? Perhaps it is just another way of evading the peal fee of the local Guild.

If this group of ringers are as democratic and fair-minded as the letter suggests, why don't they register their disapproval in the truly democratic way at the local Branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol, assuming that they are members? Failing this, there is always the annual general meeting, which provides them with an excellent opportunity for expressing their views, as it is very conveniently being held in Bristol this year.

Should their aim be merely not to ring peals for the Gloucester and Bristol, why not accredit them to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association? This has been done in Bristol in recent years and the little financial support received from these peals would help an energetic Association. If this is not wanted, why not plain "Non-Association"? Perhaps if Mr. Parsons had rung his much-criticised peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the "Bristol Society" he would not have had any "officers" questioning its validity. — Yours sincerely,

A. TUBB.

Berkeley, Glos.

ODD VENTURES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to point out that the "240's" of Grandsire Doubles (page 352) may cause a little confusion. The first 240 and second 240, as printed, appear to be one and the same composition, and also that these compositions by Mr. B. D. Price first appeared in "The Ringing World" on March 2nd, 1962, with the following footnote: "These, with Morris's 3-part 240, are the only 240's in parts with each change at hand and back."—Yours faithfully,

R. W. LEAVETT.

Maldon Essex.

OXFORD.—ST. PETER IN-THE-EAST

Subject to faculty the ring of eight bells and the saunce in this tower will shortly be sold

The bells comprise a ring of six cast at the Rudhall Foundry in 1700 (one recast 1753), with the addition of two trebles in 1891 from the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor weighs approximately 91 cwt. (note A). The saunce is a Rudhall bell of 1777 and weighs approximately 1 cwt. The frame and fittings are thought to be useless.

Inquiries and offers should be addressed to: The Secretary, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd., Diocesan Church House North Hinksey, Oxford.—A. R. Pink, Sec., Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd.

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ONLY SOLUTION—AN ALL-OUT DRIVE

Dear Sir,—I have been noting with interest the correspondence concerning the state of "The Ringing World". I am amazed at the amount of criticism arising from the small changes which have so far been made to the paper. I am beginning to think that a lot of people take the paper just to look at the title on the front page.

Why do people take "The Ringing World"? I would like to make a few suggestions in answer to that question. If I may I would suggest that it is the basic desire of some ringers to learn more of ringers and ringing outside their own immediate vicinity which provides the market for the paper rather than the attractiveness of the publication. I would estimate these ringers to represent about 15 per cent. of all ringers. A further five per cent. perhaps, might decide to buy or not to buy the paper according to the assessment of its "attractiveness." The remaining 80 per cent. of all ringers do not have sufficient interest in the Exercise to want to increase their knowledge of ringers and ringing. Consequently they have no need of "The Ringing World."

I do not find this sort of argument at all surprising. After all, in every kind of activity or hobby we can think of we find people with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

In conclusion I would suggest that making the paper more "attractive" will not increase the circulation significantly. The real boost will only come by having an all-out drive to increase the total number of ringers, thereby increasing the percentage of those with sufficient interest and curiosity to make "The Ringing World" essential reading matter. — Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. FRIEND.

Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The long-awaited visit to Southill of the Biggleswade District on December 10th was a very happy meeting, with Mr. C. Mann acting as Ringing Master. It was a pleasure to welcome a party from Middlesex, who rang with us before visiting other towers in the district.

This was the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Ashworth), and he conducted a shortened Evensong and took the chair for the business meeting. Tea was kindly provided by local ladies. A great encouragement was the presence of young learners from towers where change ringing is not in a very advanced state, to widen and extend their capabilities.

L. E.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Memorial Service for Mr. G. Pullinger

A memorial service for the late Mr. George Pullinger was held at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstoke, on December 10th. About 60 members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild were present to pay tribute to one of their greatest members, together with many of Mr. Pullinger's friends from Bishopstoke where he had been a ringer for over 40 years.

The service was conducted by the Rector the Rev. G. H. Rose, the lesson read and the address given by the Master of the Guild Canon K. W. H. Felstead. In his address, Canon Felstead said that, in the passing of George Pullinger, they had lost a truly great man. A perfectionist in all he undertook, George had also the gift of leadership which enabled many to benefit from coming under his wing as a teacher. Even with the disability of having lost his right arm in the first world war, his striking was immaculate and he expected the same from others. Above all, one knew where one stood with George Pullinger: he was honest and frank in all he said.

George gave continuous service to the Guild as an officer of the Guild for almost 40 years. He became assistant secretary in 1923 and was general secretary from 1924-1930, during which time the old Winchester Diocese was broken up and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild founded, the formation of which was due mainly to the work of George Pullinger and George Williams. Mr. Pullinger became Master in 1949 and, on his retirement from this office in 1955, he was accorded the singular honour of being elected a life vice-president of the Guild.

Canon Felstead concluded by saying that in all he did George Pullinger's motives were right, they were those of a Christian in the service of God: the world was the poorer without him.

Following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a representative band.

A PERSONAL APPRECIATION

"It's no good, we tried it in 1923. It didn't work then and it won't work now!"

Such a remark was often heard from George at Guild meetings when some supposedly new topic came up for discussion. His knowledge and memory were unassailable features.

His early life was spent in the village of Upham, where he was introduced to the art. His interest in ringing was such that the challenge was taken up again after the loss of his right arm in Mesopotamia during the Great War. In the early '20's he began ringing at Bishopstoke and North Stoneham with the war exempted band of George Williams. Recognition of his ability was soon accepted by the Winchester Guild elders and he held every available office in the Guild open to him. He was not a prolific peal ringer—his interests lying mainly in beginners and the teaching of method ringing.

This preamble of course gives no real hint as to his character, and character is the right word as far as his methods were concerned. Learning to handle followed the straightforward pattern—practice, practice and more practice, during which time one would learn to live with his voice, which no bellfounder could ever match with mere alloy. In the belfry his was undisputed; I remember the Rector and churchwardens asking his permission to enter! Having been Ringing Master for some 30 years probably had something to do with it!

As a learner I suffered under George Pullinger—his maxim I thought then could only be "I makes 'em or breaks 'em." He would instil the knowledge by the strange mixture of

bellowing and poking the stump of his right arm at your shoulder. Listeners at the foot of the spiral could hear choice remarks such as—"Anything the matter with your ears?" "I would tremble and stutter—"No," just waiting for the deafening gem of wisdom to arrive, "Well, use 'em then, can't you hear that you are slow at backstroke!"

On occasions the light would dawn and the hard graft disappear, and as soon as my interest matched his, oh, how things changed. Ringing books would appear in my jacket pocket and he would take me on long bicycle rides to meetings in far-flung districts of our Guild. Under his wing I was gradually introduced into the wider sphere of the Exercise until the inevitable day came when he had finished his teaching and I was free to go my own way.

Even after his retirement to Willingdon we would meet at least annually for the Guild annual general meeting and talk about old times.

He was a member of the Old Guard all right, dictatorial, forthright to the point of being misunderstood and would tolerate nothing second rate. But as usual this exterior concealed a surprisingly gentle man with a deep understanding. Hampshire will miss George Pullinger. I will miss him and be eternally grateful to him for giving me the chance; it seems very hard to believe that we will not meet again.

TOM CHAPMAN.

OBITUARY

MR. BERT GARRETT

On December 28th the funeral took place of Mr. Bert Garrett, one of the best-known ringers in North Hampshire, who died after a long illness just before Christmas, aged 70. The service was at St. Mary's Church, Overton, where he had been a ringer all his life and was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. A. Sanders.

The many friends present included the local band at the church. The Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was represented by the Master (Mr. C. Osler), the secretary (Mr. J. Hill), the past secretary (Mr. J. Chesterman) and Mr. H. Balaam. The Mayor of Basingstoke, himself a ringer, who had been taught at the age of 13 by Bert, was also present and shared in the tribute of the bells, which were rung half muffled as the coffin was carried out of the church.

Bert Garrett was one of those men who are the backbone of the Exercise—no great peal-ringer but one who was never away from the tower for practice or for Sunday ringing. His father before him, and then his brother Henry, had been captain and it was natural that Bert should keep on the family tradition. He was regular, too, at quarterly meetings and served on the Diocesan Guild Executive Committee. All knew him as a man of integrity, friendly, and with a wholehearted interest in ringing and ringers, linked to unswerving loyalty to the Church he served.

The day after the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the Overton bells in his memory. Three members of his family shared in it, with friends of long standing to make up the band. From beginning to end no voice was heard in the ringing chamber but Geoff Dodd making the calls. Outside, the striking (of the highest order) gave to the village and surrounding hills a message of memory and fellowship from the tongues of the bells Bert had for so long loved and rung. May he rest in peace.

MRS. ETHEL BARNES

Thornaby-on Tees has lost one of its oldest ringers in the passing of Mrs. Ethel Barnes on December 27th.

Born in 1904 at Whitby, she lived there until 1912 when the family emigrated to North America. She and her father (Mr. Frederick Barnes) mother and four sisters sailed on the ill-fated "Titanic". Her father was drowned, but the rest of the family eventually reached their uncle in America but were unable to settle down. Shortly after the end of the first world war they returned and lived in Thornaby, which was not far from their former home.

Ethel was a staunch churchwoman, and bellringing was only a part of her many services to the Church. She often attended meetings during the last four years although her doctor had forbidden her to ring. She was not an advanced method ringer, but an excellent striker, a quality inherited by all she taught.

Sympathy is expressed to her grown-up son and two daughters. She will be sadly missed by ringers in this area, particularly the older ones. F. R. A.

MRS. C. M. CRAWFORD

The death occurred early in December of Mrs. C. M. Crawford, of Rampton, Notts., an honorary vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Mrs. Crawford was the widow of Arthur Crawford, who in 1927 gave the Crawford Cup to the North Notts Association in memory of his father Charles, a noted ringer and local personality. The cup has been competed for continuously since 1928, barring a break during the war years, and was presented by Mrs. Crawford to the winning team on many occasions.

Members of the North Notts District attempted a muffled peal at Rampton on Tuesday, December 6th, but as this broke down too late to allow a second start, a well-struck 1,320 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by S. Carnall 1, Linda M. Wilkinson 2, H. Poyner (cond.) 3, D. Chambers 4, S. G. Pick 5, H. Denman 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite the near approach of Christmas, the meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield on December 17th, was well attended and ringing in a variety of methods took place under the leadership of the Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart.

A most sincere welcome was extended by the Rev. Christopher Lamb as a preface to his short address during the service, which followed the pattern of the Association's normal form of service. Unfortunately everyone in church did not stop for tea, but those who did were well rewarded by an excellent repast prepared by the members of the Enfield band.

At the business meeting three enthusiastic young members of the local company were elected as ringing members, viz. the Misses Jane Darby, Glynis Perry and Christine Neville. Miss Iris Lemare and Mr. William Pye joined the Association and were added to the list of ringing members. The provisional elections of Keith J. Walpole (Wheatthorpe) and Miss E. Winifred Keys (Chichester) as non-resident life members prior to peals of Hendon Surprise Major at Putney and Bob Major at Hackney were ratified.

Votes of thanks included a special "thank you" to Ron Wood, the local tower captain, and his helpers. F. H. K.

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HALF PEALS

EMPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 2,784 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Hudson 1, R. Russell 2, R. N. Scholes 3, C. J. Groom 4, S. Bell 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round because of interruption.

TRING, HERTS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Sarah Slemek (longest length) 1, C. J. Badrick 2, E. J. Upton 3, H. Collings 4, A. V. Good 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6, E. Edmondson 7, B. M. Barker 8. A welcome to the Rev. D. L. Howells, B.A., the new Vicar.

DATE TOUCH

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Saviour's, 1,966 Plain Bob (14 P.B. Triples, 1,952 P.B. Major): Christine M. Baldock 1, Janet M. Percy 2, Ann Harris 3, Mrs. Betty Percy 4, R. W. R. Percy 5, A. R. Baldock 6, T. M. Barlow 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for Christmas, and also in thanksgiving for the life and service of Eric Trueman Barlow, late organist and choirmaster and father of ringer of seventh.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor D. Geoffrey Kerley 1, P. Jones 2, R. N. Bagshaw 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, George Kerley 5, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 6.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Erith 1. I. Pleasance (first "inside") 2, P. G. Erith 3, R. Stephenson 4, D. W. Bloyce 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6. For Midnight Communion.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Worthington 1, R. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, R. Spicer 4, F. J. Robinson 5, A. A. F. Peters 6.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Walker 1, M. Hebden 2, M. G. Dodson 3, R. W. Rice 4, G. Hebden 5, G. Robson 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8. First on bells since rehanging.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan E. Relf (first quarter) 1, Ann Harris 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. J. Winchester 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Susan Relf, also best wishes to Valerie Mepham and Thomas Haxton (marriage, January 7th).

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. B. Wood (first of Triples) 4, A. Bridges 5, Captain J. J. Ellams 6, D. Lamb (first as cond.) 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, Miss K. Fletcher 3, Miss B. Wood 4, E. H. Langley 5, D. Lamb 6, Capt. Ellams 7, A. Bridges 8. For Midnight Communion, and to mark 40 years of happy service ringing together of the Misses Fletcher. Also a farewell to Mr. D. Lamb, returning to Hong Kong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Dury (first Triples) 1, Lynne Payne 2, A. Bourner 3, Carole Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, E. Clifton 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Renstead 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Carole Wood.

BIGGSWADE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Mullins 1, J. G. Flint 2, Sheila I. Smith (cond.) 3, D. G. Carr 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, A. S. Smith 6. For Christmas, and as a compliment to the Rev. J. H. Dominey, to mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, H. L. Bishop 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 5, R. B. Blood (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Christmas.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, B. Martin (first of Grandsire) 2, J. Collard (first Grandsire) 3, T. Newlands 4, R. W. Sweet 5, D. Rennolds (first on eight as cond.) 6, D. J. Hunt 7, S. Bateman (13, first on eight) 8.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Allman 1, G. A. Edwards 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, K. W. Eaton 4, L. A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott 6, F. R. Morton (cond.) 7, G. K. Green 8. First on eight 1 and 8. First of Triples "inside" 4 and 5.

BURTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Brown 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper 4, (first "inside") 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Reeves 6.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Oliver 1, Margaret Hill 2, J. Cooper 3, A. Foster 4, G. Oliver 5, F. Simey (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): I. J. Goodman 1, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 2, C. J. Harpley 3, C. Albon 4, F. H. Walters 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Phillips 1, Jean Moore (first of Doubles) 2, D. Tysoe 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, D. Kirton 5, J. Kirton 6. First quarter 1, 3, 5 and 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Candy (first quarter) 1, Margaret J. Grantham 2, D. C. Manger 3, B. Butler 4, J. S. Barnes 5, A. J. Lees (cond.) 6, R. Weeks 7, J. T. Cousins 8. First of Triples for all except 3 and 5.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. A compliment to Elisabeth van de Laarschott and David Roberts, son of ringer of the 3rd, who were married at Newquay the previous day.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, S. Hardy (first of Surprise) 5, Miss B. Cooke 6, E. Pannell 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Anne P. Leigh 1, H. Scott 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, G. Jackson 6, E. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: T. D. Spencer 1, Anne P. Leigh 2, H. Scott 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, E. Padgett 6, F. Reed 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Minor (five methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, L. D. Smith 2, J. Hartless 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First in five Minor methods on the bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. Culver 1, R. Clarke 2, Mrs. C. Sims 3, K. Small 4, P. Clarke 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, P. Shonk 8. For Midnight Mass.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Ivings (first quarter) 1, I. Middle-ditch 2, Mrs. H. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For the joy of Christmas.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples Hilary Kipping 1, Heather Waters 2, H. P. Reed 3, S. Reed (first of Stedman) 4, C. H. Kippin 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, J. M. Kippin 8.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary L. Widgery 1, Mary Ball 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. C. Jackson 6.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Tipper 1, A. Reeves 2, D. Hatherly (first "inside" in four methods) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol Lester (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Harris 2, Mrs. S. Tickle 3, C. Woods 4, L. Stevens 5, F. Chambers 6, S. Tickle 7, T. Harris (cond.) 8. For carol service.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. H. Randles 1, D. Collins 2, J. Hedgecock 3, G. H. Randles 4, C. J. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Estcourt 6.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1, Marion L. Lidger 2, H. Miles 3, A. Locke 4, A. P. Smith (first of Major) 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, F. M. Bowers (first of Major) 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Spliced Rutland and Yorkshire S. Major: F. M. Byrne 1, E. Edmondson 2, A. V. Good 3, B. M. Barker 4, R. E. Sheppard 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, S. F. Carter (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, J. Kemp 5, P. M. F. Seales 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Stott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, R. Jones 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. E. Scoones 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, B. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Midnight Communion. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): A. Neilson 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Matins.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Mundy (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. A. W. Fuller 2, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 3, D. Lee 4, A. W. Johnson 5, Juanita Fuller 6. For the Christmas Festival.

MORETON CORBETT, SALOP.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Minor: T. Shilcock 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, J. P. Burton 3, C. Bainham 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, P. G. K. Davies 6. First in the method by all the band.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Askew 1, S. Pardoe 2, J. Pardoe 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, G. White 5, M. Lincoln 6, R. Yeates 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong (local band).

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hiller 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, D. Ellery 3, M. Hiller 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. R. Humphrey 1, Miss E. I. Foster 2, P. Raithby 3, C. W. Reed 4, Miss M. E. Chilton 5, R. B. Mills 6, S. W. Humphrey (cond.) 7, P. Wakefield 8, G. A. Dawson 9, J. R. Pratchett 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, P. Chambers 2, A. Bainham 3, D. Phillips 4, R. Smith 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, H. G. Wells 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, S. Humphrey 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: K. P. Parker 1, R. H. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. A. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. First of Little Bob 1, 2 and 4.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Bainham 1, Miss J. Sturrock 2, A. Botterell 3, M. T. Mulvey 4, S. Matthews 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, D. I. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 4 and 5. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. V. S. Nichols (Vicar).

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey (cond.) 1, D. G. Massey 2, A. P. Beck 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, D. J. Orledge 5, D. A. Burt 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Brain 1, E. Owens 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, W. Lampard 4, D. M. Smith 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Heath 1, J. L. Floyd (cond.) 2, Christine T. Wilkins 3, L. D. Floyd (first "inside") 4, A. J. Wenden 5, R. E. Gerhardt 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Miss E. Snell 1, M. R. Meadows 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheldon 1, M. Turner 2, Miss C. Turner (cond.) 3, H. Morton 4, H. F. Baracough 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, B. Horton 7, D. Timmins (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. Mary Martin. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Spooner (first quarter) 1, C. Williams 2, Miss F. M. Baracough 3, Miss C. Turner 4, M. Turner (cond.) 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, H. F. Baracough 7, D. Timmins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for the tragedy at Aberfan.

WHATELEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, N. T. H. Abbott 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. G. Brown 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Double Oxford): R. Preston 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clapp 3, R. Cook 4, O. Homewood 5, R. E. Mantion (cond.) 6. First in these methods 3 and 5. In honour of the birth of a son for O. Homewood.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. M. Burns 1, Mrs. B. Street 2, Mrs. L. Bounphrey 3, H. Byrom 4, B. Street 5, L. Bounphrey (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bounphrey and Jaclyn, on their departure for Uganda.

CROSSWORD POPULAR

Our crossword contest in the issue of December 9th was very popular. Fifty-five entrants sent in correct solutions and there were many unsuccessful. The first correct solution was submitted by Mr. M. V. White, of Avalon, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warwickshire to whom a 10s. prize has been sent. His comment was: "It makes it more interesting missing out some clues—well done—I liked it!" Correct solution:—

Across.—1 Terrington St. Clement, 5 Olveston, 8 Greenwich, 12 Melling, 13 Wednesbury, 14 Lutterworth, 15 Old, 17 Skilgate, 18 Malpas, 20 Idle, 22 Mells, 25 Road, 26 Drogheda, 28 Pylle, 29 Stoke Poges, 30 Yass, 31 York, 34 Ludgershall, 39 Lea, 41 Ludlow, 42 Over, 43 Sheen, 44 Wymington.

Down.—1 Trowell, 2 Revelstoke, 3 Strensham, 4 Chelsfield, 6 Sunderland, 7 Newport Pagnell, 9 Wotildham, 10 Clyro, 11 Mold, 16 Brierley Hill, 17 Sleaford, 21 Okeford, 23 Leeds, 24 Fareham, 27 Roos, 32 Ossett, 33 Halse, 35 Upwey, 36 Alton, 37 Ely, 38 Awre, 40 Ash.

J. J. Hill sends the following comment over Alton being described as in Surrey:

Ronald geography's all in a flurry;
He compiled our crossword in a hurry.
The good folk of Hants should now
dust his pants

For thinking that Alton's in Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Harpenden was gaily decorated with Christmas lights, and it is to be hoped that the bells added to the atmosphere as they rang during the afternoon and evening of December 17th for the St. Albans District meeting.

The Rector conducted a short service, during which a peal board was dedicated. The peal was rung in May, 1965, to mark the consecration of a daughter church in the parish, All Saints', and was only the second peal to have been rung by an all local band. The first peal was rung in 1913, and Mr. Arthur Day had the unusual experience of standing in both peals.

Tea was taken in the nearby Church Hall, and was prepared and served by members of the local band and their wives; hot mince pies proved to be very acceptable.

The president (Mr. K. Dunstan) took the chair at the business meeting. The transfer of Tewin to the Eastern District was ratified, and the hope expressed that the Tewin band would continue to progress, and that its members would come to St. Albans District meetings as often as they were able.

The District secretary (Mr. Roger Brown) intimated that he would not seek re-election at the annual District meeting due to be held on January 21st. This news was received with regret.

Mr. G. Penney (Ringing Master) thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, Mr. Peter Owen (Tewin) for playing the organ, and the Harpenden band for providing an excellent tea. Members returned to the tower to ring until 8 o'clock.

M. A. C.

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5,376, 5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ALAN S. BURBIDGE

23456	W	M	H
24536	—	—	2
32546	—	—	6
36524	—	—	2
23564	—	—	6

Repeat twice.

For 5,152 call in lieu of any one part (e.g. the first).

23456	W	M	H
45326	S	—	—
25346	S	—	6
63524	S	—	—
23564	S	—	6

(All sets of 6 called BBS BBS.)
Contains all courses having combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6 positions, tenors together.

Rung in shorter form at Erdington on October 1st, 1966, conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.

RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

The longest length ever rung on 12 handbells was accomplished on Christmas Eve at Marple, Cheshire. It was 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus in 6 hours and 6 minutes. The band was Alan McFall 1-2, Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4, Robert B. Smith (cond.) 5-6, Neil Bennett 7-8, Gerald Moorhouse 9-10, B. Thompson 11-12. Picture and full story next week.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Encouraging signs of progress were mentioned by Mr. H. Eggleston, Ringing Master, in his report to the annual general meeting of the South East District held at Hintlesham on December 10th. He stated that Sproughton had started a new band under the tower captain, Mr. R. Kersey, and that 14 learners from Clopton and Orley were being taught by him. It was encouraging to find so many youngsters in the district taking an interest in ringing.

The officers were all re-elected, and Mr. E. Pearce (the chairman) thanked all ringers and friends for their support.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. H. Clayton, and Mr. A. Beckwith (the Guild secretary) was organist. Ringing in the afternoon was under the watchful eye of the District Ringing Master and extended from rounds to many Surprise methods. Tea, for a company exceeding 40, was served at the George.

W. L.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank W. Croft rang his first peal for ten years at Stevenage on December 27th.

Mr. George E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, rang his 250th peal of Stedman Cinques on December 22nd.

The passing of Walt Disney was commemorated by a peal at Norton Disney, Lincs, where his ancestor lived. During a visit to England in 1961 Mr. Disney visited this church.

In the peal of Pink's Doubles rung at Longparish, Hants, on November 23rd (see page 814) the ringer of the fifth was Reginald F. Crook, and not as published.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Swansea, has now returned home from hospital after undergoing a major operation. Best wishes from all friends.

Mr. A. P. Cannon and his band at Wilton, Wilts, had hard luck on November 19th, when a peal of Minor was lost with only two leads to ring through a rope breaking. This would have been the first peal of Minor on the bells.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. M. M. Godley, of Yetminster, Dorset, is in hospital. She went in before Christmas and is now making good progress after an operation.

Their hosts of friends will send their felicitations to the Misses D. and K. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, who this Christmas completed 40 years of happy Sunday service ringing together.

A band, all under 15, rang for the carol service at Stowe, North Bucks.

Paul Jopp, aged 9, of Stoulton, Worcs, called his first quarter peal on December 28th.

From Wadhurst, Sussex, Mr. C. A. Bassett informs us that his band collected £20 10s. this Christmas playing carols on handbells.

After the failure of the Westminster Abbey peal attempt Mr. Harold W. Pistow was pestered by reporters. He was asked to say "who pulled his rope in the wrong place."

The Durham and Newcastle Association have arrangements in hand for a 90th anniversary dinner, to be held on September 23rd, 1967, at St. Andrew's College, Durham. Canon Gilbert Thurlow hopes to be present, and the new Bishop of Durham has also accepted an invitation.

The peal at St. Michael's, Bristol (page 845) should read eight methods in seven extents: Cambridge S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob. St. Clement's and Childwall, Grandshire and two Plain Bob. Conductor's correction.

An up-and-coming member of the St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, band, Christopher D. Corby, is believed to be the first to ring his first peal on Christmas Day. It was his first attempt and he rang very well. The peal was rung at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, and he rang the treble to Plain Bob Minor.

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900th YEAR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY CLOSES

The 900th anniversary year at Westminster Abbey closed on Wednesday, December 28th, when there was a large congregation for the concluding service. This, being the anniversary of the dedication, was one of the regular ringing days and for half an hour after the service the bells were rung. During this ringing, television cameras were busy and the film was transmitted in the evening programme of news. Good action pictures were seen of Jack Phillips and Michael Morton.

In the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hours and 20 minutes. A few changes of this ringing were put on the air, and Mr. Harold Pistow (the head ringer) was heard on the radio newsreel speaking about ringing.

Later the band were entertained by the Dean and Chapter in the Jerusalem Chamber to a buffet supper, at which there was plenty of good food and wine.

The Dean, in a few words, used the failure in the peal to point out that such a misfortune came to all at times, however practised they might be. After hearing what Mr. Pistow had said on radio, the Dean said he felt that for the first time he understood a little of what was done in the belfry.

It was a tired and disappointed body of ringers who left the tower for home.

WISH GRANTED ON GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Christmas Day was the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Goodall Walker, of Brierley, South Yorks. This year they had a thrill, which was denied them on their wedding day, of hearing Felkirk bells ringing.

Mrs. Walker explained the circumstances to the "Barnsley Chronicle": "Although my husband and my two brothers were all ringers at Felkirk Parish Church and a team of ringers was standing ready to ring a welcoming peal as we left the church, the Vicar would not let them ring because he was not entirely in agreement with our wedding on a day of such religious significance."

HALIFAX GUILD PEAL

We rarely see the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild in the peal columns, and when such an event occurs it is generally noteworthy. The Sunday service band at Longwood, Huddersfield, rang the peal for the centenary of the parish on December 17th. There were seven first pealers and among them was 14-year-old Steven Lunn.

CONSETT PRESIDENT RECOGNISED

The Consett Iron Company's magazine for December gives a picture of Mr. W. Tyson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, who works as a machinist at the engine shed at Consett.

The caption concludes: "The rare and signal honour of having one of its members as president adds dignity and gives distinction to Consett Parish Church in general and its tower in particular."

HANDBELL RINGING FOR THE BLIND

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers again toured the Dulwich streets at Christmas and raised the magnificent sum of £354 for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. This was their 20th year of this activity and an amount of £4,104 will have now been handed in, writes the leader, Arthur H. Coombs.

OLDEST LADY RINGER

One of the oldest women ringers is Mrs. M. R. Cross, who lives with her daughter, Miss M. R. Cross, at Radley. This week we received a copy of a peal rung in honour of her 90th birthday.

It was during the 1914-18 war that Mrs. Cross learned to ring at Twyford, she being a member of the ladies' band trained by Mr. F. Denty, the captain, to replace the men called to the Forces. Their presence caused consternation among some of the local clergy, who refused to allow them to ring in their towers.

One of their sad duties was to ring the bells half-muffled every time one of the village men was killed—and casualties were heavy. Mrs. Cross has memories of the Reading ringers of that time, which means that she knew people who rang there 120 years ago. She also knew H. C. Wilder, the author of the Ringers' Hymn, and it was through a visit to his church at Sulhamstead that her interest in bells was aroused.

A FROME DIAMOND WEDDING

Frome ringers were pleased to record a peal of Grandsire Triples on Boxing Day, the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills. Mr. Mills, doyen of the local band, has been a ringer for nearly 70 years, 52 of them at Frome. He is still a very active ringer and regularly attends for service ringing at Frome and Marston Bigott and at the Frome weekly practice night (Saturdays). In fact he marked the anniversary himself by conducting a quarter peal at Marston Bigott whilst the peal was in progress at Frome.

A similar peal rung ten years ago to mark Mr. and Mrs. Mills' golden wedding anniversary is recorded on a plaque in the tower. The method, composition and conductor were the same, and Messrs. E. Bray and H. Vennell also took part in both peals.

SAME NAME PEALS

Plans by Mr. G. Dodd to ring peals at all the Overtons in one day, as had been done for the Whitechurches and Twyford, had to be postponed. One reason was the death of Mr. Garrett, a well-loved previous captain of the Overton. Hants. band. As it was, three peals were rung that day. Looking ahead, plans are to be made for ringing peals on one day at all the Draytons, the Farnboroughs and Dorchesters.

FALL IN A TOWER

Miss Jean Sanderson, of Melbourne, Cambs. had the misfortune while on a ringing tour on the Tuesday after Christmas to slip while descending the tower at Linton, Cambs. and injured her left leg. Mrs. Threlfall drove her to Addenbrooke Hospital, Cambridge, where it was found that she had a cracked fibula and some bones in the ankle damaged. Miss Sanderson is now at home but the doctor considers that it will probably be another week or more before she is even a walking plaster case. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

WHAT WILL THE PROFESSOR SAY!

From a Yorkshire paper—Local people derived a great deal of pleasure on Christmas morning from hearing the bells of Felkirk Parish Church broadcast by the B.B.C. in the Home Service. The peal—a "Cart Wheel"—lasted for three minutes and came over very well indeed.

The Felkirk Christmas morning broadcast was by a composite team made up of officials and ex-officials of the Barnsley and District Society.

ISLEWORTH'S BELLS' 200th YEAR

Mr. H. W. Rogers, tower master and churchwarden at Isleworth, has produced an interesting pamphlet about his bells, which has been circulated with the Christmas programme.

This year eight of the ten bells at Isleworth will be 200 years old and some of the metal used in the 1767 casting was in fact in use in Isleworth tower in an earlier ring of six cast 100 years before. Five of the bells were installed by the Whitechapel Foundry as maiden bells. Isleworth have had a ring of ten since 1931.

The pamphlet makes an appeal for trainee ringers. Mr. Rogers gives this definition of bellringing:

(a) An important and interesting church work, calling the congregation on Sundays and reminding others of the Church's presence.

(b) A mental and physical exercise to just whatever complexity or degree you wish to pursue.

(c) A pleasing hobby or extra mural activity which can take you to interesting places all over the country, and enable you to meet in social fellowship, all sorts of varied and intriguing people. These range through the whole strata of social life from the unred labourer to the highest degree of professionalism.

In complimenting Isleworth, we would add that this is a most useful piece of propaganda, that could, with advantage, be copied.

PUNISHING BELLS!

From the "Ribble Staff Bulletin," Preston, Lancs. Geoffrey Humphrys contributes an amusing article entitled "All the bells on earth." In it he cites cases of bells being punished.

A bell at Uglich, near Moscow, in 1591 sounded the alarm when the son of Ivan the Terrible was murdered by the order of the Czar. As a result the bell was sentenced to 300 lashes and 300 years in exile in Siberia. It was duly whipped and sent away and returned in 1892.

The bell of Oaxaca, Mexico, was condemned for sounding when it should have been silent. The sentence: To ring every quarter of an hour through all eternity! A clockwork device was fitted and it has already accomplished 200 years.

In 1685 at La Rochelle, France, a bell at a Protestant chapel remained silent when it should have been sounded. It was said to have helped heretics and was whipped and buried!

COLEGATE SOCIETY

The ringers at St George's, Colegate, Norwich, held their third annual dinner in December at the Abbey Hotel, Wymondham, being joined by Harry Tooke and Billy Clover, of Wymondham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodman, David and Bridget Heighton and Jack and Miriam Clover.

The dinner was, as in other years, an informal affair, though Sam Mortlock, as arranger of the event, permitted himself a few words, mentioning those unable to be present, recalling outings enjoyed during the year and remarking on the virtues of a ringing society governed not by rules and officers but by enthusiasm and sustained interest. Tunes and changes were rung on handbells after dinner and the remainder of the evening was spent in the nearby Green Dragon.

TOWER BELL PEALS

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	David Orledge 5
George W. Massey 2	*Charles F. Andrews .. 6
David Burt 3	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 7
Norman G. Knee 4	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 31 cwt, in D

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7:11 observation).	Tenor 31 cwt, in D
George W. Massey Treble	Norman G. N. Knee .. 5
Eunice D. Overend 2	Ernest E. Bray 6
David J. Orledge 3	Raymond E. J. Baker .. 7
David G. Massey 4	Hugh Vennell Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

*Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills. Mr. Mills has been a ringer at this church for 52 years.

ROWBERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Brian Williams Treble	Victor Roberts 4
Leonard Derrick 2	Marjorie Legg 5
John Walton 3	George Prescott Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

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

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 Canterbury and 12 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt

Lillian F. R. Charles .. Treble	Eric G. Stevens 4
Peter Denny 2	Gilbert W. Rendell 5
Mary E. Baker 3	Gordon S. Hawkins Tenor

Conducted by Gilbert W. Rendell.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

HORFIELD, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt, approx.

*David Helliwell Treble	†Michael Powell 3
†Gillian M. Hunt 2	†Richard W. Sweet 4
D. John Hunt Tenor	

Conducted by D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hunt (half each).

* First peal † First on five bells. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt 24 lb. in G

Edward Holdsworth .. Treble	††Peter H. Mackie 4
*Clare F. Dolphin 2	Ernest J. Gower 5
†Caroline M. Mackie .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor † First of Minor. †† First "inside."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt

Herbert E. Taylor Treble	*Timothy Wylie 5
*Ann M. Smith 2	Peter Taylor 6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 3	James H. Pailing 7
Ronald H. Bullen 4	Burley P. Morris Tenor

Conducted by Burley P. Morris

* First peal of Surprise Major First in method as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

COTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*William A. Sparkes .. Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell 4
Trevor E. Marks 2	Harry J. Gaylard 5
Raymond P. Selway .. 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal of Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in D flat

*Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
Robert L. Piron 2	David E. Rothera 6
Anthony K. Fortin 3	Philip Mehew 7
Ronald J. Snack 4	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb in E

George E. Thoday Treble	Donald F. Mufet 5
Eric Edmondson 2	George E. Bonham 6
*Gillian M. Brearley .. 3	Jack S. Dear 7
Keith J. Walpole 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 25th peal 50th peal as conductor

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

On Sun., Dec. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Christopher D. Corby .. Treble	Philip Mehew 4
Michael Hawes 2	George E. Bonham 5
Robert D. Bellamy 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*Vivien A. P. Cross .. Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5
Heather M. McArthur .. 2	Philip G. Erith 6
Neil V. Avis 3	David E. Culham 7
Brian J. Vaughan 4	Adrian G. Semken Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb

*David N. Wenden .. Treble	Felix H. Erith 5
Philip G. Erith 2	Adrian G. Semken 6
*Derek W. Bloyce 3	Cecil W. Pipe 7
†Roy Stephenson 4	Neil V. Avis Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal of Major † First of Major "inside"

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

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

John Clark Treble	*Peter G. Brown 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast 6
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 3	George E. Thoday 7
Richard J. Harrison .. 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb in F.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

LONGWOOD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Ian Roberts Treble	*Raymond Hoyle 5
*David Williams 2	*Alan Charlesworth .. 6
*Steven Lunn 3	*Rodney Coverley 7
Arthur Rogers 4	*Kenneth Wilson Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Ian Roberts.
* First peal at first attempt: all members of the local Sunday service band

Rung for the centenary of the foundation of the parish and for the 750th anniversary of the installation of the first Vicar of Huddersfield. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt

Walter Ayre Treble	Alex Richardson 5
William C. Hughes .. 2	†David L. Gullick 6
Frank W. Croft 3	†Michael D. Trigg 7
*Stephen J. Gullick .. 4	C. Michael Orme Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb.

*Brian J. W. Foley .. Treble	Peter Owen 4
†Gwynneth M. James .. 2	Peter M. F. Searles .. 5
John M. Kemp 3	John W. Thorp .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp.

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

ASHWELL, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	Keith J. Walpole .. 4
George E. Bonham .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 5
Gerald Penney 3	†George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 7 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Evans Treble	*Paul J. Dye 5
*Richard Hayes 2	Edward J. Jenner .. 6
*Michael H. O'Callaghan 3	*Tony Lewis 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner

* First peal in the method.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Bernard G. H. Powell .. Treble	†Philip A. Corby .. 5
†Judith M. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde .. 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Richard V. Fuller 4	Andrew J. Corby .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal at first attempt. † 100th peal. ‡ 500th peal for the Association.

Rung to welcome Julia Elizabeth Pankhurst, born the previous day, daughter of Roy and Diane Pankhurst.

CHARTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*Anne M. Baldwin .. Treble	*Leslie H. Bennett .. 4
†Beryl M. Hills 2	†Roderick H. Glover .. 5
†Lynn B. Hollingsbee .. 3	Keith I. Davis .. Tenor

Conducted by Roderick H. Glover and Keith I. Davis.

* First peal. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First "inside." First as conductors. First by the parish team.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd as Rector of Chartham.

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis Treble	†Martin A. Gay 4
*Christine M. Webb .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
†Judith M. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Doris E. Colgate .. Treble	Edward J. Jenner .. 4
Ann Jenner 2	Tony Lewis 5
Richard Hayes 3	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

*Philip S. Woods .. Treble	†Bernard Moss 6
Betty Faunch 2	†Roger Barnes 7
*Christopher Watson .. 3	*Dennis McCormick .. 8
†Stanley Anderton .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 9
†Margaret Crossthwaite .. 5	John T. Parsons .. Tenor

Composed by David Parsons.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw .. 6
Ian H. Oram 2	Richard J. Parker .. 7
J. Barry Pickup 3	Edward Jenkins .. 8
Christine Andrew 4	Neil Bennett 9
Margaret E. Fort 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 448 Ashted, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 224 Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey and Superlative, with 153 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Walter E. Wilkinson .. 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 6
*Norman Smith 3	Neil Bennett 7
Richard J. Parker 4	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

* 25th peal together. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for every bell.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Stanley J. Livesley .. Treble	Dennis R. Jones .. 5
John R. Ridley 2	Thomas W. Hesketh .. 6
Kenneth F. Wilson .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
William E. Court 4	Martin E. Snape .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

First peal of Major and of Plain Bob as conductor.

SEFTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Hesketh .. Treble	Dennis R. Jones .. 5
*Nigel P. A. Goulding .. 2	Martin E. Snape .. 6
William E. Court 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
*John R. Ridley 4	†William H. Deacon .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal on the bells. First peal of Triples in the method as conductor.

CAPENHURST, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Thomas W. Hesketh .. Treble	*James Dunbavin .. 4
James Hedgcock 2	John R. Ridley .. 5
Nigel P. A. Goulding .. 3	*Graham K. Austin .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Robin A. Gilliver .. Treble	K. Paul Gilliver .. 5
Brian L. Burrows 2	†William Johnson .. 6
Christopher M. Sturgess 3	John Watkins 7
†Stephen Wells 4	Michael E. Brown .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major. 100th peal as conductor.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	William A. Lacey .. 5
Martin Green 2	Samuel J. Haines .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 3	Roland H. Cook .. 7
Martin C. Faulkes .. 4	*R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Arranged by Kenneth A. Roe. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 300th peal First peal of Wigston Major by all the band except ringers of third and sixth, and on the bells.

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

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John H. Bluff Treble	Ronald J. Hill 5
W. Ernest Rawson .. 2	Samuel J. Haines .. 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook .. 7
Rupert A. Clarke .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by George Baker.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Patricia A. Copas	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford ..	5
Norman V. Harding	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Monica Blagrove	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains.

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal of Kent Major.

Rung for the Festival of the Nativity

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton ..	6
Samuel J. Haines	2	Martin Green	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Albanian Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Dec. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5940 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard J. Clifton ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton ..	6
Gordon H. Lane	2	Samuel J. Haines ..	7
Rupert A. Clarke	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	8
Martin Green	4	Richard Inglis	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Martin Green	Treble	Arthur G. Rowley ..	5
Ricard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Samuel J. Haines	3	Rupert A. Clarke ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Richard Inglis.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.				Tenor 9½ cwt.
Charles H. Blake		Treble	H. William Barrett	 4
Betty Syrett		2	Frank Pearson	 5
Frank C. J. Arnold		3	C. Frank W. Phillippo	.. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents of seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob.

Marie R. Cross	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	4
*Catherine M. Salter ..	2	Michael W. Coleman ..	5
John C. Baldwin	3	Daphne J. Pollard ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal in seven methods "inside." The conductor's 100th peal.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. R. M. Cross.

YARNTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Composing an extent each of (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Cambridge, (4) King Edward, (5) Ipswich, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.

Terence J. Hester ..	Treble	Edward R. Venn	4
Peter J. Heritage	2	Christopher R. Clarke ..	5
*Ronald K. Russ	3	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to usher in the Festival of Christmas.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

C.C.C. No. 32.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth ..	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Peter Border	2	Peter J. Stretton	8
*Merryn Hutchings ..	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
†James W. Belshaw ..	4	John C. Eisel	10
‡George E. Fearn	5	Michael J. Fellows ..	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Edward W. Colley ..	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques. ‡250th of Stedman Cinques.

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

On Christmas Eve, Sat. Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

George E. Fearn	Treble	John A. Anderson ..	7
Muriel Reay	2	Philip J. Rothera ..	8
*Nigel Thomson	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
Susan Rothera	4	John C. Eisel	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth ..	11
Michael J. Fellows ..	6	Martin D. Fellows ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Frank L. Harris	Treble	*William J. Perrins ..	5
George W. Massey	2	John Hartless	6
William A. Theobald ..	3	*†Eric J. Hitchins ..	7
*Jeffrey L. Cloughton ..	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of London. † 100th peal. First of London on the bells.

RAMSBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being ten extents each of Plain Bob and All Saints and 22 of Grandshire.

Heather L. Jones	Treble	Allan G. Keen	4
T. Arthur Palmer	2	George A. Newman ..	5
Frederick J. Read	3	*Leonard Foote	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.

* First peal.

Rung for the festive season.

SOUTH PERROTT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Raymond P. Selway ..	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell ..	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	Derek S. Beaufoy ..	5
Trevor E. Marks	3	William E. Turner ..	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composition—Traditional. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter R. Humphrey ..	Treble	R. Brian Mills	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	Colin W. Reed	7
G. William Shanks ..	3	Peter Wakefield	8
Simon Humphrey	4	George A. Dawson ..	9
Margaret E. Chilton ..	5	John R. Pratchett ..	Tenor

Composed by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to George A. Dawson and Elizabeth J. Foster on their engagement.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Paul Raithby	Treble	†James W. Raithby	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Beryl N. Reed	6
Grace Burchnall	3	*Peter Wakefield	7
Frederick G. Hooper	4	†Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal with the ringers of 2 and 3. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 14 methods/variations, three extents of each: All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Dafoild and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat

Frederick Derry	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	F. William Midwinters ..	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	Charles J. Copp	Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

Rung as a tribute to the late Walt Disney, whose ancestors came from this village.

Mr. Disney made a pilgrimage to this church during a visit to England in 1961.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 13 methods/variations: Three extents of St Martin, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Eynsham, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, four extents of Grandsire and 240 Morris's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat

H. Geoffrey Wells	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
*Frederick W. Pinchbeck ..	2	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	*Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

* Most methods/variations to a peal.

SUTTON BONINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Antelope and Grandsire, and six extents each of Huntspill, Shipway's Place Bob, Winchendon Place, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb

*†Peter Church	Treble	†David R. McLean	3
†§Peter Woollven	2	Simon Humphrey	4

§Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by David R. McLean.

* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells. ‡ 75th peal § First in eight methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Robin H. Rogers	Treble	Richard Rose	5
Winifred M. Ivings	2	Harry B. Fuller	6
*Toni M. Rogers	3	†John A. Underwood	7
Cyril Hancock	4	Roger J. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by N. Golden.

* First peal on eight bells. † 275th peal.

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Ruth Bedford	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
*Robert Cassidy	2	Peter Bedford	5
†Stephen Bedford	3	Jack Pilgrim	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.

* First peal (both aged 13 years). † First "inside." Rung to celebrate Christ's birth.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5388 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Robert J. Cooles	Treble	†Michael J. Bangham ..	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
*David C. Brookes	3	David P. Hilling	7
*Christopher F. Mew	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

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

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEDLSCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Ann Harris	Treble	David R. McLean	4
†David J. Winchester	2	Ian V. J. Smith	5
Paul Fox	3	†Ivor S. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* 25th peal. † First "inside." ‡ First on six bells.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Deborah N. Maggs	Treble	Kenneth S. B. Croft	5
Mrs. T. H. Francis	2	†Colin J. Butler	6
†John S. Croft	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
†Joy F. Butler	4	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker.

Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Major.

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

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Susan E. Rickard	Treble	*John Wilson	5
†Robert Crocker	2	†Howard E. J. Smith	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First on eight bells.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	*Albert H. Green	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Philip G. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in more than one method.

WEST OVERTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and all Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Peter Furness	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Leonard R. Porter	3	Roy H. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*John Guest	Treble	Norman Chaddock	6
Herbert O. Chaddock	2	†Alan Frisney	7
Stuart Armeson	3	David Nichols	8
†Tom Senior	4	Neil Donovan	9
†Lesley Smith	5	John N. D. Chaddock ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal. 400th peal for the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston.

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

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In ten methods, being 2,176 Plain Bob, 1,232 Double Bob, 480 Reverse Bob, 276 Gainsborough Little Bob, 216 Wellington Little, 192 St. Clement's College Bob, 144 Little Bob, and 96 each of Fulbeck Bob, Hackington Bob and Crayford Little, with 236 changes of method.

Tenor size 12 in G

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

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in F

*Kevin Betesta .. 1-2 *Jack Bailey .. 5-6
Alfred Mould .. 3-4 *David Walklate .. 7-8
Composed by J. Nichols. Conducted by David Walklate.
* First of T.B. on handbells. First of T.B. Major "in hand" for the Association.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., Oct. 26 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 12 in F
Alfred Mould .. 1-2 Jack Bailey .. 5-6
David Walklate .. 3-4 Kevin Betesta .. 7-8
Composed by T. W. Goodyear. Conducted by David Walklate
First of Spliced T.B. "in hand" by all the band and for the Association
Rung as a welcome to Tracey Anne Dalton and Amanda Jane Leach.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1966 in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Denis R Carlisle .. 1-2 David J. Marshall .. 5-6
*Gordon A. Halls .. 3-4 David W. Friend .. 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First of Major "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In eleven methods, comprising 2,672 Plain Bob, 928 Double Bob, 240 Little Bob, 180 Wellington Little Court, 168 Gainsborough Little Bob, 160 Reverse Bob, 144 each of Canterbury Imperial, Cleatham Imperial, Fulbeck Imperial Bob and Hackington Imperial Bob, and 80 Crayford Little Court, with 281 changes of method.

Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. 1-2 Hugh N. Evans .. 5-6
Valerie Willard .. 3-4 Cyril A. Wratten .. 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by Cecil A. Wratten.

Greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 Roger Baldwin .. 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4 *Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8
Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mary and Dennis Beresford.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. 1-2 *Frank J. Matthews .. 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4 Edward J. Beer .. 7-8
Stuart Sandford .. 9-10
Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal in the method "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Joseph Whalley .. 1-2 Mary W. Whalley .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Joseph Whalley .. 1-2 Mary W. Whalley .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
Believed to be the first peal of Doubles in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and Brian Maudsley, ringers at Hawkshead and Morecambe respectively.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS.
Philip and James.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin .. 1-2 John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay .. 5-6

QUARTER PEALS

ALL CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): E. Burry 1, J. Burry 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods 1 and 2.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Udall (first away from cover) 1, W. Sheldon 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss M. E. Hearnshaw 4, W. Hawksworth 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal by the Sunday service band for 60 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Slade 1, T. Newlands 2, B. Martin 3, M. Powell 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, R. W. Sweet 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: L. J. Slade 1, D. Rennolds (cond.) 2, T. Newlands 3, M. Powell 4, R. W. Sweet 5, B. Martin 6. First in method for all.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Norman (first quarter) 1, Susan Fowkes (first "inside") 2, Miriam Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, Marion Clarke 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, P. Owen 3, S. E. James 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Seales 6, Miss G. James cover Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Westwood 1, E. Hough 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. Gall 5, P. R. Johnson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For midnight Mass.

KENILWORTH, WARKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: A. Cox 1, Miss A. E. Sparholt 2, Miss S. E. Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. J. Royal (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandshire): N. F. Bellamy 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, S. B. Bell 3, P. G. Hickey 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, F. Bellamy 6. First in more than one method 1 and 2.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Timons 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, M. Phipps 4, J. Arkwell 5, F. Robey 6, A. Sallis 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgely 1, J. J. George 2, H. Miles 3, F. M. Bowers 4, W. R. Curtis 5, A. P. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hatherly (first of Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, H. deCombe 8. For Midnight Eucharist.

RAWMARSH, W. YOKES.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Joan Cooke (first quarter) 1, V. P. Brookes 2, F. Pickering 3, G. R. Hiner 4, J. Smalley 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6, D. Burling 7, J. Hiner 8. Half-muffled in memory of Louise Marshall, former vergar.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Heather Darvill (first quarter) 1, R. W. Darvill 2, Kathleen Darvill 3, C. Forster 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 6, C. E. Slade 7, S. P. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

SHEEPWASH, DEVON.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Denton 1, W. M. Taylor 2, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 3, J. P. Coad 4, D. J. Ley 5, A. N. Hine (first quarter) 6. By Shebbear College Society.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Green 1, Miss A. O'Brien 2, H. Austin 3, R. Fry 4, Rev. R. G. Bryant 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, F. Warboys 6.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Hilary L. Widgey 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Anne Buchanan 3, T. Matcham 4, R. Allinson (first in three methods as cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

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IN MEMORIAM

STACEY.—In loving memory of a dear father and a faithful ringer, Sam, who passed away January 2nd, 1966.—From his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. 686

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BREWIN.—The secretary of the Shropshire Association is now R. A. Brewin, 28, Longnor Road, Wellington, Salop. Tel. Wellington 2167. 678

HODISTER. — The address of Remi M. Hodister is now: Scargill House, Kettlewell, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks, W.R. 693

SIMON.—The address of Nicholas W. H. Simon during University term time will now be: 31, Florence Park, Redlands, Bristol. 709

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"But as many as received them, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name."—St John i, 12.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—There will be no practice on Friday, January 20th. 730

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR will take place Sunday, July 2nd, to Saturday, 8th. Headquarters, Leicester; extremely nice hotel accommodation; 40 good towers, jolly company and good food. Old and new Pilgrims and freshers welcome. Book early.—Cecil Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 731

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—For those attending the annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th, ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, will be between 4 and 5.30 p.m.—M. A. Ladd, Sec. 666

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ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORWICH.—New ring of six will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Sunday, February 5th, at 3 p.m. Refreshments in Village Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road, Drayton, Norwich. 725

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—No ringing until further notice. Bells to be rehung in new frame and augmented with two new trebles. Date of dedication, etc., will be announced in "The Ringing World."—R. W. Leavett, Tower Captain. 692

MEETINGS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting, Barnsley, January 14th. Eight bells. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Start service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at St. Mary's Rooms. Names for tea to Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 1, Spring Lane, Carlton, Barnsley, please. 704

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. I. Saward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 632

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting St. Michael's (12), Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. nearby cafes. Story meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Bells afterwards till 9 p.m. 561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, January 14th. Ringing: St. Bene't's (6) 3–4.30; St. Andrew-the-Great (8) 3–4.30, 6.30–8; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 7–8. Service, tea and meeting, St. Michael's Hall (formerly St. Michael's Church), Trinity Street opposite Caius College. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. approx. Agenda includes election of District officers for 1967.—B. D. Thelfall, Hon. Dis. Sec. 635

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Halstead on January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Martin, 23, Head Street, Halstead. 605

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HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 14th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 12th. 628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting Saturday, January 14th. Broxbourne (8). Tewin (6). 2 p.m. to 3.30; All Saints', Hertford, 3.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Longmore School Hall. Evening ringing at both Hertford towers. Names for tea to Peter M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford. 658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Headcorn, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Vidler, Tall Oaks, Headcorn.—M. L. H. 610

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Liverpool Parish Church, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool 8.—M. E. D. 691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln.—G. R. P. 621

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nomination meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, January 14th, 3.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Ringing St. John's, Deptford, 7.15 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 737

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Kingsbury, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Church Hall at 5.15. Business. Names for tea to the undersigned. No evening ringing at Kingsbury, but bells of St. Mary's, Hendon, available after tea.—E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, Wembley. (Arnold 5352.) 668

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 665

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. 681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wootton Bassett, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Brooks, 16, Morstone Road, Wootton Bassett, Swindon. 733

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, January 14th. Amberley bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service, Amberley, 4.30. Tea, The Willow Stores Tea Rooms, Storrington, 5.15. Ringing at Storrington (6) in evening. Please notify for tea to: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 662

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday evening practice meeting at Skipton (8) on January 14th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 679

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on Tuesday, January 17th will be at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, instead of St. Andrew's, Holborn.—J. G. A. Prior.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Dedication of the bells of Preston-next-Wingham (5), Wednesday, January 18th 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service. 616

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, January 19th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. The District committee meeting, to which each tower should send one representative, will be held during the course of the evening.—W. S. Deason. 531

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Easton-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, January 21st. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 745

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Crewkerne (8), January 21st, 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Annual Dinner tickets available for Friday, February 10th, at Ilminster (8/6 each). Ringing at the Minster 7 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington, Ilminster. 739

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury (St. John's), Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells, by Wednesday, 18th. 722

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. 745

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, January 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead. 689

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, January 21st. Bell, (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by January 18th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 728

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting St. Mary's, Warwick, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by January 17th. Committee meeting at 5. Burges, Coventry, on January 13th, at 8 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 629

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting at Ilkeston, January 21st. Bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbys, by January 17th.—D. J. Marshall.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade (6), January 21st, 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 735

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Tea 5–6 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m. 714

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Learners' practice meeting, St. Mary's, Gateshead (6), January 21st. 2.30 p.m. Rounds, call changes and Plain Bob. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8, by January 18th. 750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.45 to 3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45 to 4.15. Service All Saints' 4.15. Tea, followed by annual meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 732

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—ANNUAL meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells, St. Mary's, Wisbech (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Woodchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by Thursday, 19th. 683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (5) at 5 p.m.—H. Heath. 718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Hatfield, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 697

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gravesend, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I. Everitt, 90, Windmill Street, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 685

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Phelps, Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone-on-Sea, Kent.—A. P. S. B. 680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane Burbage, by Wednesday.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Melton on January 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by January 18th.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 706

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A.G.M., Market Harborough, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 741

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells afternoon and evening up to 8 o'clock. Tea 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Grandire Triples. Names to me by Monday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on January 21st at 6 p.m. Special method: Double Court Minor. 736

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Oundle on January 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warrington, by 17th, please. 751

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Sutton, Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Ivy Cottage, Astrop, King's Sutton, Banbury.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 746

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, January 21st. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts, 740

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 21st, 1967

Ringling: St. Lawrence Jewry (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12) 3.45 to 4.45. Tea 5.15 St. Martin-in-the-Fields, followed by meeting in the Vestry Hall. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 749

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts. 738

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. Prittlewell, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 640

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Rooms. Names to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 743

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Miss M. Gerrard, Castlecroft, Gipsy Lane, Willenhall, Staffs, by Wednesday, January 18th.—P. J. B. 659

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Redhill, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (at Meadvale Village Hall) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill, by Wednesday, January 18th.—K. G. Gage, Dis. Sec. 673

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Merry Kettle for those who send names to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Wednesday, 18th. 719

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice, Wendron, January 21st, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. All stages catered for. Methods: Grandire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. Names to F. M. Bowers, Idaho Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. All welcome. 701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual general meeting at Romsey, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in new Church Rooms, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Names for tea to Mr. J. Page, Fairacres, Woodley Lane, Cupernham, Romsey, by January 19th, please.—M. Francis, Hon. Sec. 698

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Redditch (8), Saturday, January 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Michael V. White, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warks (phone Studley 2519), by Wednesday, January 18th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 656

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Sheffield on January 21st, when the proposed new rules will be put to the vote and one Central Council representative will be elected. The service at 4.30, tea at 5 and the business meeting will all be at Walkley. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) to Mr. R. Fletcher, 34, Dronfield Road, Sheffield 10 (Tel. Sheffield 35208) by the previous Wednesday, or earlier if possible. General committee meeting at Walkley at 3 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Wentworth (6) 10–11; Ecclesfield (8) 11–12.15; St. Marie's (8) 2–3.30; Ranmoor (10) 2.30–4.15; Walkley (6) 6.30–7.10; Cathedral (12) 6.30–9.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 601

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting at Banwell (8), January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea essential to M. Hebden, 4, Church Street, Banwell. 645

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business at 5.30 in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. Basil Hulatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 26th. 684

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing at Egguckland (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891), by Monday, January 23rd. 670

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Warmley, January 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to A. W. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley, before 21st. Please make an effort to attend.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec. 664

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. approx. at W.V.S. Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 724

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, January 28th, Wickhambreaux (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Cash, together with names, to Mr. S. Walter, The Green, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than 26th inst. 617

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at The Annunciation, Chislehurst. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. I. H. Oram, 74, Chislehurst Road, Orpington, by Wednesday, the 25th. 700

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, January 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. E. Finn, 30, High Street, Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by January 25th, please.—C. A. H. 726

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, January 28th, at St. Peter's, Northampton. Usual arrangements. Tea in St. Mark's Institute. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, are essential by Tuesday previous. 697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Finedon, January 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, by Tuesday previous. 712

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., January 28th, at Beddington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall, Beddington Lane, Beddington. Bells in evening. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea to Mr. S. Kimber, 112, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by previous Wednesday. 687

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan 28th, Hellingly (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing 6.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday previous.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 729

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 24th. 710

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