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TOURS AND OUTINGS, 1966

By PHILIP M. J. GRAY

WHAT greater joy has ringing got to offer than the occasional excursion to unknown parts? There is the excitement of the break from routine, the challenge of finding the way along unfamiliar roads, the effort of handling bells heavier and worse going than our own, the delight of sweeter and more smooth going bells and, above all, the enjoyment of one's fellow travellers, some met for the first time and some regular companions for many years past. I doubt whether any other pastime offers such a pleasure as does ringing and I have yet to meet any other body of people so well informed about the highways and byways (especially the byways) of our land as are ringers.

To judge by the pages of "The Ringing World" in 1966, tours and outings are as popular as they ever were but, of course, their nature is changing. In the 18th century we read of a band walking from London to Oxford and back to display their skill on a few rings in that city. In the 19th century the train made it possible to travel further quicker, but the more remote country parishes were seldom visited. Then we hear of the wagonette for outings, the motor-coach and the bicycle. Like most other features of life today, the motor-car has now largely taken charge but it must be noted that in 1966 some travellers still forged up and down hill into the wind and rain on bicycles and the motor-coach has not totally disappeared.

But it is the car which mostly carries ringers about and accounts now record mishaps to crankshafts, tyres and gaskets almost as often as they mention the accomplishment of a satisfying touch of Stedman or a successful course of London. What the record number of towers visited in one day now is I hate to think, but the breathless, surging appetite for bells and miles comes through in most reports. A kaleidoscope of personalities, funny incidents, romances, weights of bells, teas, other refreshments, missed turnings, sun, rain and snow whirls through the lines of these reports like a newsreel played at double speed. I salute the College Youths who travelled in measured tread to Gloucester, had a ring, some tea, perhaps some other drink and home again; no precipitate anxiety to get into the 20th century for the College Youths!

There must be many an outing and some tours which never make the pages of "The Ringing World" and why should they? We do not need to record every such event for the present or posterity. A tour does, nevertheless, provide excellent material for those who can write to con-

tribute something readable for all. One is justified, I believe, in reviewing tours and outings for their literary merit as much as for the events they recount. There is a story in every trip that ringers make; there is a sight, sound or saying that is there to be shared with many more than the few who were present. When writing about a trip, should not the dominant thought be how to entertain the 5,000 or more readers than how to satisfy the dozen or so fellow tourists who pressed the job on you? Literary style is an elusive and personal thing but it is no bad exercise to consider for a moment how Pepys, Cobbett, Borrow, the journalists who write your daily papers or even Ian Fleming would have handled the events you have experienced. I am sure they would have put in much less detail and conveyed the flavour of that particular outing by more careful attention to just one or two events which they thought others might like to share and enjoy with them. Enjoyable though all tours and outings in 1966 undoubtedly were, the accounts of most of them were, sad to relate, a bore.

The year 1966 was not, happily, a complete literary wilderness. One can re-read Hugh Falkner's delightful Rabbit's Run from Jamaica to Melbourne (April 15th) and savour again such an original thought as "The White-chapel Bellfoundry are paid to hang bells dead and this saves the Rabbit the embarrassment of exposing his deficiencies." The Rabbits' Guild had another hit when their president, Betty Dobbie, gave us witty glimpses of the Universities' Association in motion (October 14th): "Ranald Clouston, often viewed from below climbing a ladder, unchallengeable authority in his own field" is surely the perfect word picture of Ron to the many who know him and the definitive "Identikit" for those who have yet to have that pleasure. October 14th was a vintage number as it also had the anonymous racy account of the Campingologists. The prose positively sprang into blank verse and almost fooled me that camping is enjoyable when experience tells me positively otherwise. Different, but very readable, was Birgit Hoffmann's account (July 1st) of an outing seen through the eyes of a German girl and written in English that ought to shame many of our native writers. Of the more conventional tour reports I found Chris Kippin's on Wratten's Wringers the most readable (September 16th), mainly because of the clever use of recurrent themes (the Test Match score, somebody called Richard and "Yorkshire and score") which gave a connecting thread and sense of progression to the account which was lacking in most others. It made one want to read on to see what happened next.

At the year's end most of us are fortunate to be able to look back on some very happy days on tour or on an outing. May 1967 give us every bit as much pleasure and may you charm all of us with your writings.

Royal Cumberland Youths Celebrate Pinnacle Year

VICAR OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS GIFT OF HANDBELLS

WITH the presence of ladies as full members, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is providing London ringers and beyond with one of the big social occasions in the ringing calendar. This year's dinner at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 4th, was the largest in the history of the Society, and a company exceeding 200 participated in a happy evening under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Dennis Beresford, who was accompanied by his wife.

The dinner had the distinguished patronage of the Bishop of London (the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford), who was accompanied by Mrs. Stopford and the Dean of Westminster (the Very Rev. E. S. Abbot), because the Cumberlands were privileged to make a contribution to the Abbey's 900th anniversary year. Before the Master was a glittering set of 12 handbells. These, the gift of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, were presented to the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. Austen Williams), who was accompanied by his two churchwardens, Miss F. Nuell and Mr. W. O. Newport.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, a Cumberland Youth of long standing, had made the journey from Southampton to propose the toast of "The Society" in its pinnacle year with a galaxy of outstanding peals. The gibe against the Ancient Society regarding its "Sevenoaks English" was replied to by its Master (Mr. A. J. Frost). Others on the top table were Mr. W. R. Winterton (who invariably starts the speeches by proposing "The Church") and Mrs. Winterton, Preb. G. R. Timms (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Mr. P. M. Wilkinson and Miss Foster, Mr. D. E. Sibson (the Society's secretary, who had the onerous task of making the arrangements), Mrs. A. J. Frost, Mr. J. S. Barnes (senior steward) and Miss A. Parish.

Following the toast of "The Queen," the Master gave a welcome to the guests. He expressed his gratitude to the Bishop of London for in his busy life coming to spend an evening with them. The Society had the privilege, he said, of sharing in the ringing in the ninth centenary celebrations of Westminster Abbey, when its representatives were entertained by the Dean. It was their delight to welcome the Dean that evening. There was also a special welcome to the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's, the Society's headquarters, and to Preb. G. B. Timms, Guild Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, who allowed the Society to practise at his church.

Mr. W. R. Winterton proposed the toast of "The Church" and recalled that he first came to one of their dinners 20 years ago and in that time he had heard 20 different speeches and replies to that toast. Some were quite sermonistic, quite a lot were done by him and, after all, one did not know what attitude to adopt in proposing such a toast which was really one to themselves—for they were all members of the Church. They were delighted to have with them for the first time the Bishop of London. Thank goodness it was a gathering of the Cumberlands and not the College Youths, as they were thus able to have Mrs. Stopford with them.

BELLS—ONLY TWO MENTIONS IN BIBLE

The Bishop of London, in reply, said if they looked at Cruden's Concordance they would find that bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible and it was perhaps strange that bells should become such a feature of English Church life. Bells became associated with English Church life about the fifth century and then they were rung in the same manner as in

some parts of Europe today—noise was made. Change ringing was a peculiarly English thing and he did not know why the English should have taken to this somewhat mathematical pursuit and about the 17th century it embodied itself in the life of the Church.

One of the things they could be extremely thankful for was the remarkable revival in ringing ever since the second world war and quite a lot of young people had taken to it. Their Society reminded them that it was not solely a masculine pursuit; many girls and young ladies had taken to ringing and their Society had taken them into their ranks for what they were worth.

"Speaking for the Church, which is all of us, we are immensely grateful for those who ring our bells with such devotion. It has not always been easy to man the towers; now it seems that the future is assured by the activities of this Society and another which we do not mention very often!"

ST. MARTIN'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS

The Master said at the last dinner the Vicar of St. Martin's promised them a gift of handbells. The rules of their Society were changed a few years ago and at the annual meeting it was the unanimous wish of the members that the Rev. Austen Williams should be elected an honorary member. The Master then presented Mr. Williams with an illuminated certificate and welcomed him as a member of the Society.

Thanking the Society, the Rev. Austen Williams said: "I have over the years grown fond of bells. I have always regarded them with a certain amount of apprehension as I live close to the bell tower. . . I feel you have done me an honour but I shall never attempt to ring bells."

Mr. Williams then handed over a beautiful set of 12 handbells and added: "I make one condition. I hope by next year the bells will ring 'Cwm Rhondda'."

A touch of Stedman Cinques was then rung on the new bells in impeccable style, conducted by the Master. The band was E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4; D. Beresford 5-6, D. E. Sibson 7-8, P. Beresford 9-10, J. A. D. Woolford 11-12.

The toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, who said he was taught to ring by George Williams, who was for many years a revered member of the Society. Mr. Winterton had mentioned 20 years ago; it was exactly 20 years ago when he was asked to take the chair at a Cumberlands' annual meeting. George Cross was Master and George Steere secretary. Alf Pulling proposed Mr. Teddy Barnett as Master, an honour which he declined.

OFFICE OF "WARNER"

Later he found that E. J. Osborne was a Cumberland Youth 125 years ago. He was a kindred spirit of his as they both collected peals. Osborne did a great work in searching out and preserving records of peals which he found in the British Museum. The Canon added that he personally owed a great deal to him. Another old Cumberland Youth was William Shipway and he was fortunate enough recently to pick up his book. From that he noticed that he was "Warner" to the Society of Cumberland Youths. He did not know if his duties were to warn the Society if another Society was trying to capture some of its members. Those were the times when the rivalry with the College Youths was at its height.

In humorous vein the Canon narrated that it was not generally known that St. Peter and

the Devil were interested in ringing. They met on the boundary of heaven and hell and had an argument. The Devil said: "I am sure the College Youths started in 1637." St. Peter said: "I am not so sure." It was agreed that they would consult the College Youths in their respective territories. When they met again the Devil said: "November 5th, 1637. All the College Youths tell me so." St. Peter replied: "I will have to take your word for it. There only seem to be Cumberlands up here!"

Concluding, the Canon said the Society was in very good heart under its excellent Master and in the future they would go from strength to strength.

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The Master, who was very cordially received, said they were a little surprised at their last annual general meeting when they discussed the rules of membership that they had not been altered for over 50 years. They were surprised by a question that was asked as to what were the principal aims of the Society. One went year by year following what they considered to be the best course to follow. They considered the following: (1) To continue the tradition of one of the old London Societies by the maintenance of the best possible standards; (2) to promote the Society on a national basis as one to which ringers aspire to join; (3) to endeavour to promote a fellowship within the Society that would induce ringers to join the Society.

With regard to the last object they could justifiably claim that they had been successful in promoting in the Society a spirit of comradeship and the success of that dinner proved the point. There were over 200 people present and they were delighted to welcome people who had travelled far. There was a large contingent from Lincolnshire and Newark and other friends from South Wales.

On the subject of fellowship, their big departure last year was the holding of a county meeting at Leicester after a period of retrenchment. This year they were going to visit Northampton in April. Another Society was visiting there later in the year.

Those of them who read the report of the other Society's dinner would find that a certain passage was difficult to understand as it was written in Sevenoaks English. It referred to gullible natives being subjected to proselytising activities from their Society. It was, of course, their aim to increase their membership but they did not regard them as gullible natives but as discerning ringers. This year their proselytising activities would be in Northampton.

PEALS—HIGHEST EVER

Their peal total in 1966 was higher than it had ever been in the history of the Society, with a total of 26 peals. The first peals for the Society in 10, 12 and 14 Spliced Surprise Major had been rung and the first peals for the Society in 6, 7 and 8 Surprise Major methods silent and non-conducted. Peals of Eardley, Milford and Hereford Surprise had been rung for the first time, and a peal of 91 Spliced Minor methods rung in Essex, which was the most methods to a peal for the Society. Their progress during the year had been amazing through their weekly practices and they were indebted to the incumbents of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Martin's for permission to ring.

One of the special items of the year was the ringing of a quarter peal of Bristol Surprise in connection with the ninth century

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Cumberlands Dinner—Continued

celebration at Westminster Abbey and the cordial welcome given them by the Dean. Another was the memorial to George Cross, and Walter Dobbie made a wonderful oak table for St. Martin's belfry.

Concluding, the Master said: "One of the landmarks this year has been the change in the secretaryship of the Central Council. I think all of us owe a big debt of gratitude to Teddy Barnett for all he has done while he was secretary of the Council, and this Society is proud of him."

Excerpts from a recording of the quarter peal of Bristol Surprise rung by the Society at Westminster Abbey were then played over to the company.

The toast of "The Visitors" was wittily proposed by Mr. P. M. Wilkinson, and the Dean of Westminster, in reply, said one of the merits of a Grant of Royal Peculiar was that it could open its doors very wide, and during their 900th anniversary year they opened them wide and admitted everyone. One great event of the year was the harvest festival and while the gifts were being carried in procession they were accompanied by the ringing of handbells. He was greatly impressed by their gathering—by their youth and by their ladies as much as by their men.

"FAR FROM HOME"

Also to respond was the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. J. Frost, who said from the speeches he could understand why it was customary for the Master of his Society to reply. He had some notes and during the proceedings had written down a line from a hymn: "The night is long and I am far from home." He thanked the large number of members of his Society present for their support—were it not for the ladies it might have been one of their gatherings! At College Youth dinners they toasted "The Visitors and Kindred Societies." He could well understand why there were no kindred Societies toasted there!!

In a few weeks' time both their Master and he would be privileged to be in that room as guests of the University of London Society. That was one of the many Societies of ringers today as there were the territorial Associations, the touring Associations and the peal ringing Societies. From the number of peals being rung today many who took part could be called professional ringers.

Mr. Frost said he would like to take up the point their Master raised that each individual Society should consider its purpose in life and whether it was making its full contribution. He felt it was time a new approach was made. It might be that Saturday meetings made no appeal. "The Ringing World" was undergoing a change; things needed to be changed to keep up with direction of today. Ringing dinners seemed to be popular but he hoped that they would never reach the state of one ringing Society in the West Country that only met for its annual feast!

An unexpected toast came at the end when Mrs. Tom Francis met with a general desire by proposing the health of the Master.

THE COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King (Chepstow), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hudson (Chelmsford), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brunger, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steere, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. D. Manger, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Strathee, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldock, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. B. Castle,

Middx. School's Progress with Handbells



Boys of the De Brome Secondary Modern School, Feltham, playing at their school concert. From left to right: G. Clow, P. Kerry, J. Lee, A. Waite, R. Mitchell and P. Ireland.
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IT would appear from the article in "The Ringing World" of January 27th, on the activities of the Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapleton, that there lies within the schools up and down the land a large nucleus of potential bellringers just waiting to be tapped. This has certainly been the experience of the writer at the De Brome Secondary Modern School for Boys, Feltham, Middlesex. Over the past two years a bell-ringing society has been formed at this school using, with the permission of the local incumbent, both the tower and handbells of St. Catherine's Church, Feltham.

We are not so fortunate in the number of handbells on loan to us at the Hunshelf School, there being only eight handbells in the Taylor set at Feltham, but this Christmas we were kindly lent the William Barber set of 12 handbells from All Saints' Church, Isleworth, which has given us a little more scope.

The boys in the accompanying photograph astounded everybody by the speed at which they were able to produce quite an extensive

repertoire of carols in the short space of three weeks from their joining the Society, plus an extensive amount of blisters. Nevertheless, their enthusiasm undaunted, their first public appearance took place at the school concert on December 14th, when after two weeks' practice they could manage two carols of an acceptable standard to the listening audience. This led to their visiting the old folk's homes in the area, plus Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, where many had a Christmas surprise they had not anticipated.

The headmaster, very much impressed by the performance of these boys, has now ordered from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry a new set of 12 handbells, which will undoubtedly be pressed into active service as soon as possible after their delivery to the school, unfortunately at least 12 to 15 months away.

To anyone who is seeking new ringers to join their Society the writer suggests an appeal to the local schools where, as already stated, a vast number of enthusiastic youngsters are to be found.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society since November was held at the 10-bell tower of Bradford Cathedral on January 28th.

Some 34 members were present before the meeting, a much improved figure on recent attendances, and Royal, Caters, Major and Triples methods were rung with varying degrees of success.

Tea was kindly provided nearby and the local company were thanked for this meal.

At the business meeting Mr. Irvin Slack said that he had, on behalf of the Society, brought up the question of the clashing of dates between the Yorkshire Association's practice evenings and the Leeds and District's own meetings, at the Yorkshire Association's meeting at Sheffield. The secretary (Mr. Ian North) suggested that it should be put to the Yorkshire Association that these meetings could help the Leeds and District Society by being held at the same tower, thus swelling the attendance. The vote taken was unanimously in favour of this suggestion.

The meeting decided, after discussion, that with such a short time available it would not be wise to hold a striking competition.

The date of the annual general meeting is to be moved to coincide with a Yorkshire Association meeting. Leeds Parish Church will not be available for this event but it is hoped that the meeting will be held within the city of Leeds.

Next meeting, Birstall (8), February 25th.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, J. J. George 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson 7, G. F. Dunstan (first on eight as cond.) 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. H. L. Parfrev 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, P. J. Devrell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, H. L. Parfrev 5, A. C. Perry 6, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 7, R. E. G. Smith 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hawkins, who were married at Christ Church, Bath, on January 17th, 1942.

Letters to the Editor

IN TRUE PERSPECTIVE

Dear Sir.—In the last few weeks there have been several letters published plainly "sniping" at the St. Martin's Guild. There appears to be no reason for this unless it is that the writers of these letters are upset about their inability to maintain as high a standard in their own ringing.

Mr. Corbishley's letter displayed a remarkable ignorance of Surprise Maximus ringing—he even implies that there is something immoral in ringing peals of Londonium! Peals of this calibre are not "churned out," as he stated—the band has to be recruited and highly trained. In this respect the St. Martin's Guild is to be congratulated in building such a fine band in such a relatively short period of time.

Mr. Button's letter, together with his references to the record length of Stedman Cinques appalled me. The peal was obviously not "guaranteed from the start"—is any peal? The performance was a remarkable study in physical and mental endurance and we in the St. Martin's Guild are proud of the fact that there are enough ringers in the Guild to undertake such a formidable task. Mr. Button's attitude can only be classified as "sour grapes." The annual general meeting of the Guild gave an overwhelming vote of thanks to the band for maintaining the position of Birmingham ringing—at the top! I heartily endorse this view.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Atherstone, Works.

MURPHY OF DUBLIN AND OTHER THINGS

Dear Sir.—Rummaging through some old papers, I turned up a postcard photograph of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, Irish Republic, upon the back of which I have written "8 bells, tenor 34 cwt., 1870, Murphy of Dublin; Flat 2nd hung dead, 1 over 4 ins."

I recall visiting the tower about seven years ago and everything then was in an appalling state—steps, tower chambers and bell frame inches deep in sticks, bird carcasses, eggs and worse, resembling one of the guano islands off the coast of Peru or Birmingham Cathedral in the pre-Fearn era. The bells hung in a timber frame with large clumsy fittings and, although hung for ringing, appeared to be sounded by a chiming apparatus of Ellacombe-Murphy vintage. As far as it was possible to judge by chiming them they were not too bad apart from, I think, 5/6, which verged on being what Tom Miller would have termed "noodles."

I should be interested to know something of the history of these bells, whether they have ever been rung, also if any further complete rings by Murphy exist anywhere.

In Cork a chime of eight at St. Ann's, Shandon, is now hung "dead." Can anyone confirm whether or not they have ever been hung for ringing? I have a suspicion that they were prior to 1908.

In passing, is Ronald Dove correct in asserting in his crossword puzzle that the original of "Fenchurch St. Paul" in the "Nine Tailors" is Terrington St. Clement? I have always understood from information gathered in the area that it was a "composite" of Walpole St. Peter, March (the "angel roof"), and Redenhall, but this may easily be wrong.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—The tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, besides being lofty, has tall, stout pinnacles and this, coupled with a large west window, seems to indicate that there would be considerable movement if the bells were rung.—W. E. B.

TEN-BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. H. Shire's letter (January 27th), although I do not hail from the West Country, I may be able to throw a little light on his request for information.

In my home tower (Otley, Yorkshire), there was often talk of "Long Ten," which was stated to be an attempt to make five bells sound like ten bells. There were, however, two schools of thought, and readers will readily detect the fallacies in both.

The first school of thought was that "Long Ten" was rung on the back five of an octave, and went as follows:—

3 1 4 2 3 1 4 5

The other school of thought was that it should be rung on the back six of an octave as follows:—

4 2 1 5 3 4 2 1 5 6

In each case it will be noticed that two bells miss a blow alternately.

There was, however, a difference between Mr. Shire's method and our method. Mr. Shire's is rung with the bells up; ours was always rung with the bells down, i.e. in the chiming position.

It will be readily appreciated how difficult it would be for the two bells missing alternate blows, particularly the tenor. This was eased at Otley, however, by the fact that there was a hammer which struck the tenor bell independently, and was used as a "minute" bell at funerals.

I must confess I had never thought of attempting to ring this with the bells up. It would appear to be fairly simple, in that the two bells which strike alternately would ring "half-pull and stand," which would be somewhat comparable with the well-known "whole-pull and stand."—Yours sincerely,

J. W. HORNER.

Wigan.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir.—The following Doubles variations were rung in the peal at Chapel Allerton on January 2nd, 1967. Although none of them is to be found in Dodd's and Jones' collection, we believe that some of them may already have been rung to peals and named and we should be glad to hear from anyone who can enlighten us and so help to keep the records free from the confusions of duplication.

Name Given	Plain Course	Bob
Ackworth	Westminster II	Grandsire S.
Bradshaw	Westminster II	Antelope S.
*Chapel Allerton	St. Hilary	All Saints P.L.
Crofton	Westminster II	All Saints P.L.
Drax	Blackburn Place	Grandsire S.
Felkirk	Blackburn Place	Antelope S.
Gisourh	Blackburn Place	All Saints P.L.
*Kirkthorpe	St. Hilary	Grandsire S.
*Leeds	Huntspill	Grandsire S.
*Lightcliffe	Huntspill	Antelope S.
*Lyncham	Huntspill	All Saints P.L.
Meanwood	New Bob	Grandsire S.
Nidd	New Bob	Antelope S.
*Rothwell	St. Vedast	All Saints P.L.
*Selby	St. Vedast	Grandsire S.
*Sherburn	St. Vedast	Antelope S.
*Wragby	St. Hilary	Antelope S.
Wykeham	New Bob	All Saints P.L.
* Also rung at Felkirk, November 28th, 1966.		

—Yours faithfully,
R. BROWN.

"Lyndhurst," 5, Copley Lane,
Robin Hood, Wakefield.

TUITION OF BEGINNERS

Dear Sir.—The correspondence upon the subject of tuition of beginners appears to have grown as cold as the early days of January. In answer to a repeated request by Mr. N. Chaddock for information upon methods of tuition practised in the Exercise, I submitted notes which were utilised for an article on page 682 of "The Ringing World." In the preamble to this article I suggested that this was a subject which was without glamour and far too mundane to incite our leading ringers and conductors to meet Mr. Chaddock's request, and indeed the notable lack of disagreement even with my own peculiar and non-traditional ideas lends support to my contention that the average change ringer is a selfish personality. I can only hope that the seamy picture that this paints of our mentors as they ring their long length and multi-method peals can be relieved by the knowledge that Mr. Chaddock has received a crushing volume of mail, sent privately. An affirmative from Mr. Chaddock would be gratefully received by all of us, since the only alternative is to believe that our leading bands "win" recruits already trained from more modest and less ostentatious belfries.

There are one or two rays of light amongst the dark shadows. An article by a Yorkshire lady contains the type of information requested twice by Mr. Chaddock. If I may comment on Miss Wilkinson's plan, I would first suggest that most of us might find there is something which is new; in my own case the idea of chair-lifting exercises seems quite original and useful, in theory. My second comment is that 20 beginners seem too many, but no one else has given us an idea of the ideal number. Also it seems a dreadful waste of Miss Wilkinson's time to teach these girls if she has no control over their future elementary change ringing.

Mr. Collins underlines the enthusiasm and purpose shown in Canadian ringing in his letter from Montreal. I would compliment him on the production of an excellent visual aid, but I am afraid that he would be very disappointed with the comparatively insipid and mediocre attitude in England, where a multitude of excuses at belfry level would be advanced for not projecting his film. Messrs. Michael King and M. J. Kirk appear to have first-hand knowledge of the problems of tuition, from the reception point of view. However, the lack of Christian charity shown by local ringers in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire respectively, in deliberately neglecting to assist struggling bands emphasises my statement concerning attitudes.

Other items of information that one can ferret out of obscure corners of "The Ringing World" are more encouraging. Miss Amanda Powell (see page 8) is not the only beginner taught by that progressive Addington band who weekly contribute to our quarter peal columns. At least two Scouts have obtained bellringers' badges during 1966 (see page 844). Rutland High School contains four very active youngsters (see page 828). There is a band of young and enthusiastic ringers in the Lake District under the leadership of Mr. K. Price (see page 787). Redditch High School (see page 6) contains 20 pupils who have been introduced to ringing on a neglected octave. This good work continues, despite the lack of assistance from the peal ringers or from some of the Guilds. I would commend the faceless many who maintain this good work, in the face of ridicule and scorn from several of the Exercise, but would draw even their thoughts to consideration of the latter from an 11-year-old (see page 4): "When I started bell ringing six months ago a lot of my friends made fun of me . . ."—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Northern Division Secretary Retires**

Although not good, it was a fairly representative gathering that attended the Northern Division annual general meeting at Balcombe on January 28th. Warnham and Withyham were strong supporters, backed up by members of the Western Division. Ringing started smartly at 3 o'clock and the service was conducted by the Rev. I. Paton Hunter, Vicar of Danchill, who brought along his organist; grateful thanks were tendered to both. A splendid tea (as usual) had been provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the balance sheet showed a slight drop over last year but it was not considered too bad as individual subscriptions had been introduced in place of affiliation fees.

When the election of officers took place the hon. Divisional secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) intimated that she wished to resign and this information was received with general regret. Mrs. Jean Osbon was unanimously elected to fill the post.

The Master (Mr. R. Johnson) thanked Mrs. Hairs, not only on behalf of the Division but on behalf of the whole Association, she having filled the offices of Divisional secretary in the Southern and Northern Divisions, peal secretary and Central Council representative, and during the last war had written up a duplicate book of the whole of the peals of the Association.

The Master commented that the younger generation were now progressing much faster than years ago and were ready sooner for holding office. It would no doubt help the Association if the older members were to realise this. He wanted it put on record that his thanks were also for the enormous amount of work done for the Association over a large number of years both by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs.

Mr. George Francis was elected Ringing Master with Mr. Roger Osbon as his assistant.

Practice meetings were again discussed and it was left to the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary to try and work up a little more support.

Under "any other business" Mrs. Hairs thanked all concerned for their support over the years and promised the new secretary all the assistance she could give.

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OBITUARY**MR. JOHN E. STOKES**

By the death on January 1st of John Stokes, at the age of 64, the Beccles company have lost a faithful member. He became very interested in ringing when driving the coach for the ringers' outing about ten years ago and decided to learn to ring, and in spite of restricted time due to his varied working hours, became a useful and regular Sunday service ringer when his duties permitted. He will be very much missed at the belfry.

MR. E. CHARLES BAILEY

The Beccles company suffered a second loss this month by the passing of Charles Bailey, at the age of 71, on January 16th. Charles learned to ring in 1910, with his father and other members of the family at Rickingham with the band that made some West Suffolk ringing history before the first world war. He served in Flanders 1914-18 and after the war he settled down near Beccles and became a regular ringer at Beccles and Barsham and, except for a few years during the last war, spent the rest of his life in this district. He rang about 70 peals, shared between the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Association, and was a staunch churchman, regular in attendance in the belfry and at services and was for some time a member of the Church Council.

He will be very much missed at Beccles, and also at many other Norfolk and Suffolk churches which he often visited and was very well known. At his funeral ringers from Norfolk and Suffolk rang handbells, and the bells of St. Michael's were half-muffled on Sunday to his memory. E. R. G.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**Eastern Branch**

The Eastern Branch annual meeting was held at St. Margaret's Lowestoft, on January 28th, and was splendidly supported with just on 50 members attending.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, and the address given by the curate, the Rev. J. F. Towler, who is also a ringer. Mr. C. Mitchell played the organ. An excellent tea was served by Sister Riley and her staff at Harleston House, a nearby Church Army old people's home.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss D. E. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; Standing Committee, Mr. T. J. Brock, Mr. A. E. Crowe; Branch Committee, Miss M. Kindred, Mr. A. H. Roberts, together with the re-election of Messrs. A. W. Bird, J. W. Forder and J. B. Gorrod.

Meeting dates for 1967 were proposed as: April 15th (Catfield); June 3rd (Blodfield); September 30th and December 9th. New ringing members elected: Rev. Peter N. Bond, Roger Newstead, David Wright (Great Yarmouth), Miss Ann Corney, Miss Elizabeth Carr, Rev. J. F. Towler (Lowestoft) and Paul Holsworth (Gorleston). Probationers: Mr. G. G. Townshend, Miss J. E. Groome (Loddon). The belfry election of Mr. R. A. Hunt, of Ruskington, Lincs, prior to a peal, was ratified.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Bailey, of Beccles, who died on January 16th, and had been a member of the Association since 1910, also to Mr. J. E. Stokes, who, although not a member, was well known as a ringer in the District.

Forthcoming practice meeting: March 18th, Haddiscoe or Aldeby. N. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

The 20th annual meeting was held at Newark on January 21st. The 31 cwt, ten sound beautiful in the market place and are well worth the long climb to the ringing chamber.

After Evensong, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Toons, both he and the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Kingsnorth, joined a good crowd for tea, at which the Vicar expressed his pleasure in entertaining the District.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. In presenting the annual statement the secretary said the substantial balance was not entirely due to the increase in members' subscriptions and the peal booking fee, as the membership had risen by nine and there had been quite a few more peals rung than in 1965. Following up with a report on the year's activities, the secretary said both these facts were healthy signs, and the District began the New Year with considerable optimism for an even better year. One new member was elected, Mr. Keith Vernon of Balderton.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs. C. W. Reed were re-elected as chairman and hon. secretary respectively. Mr. Peter Wakefield re-elected as Ringing Master and Miss Margaret Chilton a committee member.

Mr. Midwinter gave a report on the activities at Southwell Minster, where he and two others had been teaching a new band. Several people had been taught to handle a bell and to ring rounds and call changes but he appealed for more assistance to help to break into change ringing. The next meeting was arranged at Southwell in the hope that taking the District there would fan more enthusiasm in ringing activities generally.

The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Charles Copp and ringing continued during the evening. B. N. R.

Mansfield District

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District took place on January 28th at Grove House, Mansfield, and the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul and, as usual, it was well patronised. In the absence of a resident incumbent the service was taken by the Rev. A. Pettingell, at Mansfield again after a lapse of six years.

Following an excellent tea, the chairman opened the business meeting with a hearty welcome to new members, after which a short silence was observed to the memory of Mr. C. Randall, of Mansfield, who had passed away the previous Sunday, aged 79.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1966 were approved, and among items discussed was the Guild's Bell Repair Fund and suggestions on how the District income could be increased.

The following were accepted as Guild members: Mrs. F. Fogg and Messrs. D. Coulson, D. Marsh, P. Sheward, T. Ford, A. Godfrey, A. Whittamore, J. Simpson and A. Nelson, all of Eastwood; A. Wood and Miss M. Horsley of Kirkby-in-Ashfield; C. Pack of Warsop, Mrs. V. Solis was elected an honorary vice-president.

District officers returned were: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. B. A. Richards, Mr. D. A. Whetton was elected to the committee.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, and ringing continued with an interesting and varied range of methods until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: March 18th, Selston. D. J. B.

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RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Mr. Percy Amos, captain at Weston Favell, sends us the following corrections to Mr. Peter Abbott's articles on the "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire":

Catworth tenor 15½ cwt., not 17½ cwt.

Brington tenor 5½ cwt., not 5 cwt.

Glanton tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. The note is nearer B flat than E flat. Bells rehung in 1908, not 1904. The tenor is only 35½ in. in diameter. To be 9 cwt. it would have to be around 37½ in.

Old Weston tenor is a 35½ in. bell and is 7½ cwt., not 9 cwt. The treble is not pre-Reformation but of the Elizabeth I period. The steeple is three-tier.

Offord Cluny tenor is only a 36½ in. bell and could not possibly weigh 10 cwt. To do so it would have to be around 39-39½ in. Its weight is more like 8-8½ cwt.

Orton Waterville tenor was recast by J. Eayre, not cast. Here there were originally three bells, all by the first of the three Toby Norris's of Stamford, 1606. This Toby Norris founded bells from 1603 to 1626, in which year a plaque in St. George's Church, Stamford, tells us he died. The present incumbent in a conversation with me said he would like to see a recording of other bells in place of the present four. I was recently assured by a well-known ex-Archdeacon ringer in the Ely Diocese that no faculty would be granted this tower for a sham apparatus if applied for, nor yet one to dispose of the bells. To anyone interested in pulpits, this church has a fine specimen of the Elizabeth I period.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association drew over 50 people to Stockton Parish Church on January 28th. One attraction was the Washington Cathedral film, shown in the vestry by Mr. Fred Hodgson, who also showed one of British Railways films on its modernisation, which was of great interest.

At the business meeting the Southern District vice-president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed an old friend, Mr. Phil Toccock, whom they had not seen for nearly 20 years but who was stationed in the area again.

The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. T. M. Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and Mr. W. Tyson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was in his usual good form in thanking the ladies for a tea which came up to the very high reputation they have built up.

During the afternoon and evening methods rung ranged from Cambridge, Yorkshire, Little and Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandshire Caters, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples to several spells of rounds for the beginners. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Devon Branch held an enjoyable meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, on February 4th, although it was not largely attended.

The ringing, supervised by Mrs. G. E. Retter, consisted of Grandshire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. de T. Andrews) conducted a short service, with Mrs. C. Pearson acting as organist.

After a bountiful tea in the St. Anne's Hall, the business meeting followed with Mrs. H. Boobier (vice-president) in the chair. Members were reminded of the annual meeting to be held at Lincoln in July and were asked to book accommodation early. Two new members, the Misses Lynn Murkin and Ann Retter, were elected.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at South Brent with Diptford (subject to permission). It was reported that flowers were sent to Mrs. Pauline Burnham, the Branch secretary, on the birth of her first child, a daughter, on February 2nd. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing took place at Torre Parish Church in the evening. A. E. R.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The largest District annual general meeting at Basingstoke for many years was held on January 28th, with the bells of both St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches being rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Norman J. Woodhall, who is District vice-chairman. The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, of Tadley, himself a ringer, gave an inspiring address based on the Linlithgow coat of arms on a Garter stall in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Under the device of the earth split in two is the motto "Spes manet" (Hope remains). In an age when standards of behaviour were declining and few people attended their parish church, he said, bellringers were able to ring out their message of hope into homes having no other contact with the Church.

A fire which damaged Church Cottage in the early hours of Friday morning necessitated quick changes in the arrangements, and the tea was held in St. John's School. At the business meeting the District chairman, Canon F. A. Sanders, welcomed the visitors, amongst whom was the Master of the Guild (Canon K. W. H. Felstead) and the chairman of the Andover District (Mr. G. K. Dodd). He was also delighted to see Church Oakley tower again represented at an annual general meeting.

The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late Bert Garrett, honorary life member and for many years captain at Overton.

After the routine business of approving last year's minutes and accounts, 11 new members were elected, all juniors, five from Bramley and six from Sherborne St. John.

The votes of thanks included a special one to St. Michael's captain and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, who had been working until the early hours of that morning salvaging and washing crockery from Church Cottage kitchen to enable the ladies of St. Michael's tower to provide tea.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The South West Branch held its annual meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on January 28th. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the fine ring of eight, including the four standard methods and Double Norwich. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Roy E. Harris, and the visiting preacher was the Rev. Eric Hayman, who is a ringer. The organist was Mr. P. Grant Arnold.

Tea was followed by the meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. Eric Hayman, in place of Mr. T. G. Myers. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Owen Thomas, wife of the branch auditor, who died recently. The secretary, Mr. Robert A. Southwood, gave a very fine report on the activities of the towers within the Branch.

Officers re-elected: Chairman, Mr. Thomas G. Myers; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roy Bould; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Robert A. Southwood; Press officer, Miss Sylvia Sims; auditor, Mr. H. Owen Thomas. New members proposed and accepted were Paul Perkin (Whitchurch), Brian Hancock, Mrs. Julia Steere, Judith Hughes and Susan Davison (Stoke Damerel).

The following programme was decided upon for the coming year, subject to permission: Buckland Monachorum on April 15th, Stoke Damerel and the annual meeting at Plympton St. Mary on January 27th.

The resignation of Mr. F. E. Day was accepted by the meeting. It was decided to hold an annual Branch social event and a committee was elected to arrange this. The committee elected comprised Mr. Barry Knight (Stoke Damerel), Miss Linda Le-Tissier (Emmanuel) and Mr. D. Wheeler (St. Andrew's).

The presentation of a certificate was made to Mr. John P. Sims, captain of the Emmanuel tower, whose ringers came second in a ringing festival held at Stratton in December. Votes of thanks to all who had made it such a success concluded the meeting.

Evening ringing was enjoyed at Emmanuel and at Egguckland, Plymouth. S. P. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual District meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on January 28th, when 134 members and visitors were present. The service was conducted by Canon J. S. Tudor-Jones with Mr. L. S. Cook as organist. An excellent tea in the W.V.S. Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. P. Smart) in the chair.

Mr. T. Page (District Master) gave a rather less fiery report than of recent years. The District has 153 members but the average at meetings last year was 29. "I would not complain about the small attendance if it was not for the fact that it is usually the same ringers who turn up every time," said Mr. Page. "The Saturday evening practices attract quite a few visitors and were worth coming along to." He appealed to all to come and enjoy themselves and bring their friends next time.

Mr. Page made a suggestion that an evening practice could be arranged during the summer months at a tower that needed assistance to coincide with the normal practice. Such towers should apply for help. On recruiting, he said it was essential to start a vigorous campaign. He envisaged a colour poster with a church in the background and a group of people of all walks of life heading for the tower. "No class or colour bar," said Mr. Page. "Perhaps one of our C.C. representatives will take it up. There must be a ringing commercial artist who could produce a suitable poster." Farnham had now restarted and he hoped they would manage to continue.

Officers returned unopposed were: District Master, Mr. T. Page; secretary, Mrs. B. Simpson; treasurer, G. K. Williamson; auditor, W. Viggers. A ballot for Assistant Master went in favour of Mr. M. Church, who also goes on the Executive Committee. Two new members were elected.

A return to the tower was made, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Breaking with tradition, the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Charminster on January 14th. Bradford Peverell bells were also available during the evening. The Guild service, attended by the church choir, was conducted by the Branch vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks, and an address given by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea, provided by lady helpers in the School Hall, was enjoyed by a gathering of 37 members including ringers from North Dorset.

The secretary's report for 1966 stated that membership had slightly increased, Maiden Newton and Upwey towers having rejoined the Branch. Quarter peals had been rung at seven towers during the year and the quarter peal at Maiden Newton was believed to be the first in the Branch by an all-ladies' band. Branch practices had continued on alternate Saturday evenings, and five meetings had taken place. The statement of accounts, showing a satisfactory balance, was adopted.

Branch officers were re-elected for 1967 with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Rose), who tendered his resignation after six years in the post. Mr. E. H. Amey, of Charminster, succeeds him, and Mr. B. Kear (Wyke Regis) now joins Mr. G. Goringe (Cattistock) as Deputy Ringing Master.

Subject to permission, branch practices will be held at Cattistock on February 11th, Upwey February 25th, Puddletown March 11th, St. Peter's, Dorchester, March 18th, and Wyke Regis April 22nd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The ringing chamber of St. Mary the Virgin's was packed to overflowing on February 4th when the Ilchester Branch held a practice meeting at its own home tower. Ringing on the 11½ cwt. five was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandshire and Stedman.

A most enjoyable evening was spent and thanks expressed to the Rector, the Rev. G. Thomas, and to Mr. H. Pope for their courtesy in making the tower and bells available.

Next meeting: South Petherton (8) on March 4th (quarterly).

QUARTER PEALS

LONG LENGTHS

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDD.—On Jan. 28th, 3,096 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, P. N. Felton (cond.) 2, C. Starbuck 3, M. E. Harrison 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Collis 6. A peal attempt called round due to indisposition.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 2,040 Doubles (three methods): A. L. B. King 1, R. D. Marsh 2, H. G. Wells 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, C. Jeffrey (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, Amanda Powell 6. For Matins.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Harris (first quarter) 1, Joan V. Reyner 2, J. P. Ladd 3, P. J. Ostley 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, M. E. Denyer 6. For Evensong.

BASLOW, DERBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Noton (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss S. E. Davis 2, W. Sheldon 3, G. W. Hawksworth 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, J. D. Arkwell 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Atwood, of Old Brampton.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Clapham 1, Mrs. M. A. Parker 2, R. Paddison 3, D. V. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6, C. Holmes 7.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallay 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, D. Matkin 3, J. Price 4, D. Reeson 5, R. Price 6, F. Price 7, C. Conway (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Phillip and Jacob's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. J. Murrell 1, Mrs. R. J. Bowden 2, D. Powney 3, A. Tubb 4, R. J. Bowden 5, G. Land 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, G. King 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 3, 6 and 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Lucock (first away from tenor) 1, Susan Copping (first quarter) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Lesley Evans (first Grandsire) 4, J. Copping (first Grandsire and as cond.) 5, R. Evans (first quarter) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cullen 1, M. D. Fuller (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, J. Hagley 4, Miss J. Kipling 5, Miss R. Weal 6, T. J. Wellen 7, P. Payne 8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin (first as cond.) 2, W. Holloway 3, W. Fern 4, J. Sutton 5, H. Gardner 6. For Confirmation service.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Welshe (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Aldridge (cond.) 3, E. Webber 4, C. Lock 5, A. Welshe 6.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANC.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Forsythe 1, T. Hobson 2, K. Lister 3, T. W. Smith 4, H. Worrall 5, A. Critchley 6, J. Thornley 7, J. Ashcroft 8. In honour of the Feast of the Purification.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chapman 1, Miss J. Clipstone 2, R. J. Cowley (cond.) 3, T. Chapman 4, K. J. Chapman 5, C. E. Richardson 6, E. C. Buckby 7, P. Nesbitt 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Jan. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: A. White 1, S. Skinner 2, M. F. Lock 3, C. G. Bryant 4, J. Longridge 5, F. Wreford 6, C. P. Yates (first of Surprise) 7, F. D. Mack (cond.) 8. To welcome Katharine Anne, second daughter of Clive and Joyce Bryant. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, J. Longridge 2, C. Yates 3, P. Willis 4, F. Wreford 5, A. Truman 6, G. Skinner 7, C. Bryant 8. For Evensong, and bon voyage to Sir Francis Chichester.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Smith 1, Linda Templemore 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, W. Sear 4, I. Pett (cond.) 5, R. Churchill 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, R. J. Stannard 2, D. Rowlands 3, C. Stannard 4, J. Banks 5. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Brentnall 1, J. Nayamith (first "inside") 2, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 3, K. D. Waples 4, J. Spratt 5, R. J. Picton 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal. R. Harrop 1, E. Shipp 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, C. Tovell 7, L. Houghton 8, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. Howes, late chairman, Western Branch, N.D.A., who died on January 31st.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Greenway 1, Ann Butcher 2, F. Oakley 3, W. Kitson 4, F. E. J. Reynolds (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Brewer, churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 50 years, buried here this day.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Billings 1, F. S. Slatford 2, B. Evans 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, H. G. Blanchard 5, N. G. Kneel (cond.) 6, L. K. Grey 7, H. E. Blacker 8. First of Major 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: C. A. Slyfield 1, D. Lodge 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, J. A. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in variation by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For morning service.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. C. Smart 1, W. E. Pearce 2, L. J. Malings 3, C. F. Cook 4, R. S. Price (first as cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Jopp 1, P. Jopp (cond.) 2, A. Jopp 3, R. Porter 4, D. B. Jopp 5, A. W. Porter 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (comp. J. Reeves): J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. L. Coles 3, D. J. Barnett 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, T. J. Milsom 7, Rev. R. O. Fry 8. Rung before Dedication Festival Evensong.

WEST DEEPIING, Lincs.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Single and Double Oxford and Single and Double Court): R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, P. A. Smith 3, B. Branson 4, F. Simey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

WETHERBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Kent T.B.): D. Buck 1, Pauline Holland 2, Gerry Nutton 3, P. Moorhouse 4, B. Moorhouse 5, H. D. Holland 6. A farewell to Rev. C. J. Newell, who is leaving the parish.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. S. Barratt 1, Miss L. Deebank 2, P. L. D. Grove (first "inside") 3, J. M. Cox 4, M. C. Edwards 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. V. Nutting, who has been elected to a fellowship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

First year undergraduates at Cambridge have now rung peals of Plain Bob Major on tower bells and "in hand" this academic year.

In the handbell peal of Plain Bob Royal at Halling, Kent (page 53), the name of Thomas Cullingworth, ringer of 9-10, was inadvertently omitted. Our regrets.

The treble ringer in the peal at Blunsdon, Wiltshire, on January 3rd ("Ringing World," page 85) was Roger Fry, not Rev. Roger O. Fry as printed. The error is regretted.

Mr. G. H. Ellis, Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Irish Association, contributes to this quarter's issue of the "Irish Bell News" a clear and practical article on Plain Bob Minor.

It will not be possible to use the bells of St. Catherine's, Montacute, Somerset, for some six to eight weeks while extensive repair work is being carried out to the somewhat notorious "swinging" tower and its roof.

John Mayne conducted his 200th different Surprise Major method in 1966 and was the first person to do so. It was in 1965 that he became the second person to ring 250 different Surprise Major methods, and not as stated in the recent article. The author sends his apologies.

The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Maximus rung at Nottingham on January 7th was not R. B. Smith's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells but was his 100th peal on 12 tower bells.

Found in the belfry after the Sheffield and District Society meeting at Wentworth on February 4th, one large blue sweater. Will the owner please contact the secretary, Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham.

The ladies of the Essex Association have scored their first peal—at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on January 28th. It was a peal of Plain Bob Minor. It would be interesting to know in how many counties the fair sex have recorded peals.

Mr. R. B. Smith writes: "I thank Mr. Hemming for pointing out to me that 5,376 Minimus had previously been rung on handbells. A 5,280 was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1964 as being the record and at the time this was not disputed."

Miss Helen Henderson in sending us two quarter peals which she conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne—Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor—informs us that she plans to come to England some time next year. An accomplished ringer, we are sure she will receive a warm welcome.

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The bell was used by St. Patrick himself in connection with Christian worship. Bells of this type were used by the Druids and St. Patrick, in order to eliminate prejudices, continued the use of the bells for Christian worship.

After St. Patrick's death, the bell has seen much history—it has been plundered, lost and found.

The Mulhollands became the hereditary keepers of the bell and for this duty they were given a townland near Stewartstown in Co. Tyrone, which is called Ballyclog (town of the bell).

The bell eventually came into the possession of a Mr. Adam McClean, of Belfast. After his death it was purchased by the Rev. J. H. Todd, D.D., for £150. It was eventually purchased along with its beautiful shrine by the Royal Irish Academy for £500.

It is now preserved in the National Museum, Dublin, and has on occasions been loaned for special ecclesiastical events.

St. Patrick may be regarded as the first Christian bellringer in Ireland. He had his own bell-maker, and gave a bell to each Bishop he consecrated.

(From the "Irish Bell News.")

BOURNEMOUTH SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. D. T. Matkin, of Bournemouth, as conductor of two record handbell peals, 13,139 Grandsire Caters and 15,840 Plain Bob Royal, both rung by all-local people, writes sending his congratulations to Mr. R. B. Smith and his band on the record of 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus.

STRONGEST CENSURE

Mr. C. J. Mobbs, president of Oastler College Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Huddersfield, had an unfortunate experience when he booked the film "Ringers Required" in October for showing on February 3rd. The booking was confirmed, but a reminder brought forth the answer that the film was no longer available—as the previous borrowers had not returned it! Such selfish and thoughtless action deserves the strongest censure. Mr. Mobbs had the unenviable task of preparing a hurried talk on the subject.

MINOR PEAL AT WOOTTON WAS HARD WORK

The bells of St. Mary's, Wootton, Oxon, are not an easy-going six, and the band who scored the first peal of Minor there on January 28th can take a just pride in their good peal. Some of the band took part in a quarter peal of seven Minor methods there in Oct., 1965, and it proved such hard work that doubts were expressed as to the success of the venture. However, this time the bells went very well and, although the band had to work hard, it was not so tiring as the quarter peal.

There have been three previous peals on the bells—all Grandsire Doubles. The first peal was on March 13th 1927, and the others were on March 31st, 1928, and November 5th, 1938.

BELFRY GOSSIP



BELL FOR A NEW RADAR TRAINING SHIP

This bell has been presented to the Sir John Cass Foundation for their new ship in memory of the late Albert A. Hughes by members of his family.

Cass's Foundation in Aldgate in the City of London is a technical college with a department of navigation, and their original training vessel was rammed and sank while moored in the Thames in fog nearly two years ago.

A new motor vessel, 100 feet long, and of 180 gross registered tons, has been completed by Bolton and Son Ltd., of Hamworthy, near Poole, and will shortly be brought round to the Thames for the handing over ceremony.

Mr. Hughes was a governor of the Foundation from 1942 to 1964, and chairman and treasurer from 1957 to 1962 and, as chairman, the original ship was registered in his name.

The bell, which is 12 inches in diameter and weighs 50 lb., was engraved by Mr. Warden, of Clerkenwell, with the inscription and coat of arms and was harmonically tuned to G.

LOSSES TO LIMERICK

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, which has a ringing membership of 18, is losing two members. Mr. George Eades has been transferred to Dublin, and he and his wife, Kathleen (a member of the choir), were presented with a pair of fireside chairs, the gift of the bellringers, choir and vestry. The other, Mr. Alfred Foster, who was married on December 10th, has accepted employment in England.

LADIES' LINCOLN VISIT

The programme for the Ladies' Guild annual meeting at Lincoln on July 1st is: Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, followed by buffet luncheon in the Chapter House; annual general meeting 2 p.m., ringing afterwards; dinner 6 for 6.30 at Moor Lodge, Branstow.

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RETURN TO LEICESTER

Sussex has lost one of her leading ringers by the return to his native Leicestershire of Arthur Riddington, from Upper Beeding. Moving south due to business some 14 years ago, Arthur soon took an interest in ringing at Brighton, especially at St. Peter's. Here he met, and arranged several peals for, that stalwart Harry Stalham, the last being for Harry's birthday.

Gradually Arthur's interest veered towards his own village's bells, virtually unringable, as shown by a well-known tenor ringer. Many evenings were spent "digging" the bells out from the accumulated birds' nests and getting them into a ringable condition before he was able to begin to teach the first of many learners. Through all this he sustained his enthusiasm for peal ringing, helping many younger ringers to gain experience and knowledge.

Arthur did much to foster ties between ringers in Kent and Sussex, frequently visiting Kentish towers and arranging peals in Sussex towers so that ringers from both counties could ring together.

To mark his departure from Sussex two peals were arranged, one in his own tower at Upper Beeding, the other at Harry Stalham's old tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton, the ringers coming from both Sussex and Kent to take part. The Rev. J. Pearson, Vicar of Upper Beeding, was present to thank Arthur for his work in the church, and wish the band success in their attempt, a short prayer being said before ringing commenced. It was fitting that the second of the peals was his 200th in the South of England.

All ringers, especially from Sussex and Kent, wish Arthur every happiness in his new home and hope that he will manage the odd journey down to revisit old friends.

P.C.C. TOLD ABOUT RINGING ACTIVITIES

At the annual church meeting at Carbis Bay, held on February 2nd, amongst the reports given by the secretaries of the various organisations John Copping, secretary of the ringers, reported as follows:

There are 17 ringers and three probationers. The bells had been rung regularly throughout the year on Sundays and other occasions. The full ten bells had been rung every Sunday morning but usually fewer in the evenings.

The band had attended the two Branch festivals at Phillack and Helston and the rededication of the rehung bells at Manacpan. On the occasion of the annual Diocesan Festival at Truro in July this was combined with an outing when in the morning, the towers of St. Agnes, Perranzabuloe and Newlyn East were visited.

Three quarter peals had been rung, two by visiting bands and one by our own band; we hope to do more this year. Two full peals, one by a band from outside Cornwall and one by the Diocesan Guild, had been tried but both had failed. John was thanked for his report by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts). This had created much interest amongst the 50 people present.

1,000 PEALS BEFORE MARRIAGE!

In a moment of ringing enthusiasm the bachelor member of the Spalding area peal band declared that he was not going to get married until he had 1,000 peals to his credit. At 50 peals a year this would mean wedding bells in 1982! And now he has been bewitched by a lady member of the band and become engaged. Does she relish a 15-year courtship, or will her charming personality cause him to recant!!

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 126 methods, being 120 each of Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Cliffor's, Little Aston, St. David, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxtou, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton, Fyford, Ferncliffe, Netherfield, Gedding, Cropwell Bishop, Caythorpe, Holme Pierrepont, Westwell, Ardley, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, New, Bucknell, Hove, Donningleigh, Bulcote, Grafton Regis, Mitre, St. Aldate, Kempston, Oxbridge, Westleigh, Kinoulton, Fulmer, Gunthorpe, Plumtre, Dell, Upton, Adbolton, Cowleigh, St. Callen, Pagham.

Richard D. Bing .. Treble Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter .. 2 Noel D. Deam 4

Alec Gammon Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

GARSINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 114 methods, being 120 each of Wollaton, Clashmore, Allexton, Beaufield, Coxmoor, Pancrasweet, Duxford, Euxton, Foxhill, Goxhill, Hexgrave, Ixworth, Jevington, Kexby, Laxton, Moxley, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. David, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxtou, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton, Fyford, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, Royston, May Day.

Cl. Richard Miles .. Treble Leonard R. Porter 4
Elizabeth M. Barber .. 2 J. Paul Coad 5
Roy H. Jones 3 *Richard D. Bing Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as birthday compliments to J. P. Coad and L. R. Porter and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Southern of Plymouth.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt, 9 lb in B flat.

John Phillips Treble James Phillips 7
Raymond G. Cousins .. 2 Dennis Randall 8
William A. Theobald .. 3 David P. Hilling 9
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 4 John Armstrong 10
Alan R. Patterson .. 5 Michael P. Moreton .. 11
William T. Cook 6 John Hill Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 6.) Conducted by David P. Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH PERROTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt

*Raymond P. Selway .. Treble Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Rerek S. Beaufoy .. 2 Frederick T. Sandy .. 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3 William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* 100th peal for the Association.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
*Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble Leslie H. Arscott 4
Marian J. Beale 2 Keith E. Beale 5
Arthur H. Reed 3 Robert Parker Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal on the treble. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Colin Banton Treble Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5
Alec Humphrey 2 David W. Friend 6
Felicity Webber 3 Gordon A. Halls 7
Melvyn Rose 4 Harold Taylor Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5340 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

Neil Handley Treble Graham Fisher 5
William Allsopp 2 David Oliver 6
Kevin Betesta 3 Reginald J. Stretton .. 7
Geoffrey Bridges 4 David Walklate Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow.

Conducted by David Walklate.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung in memory of Mr. Thorne, parish clerk for many years.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G

Donald E. R. Knights .. Treble Brian B. Hullah 5
Michael Hawes 2 †George E. Bonham .. 6
*Mary E. Tooke 3 †George E. Thoday .. 7
Donald F. Murfet 4 Geoffrey A. Lucas .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal of Major; † 75th peal together; ‡ 500th peal.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt in G.
*Phillip S. George .. Treble Brian Horrell 4
Margaret M. Roden .. 2 †Philip Mehew 5
George E. Bonham .. 3 George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday

* First peal † 650th peal

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Mrs. B. C. Sadler .. Treble Bernard C. Sadler 6
Peter Sloman 2 Frank B. Lufkin 7
*David Sloman 3 *Hubert H. Fuminger .. 8
Peter D. Chapman .. 4 Michael J. Hallett 9
*Allen W. Cansdale .. 5 Lawrence J. Beal Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERFATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Urban W. Wildney .. Treble *Jennifer M. Andrews .. 5
Alan R. Andrews .. 2 Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Peter G. Pitt 3 Edward E. Davey 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4 Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by R. T. Lambert.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt

Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 2 Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
Ian R. Panton 3 Michael J. Hallett 7
Alfred J. House 4 James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B. 37.)

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. J. Sandwell, and as a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. D. Robinson, the local tower captain. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Edna M. Cooper Treble	Yvonne A. Murray 4
*†Helen E. Gilbert 2	Rosemarie A. Frith 5
Anne Edwards 3	Claire Hudson Tenor

Conducted by Rosemarie A. Frith.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." First as conductor.
First peal for the Association by an all-ladies' band, all of whom are members of the S.E. District. Tenor 5½ cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
William Lampard Treble	Kenneth G. Weeks 4
Derek M. Smith 2	†Henry Taysom 5
*Malcolm R. Brain 3	Anthony W. Gibbs Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal "inside." † 50th peal.

TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
*Wilfred Newman Treble	†Malcolm A. Maggs 4
†Graham L. Maggs 2	Cyril A. Wratten 5
*Robert Newman 3	Edric J. Owens Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Jan. '8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 6.	Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.
Beryl R. Simpson Treble	Douglas A. R. May 6
David J. Tubbs 2	W. Leslie Weller 7
Carolyn Tubbs 3	E. John Wells 8
Christopher M. White 4	Tom Page 9
*Martin J. Kirk 5	Stanley G. Ponting Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*Ann Butcher Treble	Frederick E. J. Reynolds 5
Reginald Poston 2	John J. Webb 6
†Robert Brown 3	*Frederick Oakley 7
Alfred T. Poulton 4	*Raymond A. Brewer Tenor

Conducted by John J. Webb

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Frederick J. Cullum Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Peter S. Muchlinski 2	Christopher T. Osenton 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Tony Lewis 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Cooper Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
*Paul J. Dye 3	Philip A. Corby 7
†Tony Lewis 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
Rung to welcome Canon W. F. Willoughby, A.K.C., as Vicar of Linton. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.	
*Charles P. C. Sinden .. Treble	Ronald F. Cleaver 5
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Colin J. E. Wyld 6
Pamela E. Powell 3	David J. Baker 7
James Hedgcock 4	Derek J. Carr Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison.

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal.

Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Rachel J. Sinden and Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, upon their engagement.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Wells Surprise, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice Treble	D. Paul Smith 4
*Ian H. Oram 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
Richard G. Crosland 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* Completed the "circle" for the fifth time.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Mr. Ian H. Oram and Miss Margaret E. Fort on their recent engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Stanley Walmsley Treble	†Jeffrey Simcox 6
Margaret Crossthwaite 2	†Geoffrey Cunliffe 7
Cyril Crossthwaite 3	†Christopher Watson 8
Lawrence Walmsley 4	†Roger Barnes 9
†John Ascroft 5	†Dennis H. McCormick Tenor

Arranged by Cyril Crossthwaite.

Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal of Royal.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Casisbury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alfred Ballard Treble	†Peter C. Randall 5
*Alan Evans 2	John M. Jelley 6
†Sheila Parsons 3	Russell S. Morris 7
†J. Edward Cawser 4	Brian S. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

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

‡ 400th peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

John Walden Treble	*A. Robin Heppenstall 5
*Beryl N. Reed 2	Walter Tomlinson 6
John Freeman 3	*Geoffrey Paul 7
*Peter A. Sharp 4	*Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).	Tenor 8 cwt.
*John P. Morris Treble	Roy Stephenson 5
†Rhoda Reynolds 2	Frank Taylor 6
*William B. Dawson 3	Philip H. Reynolds 7
Thomas H. Charlton 4	Robert Howard Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

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

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Frank Taylor Treble	Denis R. Woods 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 2	Alan G. Payne 5
Edwin T. Chapman 3	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joseph W. Cotton Treble	Richard J. Warrilow 5
Norman W. Cotton 2	Ian Friend 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Derek P. Jones 7
John K. Smith 4	David Perry Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Janet Dagley Treble	H. William Barrett 4
Angela M. Wright 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Edgar Charles Bailey, of Beccles, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association from September 22nd, 1910, to January 16th, 1967.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, viz.: 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Moira, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Colum, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Frank R. Morton Treble	John R. Scott 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	*Leon A. Perry 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	*William H. Watkin .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal in 21 methods/variations. First peal in 21 methods/variations on the bells.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ABERGELE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

David N. Collins Treble	George H. Randles 5
John W. Griffiths 2	Dennis H. B. Millward .. 6
Norah M. Randles 3	Harry W. Howard 7
Michael H. Hodgkinson .. 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 368).
Rung as a tribute to the Rev. John T. James, devoted Vicar of this parish for the past 17 years, who was inducted to the benefice of St. Michael's, Abergele, on Friday, January 27th, 1967.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Meryl Newton Treble	Michael J. Best 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Arthur Newton 6
Roland Biggs 3	John Young 7
E. Dennis Poole 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Angela M. Ayres Treble	Harry E. Wells 5
Harold W. Dunsden 2	Claude Corderoy 6
William J. Irving 3	Robert B. Blond 7
*J. Anthony Beaumont .. 4	James P. Blond Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First of Stedman and of Triples.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Barry M. Wheeler Treble	Michael Bishop 5
Henry L. Bishop 2	Alfred H. Webb 6
*E. Stephen Wells 3	John H. Napper 7
George W. Bishop 4	Leonard F. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First peal. Rung by all-parish band.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

Terence J. Hester Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Cyril A. Wratten 2	Frank Reed 6
Peter D. Beedie 3	Brian W. Hall 7
Peter Pearce 4	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method Tenor 17 cwt.

KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

6—38—14—58—36—12—38—36, 14, 78.

OXFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ifley.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Brenda M. Arnott Treble	David A. Cornwall 4
Joyce I. Barton 2	Anthony K. Fortin 5
Sara K. D. Woolley 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

WOLVERCOTE, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Bruce G. Benstead Treble	Victor Griffin 4
Edward R. Venn 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
D. Kay Adkins 3	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Heritage.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.	
Mrs. Enid Watson Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
J. Charles Hudson 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. Ronald W. Sharpley after nearly 30 years as Rector of Burton Latimer.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	Ronald Russell 4
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble	*Norman G. N. Knee 5
George W. Massey 2	Edgar C. Shepherd 6
William A. Theobald 3	Charles F. Andrews 7
Laurence E. Hitchings .. 4	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZELBURY BRYAN Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary and James.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Frank Hilliar	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	4
James Alexander	2	Ernest H. Amey	5
Christopher F. Longridge ..	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr, 1 lb. in G.

Neil Handley	Treble	David Oliver	5
Carol Patey	2	Graham Fisher	6
John Eborall	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clive Longden	Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

Rung as a welcome to Jonathan Mark, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Ashton.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 8 cwt, 24 lb. in G sharp.

Katharine Burchnall ..	Treble	Beryl N. Reed	5
*Derek J. Tysoe	2	†Colin W. Reed	6
Paul Raithby	3	Cyril H. Pritchett	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Harold Stevenson	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal on eight and first "inside." † 25th peal on the bells.

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

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of St. Miles, Ryton, St. Giles, Shreshill, St. Martin, Austrey, four extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, two extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr.

*Andrew L. B. King ..	Treble	†H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4
		Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr, 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Julia M. Sanders	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	5
Gillian M. Webb	2	Clifford W. Bowen	6
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	Leslie Monk	7
Cyril T. Collins	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Major.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Henry C. Weaver	Treble	Harold W. Clark	5
*Michael J. Wake	2	Colin J. Champion	6
Ernest Treagus	3	†Raymond P. Wood	7
*James M. Hills	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Piitow.

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle, (2) London and Wells, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Norfolk and Primrose, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 31 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 2 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander ..	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	*Simon Humphrey	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek J. Jones, of Spalding, Linca.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lb in G

*Joy F. Butler	Treble	R. Roger Savory	6
Michael J. Thomas	2	*Colin J. Butler	7
Mrs. T. H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Thomas H. Francis	4	David J. Forder	9
Tom Chapman	5	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by John Freeman.

Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.

* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qr, 18 lb.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*John W. Blackwood	5
*Catharine J. Maundrell ..	2	Gordon Benfield	6
†David M. Hughes	3	*Michael B. Tyers	7
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6-7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt, 17 lb. in B flat.

A Shirley Beanland ..	Treble	*A. Colin Banton	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Arthur Dunn-Birch	5
Susan Mitchell	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 25th peal for the Association. 25th peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society)

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 600 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, St. Remigius and April Day, 960 of Plain Bob and 1,080 of Grandsire, with 21 changes of method.

Tenor 5 cwt, 17 lb. in B flat.

Simon P. D. Burnett ..	Treble	Susan Mitchell	3
*Lynne I. Clowe	2	A. Colin Banton	4

Jennifer E. Pearce

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal "inside" at first attempt.

Rung by members of the Huntington Guild for Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 18, Houghton, St. John's College.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

Ruth Horwood (St. Mary's) 1-2	David J. Marshall (Bede) 5-6
Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 3-4	*W. Bruce Warne (St. John's) 5-6

Composed by J. Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal "in hand."

DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 281, St. Mary's College.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.) 1-2	David J. Marshall (Bede) 5-6
*Patricia Armitage (St. Mary's) 3-4	Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Malcolm E. Johnson.

* First peal of Major "in hand." First as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G.

Gerald Penney	1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7-8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	3-4	Roger Baldwin	9-10
*John R. Mayne	5-6	Christopher W. Woolley ..	11-12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First handbell peal of Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society)

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At 4, Auster Bank Crescent.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (maximum callings).

Tenor size 5 in F sharp.

*Simon P. D. Burnett ..	1-2	A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3-4
		*Susan Mitchell	5-6

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVELEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 10th, 1,608 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. P. Tobin (first Treble Bob) 1, J. D. Holden 2, E. E. Speake (cond.) 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. K. Knowles 5, H. Griffiths 6. 100th new tower this year for treble.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Morton (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Barbara Shaw 3, G. Lonsdale 4, D. Elford (cond.) 5, D. Knewstubb 6. For morning service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Box (first of Triples) 1, G. Carter 2, G. B. Davis (first "inside") 3, C. Parker 4, N. Parker (first "inside") 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Selfe, interred this day.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hayden 1, P. Glazebrook 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Chappell 4, P. Warboys 5, E. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Huxley 8. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of treble.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's, on Dec. 11th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Elizabeth Emmett 2, Gillian Brearley 3, Susanna Pippleson 4, M. Gilbey 5, J. Parsons 6, M. Zobel 7, N. Simon (cond.) 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

CHARING, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn J. Chidwick 1, Jennifer M. L. Wood (first Minor) 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, M. Hitchcock 4, G. Wood 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. M. Booth 2, Miss E. Rimer 3, G. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, D. P. B. Miles 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, R. A. Bradley 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Yates 1, M. Lock 2, J. Longridge 3, C. Bryant 4, F. Wreford 5, F. Mack 6, A. White 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First touch in method for 1, 4 and 7. A compliment to Preb. E. Royle (Vicar of Heavitree) on the birth of a grandson, Jonathan David Crose, at Oxford.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. N. Lindon 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, S. W. Barton 3, P. W. Evans 4, R. Aldington 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, D. B. Flint (first quarter) 8.

HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Lyn Croger 1, Vivian A. Cross 2, B. A. Lord (cond.) 3, M. J. Warren 4, D. E. Culham 5. Most methods to a quarter by all. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Warren (cond.) 1, S. Croger (first quarter) 2, D. E. Culham 3, Vivian A. Cross 4, B. A. Lord 5.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, H. Smith 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 4, B. C. Castle 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 3 and 5. To welcome Helen Joy, born this day to Sylvia and Charles Randle, and granddaughter of ringers of 3 and 5; all ringer at Hurst.

LYNCOMBE, Bath, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, D. J. Orleed 3, W. G. Brown 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Oxford 1 and 6.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lawson 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. N. Lawson 3, Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. N. Lawson 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Griffiths 1, Jean Griffiths 2, J. R. Williams (joint cond.) 3, W. Price 4, J. H. Jones (joint cond.) 5, P. Downer 6. Rung half-muffled to the Glory of God and in memory of the life and work of Mr. W. A. Roberts, churchwarden for 20 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. Kortwright 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwood 6. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Frederick W. Nickalls, on his induction.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Tickle 1, Miss S. Flint 2, P. N. Mackley 3, R. Dorling 4, A. Flint 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7, D. J. Bennett (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: F. Pack 1, Margaret Judge 2, E. T. Eades 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. M. Orme 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. Pettit (first Major "inside") 4, J. S. Dear 5, R. H. Vigor 6, R. Trebilcock 7, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Janet Andrews (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, F. V. Gant 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung with good wishes of the band to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Yarmouth. Also an engagement compliment to Stephen Holdaway, a member of the local band, and Tessa Grivil.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford and Grandsire): D. Conway (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner 2, John Arbury 3, C. C. Deem 4, C. C. Turner 5, E. J. Summers 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, James Arbury 8.

PEMBROKE, PEMB.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lingard 1, P. C. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. R. Huntbach (first as cond.) 5, Prudence Pattison (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer (17) and the conductor (19).

PENN, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. W. Knowles 1, M. P. Tobin (first attempt) 2, J. D. Holden 3, A. Kitson (first "inside") 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, E. E. Speake 6, D. K. Knowles 7, H. Griffiths (first as cond.) 8.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. Sturgess 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, G. O. Wright 3, G. A. Newton (cond.) 4, E. E. Pickering 5, P. Coe 6. A farewell to Rev. Fergus Brown, Rector of Peckleton and Kirby Mallory.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 4th, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Page 1, Heather Mann 2, Eileen Palin 3, B. Lawes 4, T. Gregory 5, J. Watson 6, Laithe Reynolds 7, A. Mann (cond.) 8. First Plain Bob Major 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. First in Australia 2 and 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 29th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, B. Branton 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Cowlin 6.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Flint 1, P. Clarke 2, C. Hardy 3, M. Giddings 4, R. Giddings (first as cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Tewkesbury Delight Minor: B. Spiers 1, D. Price 2, J. Clements 3, R. Robertson 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Page 1, M. L. Northway 2, W. R. Gilks (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, C. R. Tubb (first quarter) 6. Rung for the dedication of the new church rooms.

RUSHMORE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Thompson 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, K. Nunn 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For early service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Page 1, Cynthia Wells 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of May Kirby, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe 1, J. T. Locke 2, D. R. Best 3, R. C. Beale 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, K. Welch 8. For the 21st birthdays of Clive England and David Beale.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. E. Woods 1, Miss H. M. Julius 2, W. C. Shute 3, T. F. Collins 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Vicar, Rev. Paul Ashwin, who died on January 23rd.

TWEEKSBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pouncey 1, Miss N. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, R. Liddell 4, A. Halling 5, M. Boskett 6, P. Robertson (cond.) 7, J. Warner 8. First of Triples 1 and 4. A farewell to ringer of 3, who is going to Singapore. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shill (first quarter) 1, R. Perks 2, R. Liddell 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, J. Warner 5, J. Wainwright 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, Miss J. Morgan 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss A. Anthony (first quarter) 4, R. Caporn 5, D. Lambert 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (504 Plain, 384 Reverse, 384 Double Bob): Margaret Donovan 1—2, J. Smalley (first as cond.) 3—4. First handbell quarter for both and first of Minimus.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung for the anniversary of the Union of the Benefices of West Meon and Warnford.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): G. Green (cond.) 1, J. Chance 2, B. Care 3, C. Stephenson 4, B. Eglesfield 5, C. Truman 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Wigston Surprise Major: Miss J. M. What 1, Mrs. A. Haines 2, J. E. Harrold 3, S. J. Haines 4, R. J. Welch 5, R. J. Carter 6, C. H. F. Knight 7, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

WHITCHURCH, Tavistock, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cann (first in method) 1, G. E. Mudge 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. C. Michelmores 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, D. R. Boul (cond.) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Virginia M. Dales (first quarter) 1, P. Bond (first "inside") 2, A. M. Feist 3, R. Bath 4, M. J. Church (cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. For Evensong.



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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STEVENS—SMITH—The marriage between Philip Stevens and Anne Smith will take place on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, at 12 noon at Felpham Church. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 972

DEATH

ROWORTH.—On February 6th, 1967, Guy Roworth, a ringer at Christ Church, Swindon, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and president of the Guild of Medical Ringers. 945

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARNES.—From Saturday, February 18th, their wedding day, the address of John Barnes and Anne will be: 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent. Tel. Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 943

SMITH.—The address of Anthony D. and Susan E. Smith, of Pangbourne, Berkshire, is now: 114, Cotswold Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. 956

PERSONAL

"Enter ye in by the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."—St. Matthew vii, 13.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

THE HANDBELLS offered for sale by me last week have now been sold.—J. L. Hayns, Leatherhead, Surrey. 973

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.—The 149th anniversary of the bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks. before February 22nd.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—During Lent, practice night on Wednesdays will be held at Norton from 7.15 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme. 942

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Fifteenth Annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, 6.30–11.30 p.m. Chesterfield (10) available 4–6 p.m.—Malcolm Phipps. 975

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social, King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at the Strand Hotel, Brunswick Street, Liverpool. Tickets (£1 2s.) from V. David Jenner, 32, Manor Way, Liverpool 25. 965

RADLETT, HERTS.—Practice nights during Lent on Tuesdays up to and including March 28th, 7.30–9 p.m. Six bells (3½ cwt.). Visitors welcome. 950

ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON.—No practice Thursday, February 23rd.—R. Corke. 982

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note that all correspondence concerning ringing at the Cathedral should be addressed to the new secretary: R. W. R. Sheppard, 37, Linksvie Crescent, Worcester. 971

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Chew Stoke (6). Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon Branch Sec. 716

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY.—Meeting, Bilton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Burnell, 221, Bilton Road, Rugby. Car park next to church. 952

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse on Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington bells also available. Names for tea, please, to V. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by February 15th. 980

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to me.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston. Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 935

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Practice meeting at the Cathedral on Wednesday, February 22nd, from 7.30 p.m.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 957

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Correction.—Practice meeting, Mangotsfield, Friday, February 24th, and not February 22nd, as previously announced.—R. H. Driver. 953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Congresbury, February 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 949

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winsford (6 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by Tuesday. 981

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Chews House at 5. Names to Mr. H. Burrows, 253, Luton Road, Dunstable. 966

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 22nd.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 967

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 954

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. R. M. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington, by Thursday, 23rd. 958

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Miss T. E. Staples, 14, Frederick Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, by previous Thursday. 976

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor.—Mrs. Hooton, Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Annual meeting, joint with LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray District) meeting at Somerby, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.—S. E. C., Hon. Sec. 969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Bolton, by Wednesday, 22nd. 978

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided but names are not required. 962

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Special meeting, Church Hail, Wantage, February 25th. 5 p.m. All towers please be represented. Cups of tea provided. Pre-arranged Branch practice will follow meeting. 951

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd. 951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 962

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, March 1st. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 964

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ash Priors, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 963

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury, March 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after. The business at this meeting includes the election of a new Branch secretary and two committee members. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hanley, Mill Street, Harbury, Leamington Spa.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 970

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting of the above, Saturday, March 4th, at Egremont. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by March 1st. No names, no tea. 979

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Lymington, Saturday, March 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, White Gate, Greenhill Avenue, Lymington. 977

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington. Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 974

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by February 25th. 960

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD—A.G.M., St. Austell, March 4th, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by February 27th.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tynholme, Berrack Lane, Truro. Tel. 2749. 955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sandon (6) on Saturday, March 11th. (Please note change of date.) Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 28th at St. Thomas', Sarum. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. J. Chard, who welcomed the Guild to his church.

Presenting the annual report, the secretary, Mr. G. A. Trimby, stated the membership was now 135, an increase over the previous year, and attendances at meetings had shown a slight improvement.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. R. C. Mundy; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Trimby; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Skelton; auditor, Mr. A. Newman; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, R. Jones, L. Page, N. Skelton, together with J. Baverstock and D. Briggs on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year, subject to permission, are at Wilton, Tisbury, Chilmark, Shrewton, East Knoyle, Chitterne, Winterslow, Amesbury and Damerham.

Ringing continued afterwards at St. Thomas' and St. Martin's towers. G. A. T.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

On the evening of February 4th the ringers at the small Bedfordshire village of Campton were hosts for the first hour's ringing of the Northern District, with thanks to the Biggleswade District for the use of one of their towers. The usual well-known five-bell methods were rung but spliced would not go. It is sad to report that there were not many members present, probably on account of the tower being rather awkward to reach from the District's point of view. Then a few miles back across the border to Pilton (yet another five, anti-clockwise and rather noisy): Doubles and rounds for the ever-present and most welcome learners. Many visitors joined us and we hope that they will renew their friendship at our next meeting—St. Ippolyt's, Saturday, March 4th, 6 p.m. C. M. O.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society, is in a York nursing home. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, L. Derrick 2, Marjorie Legg 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, I. Middle-ditch 2, R. Rose 3, H. Ivings 4, M. Rose (cond.) 5. For the induction of Rev. C. J. Newell.

STAMFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, R. Stretton 5, C. Fisher 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, E. S. White 6. For morning service.

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