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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. ETHELBERT, HEREFORD

On a site which has had a church before 600 A.D. stands Hereford Cathedral. Welsh hordes burned down the church built by Bishop Althelstan in 1055, and twenty years later Robert Rosinga, of Lorraine, the first Norman Bishop, started the present building.

Few English Cathedrals have a more perfect series of different styles of English architecture than Hereford, which contains examples of all the fashions of architecture in use in this country during the five centuries preceding the 16th.

The massive central tower (1320-40), which is enriched with ball-flower ornament, was at one time surmounted by a timber spire. A second tower built over the west end in the 14th century

collapsed in 1786 carrying with it two bays, one of which has never been rebuilt.

Inside the Cathedral, the most conspicuous piece of old work is in the Norman nave arcades with their cylindrical piers. The triforium and clerestory represent a Gothic design by James Wyatt, and his vault is a good version of a 14th century one, in painted wood and fine bosses.

The west front, reconstructed by Wyatt after the collapse of the tower, was replaced by work designed by John Oland Scott, 1901-7, which has added to the beauty of the building.

[Photo by courtesy of "Hereford Times."]

TELLING AUSTRALIA ABOUT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Philip Gray's report to "Ringing Towers"

I HAVE now been a member of the Central Council for ten years, firstly representing the old New South Wales Association and, more recently, ANZAB. It has been a great pleasure and honour for me to do this, and I am most grateful for your continuing support. After such a time one becomes, I suppose, more aware of what the existence of such a body stands for rather than the proceedings of any particular meeting. In truth, one meeting is very much like another, just as with our Churches, one service is very like another, and indeed with our ringing where one session is much like another. This is no criticism of what these bodies stand for however. The sense of continuity and stability needs to be very strong indeed in ringing as new faces appear on the ever-changing scene and older ones drop out. I have become convinced that the continued existence of the Central Council, its working committees and, particularly, "The Ringing World" are of more value to ringing than the transactions of any particular meeting.

Even after only ten years I think I can claim to have served on the Council for longer than perhaps two-thirds of those present at Nottingham. It cannot be truthfully said that it is always the same old crowd meeting year after year. You may feel, as do many ringers in England, that its business is repetitive, unimaginative and that it is shy of tackling the real issues. I think that there are most important issues about which the Council does too little, but in its quiet way it does tackle a lot of problems and I think that it is the awareness of the need of maintaining continuity that makes the quiet behind-the-scenes approach the best. Come what may, our bells must ring out every one of 52 Sundays in every year and "The Ringing World" must appear on every Thursday of every year. These are the absolute priorities. This background is not consistent with revolutions, resignations en masse and bitter personal feuds. Revolutions are for the very poor or the very rich but not for us.

This lengthy introduction to the Nottingham meeting is necessary to put to you the background to the debate on "The Ringing World," of which you will all be reading in due course in that paper. It was, at times,

an angry debate because many of us on the Council last year believed that we had set a revolution rolling which would transform our paper within a year and make it immediately appealing to at least some of those very many ringers who do not at present buy it. Some real improvements have occurred, as you have seen, and the circulation has risen modestly, but the personality clashes of revolution brought us, I believe, perilously closer to the brink of disaster than most members realised before this meeting. But a revolution in "The Ringing World" has not taken place in the past year and the possibility of the Council being so displeased by this apparent flouting of its wishes, expressed at Bath in 1966 and calling for a bloodbath that might have destroyed "The Ringing World" was, I believe, a real one. Fortunately it shrank from this with good sense and adroit chairmanship by the President, but I am sure that the process of change which has now been set in motion will continue, though not at bush-fire speed. It is said that these stresses and strains have resulted in the resignation of George Pipe and Dennis Beresford from "The Ringing World" committee, for it is small reward for the great amount of work that they have put in; I cannot believe, however, that their work will not bear fruit in time. It is more serious that the "Ringing World" Committee has not had its infusion of new and younger blood which George and Dennis represented because it needs it as much as any Belfry, Association or Council just to carry on the work.

"The Ringing World" is, of course, owned by the Central Council and it is quite clear that the members of the Council take this responsibility very seriously. It is also quite clear that a substantial majority are still very genuinely concerned that the paper is not being used to the maximum advantage of all the ringers whom we represent. The Nottingham meeting was thus an instalment in an unfinished story and the Council did at least show that it was able to control its temper.

A totally uncontentious point was one of direct concern to all Australians; the possibility of getting a ring of bells installed in Canberra. Following a letter from Bill Pitcher, the President of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, has in the last few weeks been in correspondence with the Australian and British Governments and now believes that the situation is still open enough to allow for a ring of bells hung for change-ringing to be hung in Canberra, if sufficient pressure can be brought to bear. He arranged therefore for Fred Sharpe, the Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to put a motion to the meeting requesting the Australian and British Governments to consider the installation of "8 or more bells hung for ringing in the English fashion" as part of the gift of the British Government to Canberra on the occasion of the City's Golden Jubilee. I had great pleasure in seconding the motion and every member of the Council had no hesitation in voting for it. This will now be forwarded to the appropriate high quarters by Gilbert Thurlow. Let us look forward to a fine ring of bells sounding out across Lake Burley Griffin and an annual meeting of ANZAB being held in Canberra soon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 4th, 1967

The 330th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th (6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.) at the Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London. E.C.4, the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/- each) now available from the secretary. Remittances with orders, please; cheques and postal orders to be made payable to the Society. Excellent transport facilities; Bank and Cannon Street stations within one minute walk.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later.
J. G. A. PRIOR, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE REPLACES MONTHLY MEETING OF BEVERLEY SOCIETY

EARLIER this year the committee of the Beverley and District Society considered the possibility of arranging a one-day course of instruction and a comprehensive questionnaire was issued, with suggestions for a very wide range of subjects, which members were asked to complete. The response was most encouraging and the course was duly arranged to take the place of the normal September monthly meeting.

Most of the administrative work was ably undertaken by Mr. D. S. Johnson and Miss J. Gray, and more than 50 members, including a large proportion of very young people, assembled at the Village Hall, Walkington, at 9.30 a.m. on September 9th.

After a short introduction by the president, Mr. K. Kirk, the party divided into two groups, one for a lecture in the Hall by J. Henry Fielden on learning to ring and conduct Surprise Major, and the other in Walkington Church for a demonstration on teaching beginners correct handling and ringing up and down in peal by W. F. Moreton.

After a short break for coffee and biscuits a lecture was given by John S. Rank on elementary change ringing and method construction, and there was a session of instruction in handbell ringing by R. Ducker.

The first part of the afternoon was taken up with a demonstration and talk by W. F. Moreton on bell maintenance, rope splicing, sound control and the organisation of a band, and later there was further instruction in handbell ringing by R. Ducker and a lecture by W. F. Moreton on learning and conducting Surprise Minor. A model bell was kindly loaned by Mr. D. Stipetic, of Holy Trinity, Hull.

A substantial tea was provided by the Walkington ringers and helpers and there was practical ringing in the evening of St. Mary's, Beverley and Walkington. The numbers present at the tea were 57 and Mr. Kirk thanked all those who had co-operated so well in the organisation of this first venture by the Beverley Society. A. C. C.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Litton Cheney, October 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Fry, Springfield, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2339

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Joint meeting with Western Division, Billingshurst (8) on Saturday, October 7th, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at Horsham 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing Horsham (8) during evening. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham, Sussex. 2330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 14th (please note date). Bells from 2.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by October 11th, please. 2330

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch. — Autumn meeting, Stoke Damerel (Plymouth), Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (10), 7.30. Names for tea, please, by Monday, October 9th. — R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plymouth. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 2255

CHELTEMHAM BRANCH VISIT A FOUR-BELL TOWER

MOS' of our Branch meetings are held in the evening. I still have reservations about this, but they are always well attended. Recently we were made aware of a ring of four at Brimpsfield, Glos, and arranged to call en route to Elkstone, a regular venue. Something over 30 ringers, at four a time, occupied most of the available period. The church is in a field, with quite a good path past a Norman moat and farm buildings incorporating bits of a former priory. It was no surprise to find the church a mixture of styles of architecture. The bells are in a central tower; they go quite well and sound well and moreover there is a local band.

It was nice to have another bell at Elkstone to cover the Minimus and, of course, there were the usual and unusual Doubles methods. I don't much care for the one that starts 21345 and thereafter continues in like manner.

We were bidden to the home of the Association chairman (Miss Mary Bliss) for refreshments, and I thought that Branch business would never get under way. Apparently we are to be involved in a striking competition. I must ascertain the date, probably next summer, when I may be able to arrange my holiday. W. A. F.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the author of "The Bells of Herefordshire," regrets that his article on the bells of Hereford Cathedral is not yet complete, as new points have arisen for research. As soon as the article is ready he has promised it to "The Ringing World" for publication.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Devizes Branch

Once again the Branch had the pleasure on September 9th of a visit to Great Cheverell, one of Wiltshire's most charming villages. The Church of St. Peter stands on an eminence from which the prospect to the north east embraces part of the Vale of Pewsey bounded by the heights of Tan Hill, Milk Hill and Walker's Grave, while the view to the south takes in the great bastion of Salisbury Plain.

Great Cheverell is the home of Sir Charles Chittum, who gave the treble bell to the church and who deigns to have the ringers there for meetings. As is usual when the Branch goes there Sir Charles entertained everybody to tea and kept the company of 30 alive and cheerful with his conversation. It is encouraging to find that there are still some genuine patrons of our art, and we are profoundly grateful to this kind gentleman for all that he does for us.

The ringing at the tower was interesting. It ranged from rounds to London Minor, and it must be said that Mr. Knee provided a very astute and satisfying mixture. There was quite a lot of round ringing and much of it was assisted by the Surprise ringers. Mr. Graham Davis's learners showed up well, and one must congratulate them on their bell handling. Lovely weather, some good ringing practice, a very satisfying tea and a refreshing peep at Sir Charles' garden—all these merged to make up a delightful afternoon. E. C. S.

WREXHAM, DENBS. — On August 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, P. K. Goodhead (first of Stedman and first of Triples as cond.), 2, Norah M. Randles 3, G. H. Randles 4, J. Clutton 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8.

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A DAY IN WENSLEYDALE

Lanchester, Co. Durham, ringers had adventures on their first outing into the Wensleydale area of Yorkshire on the Bank Holiday. After sampling the heavy six at Gainford we travelled through beautiful North Yorkshire dales to East Witton. There have been no active ringers here for a while, but the pigeons have been active. As the tenor rope disappeared through the ceiling, successive ringers were covered with a shower of pigeon droppings and, in one case, half a nest! We were thus forced to call it a day!

The sallies at Aysgarth provided plenty of amusement. We understand that at one time the belfry had no ropes so a plea went out to the locality. One person said he had "ropes-a-plenty" and provided a long piece of rope. This was cut into six lengths and home-made sallies of colourful tassels sewn to the ropes. The sallies went up in the normal streamline fashion but descended with a wonderful parachute effect as each tassel flew out in a horizontal position.

Our last and most successful tower was at Grinton, where we met ringers from Cambridge and Sunderland who were passing through when they heard the bells.

Our thanks go to Harry Thompson for arranging this trip. A. H. W. and A. C. W.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

Knebworth (8 bells) was the venue for the September evening meeting of the Northern District held on the 2nd. The bells were raised in peal at 6.30 and, under the direction of the Ringing Master, were kept going until 8.45, methods ranging to Superlative and London. A fair attendance was noted and it was encouraging to see the younger members taking advantage of the experts' help. The usual after-ringing activity was enjoyed in the "Lytton".

Next meeting, October 7th. Tower will be announced later as Baldock is still without a tenor. A new District secretary and "R.W." representative are to be elected at this meeting.

J. K. O.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

FOR most of the members of the North Wales Association who attended the half-yearly meeting at Machynlleth on September 2nd it entailed a journey of over 70 miles. An 8.30 a.m. start from Mold, and calling to pick up at Buckley, Hope, Wrexham and Llangollen, the coach party was complete for the journey via Oswestry and Welshpool and then on through the beautiful heather-covered mountains to Machynlleth in time for lunch.

The eight ring of eight bells was set going at 2 p.m. to a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and call-changes for the beginners.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. John Evans, Vicar of Penrygoes, and the lesson read by Mr. H. D. B. Millward.

An excellent tea, provided by the local ringers and served by their wives and helpers, was very much appreciated, so also were the prize dahlias grown by Mr. H. L. Fearn, the local captain, with which the hall had been decorated and greatly admired by all.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. John Evans and supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans. In his address the chairman cordially welcomed the members and apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Machynlleth due to illness. The secretary was asked to convey the members' wishes for his speedy recovery to good health.

The arrangements for a ringers' day school to be held at Portmadoc on Saturday, September 16th, were finalised. This course was mainly for members in the Bangor area, and the Ringing Master said he was hoping the school would be well attended.

New members elected were Mr. B. Lloyd and Mr. D. Armstrong (Machynlleth) and Mr. G. Jones (Dolgellau).

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. H. B. Millward to the chairman and organist, also to the local ringers and ladies for their hospitality and for making it a memorable day in the history of the Association.

APPRECIATION

Following the report on the Irish tour, "Ringing World", September 8th, page 635, how very true this was. I write on behalf of the ringers and wives from Penn who took part in the tour; all express their thanks and appreciation to Mr. B. G. (Barney) Key for his excellent arrangements, both sightseeing and ringing. Also on the Irish side we would express our thanks to Messrs. Fred Dukes and Peter Brown for their part.

We all agree that this threesome must have had much correspondence, co-operation and patience to enable such a tour to be so successful. Once again, very many thanks to all for a most enjoyable holiday. Here's to the next.

C. F. W. E. and party.

From Down Under

RINGING FLOURISHING IN VICTORIA

Mrs. Helen Henderson writes most encouragingly about ringing in Victoria as in the last two weeks four quarters and a handbell peal of Surprise Minor have been rung.

"We have also made trips to our nearest towers—Ballarat and Bendigo. On Sunday, August 27th, about a dozen Melbourne ringers visited Bendigo for the dedication of their peal board (a Great Adventure II peal), which was supposed to have taken place during the ANZAB week-end. On Wednesday, August 30th, four of us joined the Ballarat ringers at the City Hall, Ballarat, to ring in the new mayor, a traditional ring.

"On Tuesday, September 5th, Ross Bampton, a Sydney ringer in Melbourne for a year, Ray Stanton, another Sydney ringer on school holidays, and I journeyed to Bendigo again to ring in a quarter of Bob Triples for Monica

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held in glorious sunshine on September 9th at St. Mary's, Tenby, members attending from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandelilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby.

The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Lowe, assisted by the Rev. John Hale, the lessons were read by Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, M.A.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the ladies of the parish, followed by the business meeting.

The Master stated that a list of Guild officers would in future appear in the Diocesan Year Book. He extended a warm welcome to John and Marjorie Hill, of Hillingdon, who were on holiday in the district.

The Ringing Master gave a brief report on the Tarrington peal tour, in which ten St. David's Guild members took part.

The towers for the 1968 meetings were chosen and several new members elected. Applause greeted the election of six new members from St. Michael's, Bosherton, a small village church which has had its three bells rehung for ringing.

Members were pleased to hear that the bells at Llandovery are once more being rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights.

Ringing was then resumed until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringers from most districts of Lancashire joined in the monthly meeting of the Blackburn Branch at Burnley on September 2nd, when local ringers provided an enjoyable tea.

At the meeting Mr. Roger Leigh reported that the dedication of Accrington's two new bells would take place the following day. Ringing in methods varying from rounds to Surprise Major followed until 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting, Rishton; special methods: Double Norwich C.B. Major and Gainsborough L.C.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The late summer meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Worfield on September 2nd. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. A. Jones, Ringing Master. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. S. Thompson, and this took the form of comply with ringers' hymns added, and was most effective. A nearby village tea room was the venue for tea. Thirty members and friends attended this enjoyable meeting.

F. B.

BRAINTWISTER No. 3

This week's Braintwister is Plain Bob Minor again, a rather diverting problem submitted by C. W. Daws, of Cambridge.

1 2 3 4

1 3 4 2

1 4 2 3

S 1 2 4 3

1 4 3 2

1 3 2 4

S 1 2 3 4

If you consider the attached touch of Plain Bob Minimus, which I know is false, and remove the 1 from each row, then the lead-heads (backstrokes) may be written in a square, rather like a crossword:—

2 3 4
4 2 3
3 4 2

and all the lead-heads are somewhere in the square, either reading along the line, or vertically down the column. This week's problem is to do the same thing with Bob Minor, and find a touch of 120 changes which will fit into the given square in a similar manner. Send the completed square, as usual, to the Editor, please, addressed Braintwister No. 3, "The Ringing World", c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Guildford.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Twelve of the Branch's affiliated towers were represented at the meeting held on September 9th at Lillington, a tiny village with a tiny church, a tiny ringing chamber, where the five ropes were put to good use, and a tiny ex-school, where a generous tea was served. The Rector, Canon S. B. Wingfield Digby, took the service and extended a warm welcome. The lesson was read by the Branch chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, and handbells were rung during the service by Susan Corry, John Longridge, Timothy Bleathman and Martin Corry.

At the meeting Miss M. D. Ouvre was elected an honorary member and Mr. James Alexander (Hazelbury Bryan) and Miss Pamela Churchill (Yetminster) were elected ringing members.

The chairman expressed the thanks of members to the Rector and his organist, to Mr. J. Stevens, the local tower captain, and to Mrs. Marks and her helpers who had prepared and served the tea.

Ringing continued at Lillington and then at neighbouring Thornford (6). Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On August 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Kent 1, E. J. Pope (first "inside") 2, C. T. Clarke 3, G. Nabb 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, E. T. Dibble 6. Ring for the Spaxton Flower Show.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 1, T. J. Brock 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. A. Hunt 5, R. C. L. Brown 6, T. J. Setter 7, J. B. Pickup 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Derek Pierce of the local band.

Grouping of False Course Ends

By Roger Baldwin

MAURICE HODGSON has arranged the 60 in-course false course-ends into a number of groups, each of which has the property that if one member of the group is a false course-end of a particular method, then so also are remaining members of the group. These groups are now fairly well known and are set out in full in Wratten's Collection for example, and they provide a fairly powerful tool in assessing the potential of a method from the point of view of composition. However, if singles are included in the composition then a further problem arises in that each in-course course may be false against an out-of-course course, and Hodgson's grouping then gives no information. The object of the present article is to extend Hodgson's grouping to include the 60 out-of-course false course-ends, and to discuss some possible uses of singles indicated by the results.

The details of the calculations are out of place in the present article, so I will merely show the results, given in the table. Each group now comprises a set of in-course f.c.e.'s (which will be referred to as F (+)) and a set of out-of-course f.c.e.'s (referred to as F (-)), although it will be noticed that in some of the groups one or the other is absent. In the table, F (+) is the set of course above the horizontal line in each group, and F (-) below. The rule for the use of the table is, as before, that if one member of a group is a f.c.e. then so also are the remaining members of the group, that is the whole of the F (+) and F (-) sets of the group. Thus, in Group B, for example, if 32456 is a (out-of-course) f.c.e. of a method, then so also are 24365, 25436, 43256, 23654. It should be noted that the F (+) groups are identical to Hodgson's grouping, and the conventional notation has been adhered to, in order to avoid confusion.

One of the most important and fundamental properties that can be deduced from this table is that the falseness of a method is not uniquely determined by its in-course f.c.e.'s (i.e. the appropriate Hodgson group). This follows because of the six groups a-f, which have no in-course members, and hence would be marked as clean-proof-scale when only bobs are to be used. Thus, although one may be able to use the same composition for two different methods when only bobs are used, it does not follow that the same composition may be used when singles are included. This result also follows from simple intuitive reasoning, but it is worth underlining as it is one of the many pitfalls for the unwary.

It is interesting to examine sets of courses that are true to each of the different groups of

f.c.e.'s. For a peal of Major we require 23 or more courses, and so we will restrict our attention to sets of that length. The most striking fact that emerges is that the 24 courses with the 6th the extent in 6ths are true to each of the groups C, E, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, R, S, b, e and f, and hence also to any combination of these. Thus for a method with f.c.e.'s drawn only from these groups, composition may be obtained by calls at Wrong and Home only.

The use of singles in Yorkshire Surprise Major has been fairly extensively exploited, by employing the 24 courses formed by the 12 in-course courses with the 6th in 6ths and the 12 out-of-course courses with the 6th in 5ths. This set of courses is true to the groups B, G, H, I, L, M, O, R, S, b, c, f. One would have difficulty in joining up these courses, but fortunately at least two courses are available with the 6th in 2nds for all except f, and this clearly resolves the situation.

There are several other sets that can be joined together, for example, the 24 courses with a fixed bell in 3rds, true to F, P and d, but it is not the purpose of the present discussion to give a catalogue. However, it is worth noting that some of the groups have no F (-) component, so that a set of 12 courses found to be true to the Hodgson group can be doubled by singles as in plain methods.

Some of the groups are distinctly unpromising, and it is difficult to find a set of true courses of any obvious value. One important group in this category is Group D, which occurs very frequently, including Cambridge and London. Since the F (-) f.c.e.'s (24356, 53426, 63452) are the courses produced by calling singles at Home, Wrong or Middle respectively, there is no means of joining whole courses together by singles, and hence the only way in which singles may be employed consists in splicing in isolated leads or parts of courses.

It seems appropriate at this point to make some remarks on the likely incidence of falseness in Surprise Major methods. Each of the eight positions of the treble's path is associated with at most one of the groups of f.c.e.'s, and if the sections are symmetrical then each section is associated with at most one group, the same for corresponding sections of the two half-leads. Thus for any method there will be at most eight groups, and for those with symmetrical sections (such as the right-way place methods) at most four groups. Some of these may coincide, of course. Now f.c.e.'s arise when course bells occur in the same position in two changes provided the treble is in the same position. In particular at least one group will be associated with any section in which the bells in 7-8 are course

OBITUARY

MR. R. O. STREET

An active member of the Christchurch Priory band of ringers in his early days, Mr. R. O. Street died in the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, on Thursday, August 24th. He was 77 and was on holiday in Sheffield with his wife at the time of his death.

Mr. Street was one of the first pupils at the Bournemouth Grammar School for Boys, opened in 1902. This was the beginning of a brilliant academic career, for he went on to St. John's College, Cambridge, to gain his M.A. degree. He also obtained his M.Sc. and held lectureships at University College, Southampton, and at Liverpool University. From 1934-51 he was Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow. Professor Street, naturally, had a flair for figures and loved to dabble in them or to conduct extempore touches on the ten bells at the Priory (before 1932 augmentation). He retired to Southbourne in 1951 and regularly attended the Priory Church although unable to climb the steps to ring. Nevertheless he retained his keen interest in the affairs of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild in general and the Priory band in particular.

The funeral service took place at Christchurch Priory on August 30th. Touches were rung on the half-muffled back eight Priory bells by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins and Mr. W. T. Perrins, of Ringwood, Mrs. M. Young (Sopley), Messrs. G. W. Scragg, H. Harrison, K. Derham, M. Stone and A. V. Davis before the service and as the cortege left the church for the interment in Christchurch Cemetery.

A. V. D.

bells only. Hence most of the better methods, which almost exclusively have one of these properties, are potentially very likely to have considerable falseness when singles are used, although some of the groups may coincide in certain cases.

Some idea of the frequency with which the various groups are likely to occur in actual methods may be obtained from scrutinising Wratten's Collection. Thus out of the methods so far rung, Group B occurs in about 65 per cent, D in about 40 per cent, E in about 20 per cent., and about 15 per cent. are clean-proof-scale. In addition, about 25 per cent. start with the places 58, right way or wrong way, which is always associated with Group c. However, there are relatively few methods in which the more interesting groups discussed above occur, such as those for which the 6th the extent in 6ths is true, and it would be very interesting if someone with a lot of time patience or insight could produce a method with these properties.

YORK. — At St. Stephen's, Acomb, on August 30th, 1.260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): B. Hartley 1, I. Lemare 2, S. H. Steel 3, B. Sutton 4, A. Leggett (cond.) 5, A. Hartley 6.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K
23456	24365	25634	32546	32465	32654	56423	53462	54632	53624
—	25436	42365	46253	43265	45236	63542	63425	65324	65432
—	32456	34265	53426	25364	26345	—	36542	—	34526
—	43256	—	63452	24635	24563	—	56243	—	52346
—	23654	—	24356	—	—	—	62543	—	64325
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46523	—	54362
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46352
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64253
L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	
26543	23564	34562	52643	54326	45623	52364	24536	34256	
36245	23645	62345	36524	64352	56234	34625	25346	42356	
42563	26435	46325	65243	64523	35642	64235	26354	63254	
—	25463	54263	46532	56342	26534	45362	24653	43652	
—	—	53264	—	—	—	—	62453	52436	
—	—	65234	53642	—	—	—	36452	35426	
—	—	45632	63524	c	d	e	53246	42635	f
—	—	43625	56432	—	—	—	43526	35264	—
—	—	35462	65423	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	52634	—	42536	54236	52463	32564	—	65342
—	—	62435	—	35246	45326	36425	32645	—	64532
—	—	35624	—	36254	62354	63245	46235	—	54623
—	—	—	—	42653	34652	43562	45263	—	56324

GROUPING OF THE 120 FALSE COURSE ENDS

Letters to the Editor

GREASLEY WEDDING RINGING

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Carlisle's letter ("Ringing World," page 634) had been levelled at me alone I would have accepted it without comment, but as our Vicar is involved I feel bound to reply.

I consider that wedding fees and arrangements are the personal prerogative of the church and the ringers where the ceremony is held. In fact a thing quite apart from peals and meetings, etc. This conception, rightly or wrongly, fostered the decision that any wedding ringing apart from, perhaps, one of our own band being married, should be accompanied by the usual fee. This would not, of course, be pocketed by the ringers but put into the tower fund, which, in our case, pays for the ropes, general upkeep and repairs of a minor nature.

Unfortunately, in this case, the first intimation of the request came verbally to the Vicar through the Eastwood Rector while I was away and, in anticipation of my reply, was refused. Not wishing to conflict, I confirmed this in writing on my return, but later this was modified to our original ruling.

Sometimes a decision is reached which, like this one, is unpopular. It can then be disregarded, an exception made and the easier way taken, or it can be upheld.

I can understand Mr. Carlisle's reaction which might have been mine had I been in his position but would remind him of the contents of the letter written by his tower secretary to the Vicar of Greasley. My reply to that would have been far less polite than the one received from the Vicar.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. BEACH.

Greasley, Nottingham.

HISTORY OF SURPRISE ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Regarding the giving up of Surprise peals by the William Pye band, it was not only the loss of William Keeble but also Ernest Pye, who after ringing a peal of Stedman Caters at Poplar on November 23rd, 1907, was taken ill and did no more ringing until December, 1908. Then he rang the treble to a peal of Bristol; he did not start prolific peal ringing again until 1910.

The other problem was finding someone willing and capable of taking the place of William Keeble. The only man capable at that time was Bert Prewitt, but the distance was too great for him to travel. — Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Sawston, Cambridge.

HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Dear Sir,—Whilst on the recent ringing outing organised by the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild on Bank Holiday Monday, one of the towers visited was Holy Trinity, Hull. This church is 26,384 square feet in area and is the largest parish church in England. The ringing chamber is 950 square feet in area and the diameter of the ringing circle is 24 feet.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY R. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I refer to my letter which appeared in "The Ringing World" on September 1st. My good friend Jim Prior (or I should now say Mr. James Prior, esteemed secretary of the A.S.C.Y.) tells me that many years ago he fell into the same trap as I have in confusing St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, Fleet Street, with St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Idol Lane, Eastcheap. The confusion arose in both our cases because of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, which is in East London.

I find I have not rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. Jim Prior also remembers W. A. Alps, who was caretaker of a block of offices, but in the Eastcheap area, and it was at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East where he rang the quarter peal of Stedman some 50 years ago.

To your correspondent and to "The Ringing World" generally I apologise for my erroneous statement, and again I should have taken more notice of "my dear old dad"—"When tempted to put pen to paper, either break the pen or upset the ink, because if you do write you're sure to find yourself in trouble."—Yours sincerely,

W. HIBBERT.

YORK MINSTER'S BELL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—Your contributor "I.R." cannot be identified by Minster ringers. He may, however, be excused in saying the left-hand light depicts the tuning of a bell as no less an authority than the late Dean Milner-White gives it this description in his "Guide to the Ancient Windows of the Nave". Steps have been taken to have this corrected in the next reprint.

A full description of the window with three excellent illustrations is given in Raven's "The Bells of England" published 60 years ago.

H. B. Walters, in his "Church Bells of England", uses a coloured illustration of the left-hand panel as a frontispiece and correctly describes it as "showing the forming of a mould".

Both Raven and Walters make reference to Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church".—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

ROSTOV CHIMES

Dear Sir,—On page 588, the Bellfounders' Page, is an item about the Rostov Chimes. I find this information quite fascinating. Would Mr. John Illingworth, from whom the information was received, be able to advise how to obtain the 1963 recording of the Rostov Chimes? If he doesn't have that information, perhaps another of your readers might be able to supply it.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK ELDRIDGE.

259, Troy Road,
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

DOUBLES PEAL CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—In the peal at Barrowby, Lincs, on July 20th, in 95 Doubles variations, the seventh and eighth extents should read: (7) Hendred, Radlett, St. Breward; (8) St. Merlyn, Hadham, Chippingham, instead of Bronllys, etc., and Landefalle, etc.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

FIRST FOR 20 YEARS AT THIRSK

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I record the first peal rung on the bells of Thirsk Parish Church, Yorkshire, for 20 years, by Mr. T. J. Lock's party of touring ringers on August 31st. Quite a few people have commented on the wonderful striking they heard in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in the time of 2 hours and 55 minutes.

The tenor bell, of pre-Reformation vintage, was known at one time as the Jesus bell, and tradition has it that it came from Fountains Abbey, near Ripon.

The last peal rung on the bells was Yorkshire Surprise Major by J. E. Cawser's party on August 30th, 1947, when the band stood as follows: Walker Allman 1, W. Eric Critchley 2, Leonard Trevor 3, J. E. Bibby 4, J. Edward Cawser (conductor) 5, J. L. Millhouse 6, Arthur Firth 7, Ralph G. Edwards 8. This was the first of Surprise on the bells.

As for future peal attempts, I would like to suggest to peal tour organisers and to my many friends in the Yorkshire Association and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that they make their attempts in the morning, starting, say, at 9.30 or 9.45, as to the north of the church lies a council housing estate with old people's bungalows, and most of the tenants are out at work, some returning mid-afternoon and early evening. To the front of the church is Thirsk Hall, which is the home of the Lord of the Manor, and Kirkgate, and to the east is The Holms, a kind of beauty spot, with the Codbeck flowing through it on its way to the River Swale. Cricket fans will be interested to learn that Thirsk is the birthplace of Thomas Lord, the founder of Lord's Cricket Ground.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. METCALFE.

Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

P.S.—All correspondence for peal attempts to be sent to the Rev. D. J. Hill, The Vicarage, Thirsk, North Yorkshire.—E. W. M.

1963 PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Grandisre Cinques rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on December 28th, 1963, and published in "The Ringing World" on page 25 of the issue of January 10th, 1964, as the composition of 5,103 by Mr. A. M. Tyler has been found to be false.

I wish to apologise to all those who took part in the peal and also to all those who keep records for any inconvenience I have caused.—Yours sincerely,

TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

SOMETHING OVERLOOKED

Dear Sir,—I hate to suggest this, but using Reverse Canterbury bobs to the Westminster/Blackburn/Hilary group of Doubles methods will bring up a row used in the previous lead. (See "Ringing World," page 602, August 25th issue).—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

UNRINGABLE INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse Ronald Dove's comments in "The Ringing World" of September 1st on unringable vicars and would like to add to it unringable P.C.C.'s, as is the case in one 6-bell tower in Hampshire, as three successive incumbents have all been controlled by a P.C.C. ruling "the bells shall not be rung". Apparently the Bishop has no authority to overrule this. Well spoken, Mr. Dove.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Higgle, Hants.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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DURHAM UNIVERSITY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

AFTER last year's highly successful tour of two of the Southern Counties (Leicestershire and Yorkshire), we decided this year to remain more or less at our own latitude and visit the Lake District. As an added attraction we began by joining in the Northern Universities' meeting at Liverpool on Saturday, June 17th—a day remarkable mainly for the fact that we visited more public houses than towers!

We stayed at Chester Youth Hostel on the Saturday night, and after searching around Chester the following morning for a service to ring for we eventually discovered the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill where, after a precarious climb up a pair of absolutely vertical ladders, we were made very welcome by the local band, who allowed us virtually to take over the ringing. From Chester we turned north to Bowdon, where an early arrival enabled most of us to add a new brewery to our collections before ringing on the excellent eight, and then on to Preston and to Beetham to ring for Evensong: the bells here have only recently been restored to working order and, as far as we know, we were the first visiting ringers for some years.

At Kendal we managed to find an establishment selling the wares of our favourite brewers but unfortunately the Youth Hostel closing time did not allow us to benefit from this as much as we would have liked.

Our first tower on the Monday was at Broughton-in-Furness—we voted these to be the best bells that we visited; unfortunately our ringing did not really do justice to them but we nevertheless managed to ring touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples and plain courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire S.M.

AMBLESIDE TENOR

Ringling at Ambleside had to be curtailed owing to some difficulties with the tenor; it was rumoured in some quarters that Tony, our resident tenor king, had broken it, but it eventually transpired that the bearings had dried out due to the hot weather. Bill, who arrived after this discovery had been made, was asked to turn the tenor in to a course of Cambridge, but he was somewhat surprised (!) when he tried ("I couldn't do a thing with it. It just dropped," he was heard to murmur incredulously a few minutes later).

At Ambleside we said goodbye to David, who had to attend to the financial intricacies of his college, and were left to the mercies of Bill, whose first greeting to the van was to reverse it into the churchyard railings. Eventually we managed to proceed (forwards!) to Langdale and then to Hawkshead, where we were to spend the night. Malcolm (natural historian extraordinary) drew our attention to some of the interesting fauna on the way which, he assured us, included dozens and dozens of deer—attempts to persuade him that they were in fact newly-shorn sheep met with little success. At Hawkshead Church we were joined by Richard Parker, and Phil Cross-thwaite and other Leeds University ringers, who helped to vary the methods rung.

COMBINING VOCATION

On Tuesday we made our way to Keswick, where we had a good ring on very nice bells, and then on to Cockermouth and to Thursby: here, on a light six with rather long ropes, Bill decided that he could combine his vocation as a priest with that as a ringer and succeeded in ringing the tenor to a course of Cambridge from the kneeling position. The situation at Carlisle Cathedral and at Hexham Abbey, however, was rather different, and we found that

RAVING RINGERS' 1967 TOUR



THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS' SUMMER TOUR, 1967

The party at Keymer, Sussex.—Left to right (standing): Barry Eglesfield, Ron Russ, Derek Carr, Roger Smith, Tony Smith, Peter Heritage, Chris Clarke, Ray Vickers, David Floyd, Jim Linnell, Ted Venn, Michael Church, Bob Reeves, Keith Walpole, Barry Saunders and Graham Paul.

Left to right (kneeling): Diana Reeves, Gill Brearley, Sue Smith, Pamela Powell and Delia Langton.

The report of the tour appeared in our last issue.

the best we could manage was Bob Major on bells that were too heavy-going for most of us.

Luckily enough, our arrival in Newcastle was sufficiently early to enable us to join in the practice at the Cathedral and then to adjourn to that Mecca of bellringers, the Post Office Inn, where we were able variously to recover from the traumatic experiences of driving, cooking for and chaperoning each other, before the last lap of our journey back to Durham.

In our thanks we must mention the Vicars of Beetham and Hawkshead for the interest that they showed, and the tower captains of Bowdon, Preston, Beetham, Keswick, Cockermouth and Carlisle for their help. Thanks are also due to Jean and her uncle for allowing us the use of the van, to Peter and his car for ferrying indispensable members of the company from place to place, and to David and Bill who drank shandies instead of beer (sometimes!) so that they could drive us safely from tower to tower.

C. C. M.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL

The Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild ringing festival occupied three days, beginning with a short tour of some of the District towers on August 26th, followed by tea in the Priory Church Hall and ringing on the Priory bells in the evening. Sunday, thanks to the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Leslie H. Yorke), was observed as "Ringers' Sunday" at the Priory Church, and it was around this day that the festival was built.

Sung evensong at 6.30 that day, with special festival music by the Priory choir, under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Tristram, organist

and choirmaster, was a memorable service. It was conducted by the Vicar; two ringers read the lessons and the president, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, preached to a full congregation, which included the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch. A crowd of holidaymakers also gathered outside the open west door of the church to listen to the service. Service ringing took place on the Priory twelve during the day and again after Evensong.

On Monday, Bank Holiday, a party of 30, which included some visiting ringers on holiday, left the Priory by coach to visit Wimborne Minster, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey, St. Martin's, Salisbury, and Fordingbridge for about an hour's ringing at each place. The weather was warm and sunny and the roads travelled through the beautiful countryside were surprisingly quiet. Bill Cheater, of Ringwood, had a strenuous three days for he acted as Ringing Master throughout the festival and managed to coax some passable ringing out of a very mixed band of experts, visitors and "beginners at all stages".

Sincere thanks are accorded to the clergy who so readily gave permission to ring the bells at 11 different churches, and to all those who contributed to the organisation of a most successful festival.

During the week-end a large floral bell was hung on the south wall of the Priory opposite the entrance to the church. It was the work of Mrs. Leslie Yorke and Miss Morris, who decorated a framework made by Arthur Davis with golden rod and red button dahlias. The bell was complete in detail, having headstock, stay, wheel and rope. Mrs. Yorke is the wife of the Vicar of Christchurch and is also chairman of the Highcliffe Floral Society, which has been responsible for two outstanding flower festivals at the Priory in recent years.

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HALF PEAL

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On September 2nd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Stocken 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, G. Cox 3, M. Chandler 4, K. Tyler (first half peal as cond.) 5, L. Smith 6. First half peal for 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Miss G. Mitchell

DATE TOUCH

GRAVELEY, HUNTS.—On August 24th, 1,967 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Minimus T. R. Garrett 1, I. P. Sawford 2, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 3, C. D. Corby 4. First Date Touch by all the band and on the bells.

A LONG LENGTH

TORTWORTH, GLOS.—On August 24th, 3,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, D. L. Phillips 2, P. A. Williams 3, B. Martin 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On August 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, D. L. Phillips 2, B. Martin 3, P. A. Williams 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On September 3rd, 1,368 Rossendale Surprise Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, Margaret C. Godfrey (100th quarter) 2, Carol E. Cousins 3, Amanda S. Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Matins.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Himms (first as cond.) 1, H. C. Milward (first in method) 2, F. W. James 3, A. C. Freeman 4, C. A. Milward 5, H. C. Kent 6.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On August 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Maureen White 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Mary White 3, Brenda Davies 4, P. C. Sinden 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson 7, N. J. Davies (cond.) 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On September 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Cole 1, Sue Whiteside (first quarter) 2, P. G. Erith 3, F. H. Erith 4, N. V. Avis 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On August 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Bradbeer (12 years, first quarter) 1, Gillian Wildney 2, P. Archer 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, A. Beckwith 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

ASTON, HERTS.—On September 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, K. J. Perrin (first "inside") 2, R. T. Falder 3, M. R. Worthington 4, P. C. Worthington 5, D. L. Hamilton 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On August 30th, 1,320 Doubles (22 Methods/Variations): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, Amette E. Bradbury 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. Most methods by all the band. Rung as an engagement compliment to Leslie Coppard a local ringer, and Valerie Smith.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O. Knewstubb 1, Mary G. Wilkinson 2, Christine Morton 3, Valerie M. Jones (first as cond.) 4, Barbara Shaw 5, M. Hollis 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the brother of the 2nd ringer on September 2nd, and the birthday of the tower captain on September 4th.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on September 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, P. J. Devrell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, S. A. Read 4, K. Harrison 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 4 and 7.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, Jacqueline Wells 2, E. J. Whiting 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. E. Wells 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Ann Elizabeth Freestone and David Greenfield. Also on August 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, P. E. Wells 2, H. S. Peacock 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, M. G. Freestone 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Valerie Measures and Paul Holland.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On August 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Beasley 2, K. Clipsom 3, M. Hawkins 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. Rung for the flower festival and Family Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON, HANTS.—On September 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Ann Roberts (first quarter) 1, D. Hatherly 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, R. Tipper 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On August 30th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Raynor 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. P. Ford.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Mortlock 1, C. E. Curtis 2, F. Borley 3, H. Mitson 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Higdon 1, Mrs. Lucy Sherrill 2, J. Nichols 3, W. H. Roberts 4, Janet R. Jurica (first as cond.) 5, A. Lawrence (first quarter) 6. A belated silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Charter (first quarter) 1, J. B. Keeler 2, Beryl M. Hills 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, R. H. Glover 5, N. J. Chesson 6, K. I. Davis 7, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Iason 1, R. Tigwell 2, Mrs. J. Carey 3, J. Martin 4, D. Carey 5, His Wp. Cllr. W. Page 6, Rev. P. Wooster (cond.) 7, E. Green 8. To mark the birth of Rachel Frances Wooster.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On August 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones 1, W. S. Crawford 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, R. Evans 4, B. L. Jones 5, W. Norcott 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Ronald Hughes) and Mrs. Hughes on leaving for Arthor, Merionethshire after 10 years at Coalbrookdale.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On August 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury): Mrs. H. Hooper (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott (first "inside") 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6. For Evensong.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On September 7th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss M. Legg 1, W. Rice 2, G. Hebdon 3, M. Dodson 4, P. England 5, R. Rice 6, E. Lee 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 3 and 4.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On September 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, G. H. Humphries 3, C. M. Foster 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, N. S. Brown 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, A. J. C. Brown 9, K. Taber 10. For Evensong. Also as a compliment of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell on their 46th wedding anniversary, and to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. Payne, on their 12th wedding anniversary.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On August 17th, 1,320 Oswald Delight Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, Miss T. Staples 2, D. Chambers 3, G. Challans 4, R. Spencer 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on August 18th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Minor: J. Robinson 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, A. Brown 3, F. Adcock 4, W. F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. Both rung for the Flower Festival by the Mansfield District.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On September 6th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): R. A. Cochrane 1, Susan Farnes 2, G. H. Austin 3, S. P. Darvill 4, Paula Healing (cond.) 5, S. Healing 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Nancy Healing, mother of the ringers of 5 and 6, whose funeral was held earlier in the day at this church.

FENSTANTON, HUNTS.—On September 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Watley (first Doubles) 1, T. R. Garrett (first in more than one Doubles method) 2, R. H. Redwood (first Doubles "inside") 3, J. R. Hough 4, P. S. Abbott (first in more than one Doubles method as cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper 1, Carol Stacey (13 years, first "inside") 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, D. Hatherly 5, R. Cross 6.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.—On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branson 1, G. Davis 2, G. Cowlin 3, J. David 4, F. Simesey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On August 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary White 1, Maureen White 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On August 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. S. George 1, C. D. Corby 2, I. P. Sawford (first of Doubles "inside") 3, J. E. David 4, P. S. Abbott (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On August 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Leath (first quarter) 1, M. Cooper 2, A. Cross 3, R. J. Snack 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, S. Leach 6, G. Isgar 7. For Matins.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on September 3rd, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: S. A. Reed (first in method) 1, Heather Walters 2, Beryl Simpson 3, M. Church 4, L. A. Tremere 5, P. J. Joyce 6, R. A. Reed 7, H. P. Reed 8, C. H. Kippin 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. Before Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Mary White 2, Brenda Davies 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, N. J. P. Davies 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.—On September 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, New Cambridge): D. R. Bould 1, P. Daniel 2, C. Bryant 3, F. Wieford 4, F. Mack 5, A. White 6, J. Longridge 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced for all the band.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.—On August 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. J. Jackson 1-2, H. Kitching 3-4, C. Reeve 5-6, E. Jackson (cond.) 7-8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Dora and Harry Wheeldon.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Green (first of Minor) 1, M. A. Caldecote (first of Minor "inside") 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. E. L. Fisher, Rector of Higham (and a ringer) for 24 years, on acceptance of a new post at Bloston-with-Horninghould.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. C. Verey (first away from tenor) 1, Judith Southwood 2, Jane Southwood (first "inside") 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, D. Feek 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, A. Southwood 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Judith Brookes 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, B. Butcher 3, M. G. Tong 4, K. Butler 5, R. Birch 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Rogers (first attempt) 1, R. F. Turner 2, L. Toseland 3, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 4, B. Austin 5, A. Gibbs 6, J. Mitchell 7.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On September 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bennett (first of Minor) 1, I. Sheffield (first "inside") 2, J. Wellings 3, C. Collins 4, R. Dorrington 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Pickering, of the Bilston band.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. T. Selwood 1, J. P. Hull 2, Margaret R. Chapman 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, B. J. Stone 5, W. H. Jackson 6. First of Grandsire 1, 2, 3 and 4. A farewell to W. H. Jackson on his departure to Cookham, Berks.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: N. R. D. Orchard (first quarter) 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, A. F. F. Peters 4, M. R. Worthington 5, K. T. Perrin 6. A farewell to the treble ringer who is moving to Ex'et.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On August 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Gillian Hazell 2, W. Avery 3, K. Seymour 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method by Sunday service band. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.—On September 1st (on the back six), 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Taylor 1, E. I. Parkin 2, P. K. King 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, M. Barden 6.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on August 18th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: M. E. Wade 1, M. Green 2, D. G. Wilford 3, W. A. Lacey 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, M. D. Staniforth 6, J. Bramley 7, A. Cattell 8, R. H. Cook 9, S. J. Haines 10, J. M. Jelley 11, R. K. Mason (cond.) 12. Also on September 1st, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, M. E. Wade 2, R. K. Mason 3, M. Green 4, R. A. Clarke 5, T. H. Bent (first quarter of Cinques in the method) 6, W. E. Rawson 7, A. M. Lindsey 8, R. H. Cook 9, J. Bramley 10, J. E. Cook 11, S. J. Haines 12. Rung in memory of Canon F. M. Cray, Canon Residentiary of Leicester Cathedral, and former Curate of this parish.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. M. Sanders 1, Miss G. M. Webb 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, Miss M. L. Ellwood 4, C. Bainham 5, C. T. Collins 6, J. B. Webb (cond.) 7, C. W. Bowen 8. First quarter Grandshire Triples 1, first quarter "inside" Grandshire Triples 4, first as conductor Grandshire Triples.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Knewstub 1, Jane Fransella 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, D. Ralls 4, D. Potter 5, D. A. Wright 6, F. V. Gant 7, E. Newnham 8, R. Durrant 9, C. G. Wright (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On August 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandshire): C. T. Collins 1, Miss J. M. Sanders 2, Miss G. M. Webb 3, L. Monk 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On August 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Portman 1, J. Clarke 2, Valerie Mellish 3, W. Panter 4, G. Retter (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. Rung after the wedding of Peter Jupp and Stephanie Dakin.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on August 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Corbishley (first quarter) 1, C. J. Jones 2, H. C. Lonyon 3, B. Schofield 4, D. N. Heapy 5, H. W. Howard 6, B. Corbishley (cond.) 7, P. Widdows 8.

MACHEN, MON.—On September 2nd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: H. Haige (first quarter) 1, V. Jones 2, L. James 3, G. Hughes 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, H. Everson 6. Rung after the wedding of D. Willets and Ann Thomas, both ringers at this tower.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on August 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 4, A. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Pye 6, A. G. Keen 7, D. G. Manby 8. A farewell to Allan G. Keen.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On August 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. J. Foster 1, J. Appleby 2, J. Shonfeld 3, W. Appleby 4, R. Daft 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Arnold of the local band.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On August 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Blacker (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs (first "inside") 3, H. J. Coombs 4, B. P. Wilde (cond.) 5, M. Bees 6. Also the same day 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, M. Jones (first quarter) 3, B. P. Wilde 4, H. J. Coombs 5, M. Bees 6.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On August 18th, at Lot 141 Dance Drive, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1-2, Heather A. Mann 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, J. A. Watson 7-8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On August 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Baker 1, Norma C. Baker 2, Mary Jones 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, J. Pilkington 6, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 7, J. G. Hallett 8. For Manchester University Guild reunion.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: B. Branton 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, A. Waller 4, R. Webster 5, R. Spencer 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Wallace (first quarter) 1, Ann Lawson 2, Enid Lawson 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, P. Wishart 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PENHOW, MON.—On August 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Phillips 1, G. Wilkinson 2, P. A. Williams 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE.—On September 5th, 1,320 Kennington Bob Doubles: A. Lingard 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Huntbach 6. A compliment to Miss Susan Stevens, a local ringer, on her engagement to Mr. Kenneth Deveson.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On September 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branton 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment on their wedding this day at Toddington, Beds, of Mervyn Terrett (curate at this church) and Jennifer Parrott.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. I. Davies 1, P. C. Sinden 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Glover 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 100th quarter together for 3 and 6.

ROXTON, BEDS.—On August 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. P. Sawford 1, P. S. George 2, J. E. David 3, P. S. Abbott 4, C. D. Corby (first of Doubles as cond.) 5.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, W. Cracknell (first in method "inside") 4, L. Nice (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. For evening service on the 28th anniversary of the outbreak of war.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—On August 23rd, at the Cathedral Church of St. David, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Audrie Samson 1, Susan Jones 2, A. Boorman 3, E. Samson 4, S. Bailey (cond.) 5, T. Jeffries 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

SANDON, STAFFS.—On September 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Evans (first quarter) 1, Margaret L. Ellwood 2, Angela Bagnall 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On September 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. L. Hopkin (first "inside") 3, A. Humphrey 4, W. Barwell 5, W. Simpson 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Beswick (first on 8) 8. A wedding compliment to Nita West, a member of the Sawley band, whose wedding to Mr. Peter Marshall took place at Sawley on August 31st.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On September 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Murfin 1, Mrs. B. Dawson 2, F. Howard 3, D. Murfin 4, B. Dawson 5, K. Hall (cond.) 6, C. Pearson (covering) 7, S. Giblin (covering) 8. Rung for the gift of a son (David Neil) to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, ringers of the 2nd and 5th. The ringers of the 1st and 4th are David's aunt and uncle.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On August 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Miss J. Pearce 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, R. Lister (first of Stedman) 4, E. G. Swift 5, W. G. Wilson 6, W. L. Gutteridge 7, F. H. Walters 8. In memoriam Mrs. Charles Hartley, a devout and life-long worker at Stoke Poges.

WAINFLEET, Lincs.—At St. Mary's, on August 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss R. Attack 1, D. V. Carrott 2, Miss J. Quickfall 3, T. A. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6. First quarter of Kent by all the band. Rung for the Flower Festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On September 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, R. Partridge 2, Miss A. Ayres 3, S. Franklin 4, J. Godman 5, R. Blond 6, F. Absalom 7, G. McIlhone (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Hutton and family to this parish.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On August 5th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (5 methods): Miss T. Staples 1, F. Cooke 2, D. Whetton 3, D. Chambers 4, G. Challans 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. A compliment to James Templeman Rooke, married to Miss Sheila Margaret Southern at St. Wilfrid's, Grappenhall, this day.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Christine Moxon 1, R. Waterhouse 2, J. Igglesden 3, C. Moxon 4, R. Sherlock 5, J. Palmer 6, H. Evans 7, R. Hayes (cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to the ringers of the 1st and 4th who were married at this church, July 29th.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On August 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Franklan (first quarter) 1, S. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Anne Oakley 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, Pamela Dence 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Ruby Fardon 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Patricia Copas 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. Twinn 6, W. H. Coles 7, J. Hill 8. Rung by the Hillingdon ringers. Also on April 16th, 1,260 Grandshire & Oxford Bob Triples, for Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples, for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. Also on August 20th, 1,344 St. Clement's Triples: R. Medway 1, Margaret Wenban 2, K. Rawson 3, A. C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, J. Schofield 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Rung in memoriam Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, assistant priest, formerly Vicar of St. Mary's Harmondsworth, Middlesex.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On August 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Madge (first of Treble Bob Hunt) 1, M. Bangham 2, Deborah Bishop 3, W. Cooper-Bailey 4, A. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Bagworth 6. To mark the marriage of Michael Bangham and Elizabeth Zass, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Elizabeth Zass. Also on September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Madge 1, M. Burn (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Rosamond Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. D. John Hunt has conducted his first peal of Stedman.

Mr. John R. Mayne has entered the last 50 for his 1,000 peals.

Marksbury ringers were the first band to ring a peal and a quarter peal with their new ropes.

Mr. Bryan D. Hill, of R.A.F., Wittering, rang his first peal for 14 years at Sempringham Abbey on August 7th.

Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves has rung his 800th peal—a wedding compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen.

The first peal of London Surprise Royal on handbells was rung at Harrow on September 4th, conducted by John R. Mayne.

Wymondham Abbey bells have already been tried out by several visiting bands. Jack Millhouse's Lincoln band ringing the first of London Royal on the bells.

We were very pleased to see the name of Miss Iris Lemare in our quarter peal column again at York. This was her first since her skiing accident last March.

Mr. J. H. Fielden has delved into something new. He has conducted Middleton's peal of Cambridge rung "backwards" with the same changes occurring in the opposite order—21436587 was the last before rounds.

In a peal of ten methods of Spiced Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 3rd, a new record was established. It was the greatest number of methods possible in an "all the works" peal of Maximus of standard length.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was particularly interested in the article on Derby Cathedral in the issue of September 8th as this was where he was ordained. His records show that there have been 66 peals recorded in this tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

SERVING TWO GUILDS

All Saints' Church, Stamford, which we featured in our last issue, is just inside the Lincoln Guild boundary and its ringers are members of the Lincoln Guild. The writer of our article, Mr. H. Bluff, is a Lincolnshire man and is also Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with which he has had a long association, with both St. Mary's and St. John's Churches, Peterborough. This began in about 1924 or 1925, when he used to cycle the 12 miles each way to ring for either morning or evening service and for weekday evening practices.

Mr. Bluff recalls at least two occasions during the bad winter of 1947 when he was wanted at Peterborough to ring and no bus or train service was available. He appealed to the police superintendent at Stamford for assistance, who placed a patrol car at his disposal.

Things are different now as Mr. Bluff runs his own car and is able to ring first at All Saints' Stamford, on Sundays for morning service at 9.30 a.m. and then go to St. John's, Peterborough, to ring for 11 a.m. service.

A PUTNEY WEDDING

On September 9th two well-known Putney ringers, David Brookes and Lesley Eames, were married at their home church of St. Mary's, Putney. Many local ringers were present at the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Carver, assisted by the Rev. M. Hart, the latter also a ringer. The bridesmaid was the bridegroom's sister, Miss Elizabeth Brookes, and the best man was Mr. Christopher Mew, who had hurriedly changed after conducting a successful peal in honour of the event. Top hats and tails were the order of the day and the bride, in a beautifully-embroidered gown, had a bouquet of orange and yellow roses, whilst the bridesmaid wore a very tasteful green dress. After a very pleasant reception the couple left for the West Country.

CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAY

During the Civil War the Rector of Southam, Warwickshire, Francis Holyoake, was a staunch Royalist. The townspeople, ringers included, were Parliamentarians. Consequently when the King entered the town two months before the Battle of Edgehill, the ringers refused to ring the bells to welcome him. The church accounts record the effects of the King's subsequent displeasure.

"Paid to the King's footman who sealed up the church-door for not ringing when the King came to town, xiijs. ivd. (13s. 4d.)."

The Southam men were not easily browbeaten, however, as the next entry in the accounts shows:

"Paid also to them for not ringing when the King went out of the town v.s. (5s.)."

PETERSFIELD'S YOUNGSTERS

Carol Stacey, a 13-year-old Petersfield ringer who has just rung her first quarter "inside" at Froxfield, will not be able to rest upon her laurels as her 12-year-old sister, Sally, will be the next to ring "inside". It is hoped that both will make great strides during the next few months. Petersfield is very fortunate in having several more girls under 13 who have or will soon be ringing their first quarters on the treble. A very pleasant reward for the many hours put in by Ken Tipper, their captain.

STOP THIEF CHASE

Excitement after a peal attempt at Randwick, N.S.W., on July 1st. Some of the team were strolling past a florist's shop when a lady raced out and reported publicly the theft of her purse. Seeing three young scoundrels flying off in the distance, the conductor, Bill Watson, with Tom Goodyer hard on his heels, set sail and apprehended the youngsters, who were only too willing to hand over the loot. All was not lost that day!—"Ringing Towers".

A BRAY WEDDING

A ringers' wedding of interest to the Slough and Windsor area will take place at Bray Parish Church tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. The contracting parties are Derek Fowles (Cranford) and the Middlesex County Association, and Wenda Harris (Bray, Berks. and the Oxford Diocesan Guild). A peal attempt by a band consisting of four Middlesex Association members and four Oxford Diocesan Guild members is arranged to follow the ceremony. We are sure readers will join us in wishing Wenda and Derek every happiness.

GLINTON'S NEW BAND

The quarter at Glinton, Northants, on August 19th is believed to be the first rung there for many years. These bells, which are hung in two tiers, were not rung regularly for a long period, but recently Bernard Branton, of St. Mary's, Peterborough, has been working very hard to teach a young band there. Several of these youngsters can now ring rounds and when Bernard is married in a few weeks' time in this church it is hoped that his own learners will be able to provide the "wedding bells". Could a ringer ask for more on his wedding day?

R. S.

A SPONSORED 1,000-MILE RIDE

The ringers at Randwick, Glos, hope to augment their four bells to six in the coming year. The Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Morrison) plans as a money-raising activity a 1,000 miles in ten days sponsored cycle tour from Truro to Thurso. The start will be from Truro Cathedral on the afternoon of October 2nd and the route will include Land's End, Randwick, John Taylor's foundry, Loughborough, and John o' Groats.

A SEVENOAKS RECRUIT

A recent recruit to the belfry at Sevenoaks is 16-year-old Philip Simmons, a relative of Miss Doris Colgate, the popular secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Philip started handling a bell at the beginning of the year and on September 10th rang very well in his first quarter peal—Stedman Triples. He also rings Grandire Plain Bob and the treble to Surprise and has made excellent progress.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The band at Manchester Cathedral, through the columns of "The Ringing World", would like to offer their congratulations to Allan Keen on attaining his degree at the Northern School of Music.

During the three years that Allan has been in Manchester he has attended the Cathedral regularly for service ringing. We hope that after a year's teaching course at Bath, Allan will return to Manchester permanently.

We would also like to offer our good wishes to Margaret Manby, who is leaving Manchester to commence studies at Cheltenham College later this month.

TUITION TEASER No. 8

A SMOOTH BACKSTROKE "RISE"

- Q. My pupil occasionally has trouble with one of the four strokes into which you have analysed the complete ringing action. Her fault is in the "backstroke rise". Her "backstroke pull" is straight down, i.e., vertical, as you have described in your previous "Teaser No. 7"; but now and again as her rope rises after the "hand-stroke pull" movement, it appears to jerk sideways and towards her left side just before the rope straightens out into the fully up position "at back". What are the cause and the remedy?—"Would-be Tutor."
- A. This is a not uncommon fault, arising usually when the tutor is not sufficiently vigilant over the pupil's rope-grips. The rope-jerk you mention will always be found to be towards that side of the learner which is the "upper" hand side. In your case, it being towards the left, your pupil will be a "left-hand" ringer, her "upper" hand being her left and her "lower" hand being her right. (See Teaser No. 3 in the "R.W." issue of June 16th last.) There are two causes of this "jerk", and either or both may be present.

The first is due to faulty holding of the rope's end in the lower hand grip, with the rope lying in the bends of the fingers instead of in the crotch of the thumb. In such case the rope leads away from the lower hand in the direction of the ensuing sideways jerk, and tends to form a loop upon itself as the rope-rise nears the top of the stroke. The remedy for this part cause is to hold the rope's end closely and firmly in the crotch of the thumb, with fingers closing normally in the grip.

But there is still the possibility of the second cause being present; namely, the wrong lie of the rope's end over the lower hand, as the backstroke movement downwards is completed. This wrong lie of the rope is, in fact, over the knuckles of the lower hand. The remedy here is to bend the wrist so as to turn the lower hand slightly inwards, so that the rope's end comes from the thumb-crotch to fall over the back of the hand, approximately where it joins the wrist. This ensues as the hands rise to take up the "at hand" position.

Care over this apparently small point makes all the difference in promoting a smooth backstroke rise. A. Y.-B.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On August 19th, in glorious weather, the local band, with friends from other towers, had a pleasant half-day amongst the sixes of East Devon. In the afternoon ringing took place at Hawkchurch (12½ cwt.), Uplyme (9½ cwt.) and Colyton (24½ cwt.). Whilst most of the band remained in the slow at tea, a few went in and out quick at the sea at Seaton. A slight delay occurred after tea whilst the Somerton captain visited the local constabulary to report the number of a Mini which had pranged his car and went on without stopping. In the evening visits were paid to Musbury (14 cwt.), Kilminster (10½ cwt.) and Chardstock (13½ cwt.). After fish and chips at a café in Ilminster (where the Long Sutton captain left his cap behind) the party dispersed for home. Ringing during the trip ranged from rounds and call-changes for the beginners to Cambridge S.M. E. T. P. F.

HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL RUNG FOR THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two different 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*John W. Hope Treble	†Peter D. Sell 4
†Austin T. Wingate 2	††Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
John C. Eisel 3	George T. Cousins .. Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* 100th peal for the Guild. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Minor in the method.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire. At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Elisabeth Taylor Treble	George T. Cousins 4
Peter D. Sell 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
Austin T. Wingate 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Michael P. Moreton .. Treble	John C. Eisel 4
*Gillian E. Lewis 2	George T. Cousins 5
Ralph C. Godsall 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in seven methods of Minor.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Berwick, Beverley, Primrose and four extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Ralph C. Godsall .. Treble	*†Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 4
*Gillian E. Lewis 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
*†George T. Cousins 3	John C. Eisel Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in four methods. † 25th peal together.

BREDENBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

George T. Cousins .. Treble	Thomas Cooper 4
*Peter D. Sell 2	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
John C. Eisel 3	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

* 25th peal together.

SUCKLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being ten extents of Grandire and eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.

Tenor 12 cwt in F.

James Ranford .. Treble	John C. Eisel 4
Ralph C. Godsall 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 3	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Jointly conducted by

Wilfrid F. Moreton, John C. Eisel and Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

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

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Ralph C. Godsall .. Treble	George T. Cousins 4
*Gillian E. Lewis 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
Barnaby Bell 3	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael P. Moreton.

* 25th peal.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Berwick and Beverley, (2) Hexham and Surfleet, (3) York, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Austin T. Wingate .. Treble	Frank Reed 4
*George T. Cousins 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
*Gillian E. Lewis 3	John C. Eisel Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First in seven Surprise Minor methods.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Ralph C. Godsall .. Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 4
John C. Eisel 2	Michael P. Moreton 5
Austin T. Wingate 3	Frank Reed Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.

KING'S CAPLE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Marcus C. W. Sherwood Treble	Michael P. Moreton 4
Frank Reed 2	George T. Cousins 5
Austin T. Wingate 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

TALGARTH, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Gwendoline.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Bourne, (2) Hull, (3) Beverley and Berwick, (4) Surfleet and Hexham, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge and Primrose.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

John C. Eisel .. Treble	Michael P. Moreton 4
*George T. Cousins 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 3	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in ten methods.

Rung in memoriam David H. Bennett.

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

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Beverley, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

Austin T. Wingate .. Treble	George T. Cousins 4
Robert A. Hatcher 2	Michael P. Moreton 5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 3	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

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

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Ivor Goulter .. Treble	*George T. Cousins 5
Michael P. Moreton 2	David J. King 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
Austin T. Wingate 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

* First peal in the method.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ROYSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

15 Callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	John H. Fielden 4
David G. Wilford 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
Christopher K. Cooper .. 3	Malcolm Phillips Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Janice Smith and Jeff Fox, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

Alan D. Flood Treble	Walter S. Rice 5
Roy W. Rice 2	Peter J. England 6
Michael G. Bartlett 3	Edgar T. Skipsey 7
David G. Massey 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by George W. Massey.
 First peal of Major in the method by all except the conductor.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Primrose and Norfolk, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 42 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt.

Julian E. Newman Treble	David J. Orledge 4
*David G. Massey 2	*Raymond E. J. Baker .. 5
*David A. Burt 3	George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal in 15 Minor methods. Most methods to a peal on the bells and fastest peal on the bells.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's ten-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.
*Rev. Roy Hallett Treble	Bruce Martin 5
†Andrew W. E. Bainham .. 2	Trevor Newlands 6
*David L. Phillips 3	David Rennolds 7
†Paul A. Williams 4	†David G. Jenkins Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal. First on eight as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
Gillian M. Hunt Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
*Richard W. Sweet 2	D. John Hunt 6
†Bruce Martin 3	John W. Smith 7
†Trevor Newlands 4	†David Rennolds Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Basil Jones Treble	Robert B. Smith 5
John Jessup 2	Peter Malloch 6
Derek F. Yates 3	Alan McFall 7
Michael Platt 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

Basil Jones Treble	John A. Booth 5
Derek F. Yates 2	William H. Dowse 6
Margaret P. Booth 3	Alan F. Scholfield 7
Philip G. K. Davies 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

Ring as a farewell to John and Margaret Booth and family.

POYNTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in 27 methods, thus: (1) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (2) Brin-tree, Wraghy, Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (3) Abbeyville, St. Werburgh, Crowland, Combermere and Vale Royal Delight, (4) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old, Oxford, Marple and Newdigate Delight, (5) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) London Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey R. Gardner .. Treble	†Denis Mottershead .. 4
*F. John Nelson 2	Alan Sharples 5
Sidney Hough 3	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

* First peal in 27 Minor methods. † 400th true peal. First peal in 27 methods as conductor.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent of Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Treble John Moore 4
 Brian Schofield 2 Frank Morton 5
 David A. Godfrey 3 Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

The ringer of the treble has now "completed the circle" at this tower. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Peter C. Randall Treble	†Peter H. Mackie 6
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 7
Anthony J. Cox 3	Maurice G. Ingram 8
†Bridget Bates 4	James W. Belshaw 9
†Paul S. Reading 5	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal. 25th peal as conductor. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Keith F. Gardner Treble Peter C. Randall 4
 *Raymond D. Hart 2 Anthony J. Cox 5
 Peter H. Mackie 3 Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* Most Minor methods to a peal.

Ring for the Patronal Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Vivienne Ewing and Mr. Graham Hopkins, both members of the local band. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.
 *Anthony J. Cox Treble Peter C. Randall 4
 Raymond D. Hart 2 Andrew K. Putnam 5
 *Geoffrey W. Randall 3 Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* 25th peal together.

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being one extent each of Original and Stedman, four of Grandsire and six each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Anthony J. Cox Treble *Robert W. Sherriff .. 3
 Shirley E. Jones 2 *Peter C. Randall 4

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
 James A. D. Woolford Treble J. Michael Lakin 5
 Geoffrey Pearson 2 John G. Gipson 6
 *Kenneth J. Darvill 3 Derek E. Sibson 7
 Christopher H. Rogers .. 4 †John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of eight Spiced. † 950th peal. First peal of Spiced on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Neil V. Avis Treble	Peter G. Pitt 5
Heather M. McArthur .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Edward B. Smith 3	Harry J. Millart 7
George Waterman 4	Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
 Ring as a compliment to George Waterman (life vice-president of the Essex Association) on his 82nd birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, 640 Bristol and 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

Alan R. Patterson .. Treble	*Colin G. Wright .. 5
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	David E. Rothera .. 6
Ian L. Dear .. 3	*Donald E. Cobb .. 7
Andrew J. Slade .. 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

* First peal of Spiced.

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Walter Ayre Treble	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
*Heather M. McArthur .. 2	Neil V. Avis .. 6
Alan R. Andrews .. 3	Walter Arnold .. 7
Peter G. Pitt .. 4	Adrian G. Semken .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

COLNE-ENGAIN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 18 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double and Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Walter Arnold Treble	Michael J. Bew .. 4
Neil V. Avis .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
*Ronald J. Snack .. 3	Peter G. Pitt .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

PEBMARSH, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 21 methods, being: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, (2) London Scholars, Oxford T.B., Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford, Newdigate, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

Brian J. Vaughan Treble	*David E. Culham .. 4
*Vivien Cross .. 2	Walter Arnold .. 5
*Michael J. Howes .. 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.

* Most methods to a peal.

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

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods as follows: (1) York Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) and 7) Plain Bob.

Walter Arnold Treble	John Avis .. 4
Peter G. Pitt .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 3	*James L. Towler .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 225th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Michael J. Bew and Catherine M. Powell for their wedding on Saturday, August 26th, 1967.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Gillian M. Hunt Treble	Richard W. Sweet .. 6
Dianne M. Chapman .. 2	Richard J. Bowden .. 7
Albert M. Tyler .. 3	Michael J. Hobbs .. 8
Vivienne M. Rigby .. 4	Peter Bridge .. 9
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. Whitehead.

Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

Rung to the memory of Harry Bennett, a member of this tower and church for 46 years, who died on June 27th, 1967.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Albert Tyler Treble	Patrick Allen .. 6
Peter Clarkson .. 2	Leonard Edwards .. 7
Ivor Goulter .. 3	*Peter C. Gould .. 8
R. George Morris .. 4	David Beacham .. 9
Derek Carr .. 5	Thomas W. Lewis .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert Tyler.

* First peal on the bells. First peal of Caters on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Christopher M. White .. Treble	*David G. Massey .. 6
Norman G. N. Knee .. 2	George W. Massey .. 7
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 3	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 8
Charles F. Andrews .. 4	Frederick S. Slatford .. 9
Malcolm M. Powell .. 5	Eric J. Hitchins .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal on more than eight bells. First of Caters as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	George T. Cousins .. 6
Peter D. Sell .. 2	Michael P. Moreton .. 7
John C. Eisel .. 3	Austin T. Wingate .. 8
*Richard W. Sweet .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 9
Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5	Leslie Evans .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* 100th peal.

Rung in memoriam the Rev. Canon Harold Albert Moreton, M. Litt. Dr-es-Lettres, F.R.Hist.S., Chancellor and Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral 1935-1965. Born July 21st, 1889. Died December 11th, 1966.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin L. Howe Treble	John A. Howard .. 5
*Malcolm Barden .. 2	†John W. Smith .. 6
†Simon A. Wigg .. 3	§Andrew J. Corby .. 7
Derek C. Slater .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal. § 200th peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard Hayes Treble	D. Paul Smith .. 5
Andrew J. Corby .. 2	Ian H. Oram .. 6
Margaret E. Fort .. 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Dronfield, Brampton, Kelso, Lincoln, Eastwood, Redcar and Caithness.

Ian H. Oram Treble	John Faircloth .. 4
Margaret E. Fort .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Mary S. Faircloth .. 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Sept. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In ten methods, being 528 changes each of Bedford, Belvoir, Cambridge, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Stoodley, Superlative, York and Yorkshire, with 109 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

F. John Nelson Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Maryl R. Fielden 2	Basil Jones 8
Neil Bennett 3	Tudor P. Edwards 9
Philip J. Crossthwaite 4	John H. Fielden 10
Richard S. Starkie 5	Derek Butterworth 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

The greatest number of methods possible in an "all the work" peal of Maximus of standard length.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

STOODLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

—5T—16—12—36—14—5T—16—147T—18—7T—18—
h.l. 7T. l.e. 12. l.h. 1352

MORECAMBE, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Richard Palmer 5
Roger Barnes 2	John H. Fielden 6
Diana J. Handley 3	*Stanley Anderton 7
Maryl R. Fielden 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal of Surprise.

DENTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne, Haughton.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Neil Bennett Treble	Alan F. Scholfield 4
Derek F. Yates 2	Edward Jenkins 5
Basil Jones 3	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

The ringer of the fifth has now rung York Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Malcolm E. Wade Treble	Rupert A. Clarke 6
W. Ernest Rawson 2	W. Arthur Riddington 7
Roland H. Cook 3	Richard A. G. Inglis 8
R. Brian Mills 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey 9
*Martin Green 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe (87's).

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 75th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 95 methods/variations: (1) Westminster II, Hilary, Blackburn, (2) Mordiford, Orcop, Norton Canon, (3) Pembroke, Stoke Prior, Sellack, (4) Gladesty, Elerch, Aberaeron, (5) Plain Bob, (6) New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, (7) Bronllys, Talgarth, Llangors, (8) Llandefalle, Llanbedr, Llangasty, (9) St. Modwen, Fairfield, Eling, (10) Winhill, Carlton, Lenton, (11) Kennington, (12) St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, (13) Landonthorpe, Casthorpe, Mawthorpe, (14) Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, (15) Barrowby, St. Wulfram, Barkston, (16) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmond, (17) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (18) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, (19) Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, (20) Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, (21) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, (22) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (23) St. Andrew, St. John, Horsley, (24) Sharncliffe, Ryton, St. Cleer, (25) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Dominica, (26) Stedman, Grandsire, (27) Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, (28) Little Aston, Seighford, (29) St. Columb, Old, (30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31) Southrepps, (32) Wychbold, (33) Honeysuckle, (34) Wallflower, (35) Dedworth, (36) Primrose, (37) Buttercup, (38) Violet, (39) Cowslip, (40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rushall, (41) Northrepps, All Saints, (42) Fortune, Marchington.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Roland W. Morant 5
Denis A. Frith 3	Thomas A. Relf Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Greatest number of Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Landonthorpe is St. Bartholomew with an Old Bob single.

Casthorpe is Reverse All Saints with an Old Bob single.

Manthorpe is St. Sebastian with an Old Bob single.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob

*Alec Crawford Treble	†David J. Hopkinson .. 4
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2	Bryan D. Hill 5
Denis A. Frith 3	Roland W. Morant Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal away from cover bell. † 25th peal.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Diane Hopkinson and Mr. Anthony W. Foster.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Twelve callings.

*Peter A. Slight Treble	†George A. Dawson .. 3
Denis A. Frith 2	*Thomas A. Relf 4

*Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside." ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor, who has also "circled the tower." Ringers of 2nd and tenor have now completed the Stedman "family." First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Nevil A. James Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 5
*Susan Harber 2	*Christopher Aldridge .. 6
Trevor M. Roderick 3	*James Clatworthy 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by N. W. H. Simon.

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

Rung within the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

David J. Llewellyn Treble	Thomas Yeomans 5
*Peter S. Bennett 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
*Barrie A. Williams 3	*M. Jack Pryor 7
*Raymond S. Price 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 800th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, the previous day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Frank T. Blagrove Treble	Ronald K. Russ 6
Jennifer E. Pearce 2	Michael J. Palmer 7
Albert R. G. Twinn 3	William H. Coles 8
Richard F. Prime 4	John R. Mayne 9
Michael W. Seymour 5	John Hill Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Goodfellow, which took place at this church on September 3rd, 1927.

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

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Elsie Savory Treble	Albert C. Wenban 4
William Birmingham, jun. .. 2	Frank T. Blagrove 5
William H. Coles 3	Tony Price Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Frederick A. Finch.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

*Jennifer M. Indge Treble	†Walter C. G. Wainwright .. 4
John R. Ketteringham 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
John R. Southy 3	Robin J. Collis Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRISTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Grandshire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.	Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in B flat.
Charles E. G. Banham .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 3
Henry Tooke 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 4

H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Second peal on the bells, the first having been rung 56 years ago.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

William Birmingham, jun. Treble	Alan Flood 5
Malcolm Loveday 2	James Brooks 6
Monica Blagrove 3	A. Leslie Pearson 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Bowen and Geoffrey Riglar, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Arthur Newton Treble	Percy Newton 5
Joyce I. Cornwall 2	Raymond J. Talbot 6
Robert H. Newton 3	Walter Lee 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia Blaby and Tony Strand, as a congratulation to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens on 25 years as Vicar of Hughenden.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Michael Hatchett Treble	Frank Reed 5
Maurice New 2	Christopher C. Clarke 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Derek C. Jackson 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung for the Feast of St. Giles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Beddington version.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 6
Alan J. Frost 2	David J. Marshall 7
Anne B. Speed 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Roger W. Smith 4	Graham C. Paul 9
Patrick I. Chapman 5	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Boutne and Ipswich Surprise; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (5) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob; (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob; with 95 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Barrie Hendry Treble	Richard J. Danby 4
Peter C. Randall 2	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Anthony J. Cox 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BUSHEY Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 HERTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Pratchett Treble	J. Michael Lakin 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Simon Humphrey 3	Roger Baldwin 7
James A. D. Woolford .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. 350th peal on the bells.

HERTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.56—34.18. I.e. 18 mx.
f.c.h. 24365, 32546, 46253. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 115.

WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Peter Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
J. Michael Lakin 3	John S. Barnes 7
Tom Page 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5012 CAMBRIDGE RISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 107 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	James W. Belshaw 7
*Richard J. Tibbetts .. 2	Peter A. Sharp 8
Ann E. Fellows 3	Geoffrey Paul 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 10
John R. Insley 5	John Freeman 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM, Yardley.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. W. Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp
Richard J. Tibbetts .. Treble	Maurice F. Edwards 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
*A. Harold Fitter 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
A. Brian Ellmore 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Helen Joy, who was born to Audrey and David Purnell the previous day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	William L. Exton 5
Katherine Burchall .. 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
*Thelma Staples 3	Harry Hawcroft 7
Grace Burchall 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner on the birth of a daughter, Hilary Jane.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

In 12 methods, being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, four extents of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.	
Joyce M. Marsh Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	Maurice W. Harrison 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	W. Gordon Marsh Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Canon R. P. Tinsley and a welcome home from missionary work in India to his daughter, Patience Tinsley.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Richard J. Warrilow .. Treble	Roy K. Mowforth 5
*Peter Mackley 2	Frank Beech 6
David Bennett 3	Neville Holland 7
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 4	Edmund Malin Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Vernon B. Bedford .. Treble	George E. Symonds .. 6
†Neil V. Avis 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. 7
†Robin R. Churchill .. 3	†Stephen D. Humphrey .. 8
Michael J. Howes 4	†Leslie F. Bailey .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe 5	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 1.)

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Royal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil V. Avis.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Reginald C. Kersey .. Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. 5
Cecil W. Pipe 2	Roderick W. Pipe .. 6
George W. Pipe 3	*Leslie F. Bailey .. 7
*Michael J. Howes 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of London. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. Barry Pickup Treble	Richard C. L. Brown .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	Richard A. Hunt .. 6
Rosemary E. White .. 3	D. Roy Bould 7
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

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

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp

Hubbard's Treble	Stephen Bedford 5
Robert Cassidy 2	Michael Pilgrim 6
Jack Pilgrim 3	Peter Bedford 7
Adrian Knights 4	Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., July 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, being: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Philip Thompson .. Treble	*David E. Culham .. 4
*Vivien Cross 2	Brian J. Vaughan .. 5
*Michael J. Howes .. 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment for the ringer of the 2nd.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEFMAN CATERS

John W. T. Hibbert .. Treble	David E. Parsons .. 6
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 2	Michael V. Chilcott .. 7
Joyce A. Parsons 3	Dennis Randall 8
William Hibbert 4	Brian R. White 9
Frank E. Darby 5	Roger F. Overington .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

First of Caters as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 HASTINGS SURPRISE MAJOR

Harold F. Wood .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Tom Page 6
Christopher B. Fynes .. 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David J. Tubbs 4	Simon Humphrey Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HASTINGS SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—36—34—58—16—38. i.e. 18. 17856342. f.c.b. 24365.

Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 96.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Ann Newman .. Treble	Peter Furness 5
Denby Murduck 2	Philip Murduck 6
Bradley Murduck .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
Robert Crocker 4	Charles Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ann E. Fellows .. Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. 5
*M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore .. 6
Roderick W. Pipe .. 3	John C. Eisel 7
*Stephen W. Barton .. 4	George E. Fearn .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of London.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt.

Anne P. Leigh .. Treble	Vernon Bottomley .. 6
Patricia Lockwood .. 2	*Frederick J. Jackson .. 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	*Ernest Padgett .. 8
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Neil Donovan 9
*Ian North 5	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

(Sheffield and District Society)

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*Jean M. Bower .. Treble	Andrew J. Jobson .. 5
Robert M. Chambers .. 2	Richard Farnsworth .. 6
Michael O. Edwards .. 3	John J. L. Gilbert .. 7
Felicity A. Kelly .. 4	Clive W. Longden .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Angela M. Truelove, a member of this tower, and Peter Brookes, who were married here the previous day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THREE HANDBELL PEALS IN ONE DAY

Monday, August 28th, 1967

ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Huntington Guild)

HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.

No. 1.—In 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being extents of: Grandsire, Dedworth, St. Giles, Church Gresley, Wychbold, April Day, St. Chrysostom, Northleigh, Longparish, Litchurch, St. Swithin, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Shreshill, New Grandsire, Ryton, St. Remigius, St. Simon, Hudibras, St. Nicholas, Southrepps, Wallflower, Eynsham, St. Martin, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Windchenod Place, Northrepps, Honey-suckle, Snowdrop, Daffodil, Seighford, Newdigate, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Huntspill, Ready Money, Ludham, All Saints, Coxwell Place, St. Paul, St. Jude and St. Ambrose.

Tenor size 9 in B flat.

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

The greatest number of methods/variations to a peal for all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a compliment to David and Ann Pearson on the birth of a daughter, Hilary Jane.

No. 2.—In 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

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

* First "blows" on a "working" pair. First peal of Minor "in hand" for all and for the Guild.

No. 3.—In 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being Morris's 240, and 40 extents (ten callings).

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

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

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Colin Banton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At 32, Coventry Road.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Anthony J. Cox 1-2	*Peter C. Randall .. 3-4
Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.) 5-6	

* First peal on handbells.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

EISEL—GIBBS. — The engagement is announced between John Christian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. C. Eisel, of 13, Broadfield Close, Kingswinford, Staffs, and Margaret Phyllis, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gibbs, of Hynett Farm, Lugwardine, near Hereford. 2351

MARRIAGE

SHALLCROSS—WILLIAMS. — The marriage was solemnised on September 2nd, 1967, at St. Seriol's Church, Penmaenmawr, Carns, of Mr. Frederick Shallcross and Miss Carole Edmond Williams. Present address: 14, Rose Cottage Flats, Eastern Green, Coventry. 2352

DEATH

KNIGHTS.—On September 3rd, 1967, at his home in Sheffield, Arthur Percival Knights, aged 76 years, Cremated at Sheffield Crematorium on September 6th. A well-known ringer and composer in districts of Sheffield and Chesterfield, and indeed throughout the county, until forced to cease ringing by illness.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OGLESBY.—The address of Howard and Frances is now: 8a, Southfield Gardens, Burnham, Bucks. Telephone Burnham 2668. 2307

PERSONAL

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."—2 Peter, ii, 9.

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells, suitable for change and tune ringing. Good condition. Please state price.—Apply Box 3315, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Guildford. 2315

WANTED.—Octave, size suitable for peal ringing, fair to good condition only. Please state price required.—Ashcroft, 374, Warrington Road, Spring View, Wigan, Lancs. 2340

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGERS coming up to Cardiff University this term are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. If details are required, write to Nicholas W. H. Simon, Llys Esgob, The Green, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2305

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice of term, Wednesday, October 11th, 8 p.m., St. Andrew's. All freshers are invited to introduce themselves by writing to the secretary, Alan Scholfield, Albert House, Hyde, Cheshire, or Clare College. 2350

KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Will freshers coming to Keele in October please contact the secretary, Miss J. Quickfall, 21, Saxby Avenue, Skegness, Lincs, for information about the Keele Association. 2258

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this year. Please write to Liz Webb, 8, Church Avenue, Warmley, Bristol. 2198

ABERYSTWYTH. — University College of Wales Society.—Will any freshers (including learners) please contact John Wilson, Auckland, 59, North Parade, Aberystwyth. 2317
SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —Will any freshers coming up to Southampton University this October please contact the secretary, Miss Susan E. M. Davis, 90, Elers Road, West Ealing, London, W.13. 2259

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Freshers coming to London this year are invited to write to the secretary, c/o Alan Thirst, 15, Clifford Grove, Ashford, Middlesex. The first practice of term will be at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 6.30 p.m., on October 5th. There will be a general meeting on October 21st. 2318

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All freshers welcome. Please contact Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2308

MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

60th Anniversary Dinner
at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry,
on Saturday, November 25th, 1967.
Further details later. 2331

Advance Notice

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

40th Anniversary Dinner
on
Friday, February 9th, 1968
at
Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford.
Details later. 2334

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District
Church of St. John the Baptist, Mersham. Rededication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Croydon (Ven. J. A. M. Clayton) on Wednesday, September 27th at 7.45 p.m.—A. P. S. B. 2322

KESTEVEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Half-Day Bellringing School
to be held on
Saturday, October 14th, 1967
at the
Ruskington C.S. Modern School.

Assembly at School 12.30 p.m.

Instruction in classroom and tower for beginners—12 changes to Plain Bob Minor, and Advanced Group—Treble Bob to Surprise Minor.

Brochure and enrolment forms from:
Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs. 2149

MIDHURST BELL RESTORATION FUND.—A Caledonian Market and Fete on Saturday, September 23rd, 2.30 p.m., in the New Grammar School, Midhurst. Good stalls, sideshows, displays and competitions. Lucky admission 6d. 2326

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner

will be held on

Saturday, October 21st,
in the

Town Hall, Towcester, Northants

assembling at 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets £1 each and c.w.o. to be obtained before Monday, October 9th, from the undersigned at 61, Melville Street, Northampton

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary. 2328

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE. — Village "Open Day," Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30–6 p.m. Ringers welcome. Teas available in Village Hall. Please wear Guild badge or ringer's tie for identification. 2345

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL. — Future correspondence concerning ringing at the above Cathedral Church should be sent to the secretary of the belfry, G. Wignall, 51, Heys Lane, Blackburn, Lancashire.

CRANBROOK, Kent.—The tower secretary is now Mr. H. Candy, The Orchard, Cranbrook, Kent, to whom all correspondence should be sent. 2344

EAST BUDLEIGH OPEN DAY

Saturday, September 30th, 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Blessing of the new ringing chamber by Preb. Andrews. Service 4.30 (fully choral). Free tea in Village Hall for all who send names to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh, Devon. 2346

SATISFIED CLIENT

Mr. P. Amos writes thanking the 37 applicants for offers to purchase his pre-war and war period "Ringing Worlds," which are now all sold. Two hundred copies made £5 10s., together with a further 223—£10 10s. the lot; a 79 lb crier's bell £28 (bought by an American), a 1½ cwt. bell, £45.

WILLINGDON, Eastbourne. — On Sunday, October 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower, including new furnishings, peal board, handbell, etc., by the Bishop of Lewes. All ringers welcome.—R. W. R. F. 2356

MEETINGS

CORRECTION.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, September 23rd, and not as printed last week. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. 2357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, Birkenhead, September 23rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 2312

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry. — Meeting, Rugby, September 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service. Tea in local cafes. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Please note change of date. 2306

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting Blackwell (6), Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying A. Smithson, 27, Littlemore Lane, Newton, Derbyshire. Please attend.—E. J. S. 2301

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, March, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30, Service 4.30, Tea 5.—D. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2311

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, September 23rd. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in hall. The ringers' wives are catering. A bumper attendance is hoped for at this attractive village. Names to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere. 2192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual general meeting, Brill, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 2282

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch Ringing Competition, Lechlade, Saturday, September 23rd, 3 p.m. 2314

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonorum, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 2285

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, September 23rd, Selston. Bells (6) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston. Please support.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. V. J. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 2256

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Ship-ton Moyné, Wednesday, September 27th. Bells (6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.15 for essential business.—H. Heath. 2332

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Howden, Wednesday, September 27th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Watford Surprise Major.—D. S. Johnson (Ringing Master), R. Ducker (Hon. Dis. Sec.). 2281

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Birstall (8), Thursday, September 28th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. 2319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon (8) on September 30th, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea under own arrangements; cafes in Hoddesdon and Ware. Ware (8) 5.30 to 8.30 Evensong 6.30.—P. M. F. Searles. 2348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition.—The finals of both the 6- and 8-bell sections will be at Farnworth (Bolton) on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Please note, no ringing at Walkden.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 2262

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Collingham (8) 3-5 p.m., and Wetherby (8) 6-7 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements—cafes available in Wetherby. Business meeting after evening ringing.—Ian North. 2336

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Kessingland, Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea/business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. J. Brock, 38, Church Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. P. J. C. 2119

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Evening meeting, Badby, Saturday, September 30th, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—F. W. Hancock. 2347

SWINDON RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 14th, 1967

Route 1

9-10 a.m.
10-11 a.m.
11-12 noon.

Dauntsey and Brinkworth..
Ashton Keynes and Cricklade.
Oaksey and Minely.

12-1 p.m.
1-2 p.m.

Purton.
Lunch—own arrangements.
Castle Eaton.

2-3 p.m.
3-4 p.m.

South Marston.
Highworth.

4-5 p.m.
5-6 p.m.

Tea—own arrangements.
Stratton St. Margaret.

6-7 p.m.
7-8 p.m.

St. Mark's, Swindon.
Supper—Cold Buffet booked at the Oxford Hotel, Drove Road, Swindon, at 5s. 6d. per head. Names, with payment for supper, by October 7th, 1967, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.

8.30 p.m.

Route 2

Bishopstone.
Wanborough and Wroughton.
Lydiard Tregoze and Lydiard Millicent.
Blundson.

Hannington.

Rodbourne Cheney.

Christ Church, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Litchborough on Saturday, September 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. E. E. Jones, Towcester Road, Litchborough, by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 2327

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Winterslow, Saturday, September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec. 2321

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Heddington (6) on September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 2353

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Newark Parish Church, September 30th, from 6-9 p.m. All are welcome.—M. I. Foskett Hon. Sec. 2338

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, Nutfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Clarke, 16, Bayfield Road, Horley, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2218

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Banstead on Saturday, September 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2323

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, October 2nd, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2341

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on October 3rd will be at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and not at St. Michael's, Cornhill.—J. G. A. Prior. 2337

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Egremont on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland, not later than October 3rd. 2349

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2354

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Bolsover (8), Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—R. P. Morris, Sec. 2329

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The Branch is holding a social evening on Saturday, October 7th, at the Moorland Hotel, Wotter (near Shaugh Prior), at 7.30 p.m. Buffet and bar facilities, entertainment to suit all ages. Bring your friends for a gay social evening. Tickets, price 11/6, obtainable from the Branch secretary, R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton (10), Saturday, October 7th, commencing with service, 3.15 p.m., followed by ringing, tea and business. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Wednesday. 2293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening quarterly meeting at Ashwell (6), Saturday, October 7th, 6 p.m. Will all members attend? New District secretary and "Ringing World" rep. to be elected. Please note change of venue.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. and usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Tuesday, October 3rd.—W. H. D. 2313

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Norwich NOR 37Z. Special method: London.—C. Bird. 2310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Autumn general meeting, Reading, Saturday, October 7th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Lawrence's Hall. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church 5.45 p.m. Tea tickets 3/3 each. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, October 2nd. List of towers will be issued with tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. (Continued on page 671)

OSWY STREET CUP CONTEST

Ordsall, Notts, October 14th, 1967.

Entrance fee 7/6

RULES.—Only four of each team need belong to that team; no "trying ropes for length"; no penalties for failure to set; practice piece, 60 or less; test piece, 360 (Minor or Doubles); teams not ready to ring when drawn may ring last.

ENTRIES must be received by Tuesday, October 3rd, when the draw will take place. Correspondents will hear when they have been drawn to ring by Friday 6th. Names for tea not required till Tuesday 10th. East Retford open after tea; Babworth all day.—H. Poyner, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, N. Notts Dist. Sec. 2347



RINGERS OF YESTERYEAR—IDENTITIES WANTED

From Mr. Percy E. Johnson, hon. secretary of St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Gateshead, we have received the following picture. He writes: "We do not know any of the ringers on it, and I think it must have been taken in a tower in the South of England, re the peal board. Our members have had a lot of speculation on it and I think the readers of 'The Ringing World' could settle the issue."

A STORY FOR RINGERS — 10 YEARS AFTER

From the top of the bus, George looked across at the Cathedral Churchyard. It had been ten years since he had come this way. Ten years since that awful night the Cathedral tower had collapsed taking from him his beloved bells upon which he had lavished so much care and attention. He smiled, recalling his frantic attempt to have his bells recast and hung in the nearby Post Office Tower. He knew that some members of the Guild had thought him deranged from the shock at such a suggestion, and on reflection he had some sympathy with their thinking so. In any case, the whole idea had been flatly rejected by the Postmaster General.

As had been forecast at the time, the west end of the Cathedral had been bricked up in haste, the shattered bells had been stored and all campanological activities within the Cathedral precincts had ceased.

The Thursday band had been completely demoralised; what on earth could they do on Thursday evenings now? For a few weeks they even attempted to ring peals on lesser numbers of bells, but it wasn't the same; the interest factor was just not present any more and the old "first eight up the tower" system caused numerous disputes. Finally, the band grew tired of each other's company and dispersed, George retiring to his market garden although still retaining his secretaryship of the Guild.

Two uneventful years passed and then Old Bill died. For as long as everyone could remember Bill had been official tenor-bumper to the Guild. Sunday after Sunday he had drummed the tenor behind, a little

slow at hand-stroke, perhaps, for some of the "moderns," but reliable nevertheless. No one had known much of his private life; he appeared each Sunday morning for ringing and disappeared shortly after the service-tough ended, having completed a minimum of social formalities. Of huge stature, Bill always made a point of shaking hands with the entire assembled company and many an unwary visitor left "Lyons" nursing bruised fingers.

The executor of Bill's last will and testament informed George that Bill had left the major part of his estate to the Guild which he had served for so long. A hastily convened meeting of the Guild officers appeared dumbfounded when the news was imparted to them. No one had realised that Bill's Sunday morning ringing had meant so much to him; such generosity might even be rewarded by half-muffled Stedman Cinques in memoriam.

The following annual general meeting was electrified when George proposed that their recent windfall be used to rebuild the Cathedral tower and recast the bells; this would surely be a fitting monument to a philanthropic tenor bumper. The meeting agreed to the proposal, as did the Cathedral authorities who, after a little gentle encouragement, agreed to a Gothic structure.

So much wrangling ensued over the choice of architect and design that it was two years later that the foundation stone was laid—salvaged from the debris and suitably inscribed.

Five years passed and the tower rose slowly from the ruins, and meanwhile the bells were cast—twelve, of course, plus a

flat sixth in case not enough turned up, although the Guild had never been averse to the odd peal on the front eight.

Finally the opening day arrived and ringers from all over the country converged on the city for the dedication ceremony. George alighted from his bus and tottered towards the new building; arthritis had forced him to abandon his bicycle a couple of years back.

Choosing a band for what was to be his last peal had presented some difficulty; the old Thursday crowd had dispersed, but it must have been nostalgia which drew them all back to partake in the first peal on the new bells.

Some of the younger members of the Guild were dismayed at not being asked to ring in the first peal and some even had the temerity to suggest that George was "past it." George sensed this and understood their resentment. He had always said that he would cease ringing long before he was "past it," but failing health had forced him to retire earlier than he had planned but he would not announce this until after the peal.

With not a little effort he mounted the tenor box and caught hold of the rope for the last time, determined to show the younger men what peals were made of, but deep down he knew that the next three hours or so would be the greatest challenge he had ever accepted. With a look of grim resolution on his face they struck off into rounds and a few moments later he commenced his final peal. "Go Londinium," he said.

LITTLE JOHN.

NOTICES—continued

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
ANNUAL DINNER

will be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.
Tickets, 20/- each, can be obtained from D. K. Knowles, 21, Broad Lane North, Willenhall, Staffs.
Please send cash with application.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
AUTUMN MEETING, BRIGHTON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1967.

Ringling arrangements as per Programme.

LUNCH—Howard's Restaurant, Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, 12.30 p.m. 13/9 per head.
TEA, 5.30 p.m., Howard's Restaurant, 5/6. Business meeting will follow.
Please notify Hon. Sec. for lunch and tea.
J. A. Hoare,
6, Gendros Cres.,
Fforestfach,
Swansea, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

will be held at the
VICTORIA HOTEL, PRESTON
on
Saturday, October 28th
Assemble 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Ringling at St. John's, Preston,
4-6.30 p.m.
Tickets, 27/6 each, from C. Cross-
thwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Preston.
Please send stamped addressed envelope.
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — An-
nual Dinner, Ashford, Saturday, September
30th, 1967. Tickets available for first 100
applicants from own District secretary or
A. P. S. Berry, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone,
Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1980

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