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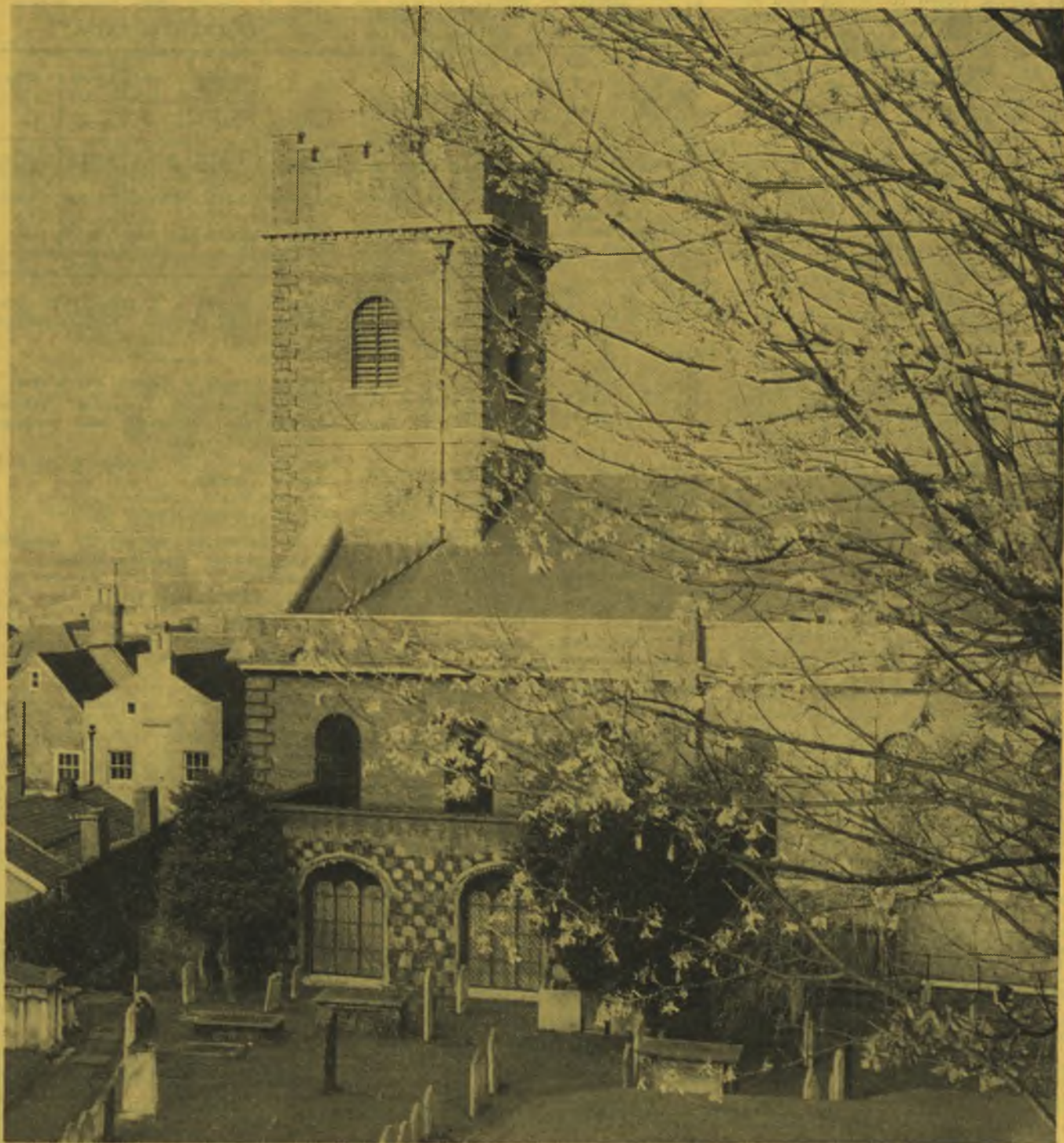
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**The Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildford**



## OUR COVER PICTURE

## The Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildford

**H**OLY Trinity, Guildford, stands in a proud position at the top of the High Street—justly proud because it possesses a very fine ring of bells; proud because its peal record of 334 is the highest in the Guildford Diocese; and proud because its Ringing Society has a long list of well-known ringers, the most famous being Alfred H. Pulling.

The earliest record concerning bells in Holy Trinity reveals "2d. received of Jemys Monger for the bells for a stranger". Shortly after this, 1514, 8d. was paid for the hanging of the Service bell in the steeple. At this time there were four bells and one Sanctus bell. By 1550 another bell had been added but in 1552 one large bell of 19½ cwt. was sold.

In 1689, when eight shillings was paid for bread and beer for the ringers on the occasion of the Coronation of William III and Mary, there were six bells in the tower. Forty years later concern was expressed for the safety of the steeple and on 23rd May, 1740, it crashed through the roof of the nave bringing three of the bells with it. Although the Mayor laid the first stone in 1748 it was not until 1763 that the first service was held in the new church.

Peter Flutter is a name well-known to Holy Trinity ringers. It was he who generously paid for the recasting of the six bells and the augmentation to eight. (It would appear that two of the three bells which were not broken when the steeple fell were hung in the new church and the rest of the ring stored in a barn.) On the ringing room wall is painted:—

The First Peal on the bells  
"These bells were recast and augmented from six to eight by Peter Flutter, Alderman of the Town, and the first peal rang on them on Wednesday, May 10th, 1769, and on Monday, May 29th, 1769 Mr. Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes was rung here in 3 hours and 25 minutes by the following youths of this town—etc."

The casting was carried out by Lester, Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. The parishioners were made responsible for providing a wooden frame, transporting the bells, and hanging them.

The ringers of the 1800s differed greatly from those of the first half of the 20th Century as only two more peals were rung in the 130 years between 1769 and 1899. The Holy Trinity Society was formed in 1892; in 1899 change ringing was introduced; and in 1900 Alfred H. rang three peals in the tower.

Since 1912 the bells have hung in an iron frame. In this year John Taylor & Co. recast the treble, 4th, 7th and tenor. The cold statistics below reveal little of the character of the bells. To enjoy them one should hear them singing London.

	Diameter	Note	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	2' 7"	D	7	1	24
2	2' 8½"	C	7	1	0
3	2' 10½"	B	8	0	5
4	3' 0¼"	A	8	3	19
5	3' 3¼"	G	9	3	16
6	3' 5½"	F	12	2	21
7	3' 9½"	E	16	2	6
Tenor	4' 3¼"	D	23	3	8

S.G.P.

## The Ten Years before the Guild's Birth

**W**HEN our Guild was founded in 1927 the writer was 44 years of age, and now, 40 years later, I am writing about the ten-year period prior to its formation. At the age of 84 the best plan is to consult my peal book and recall some pleasing memories of well-known ringers I have met. The first world war caused a lot of tower bell ringing to cease, but in June, 1918, I called a nanu-bell peal of Stedman Caters at Clapham, where I again met Charles Winney, W. F. Cockerill and H. Langdon, three of St. Paul's Cathedral conductors, one being a piano tuner, another a schoolmaster and the other a shipping merchant. The umpire was Edwin Horrex, then 80 years of age, who enjoyed the task of checking the peal.

The following month it was Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch with Mrs. Elsie Hairs and James George from Rugby ringing 5-6 and 11-12, Bill Pye conducting. In January, 1919, I made two trips to Leytonstone for Double Norwich "in hand" with the two Pyes and Bill Keeble, both successful after a December failure, due to restless umpires cracking nuts, poking the fire and snoring.

A peal of Major at Sunbury found Bert Hughes and Albert Diserens in the band, also the well-known Armiger Trollope and Major Hesse. Now I relate a peal attempt going quite well and after an hour and a quarter the 7th ringer's belt became slack and his trousers began to sink downwards. As the bells neared halfway and his garment had reached the ground, I called B instead of S at halfway for half-peal. Two local ladies came up and asked the captain why the bells stopped, and he referred them to me, the conductor. I replied that the answer would be given when we left the tower, and over a friendly drink the situation was explained with tact, amid laughter.

At Waltham Abbey we had Treble 12 with Reuben Sanders, E. P. Duffield and T. H. Taffender calling the bobs

## GUILDFORD MEMORIES

In 1921 John Heathorn passed away at the age of 92. He was an inmate of Abbot's hospital from 1897 and was England's oldest ringer. Ben Chorley was an active member at Holy Trinity, Guildford, from 1895 until his death in 1922. Charles Willshire was a live wire and a fine conductor before he went to Canada; he died in 1962 at the age of 96. Although I rang a good many peals at Guildford, they were all handbell peals except one, a peal of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity in 1921, when Henry Hulton rang the 3rd. He was in a lot of peals with Alf Pulling and was a fine ringer on front bells. James Hunt was a keen ringer in Guildford before he went to London and worked for Warners, and I have happy memories of Maurice Smither, who was a fine ringer with handbells.

Bert Harman was also a keen ringer and conductor in the Leatherhead area, and it is pleasing to see his name in our paper conducting quarter peals in the Isle of Wight, where he now resides. Jim Brackley I first met in 1911 at Horsell, when I called his first peal. His death in recent years is recorded at Old Woking; 42 years a ringer and a chorister is a shining example. Two sisters from Aldershot, Hilda and Bertha Mills, were ringing at various towers in the 20's and they will be remembered by their attendance at Guild dinners.

Many Surrey towers have had long-serving ringers and at Worplesdon we remembered Sam Petter, at Chertsey John Hessey, at

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Thames Ditton Frank Hawthorne, at Cranleigh the Charman family, and so it is in many other towers, glad days, sad days, as the years roll on.

Old "Pop Stevens" at Chertsey was always delighted when a peal was scored there, but on January 25th, 1913, after his first peal of Stedman, he came over to me and said, "Hooray," I have conquered Stedman."

To do justice to those not mentioned in the ten years 1917-1927 space does not permit many prominent names here, but we noted improvements in the Farnham and Chertsey Districts, which bore fruit when the Guild was established. A name not forgotten for his work in the 20's was John S. Goldsmith, who was a great help with the snags which came up prior to the inception. He was one of the great ones, and one of the best who handled a rope or a pair of handbells.

W. SHEPHERD.

**CLOSING DAY  
FOR NOTICES  
IS NOW  
FRIDAY**



## GUILDFORD GUILD

## Cathedral Handbells to Mark 40th Birthday

## THE BISHOP'S LEAD

**SURPRISE** announcement at the dinner commemorating the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on February 9th, was the proposed presentation of a set of handbells of two chromatic scales (25 bells) to the Cathedral to mark the birthday. The gift is estimated to cost £200.

Starting the appeal with the gift of two bells, the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp) hoped the presentation would be made on the day of the retirement of the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) on May 17th, the seventh birthday of the Cathedral. Forty was the keyword of the gift. The Bishop asked each junior to give 40 half-pennies, each senior student 40 pennies, and each adult member 40 snillings.

Four peals of Royal were attempted on February 10th in connection with the anniversary. Successes were Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, Plain Bob at Haslemere, and Stedman Caters at Epsom. Unsuccessful was Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Nicolas', Guildford.

The company of over 160 rose to greet the president (the Bishop of Guildford) as he entered accompanied by the Master (Mr. Peter G. Smart) and Mrs. Smart. Other distinguished guests with them were Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president of the Central Council), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson).

Others seated at the top table were a former Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and Mrs. Denyer, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday), and Mrs. Munday, the second secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. and Mrs. Coldman (son-in-law and daughter of Mr. Albert Harman (former Master), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. Maybrey, Mr. P. G. Sherwood and Miss Y. Eloie (librarian). An excellent meal was served.

Following the president submitting the loyal toast, the Master announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Albert Harman, for many years Master of the Guild, expressing his regret for absence. His letter stated: "Last Saturday I rang a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob at Godshill and afterwards we drank to 'the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild.'" Another apology was from Mr. Harold Pitsoot, who had been a member of the Guild since its inception.

The gathering heard with regret that Major Bragg and his family were involved in a motoring accident on their journey to the dinner. Two of the ladies received cuts.

The toast of "Continued prosperity to the Guildford Guild" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who brought greetings from the parent Guild and congratulated Guildford on its 40th birthday. It was in July, 1927, at a general meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild that a decision was taken to divide that Guild, and a sub-committee reported that meetings of the Guildford and Yorktown Districts had passed resolutions for forming a Diocesan Guild from January, 1928, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Guildford and with that part of Surrey as was convenient.

The remaining members of the Winchester Guild decided to keep together and to that day were the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Reciprocal arrangements were made for resident members to be compounding members on payment of one shilling and that the funds be divided as 25 per cent to the new diocese and 75 per cent to the former diocese of Winchester. That was in accord with the approximate percentage paid in the last five years.

## FIRST OFFICERS

On December 31st came the inaugural meeting of the Guildford Guild. Canon Lionel Blackburne, Archdeacon of Surrey, was in the chair, and Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, and Mr. A. Young, secretary to the Council, were present. Others present included Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon),

A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel), C. T. Cofes, G. Pullinger (secretary of the Winchester & Portsmouth Guild) and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild). Officers elected were: Major Hesse, Master; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary; Admiral Walker, hon. treasurer; and Messrs. A. H. Pulling and W. Shepherd Central Council representatives.

The first peal for the Guild was rung at Capel on January 1st, and it was the only peal rung in that tower from 1914 to 1928. In that year, 40 years ago, the first peals of Lincolnshire Surprise Major and of Superlative Surprise Maximus were rung. The floral titles of Minor methods were being changed to place names.

The handbell record peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters, which was rung in 1912, was still the record length although it was rung 56 years ago in Guildford for the Winchester Guild. A peal of 19,260 was rung recently and he was of the opinion that their record would not last for long.

## LEADING PEAL TOWERS

Canon Felstead said he was in the process of collecting all the peals that have ever been recorded since 1715, and there were many thousands more than before 1881. He had listed the towers of the Guild and at the moment Holy Trinity, Guildford, headed the list with 334 peals. Forty years ago there were only 116 but in that period the number had been nearly trebled. Second was Ashted with 326, followed by Christ Church, Epsom, 153, St. Nicolas', Guildford, 130, Leatherhead 120, Ewell 113, St. Martin's, Epsom, 105, Farnham 101 and Chiddingfold 94.

In their account of the history of 40 years, it would be seen how the Guild had been influenced by men who would always be remembered in ringing. There were Alfred Pulling, Jack Goldsmith and Major Hesse, famous men who had served ringing and the Church well. Now a new generation was growing up and it was very pleasant to see the numbers of young people ringing in these days. He hoped the deeds of those stalwarts of 40 years ago would provide an inspiration for future generations and that their names would go down in the annals of ringing history.

The president in his reply stated he had known Canon Thurlow from his schooldays, as they were both at Felsted. The Canon was well known as a writer and had written books for the Pitkin series on Cathedrals and had broadcast for the B.B.C. Dr. Reindorp gave a special welcome to John Chilcott and mentioned that during his visit to Washington Cathedral he learned that they had to invite English ringers to ring the first peal and that the conductor of that peal was with them. The bells of Guildford Cathedral were identical with those at Washington.

In connection with their Dean, who had now reached three score years and ten, the Bishop said he had written a letter to "The Surrey Advertiser," which he hoped they would all read. He thought the Dean was

absolutely right in his decision. (The resignation of the Dean was announced to take effect on May 17th, the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral, and the Bishop appealed for a testimonial.)

## CATHEDRAL HANDBELLS

Dr. Reindorp then announced the proposal to provide the Cathedral with a set of handbells of two chromatic scales, size 22. His wife was giving the bell with the note A (after Alix) and he was giving G for George. For these two bells he was sending a cheque. He appealed to all members of the Guild to support the purchase, suggesting that to mark their 40 years each junior should give 40 halfpennies (1s. 8d.); each elder scholar 40 pennies (3s. 4d.), and adult members 40 shillings. Contributions should be sent to C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. The cost of the set would be about £200 and he hoped it could be dedicated on the Cathedral's birthday, May 17th.

The Bishop concluded by thanking the ringers present for what they were doing for the Church. They were providing one of the finest sounds in the English language. "You are some of the people who have given England a solid foundation," he concluded.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow proposed the toast of "The Church and the Exercise" and said: "It is not our job to preach the Church. It is our job to build the Church and to leave it better than when we found it. What we have to do is to preach Christ, and it is our job to preach Christ by the way we live."

"To those who run the Church down you should say, 'Do you know what it is doing?' Its hospitals, schools, building Christian civilisation in many lands, its leadership amongst all kinds of people, especially the down and out, its work amongst alcoholics, drink and drug addicts and the mentally afflicted. Tell those la-de-da critics who try to pretend man is self-sufficient and the Church useless to spend a term each with the Church Army, Samaritans or Franciscans."

## GIVING FROM THE HEART

"The Church does so much of its work in free giving. Why are we cutting down on hospitals and university programmes today? Not because we cannot afford them, but because we have stopped giving to them. How did Guildford Cathedral get there? Not via the rates and taxes. All from the hearts of people. A stranger's question: 'Why is that building finished?' Because people loved it and wanted it. 'Why is that other building not finished?' Because the State relied on money and ran out of it."

Speaking on the second part of the toast the Canon said: "Bells say no words; their message is not limited by words. People do not need to speak English or to have any special gifts to be moved by the bells. They are a prophetic voice and rung by folk from every walk of life, and behind them are centuries of skill, of leadership and painstaking tuition. I remember, when a curate at Wokingham, going to Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Alf Pulling saying 'That 'ere young parson, can he ring?' I replied 'I don't know, may I try?'"

"Now you are 40 years old. We no longer hear Alf's voice, but we hear his bell: how this would thrill him! Instead we rejoice in the number and spirit of those entering the Exercise and continuing to proclaim the Gospel. They are as full of fun and charm and skill as those who were young when I was about here. And one of those, Charlie Denyer, past Master of the Guild, will reply to the toast."

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## MEMORIES AT DINNER

Mr. C. W. Denyer, in a speech full of memories, spoke about a visit to Wokingham in 1934 in an antique Darraq driven by Ernie Gardner, and there they met the curate, Gilbert Thurlow. In 1934 their first Bishop, Bishop Greig, retired. He was their first president and was succeeded by Bishop Macmillan. That year witnessed one of the biggest events in ringing history, when 12 ringers went to Australia to take part in the celebrations for the centenary of Melbourne City. One of those 12 was Jack Goldsmith and they went out not only as ringers but as missionaries. Their programme was upset by the tremendous welcome and at one place they were entertained by the Governor General. They did more for the ringing Exercise than anybody else and the story can be read in "The Great Adventure." One of the best things Jack Goldsmith did (and Jack was his hero in those days) was the weekly report he sent to "The Ringing World" during his Australian visit.

Charlie said he was a lad of 15 or 16 at that time and Jack was the secretary of the Guild. There was Admiral Walker, the Guild treasurer, who did not start ringing until he was 65 or 70, and he used to go up the tower not only to see the bells but to look for birds' nests. He was a great naturalist. Others prominent then were Charlie Burdock, of Holy Trinity, Major Hesse, the Master of the Guild, John Corbett, known as the Bishop of Bagshot, who became treasurer of the Guild, Walter Harrison, director of "The Surrey Advertiser," who was chairman of the Guild Committee, Alf Pulling, Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, and his wife, who were the first married couple to ring a peal.

Other names Mr. Denyer recalled were Bill Melville and Mrs. Melville, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Bill Thorne, of Ockham, Tommy Streeter, of Shere, the Upshall brothers, from Farnham, Dick Hasted, George Gilbert, Jack Hessey, Wilkins Massey, of Shere, David Sleet, of Ottershaw, Ted Coward, of Dorking, "Pop" Denyer, the speaker's father, who was a great inspiration and responsible for forming the Farnham District, Bill Beeson, Les Hunter, of Shalford, Ted Matthews, Hilda and Bertha Mills (Hilda took 12 little sprigs of heather to the docks and gave them to the Great Adventure party before they left), and Les Warner, of Cranleigh. Those and many others had made the Guild what it was today, and they could all look back with a great deal of pride and satisfaction.

Mr. Denyer concluded with a toast to the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild. He said that this toast was usually drunk in silence but that night they could drink it with thankfulness and cheerfulness in their hearts.

The Master ended the speeches with an expression of thanks to the Bishop for his gift of bells and to the dinner committee for arranging such a very fine dinner. The committee consisted of Douglas and Jill May, Peter Sherwood, John Maybrey and David and Carolyn Tubbs.

During the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Tom Page, William Vigers, Douglas May and David Struckett.

The evening concluded with a dance. A collection taken during the dance raised £20 for the Cathedral handbells.

## The Founding of Guildford Guild

By GEORGE L. GROVER, Former Secretary

NO doubt readers will appreciate that it is difficult to write from memory about events which happened 40 years ago and more than difficult to write the second phase of an essay without having any idea of what is recorded in the first phase, the style of its composition or how far it covers the ground which these memoirs are intended to.

The Guildford Guild was not founded with the unanimous support and approval of all the ringers in the area proposed to form the new Diocese of Guildford.

The Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild had not had close liaison with the Guildford District, and looking back now it would appear, mostly for nostalgic reasons, were generally in favour of remaining for ringing purposes in the area and control of the Winchester Guild.

Again, the ringers in that area, which is now in the Leatherhead District of the present Guildford Guild, were completely out of touch with any part of the Winchester Guild and were much more ready to throw in their lot with the Surrey Association, which was fairly well established in a number of towers in that area. A lot of hard missionary work had to be done by ringers resident in the Guildford area to make possible the final creation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

### OPPOSITION FROM TWO DISTRICTS

It must have been a very heartening thing to the Guildford missionary workers that at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, held in November, 1926, they were successful. This was in spite of the well-organised opposition to the creation of a new Guildford Guild. The opposition had persuaded John S. Goldsmith to accept a brief from them and to use his not inconsiderable speech-making ability and debating skill to quash any suggestion of a new Guild. The rank and file of the Guildford District, however, by a large majority, decided in effect to promote a new Guild to cover the Guildford Diocesan area. Following this success, a delegation of Guildford District ringers was appointed to attend the next meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild to try to persuade the towers in that area to help with the promotion of the new Guild for the Guildford Diocese.

In view of the rather uncompromising attitude of the Yorktown area ringers prior to their annual and special general meetings held in November, 1926, and January, 1927, respectively, it must have been a very pleasant surprise to the sponsors of the new Guildford Guild that the Yorktown District rescinded their previous "non-co-operation" resolutions and agreed to join in forming the new Guild.

The only area now to be persuaded to assist with the new Guild was what is now the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild. There was no organised Leatherhead District of the Winchester Guild and therefore no machinery by which a District meeting could be convened. Accordingly representatives from towers in the Leatherhead area were invited to join the organising committee set up by the Guildford and Yorktown Districts of the Winchester Guild. They did so, and the scheme to promote a new Guildford Guild was agreed and was ready for launching.

It is extremely pleasant to be able to record that those members at Guildford and Yorktown who were opposed (sometimes vehemently opposed) to breaking away from

the Winchester Guild for the formation of the Guildford Guild cheerfully accepted the decision of their meetings and threw themselves wholeheartedly into the task of making the new Guild the success it became.

During the course of laying the foundations for the new Guild the Surrey Association were approached by the organising committee but from the records of the Guild no really workable arrangement was negotiated. For many years, however, the officers of both Guild and Association tacitly agreed not to interfere in the area or with the activities of the other.

### OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

It is, of course, impossible in such a treatise as this to mention individually many of the ringers who helped to found and establish the new Guild on a sound basis, but perhaps it is fitting to record the name of Mr. Walter Harrison, manager of the "Surrey Advertiser," who from the start took a great interest in the Guild and gave unsparingly of his time in attending meetings, and his services and advice on the administration of the Guild's business affairs.

John (Jack to his contemporaries) S. Goldsmith, who had urged that Winchester should continue to embrace the Diocese of Guildford, accepted the office of secretary of the new Guild and for the first ten years of its life controlled its destinies. Under his administrative ability, assisted by the officers chosen from time to time by the Districts, the objects of the Guild were gradually achieved. An organisation was put in being which united the separate ringing bands in the Diocese for the purpose of mutual support, obtained recognition of their work by the Church authorities and most certainly encouraged the preservation of the bells and their fittings.

There were dozens of members of the Guild who worked for its success both in the wider world of ringing generally and also parochially, but of course the one name which springs first to mind is that of the late Alfred Pulling. The standard of ringing that he set at his home tower, Holy Trinity, Guildford, was an inspiration to all the towers in the Guild and his prowess as a peal ringer and his brilliance as a conductor kept the Guild in the front rank as regards purely ringing aspects. Then it is fitting to refer to one of the clergy, a non-ringer but truly a friend to the ringers, and who gave invaluable assistance to the new Guild, namely the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Provost of the pro-Cathedral. Canon Kirwan perpetuated his memory by presenting the bookcase which houses the Guild library. In referring to the bookcase the name of Charles Hazelden is brought to mind, as by his labour the Guild's library was founded and made into one of the leading ringing libraries of the age. Charles Hazelden was also for many years a Central Council representative, leader of the band at St. Nicolas', Guildford, and, it is hardly necessary to record, a first-class ringer and conductor.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, served with distinction as Master during the first ten-year period—indeed he continued in that office until he left Surrey in 1942.

There were only two treasurers during the ten years under review, namely Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Old Woking, and Mr. Jonathan Corbett, of Bagshot. Neither would claim their ringing to be more than useful

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## PEALS OF GUILDFORD GUILD

By E. J. BRAGG

The first peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild was rung on January 1st, 1928—Oxford Treble Bob Minor, at Capel—and was the only peal for the Guild conducted by F. R. Tuilett. Twenty-three peals were rung in the first year. Most of the conductors were household names—W. J. Robinson, W. T. Beeson, C. H. Kippin, R. Hasted, J. S. Goldsmith, F. Bennett, A. Harman and C. H. Winch.

The year 1929 saw the advent of the late A. H. Pulling, who conducted his first peal for the Guild—Double Norwich Court Bob, at Warnham on March 23rd, 1929, and his last at his own tower, Holy Trinity, Guildford, in his favourite method, Stedman Triples, on December 31st, 1952, and between these dates he conducted 334 peals for the Guild. As Alfred went out, E. J. Wells came in, conducting his first peal in November, 1951, and is now the second most prolific conductor, with 103 peals to his credit; A. Harman and A. P. Cannon came next with 85 each. John S. Goldsmith, who was the force behind the formation of the Guild and founder of "The Ringing World," conducted 14 peals for the Guild.

As might be expected, the leading tower is Holy Trinity, Guildford, with 204 peals, followed by Aldershot with 50 peals. Again, owing to the influence of Alfred Pulling, there have been more peals of Stedman Triples (151) than any other method.

The most outstanding peals are Doubles in 24 methods, Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 methods, and Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods. Altogether 42 different Surprise Major methods have been rung.

In the 40 years of the Guild's existence 1,241 peals have been recorded.

## FOUNDING OF GUILDFORD GUILD

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service ringing, but each was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and both carried out their duties with meticulous care.

Two auditors served the Guild during the first ten years, namely C. N. Burdock, who was a member of Alfred Pulling's band, and that is enough to say about his ringing abilities. He died at an early age and was succeeded by Mr. Richard Hasted, of Farnham, who was leader there and a ringer and conductor of ability.

There were several changes in the District officers during the period under review, and all of them worked with enthusiasm to promote the Guild, and all of them ought to be mentioned here but space will not permit. There were, too, quite a lot of tower leaders and families of ringers whose labours for the Guild should be recorded but it would be invidious to try to pick out any to the exclusion of others.

In its early days, too, the Guild had in mind the provision of bells for the contemplated new Cathedral and a fund was started, which has subsequently been used for this purpose.

A Benevolent Fund was also founded and was well supported. Out of this fund it was possible to make grants to members who had fallen on bad times.

In 1930 an annual dinner was instituted and this has proved a very popular event.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch held at Bridgnorth on February 3rd, the officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Joan Bennett; Diocesan Committee member, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; auditor, Mr. A. Elsmore.

The Guild service was taken by the Rev. S. Thomas and he also presided at the meeting. A bountiful tea was served by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers.

Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Leonard's and in the evening at St. Mary's.

J.B.

## Reply to Critics of Accrington Peal

Dear Sir,—It was inevitable, I suppose, that the ringing of the record peal of 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major at Accrington on January 6th should have caused feelings of annoyance and dismay in Birmingham; but it is to be regretted that this led to such respected members as Peter and Roddy adopting the tone they did in their letters on page 99.

May I say at the outset that I am writing this reply without any reference to other members of the band, so I have no idea whether or not they hold similar views to mine. I write merely to put the record straight as I see it.

Roddy's letter makes three complaints, the last of which is also the subject of Peter's letter. His first complaint is that the peal was not claimed as a record. On this I am in complete agreement with him; I think it ought to have been so claimed and I agree that the majority of ringers will regard it as such. But whether the "record" was claimed or not seems beside the point; the fact is that a perfectly good peal of 12,096 changes was rung, and to maintain that the record still stands at 11,872 would be quite ludicrous.

His second complaint is that only two days' notice of the attempt was given instead of the recommended seven. This, too, I agree was regrettable; but to imply that this was done deliberately to forestall visiting "listeners" is quite erroneous. The fact was that notice of the attempt was sent to "The Ringing World" as soon as the attempt had been organised. Although Birmingham's 11,872 had been rung on November 25th, the composition was not published until December 15th, when it accompanied that "inner story" of the "outstanding record peal that will go down in history."

Despite the misguided claim that this composition was the maximum possible ("even with the use of singles"), Richard had increased it to 12,096 (with singles) within a week, and on December 22nd a band was fixed and a decision taken to attempt the peal on January 6th at Accrington subject to permission being obtained. This was readily granted, and notification of the attempt was sent to "The Ringing World" forthwith. Unfortunately, this coincided with the Christmas holidays, and the letter could not make the deadline for the issue of December 29th, and consequently did not appear until the following issue of January 5th—hence only two days' notice. It was regrettable, but unavoidable, as the band would have dispersed to universities and jobs in various parts of the country before the following week-end. But, you know, two days' notice would have been sufficient if someone had really wanted to come along and listen (as several people did); and many of us have often been given less notice than this to, say, stand in a peal many miles from home and managed to get there on time.

The third complaint, which is also the subject of Peter's letter, is on the "ethics" of using a single made in 4-5 at the half-lead. Well, really! and this complaint from Birmingham, which has produced more peals of Surprise containing singles (and at the half-lead) than any other centre in the country! This is reminiscent of the "old days" when singles in Bob Major and Double Norwich were condemned as unethical! Again, Peter's use of inverted commas round the term "single" and his reference to a "special call" implies that because it is made in 4-5 somehow causes it to be less acceptable than if it were made in 3-4 or 5-6. Surely, in the case of Glasgow, the reverse is true. The only dodge made either at the lead-end or the half-lead is in 4-5. So this is the obvious place to make a single. Whether it is "ethical" or not, I cannot argue; but it certainly seems logical.

Finally, if the implication that Peter realised a single at the half-lead would have enabled the 54 courses to be included in one composition is true—then the statement that "53

courses was the maximum possible, even with the use of singles," should never have been made.—Yours faithfully,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

## NOT A QUESTION OF ETHICS

Dear Sir,—Why all the fuss about the Accrington peal of Glasgow? One can assume that, as responsible people, the band knew the rules and never intended the peal to be an "official" record-breaker—perhaps they were practising for bigger things!

What I cannot understand is why Messrs. Pipe and Border must now try to justify themselves and their "very good peal of Glasgow," which was, as we all know, rung last November. This is not a question of ethics or a reason for hiding record compositions of London Surprise from "the light of day." What utter nonsense will we read of next?—Yours truly,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Rotherham, Yorks.

## THREE QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Mr. Border in "The Ringing World" (page 99) I think a number of points should be made, not with ethics specifically in view but common sense.

Firstly: If Mr. Border thinks the controversial 4-5 single unethical, he should have had Mr. Ainsworth point out that the composition could be extended by its use when the report of the peal was published.

Secondly: As Mr. Border points out, special calls of this nature were used in the early days of Triples composition because they seemed unavoidable. Surely they are now unavoidable in Surprise Major to obtain the greatest number of changes without incurring falseness.

Thirdly: Who is Mr. Border to imply that Richard Parker is naive? Surely he is the naive one for not realising that anyone with a little sense and knowledge of composition would be able to employ this sort of single himself.

To conclude, I believe that the only reason this correspondence is taking place is because the St. Martin's Guild (talented and able as many of their members may be) cannot concede defeat!—Yours, etc.,

S. J. HOPGOOD.

Loughborough.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The tall spire of St. John's, Deptford, has long and historic connections with the Kent County Association and it is fitting that the Lewisham District should hold its first meeting of 1968 in this Kent tower.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The Vicar, the Rev. N. L. Dunning, conducted the service. An excellent tea followed, which was kindly prepared by Mary Andrews and her helpers.

Mr. Arthur Richards took the chair at the business meeting. Mr. Frederick Cullum, from Erith, paid a short tribute to Mr. Alfred Hill, a very dear friend of the District, who died suddenly on November 25th; the meeting stood in remembrance. The District has opened a memorial fund to the memory of Mr. Hill, and donations should be sent to Mary Andrews.

Tony Lewis gave a report on the committee meeting held last November, in which he mentioned that owing to the financial difficulties the Association was experiencing, it was felt necessary to increase the membership subscriptions to, say, adults 5s. and junior members 2s. 6d. He asked the meeting to consider this as it will be discussed at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday.

Ringing was continued with methods ranging from rounds and call changes to Glasgow.

Next meeting: April 20th.

T.L.



## Letters to the Editor

### A WESTMINSTER ABBEY WELCOME

Dear Sir,—Most of the letters in the Westminster Abbey bells controversy are antagonistic towards the ringers at the Abbey. May I in all fairness state, from my own experience, that the criticisms aimed at the ringers are not entirely justified.

During a visit to London some years ago, after ringing for morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Michael's, Cornhill, I was taken to the Abbey by Mr. Herbert Langdon and Mr. William Pasmore. It was Remembrance Sunday, one of the special occasions on which the Abbey bells are rung. I was introduced to the secretary of the Abbey band, Mr. Harold Pitso, who gave me a cordial welcome and who readily agreed to Mr. Langdon's request that I be allowed to take part in the ringing.

I received nothing but courtesy and kindness from the Abbey ringers, one of whom most graciously stood down to let me ring. During the "break" between two excellent touches of Stedman Triples, Mr. Pitso, and others, told me of the restrictions relative to the use of the bells and to visiting ringers; restrictions not of their making but traditional to the Abbey, watched over by Canon Perkins, who, I believe, had charge of the tower and its bells.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

### LADIES' GUILD IN SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—While it is to be hoped that the good ladies of our Association will not deign to reply to your correspondent in the issue of February 2nd, I feel that I would like to put in an unasked-for opinion.

Since I frequently attend the Ladies' Guild meetings in this area, because of the friendly, helpful atmosphere not always experienced at other meetings, I think that possibly your correspondent might more gainfully have used his intelligence and time in inventing an instant cure for that vicious influenza bug that laid so many ladies low!

Whereas Mr. Smith would no doubt be always welcome at many meetings, where his knowledge and experience would be a great asset, such outburst of incorrect statements can do no good to anyone.

Were these ladies actually involved in farcical meetings and practices to the detriment of the Association as a whole I would possibly agree with him, but still bear in mind that "The hand that rocks the cradle," etc. Perhaps Mr. Smith is aware of this.

Generally speaking, these ladies do much for the Association in Sussex to my knowledge and are regular Sunday service ringers as well as home-runners. Surely the furtherance of Sunday ringing is basically the reason for such an Association and its Ladies' Guild, and whilst I am sure the peal of Cambridge Maximus would be as easy to many of them as perhaps to Mr. Smith, I personally do not feel that it is necessary in the context he suggests at this time.

Let the ladies have their Guild and continue their good work. I know that in time this gentleman will be looking forward to having the children of some of the present Guild in his tower band wherever he may be.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE BRETTELL.

Eastbourne, Sussex.

### TAPERED WASHERS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letter of Mr. Paul Ebsworth re tapered washers, and whilst his system of tapering washers is very good, for the purpose of correcting odd-struck bells it is impracticable.

Firstly, most staple bolts have a square shank at the base which coincides with a square in the headstock to prevent the clapper turning. Secondly, these tapered washers need to be somewhere in the region of 2½ in. diameter.

A local blacksmith will, of course, make washers of this description.

However, it is standard practice to put insulating washers of either leather or fibre under all bolt heads and staples. It is usually the wearing of these which creates looseness, and if a steeplekeeper should find this happening, bolts could be taken out one at a time and the insulating washers replaced.

We ourselves make tapered fibre washers by using a wooden block with panel pins to hold the washer. The tapering is then done with an electric sander.

I hope this will be of interest to your readers.—Yours sincerely,

TY TENNIT.

### WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. A. J. Whittle in his letter published on page 82 is again incorrect as regards "who cast what."

Eckington, Worcs, has a complete ring of six by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove in this county. The third bell carries the following inscription: "Richard Sanders cast us all 6. 1721." These bells are, I believe, the only complete ring by Sanders now in existence.

Mr. Whittle, Pershore Abbey has not a complete Rudhall ring. In 1814 Thomas Mears recast the original treble of 1729 and in 1987 Messrs. James Barwell and Son, of Birmingham, recast the fourth. True the other six are Rudhall castings and I agree that they are a magnificent old eight—rather surprising after hearing other bells contemporary with the date and manufacture of the two recasts!

Beckford bells have not long been restored by Taylor and Co., who, I believe, did some recasting.

Mr. Whittle, what a pity the Rudhall foundry was "Londonised," otherwise today we might have quite a few of "Rudhall's beautiful whole peals" in the Midlands of Worcestershire!—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

### DANBURY IN WORLD WAR I

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to read the letter from Mr. Savage ("Ringing World," page 83) concerning his wartime activities in and around Danbury, also his kind reference to our late Rector, the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk.

As the correspondence is only indirectly concerned with ringing perhaps Mr. Savage would care to write to me and I will endeavour to fill in some of the gaps during the post-war years.

Perhaps he can be persuaded to revisit Danbury, where he is assured of a warm welcome at any time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Kewest, Mill Lane,  
Danbury.

### CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With reference to several letters in recent issues on the subject of the broadcast of Christmas bells, may I point out that here must be hundreds of ringers who, like myself, never have the opportunity of listening to this feature for the simple reason that they are in their towers carrying out the primary duty of all ringers, namely ringing for service. A very large number of churches now have a Choral Eucharist starting at 0930 and 1000 hours.

If this broadcast could be timed for 0830, a great majority of them would be able to enjoy the Christmas bells, as, having rung for either the midnight or early morning services, and probably having stayed for their Christmas Communion, they would then be free.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, South Devon.

### ST. HILARY, CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—It was most interesting to read of the revival of ringing on the light six in the tiny tower of St. Hilary, Cornwall—a church which was once the centre of a lengthy controversy over churchmanship. The writer of the article is, however, not correct in quoting St. Hilary bells as being unique in hanging in three tiers of two; a similar situation exists at St. Ewe, near Mevagissey, also in Cornwall, and which also possesses one of Cornwall's rare old stone spires. St. Ewe's ring of six (tenor 7 cwt.) were recast by Gillett and Johnston in 1926 and hung in the tiny tower in a combined A and H shaped frame—two trebles below, 3 and 4 above and at right angles to the trebles, and the tenors in the top tier in an A frame. The tower is so small that it hardly seems possible for it to contain a ring of six—an illustration of the frame erected in the foundry can be seen facing page 21 of the late Ernest Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing," 1931 edition.

Incidentally, on a completely different subject, I would like to thank most sincerely all those who responded to my appeal for views of churches to complete entries in my peal book—I now need only photos of Hawkey, Hants, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, Middlesex; if anyone has a spare view of either of these towers I would be delighted to hear from them!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Great Yarmouth.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Poor weather, influenza and Chelmsford City versus Colchester United in the F.A. Cup all doubtless combined to keep the attendance down at the Northern District annual meeting at Braintree on January 6th. However, those who did get to the gathering certainly made up for the numbers by keeping the meeting lively throughout.

The re-elected District Master, Mr. R. Linsell, reported on a most promising year with a welcome increase in peals and quarters and a great number of "firsts."

The secretary, Mr. R. Threadgold, was able to continue in this vein with a healthy statement of the financial situation.

Thanks are due to the Braintree band for their welcome; the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. Mulrenan for his co-operation and for conducting the service; and the Rector of Black Notley for making his light five available in the evening. R. T.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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## Rings of Four in Nottinghamshire—By GEORGE A. DAWSON

(Continued from page 135)

**Rolleston.**—These bells can now only be chimed as the state of the fittings will not permit them to be rung up. They were all rung half up for a wedding some two years ago which resulted in the tenor man acquiring a large crop of blisters in ten minutes.

The third is a fine bell by John, of York. The tenor, in contrast, is one of the poorest pieces of bell metal I have ever seen, the inscription wandering around the bell. It was cast by Thomas Hedderly in 1778 and weighs about 14-15 cwt. Treble from Nottingham, 1697, and the second by George Oldfield II, in 1628.

**Saundby.**—Rung by members of the Retford area recently, the bells are said to go well despite the rapidly deteriorating conditions upstairs. One has to stand amongst piles of coke for the heating system at this ground floor ring. Hung in a wooden frame with plain bearings, there is room for two more bells at the side of the existing frame. The louvres are in poor condition—one set had fallen in when I visited the tower several months ago.

Treble by Henry Oldfield I, in 1605; the second is by George Oldfield, in 1620. The third is an undated Taylor bell of about 1800–1890 vintage. The tenor is a pre-Reformation bell of about 5½ cwt bearing a saltire cross which is probably by one of the Selio family of Nottingham, 1470–1541.

**Sibthorpe.**—Much restoration work has been done here in the last year. Prior to this the bells were thought unringable. However, it was discovered that they are hung in an early all-metal frame by Taylor's, dated 1893. All the bells were recast at this time. Previously they were a complete four of 1622–3 bearing the shields of George Oldfield II and Paul Hutton, who managed the Congleton branch of the Nottingham Foundry. Bells in Nottinghamshire by Hutton are rare—Cromwell 2/3, in 1622, and Selston 5/6 (also 1622) are the only other known examples. Tenor will be about 8 cwt.

A quarter peal was rung here recently.

**Upton.**—A ground floor ring here, where the ropes fall in the corners of the tower. It is a knuckle-scraping job to ring them. The long draught of loose rope, combined with old bearings, makes them a poor-going set of bells. One quarter peal has been rung here, on November 30th, 1963.

The tenor, about 8 cwt., bears the crowned badge ascribed to Henry Oldfield I. This badge occurs also on the 4th at Skegby, with the date September, 1551. The third and second by Henry II are dated 1589 and 1611 respectively, and the treble is a Taylor's recast (1887) of a bell by Thomas Hedderly in 1759.

**Upper Broughton.**—Augmented to four in 1948, these bells are hung in a metal frame for five. The treble is on ball-bearings, the three tenors on plain bearings. The bells are rung from the ground floor and go extremely well. The tenor, by George Oldfield I in 1620, weighs about 7 cwt. The 3rd is by his father, Henry II, in 1596. Trebles by Taylor's in 1948 and 1910 respectively.

**Woodborough.**—A fine but noisy (in the ringing chamber) four hung in a wooden frame for five bells. There have been several quarters, a long length and a peal, which was the first peal of Minimus in the county. This was rung on February 15th, 1964.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SIBTHORPE

Treble and third by Henry Oldfield II and the second and fourth are by Taylor's, 1886 and 1896 respectively.

There are also 4-bell towers at Gringley-on-the-Hill, Grove, Laneham and Osberton, but I have no information as to the state of these rings. No doubt members of the North Notts District would be able to help.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 27th at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. C. Cooper) and the Rev. G. Baverstock gave the address. An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by local ladies.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge) presided at the business meeting. Tributes were paid by the Master to the late chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles. The secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that membership of the Branch showed an increase of ten over the previous year; another encouraging feature was an increase in the number of junior members.

Officers elected were: Mr. N. Skelton chairman; Mr. D. Kerley, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. Newman, assistant secretary; Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, with M. Carter and Mrs. A. Abrahams on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year (subject to permission) are: Britford, Dinton, Martin, Broadchalke, St. Thomas', Fittleton, Coombe Bissett, Amesbury and Woodford. It was agreed that at practice meetings special attention will be given to ringers who are willing to learn change ringing. G. A. T.

### EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Despite the miserable wintry afternoon there was a good attendance on February 10th at Withyham, Sussex, with about 30 members at tea. At the meeting three new members were elected and there were three ratifications. The treasurer reminded members that their 1968 subscriptions were now due. The chairman confirmed that the annual general meeting on March 9th will be held at Edenbridge, with Hammerwood, Cowden, Limsfield Chart and Chiddingstone bells also available. (For times see Notices.)

Because of Easter there will not be an April meeting. Messages of sympathy have been sent from the Guild to Mr. A. Relphe in his sad bereavement.

Thanks were offered to Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs for the tea, and to the Rector, the Rev. P. L. Scott, for taking the service. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. R. J. E.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ringling varying from rounds to London Surprise took place at the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at St. Giles'-on-the-Hill, Norwich, on February 10th, when just on 50 members attended. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. F. Drury), the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Mr. G. Sayer).

Mrs. Golden and her helpers arranged an excellent tea, and at the business meeting the following elections to membership took place: Miss Marion Simmons (Inswood), Richard W. Key (Aylsham), Gordon, Elvin and Robert Fisher (Wymondham) re-elected, Martin Tinsley (Barnham) from probationer, Miss Ann Fellows and John Norris prior to peals. Ringing was resumed after the votes of thanks.

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# The John Carter Ringing Machine

By W. H. DOBBIE

ON August 1st, 1961, I made my first acquaintance with the machine, when a small party of Kent County Association members were met at the Science Museum, South Kensington by Mr. Douglas Hughes. Mr. Hughes explained how the machine operated and we had the pleasure of hearing Stedman Cinques and Cambrige Major, with interest aroused and searching for information. I found drawings, a description and the history of the machine—and others—in six "Ringing Worlds" starting on March 17th, 1950, with the technical details absorbed, a further visit in December the same year proved to be more exciting than the first and I was better able to appreciate the skilled craftsmanship of John Carter and the precision of the ringing of his machine.

With my previous experiences well remembered, interest was again quickened at the Central Council meeting in 1965. Mr. Hughes ended his annual report on the machine by giving the opinion that the number of demonstrators should be increased from the ranks of "younger men." Here, I thought, was the chance I had been waiting for and, rather ignoring the "younger men" part of it, volunteered my services. Several months later I was delighted to receive an invitation to renew acquaintanceship with the machine in company with other volunteers. We were met at the Museum by the two trustees, Mr. D. Hughes and Mr. F. E. Haynes, and were given the opportunity of setting the machine to ring various methods and of studying its inner workings.

A perusal of the visitors book revealed the following interesting details: Stedman Cinques was the method mostly used for demonstrations, being twice as popular as London Surprise Major. Other methods used on occasions were Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters and Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques. Only two long lengths are recorded, being a quarter peal of Cambridge Maximus on September 26th, 1959, and a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes, conducted by Mr. John Chilcott. This peal was rung on September 7th, 1963, the composition was by John Carter (C.C. Collection No. 15) and the time was 3 hours and 11 minutes.

During 1966 and up to the present time I have made eight visits to the Museum to help with demonstrations and with some fresh methods to try on most occasions. The following methods have been rung on the machine for the first time (I think):

Dec. 3rd, 1966.—Eryri Surprise Major.

Jan. 4th, 1967.—Bristol Surprise Maximus and Crayford Surprise Major.

March 11th, 1967.—London Royal (No. 3) and Aldenham Surprise Maximus, Duffield Maximus was also rung on this occasion and is of some interest as it was the method used by John Carter when he gave the first demonstration of his machine to some friends (about 1905).

July 15th, 1967.—An unsuccessful attempt to ring three methods spliced was made and touches of Bristol were brought round.

Aug. 19th, 1967.—Touches of Spliced London, Superlative and Ealing were successfully rung.

Sept. 2nd, 1967.—On this occasion a peal of three-spliced was attempted but came to grief after one and a quarter hours and over 2,000 changes. The machine operated faultlessly, but the conductor called a bob a fraction too late and, as is usual, the machine proved to be more reliable than its operator.

Two demonstrations of the machine on December 11th were rather disappointing as a fault had developed which prevented touches from coming home properly. It was agreed with the permission of the "Trustees" to withdraw the machine from the Museum to investigate and correct this fault and to do several other things that required attention. During the period December 20th, 1967, to January 19th, 1968, the work was done and the machine was returned to the Museum in good condition.

During test ringing and at other times to compile a fairly extensive record of the performances of the machine a different method was used each time and the resulting diagrams have been filed. Plain courses and some short touches of 34 Surprise Major methods, four Surprise Royal and five Surprise Maximus methods were rung. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Duffield on all numbers were also rung, as also were touches of Double Norwich, three-spliced in three variations and half-lead spliced in six methods.

The following long lengths were also rung: Dec. 24th, 1967.—1,260 Stedman Triples in 45 minutes.

Dec. 31st, 1967.—1,728 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge and London in 54 minutes.

Jan. 8th, 1968.—5,184 Spliced Rutland, Superlative and London in 2 hours and 44 minutes. (Composition by Cecil Mayne.)

Jan. 13th, 1968.—5,280 Bristol Surprise Maximus in 3 hours and 34 minutes. (Composition: Traditional 10 courses, conducted by Mrs. S. M. Dobbie.)

## OBITUARY

MR. J. H. MARSHALL

With regret we report the death on February 1st, at the age of 86 years, of Mr. John Henry Marsnall, late of East Bridgford, Notts.

Although never a ringer in the true sense, he was a staunch supporter of his church, its bells and the ringing thereof. It was while he was farming at Cropwell Bishop in 1905 that the old four bells were rehung in a new iron frame, and it was he who gave a new treble bell to make five, in memory of his brother.

He then moved to Cropwell Butler, and later to Cotgrave, where he served his church on the P.C.C. and again, when Cotgrave bells were restored, he gave a treble to complete the six.

It was here that he made his first contact with ringers and, in particular the late Walter White. He joined the Midland Counties Association and was proud of his membership. Later he retired and went to live at East Bridgford.

Prior to the funeral service at St. Giles', Cropwell Bishop, the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. W. L. E.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A well-attended annual meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at St. Mary's, Plympton, on February 3rd. Call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung during the afternoon.

Choral Evensong, in place of the now traditional Guild service, followed—a controversial decision! Many members enjoyed the settings of the Canticles and the appropriate bell anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" by Purcell and all were pleased that the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews, Vicar of St. Mary's and Archdeacon of Plymouth, was assisted in leading the service by Fr. Paulinus Angold, of Buckfast Abbey, chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild.

After tea the business meeting took place. The report of the secretary and treasurer explained that the balance in hand was greatly reduced partly because of a subsidy paid on a social evening. Guild certificates were awarded to Alan Frost, Barry Knight, Christopher Luckraft, Claire Maxwell-Jones, Diccon Pearce, Stephen Peirce and John Steere, all of the resurrected Stoke Damerel band.

A proposal that a rule of the Branch, limiting the terms of office of the chairman, secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master should be removed was declared out of order by the chairman. Consequently the officers elected were: Chairman, D. Roy Bould; vice-chairman, J. P. Sims; secretary and treasurer, Robert A. Southwood; Ringing Master, Miss Sylvia Sims; Deputy Ringing Master (a newly-created post), John C. Mitchelmore; Press officer, John Steere; auditor, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst; representatives to the General Committee of the Guild, Barry Knight, George E. Mudge and Miss Patricia Sims.

Subject to permission, the spring meeting will be held at Holbeton on April 6th, the autumn meeting at Tamerton Foliot on October 5th, and the next annual meeting at Tavistock on January 25th.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar and parishioners of St. Mary's for their hospitality, and also to the Rev. K. A. Newing, of St. Maurice's Church, where members later enjoyed further ringing on the fine eight under the direction of the Branch's first lady Ringing Master. J. F. S.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

A company of over 40 attended the Ilchester Branch practice meeting at Drayton on February 3rd.

Ringing on the pleasant, tuneful eight (tenor 19 cwt.) was under the supervision of Messrs. W. E. Turner and Gordon W. Rendell, and included rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.



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By J. M. HADLEY HUNTER

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## University of Bristol's Dinner Week-End

THIS year's dinner, held on January 27th, marked the 25th anniversary of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers.

The week-end began on Friday evening with the now traditional gathering at the Volley. By 9 p.m. the bar was completely full of ringers and by 10.30 p.m. (thanks to a noble piece of turning-in by a Birmingham University visitor) fuller!

On Dinner Day itself 18 towers were open for ringing. A silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for the Society at St. Stephen's, a first for the Society and a magnificent achievement by all. At the special general meeting Mr. P. J. Bird announced his resignation as general secretary. He was thanked for the hard work he had done during the seven years he had held this office. Mr. E. G. Mould was elected unopposed as his successor. Mr. Mould's address is 7, The Paddocks, Thornbury, Glos. Tel. Oldbury 4108).

## THE LORD MAYOR

Almost 200 people sat down to dinner at the Senate House. We were very pleased to have as a guest the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Alderman the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones, better known to Bristol ringers as Rector of St. Michael's. Mr. P. J. Bird opened the speeches by proposing the toast to the City (and County!) of Bristol (a geographer on the committee had forgotten that Bristol was a county). He spoke of the ideal combination of numerous pubs and churches in Bristol, which seemed to attract numerous drinking bellringers. Unfortunately, due to improvements in the city road system, a few of the pubs had been demolished—what would happen to Dinner Week-end if they removed the Volley?

In referring to the anti-Welshness which exists among some Bristolians Mr. Bird stated that this was because the Welsh had first come over as missionaries to educate the Bristolians.

The Lord Mayor, who, as his name implies, is also Welsh, denied this by referring his argument to an important member of Mr. Bird's family!

The secretary, Miss G. M. Brearley ("a mere training college student"), in proposing the toast to "The Visitors," spoke of the Association of the University Society with St. Matthias' College, Fishponds. She also spoke of the thriving Association of the Northern Universities in ringing and expressed the hope that perhaps a Southern Universities Association might be formed in the not too distant future.

Mr. F. Sharpe (convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee) replied on behalf of the visitors. He remarked that in days gone by young ringers were trained by local bands and more often than not the bands stayed together, and many ringing traditions were maintained. Now this rarely happened, especially in smaller villages, but still the ringing experience was not lost as ringers progress to University Societies. University Societies only kept the keenest ringers.

In proposing the toast to the Society, Mr. R. Newton, Master of the Sussex University Guild, spoke of the connections between the two ringing societies. The Sussex University Guild was only formed in 1964 but it was making steady progress and the Master hoped that it would continue to grow as the University grew. In reply to Miss Brearley's suggestion that a Southern Universities Association might be formed, Mr. Newton stated that perhaps the Sussex University Dinner later on this year might be made the inaugural meeting of this new Association. He congratulated the University of Bristol Society on their ringing achievements over the last few years.

In the Master's speech, Mr. M. G. R. Zobel stated that Cupid, the now famous University figure, had been acting from afar this term owing to the fact that he had graduated last summer and no suitable successor had been found! Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman and Mr. C. Collier announced their engagement last term. Mr. Zobel spoke of the quarter peal successes so far this year, with four different conductors. Referring to the drinking habits of ringers he remarked that it was this time last year that the Society was thrown out of a pub for, believe it or not, not drinking enough! Mr. Zobel ended by stating that the Society was going from strength to strength and he hoped that this would be maintained.

The remainder of the evening was spent drinking and talking, during which one or two people were seen selling tickets for other 'University dinners—definitely a good opportunity!

Sunday morning, after ringing, saw a goodly gathering inside and outside the "Verrecchia" on the centre. The pavement was completely blocked by coffee-drinking ringers. Two policemen eyed us from afar but obviously decided that we weren't really causing an obstruction as they did nothing about it! E. M. E.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

To casual readers. Have you enjoyed "The Ringing World"? Why not order a personal copy to be sent to you by post? Subscription rates on second page of cover.

With regret we learn that the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association (Mr. F. Nolan Golden) has again entered the West Norwich Hospital. We wish him well.

A farewell quarter peal was rung at Drayton, Oxon, to Mrs. Chappell and her family, who are emigrating to Australia. She is looking forward to ringing at Melbourne.

Ringing in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Beddington was John P. Hull, who celebrated his 13th birthday last December. A pupil of Mr. W. H. Jackson, of Kingston, John scored a very good first peal from the second. It he continues in this way he will be a credit to the Surrey Association.

The ringers of the peal at Banwell, Somerset, on February 10th, met one short because of sickness and are very grateful to John Walton, chairman of the Axbridge Branch, who stood in the peal at a moment's notice. Geoffrey Hebden, of Banwell, is to be congratulated for ringing "inside" to Rutland as his first peal of Major and first of Surprise, especially as he had expected to ring the treble, and had ten minutes' warning of the change of plan.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gressenhall (see page 109) the conductor was David E. House, who rang a composition by T. B. Worsley.

The action of Mr. Herrick B. Bowley, captain of Leicester Cathedral band, in standing down to allow another ringer to take part in a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus at the Cathedral on February 10th was much appreciated by the band. "A very fine gesture," writes the conductor.

By ringing the treble to a peal of Cambridge, Andrew Corby "completed the circle" on the new bells at Sevenoaks, which were installed in 1966. He is the first to do so, but only by a short head, as Miss Doris Colgate, the popular secretary of the Ladies' Guild, needs only the tenor.

Mary Pemberton, one of the late George Gilbert's girls, (now married and Mrs. Wells) returned to Burnham on February 10th after nearly 15 years and rang a faultless peal of Double Norwich. Peals in this method had defied her as she had had failures at Highclere (twice), Aldermaston and Blewbury. The band were glad to associate the peal with Reg Rex's 65th birthday, and all spent a happy hour afterwards in the local hostelry.



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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ECKINGTON

John Taylor has received the order to re-hang the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Eckington, Worcestershire. These are a ring of six cast in 1721 by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and are stated to be the only complete ring by this founder left in the country. The tenor is 19½ cwt., and we think all the bells are sound. They are hung on a massive oak frame standing about six feet high, and this is the original frame.

The bells will be taken to the foundry to be tuned and quarter turned, with complete new fittings, and hung on a steel frame because the oak frame is past repair. Bonds of Burford carried out repairs to the bells in 1903. They are always rung for Sunday service.

A donor is paying for the extra cost of the frame for eight bells and is giving two trebles, so these bells will then make a good octave. The population of the parish is only about 850, and they have to find about £2,000 to complete the work. The Worcestershire Ringing Association has promised a grant of £50, but there will still be a great deal of money to be found.

## NEWS FROM DURBAN

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Durban, South Africa, on February 4th, breaks a silence of 12½ years at this tower. Previous quarters have been rung, on August 20th, 1955, and in 1929. The 1955 quarter was conducted by S. G. Osborne, a visitor from Rugby. The two quarters rung recently in Durban have been a stimulant to ringers in both towers. Mr. D. G. Armitage returns to the U.K. in April, but before then he hopes to ring a peal. The bells in the two Durban towers have never been pealed.

## SHINGLED TOWERS

Mr. C. A. Bassett, of Wadhurst, writes with reference to his article on "Shingling" giving the following additional information: "The highest shingled spire in Sussex is at Horsham (140 feet) with Rotherfield (139 feet) a close second. Wadhurst's is 129 feet and Fletchling's 110 feet. I am not sure of Billingshurst's; it has the largest spire of all but stands on a rather short tower."

There was a typographical error—the length of rope with the sets of pulley blocks should read 900 feet, not 90 feet.

## WORSHIPPING BELLRINGERS

The Rev. F. H. Mountney, Vicar of All Saints', Hereford, has expressed his strong disapproval of the statement of Mr. M. V. Powell in connection with the Hereford recruiting drive that "there is no stipulation of religious belief for would-be bellringers and that whether or not they attend services after calling everybody else is entirely a matter of choice."

Writing to "The Hereford Times," the Vicar states: "For some years now we have had our own band of ringers, all of whom are members of our church and remain after ringing for service. I should not like new volunteer bellringers to be misled by Mr. Powell's words and I should be grateful if you would give equal publicity to our rule about worshipping bellringers at All Saints."

## INVESTIGATING THE SWING AT MONTACUTE

Mr. W. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, came to Montacute, Somerset, on February 9th to measure the movement of the tower during ringing. He set up his instrument in the doorway of the bell chamber and for the purpose of his tests he requested that Doubles should be rung with the tenor covering, so that the maximum oscillation could be expected.

One hundred and twenty changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob were followed by a plain course of Stedman and then Mr. Hughes joined the ringers to take part in two touches of Plain Bob Minor. The readings obtained were: N-S 1/8th in., E-W 1-16th in. As these readings were taken 56 feet from the ground and approximately two-thirds the way up the tower, the readings at the top could be expected to be at least 3-16th in. N-S and 3/32 in. E-W, assuming the tower bends in a parabolic curve.

Compared with readings taken at other towers, Mr. Hughes considered these to be above average and could only be eliminated by re-hanging the bells at a lower level and making the heavier bells swing E-W.

During ringing, the flagpole, which is 27 feet long, whips visibly and the weathercock changes direction like an auctioneer looking for bids at a sale. These factors tend to mislead people into thinking that the tower is moving several inches.

G. W. R.

## ZUMMERZET AND THE ABBEY

Us doant know! Us be only Zummerzetz volk and we baint supposed t'be wot yew mid call "brainy." But up there in Lunnon they be meaking a vine how-de-do about they Abbey bells. Well, all we do zay is this: We be Bath and Wells an' do live down yur be the Yeo an' do call ourzelves "Ilchester," an' wot they be meaking zuch a vuss vor we doant understand.

We down yur do ring our bells on the Zab-bath vur the glory of God an' to call volks to His House. We got zum virst class ringers an' zum mighty vine rings o' bells, zo wot do we worry about wot they d'do up in thik Abbey—leave 'em be!

An' if there be anybody who d'want to ring, cum on down yur—cos in Zummerzetz there baint noo "Strangers."

MONS ACUTUS.

## CROSSWORD No. 8

The winner of Crossword No. 8 is Miss Carol Martin, Hetherwood, Dodds Road, Reigate, to whom a prize of 10s. has been sent. The solution is:

Across.—1 Toggle, 4 Top class, 9 Evicts, 10 Sturgeon, 12 Bideford, 13 Missal, 15 Eton, 16 Assurances, 19 Red or black, 20 Emir, 23 Access, 25 Rescured, 27 Islander, 28 London, 29 Generate, 30 Assets.

Down.—1 Tremble, 2 Guildford, 3 Let off, 5 Oats, 6 Carnival, 7 Amens, 8 Singles, 11 Trestle, 14 Quicker, 17 Cambridge, 18 Prisoner, 19 Reading, 21 Ridings, 22 A cross, 24 Colon, 26 Seat.

## COME! COME!!

There was a conductor from Brum,  
 Who said to his ringers "Come, Come,"  
 When I call a bob,  
 Please get on with the job,  
 And don't stand there looking so dumb.

Anon.

## OUR COMPETITION

### URANGWOT III

I was staying with a ringing friend of mine recently when the telephone rang. "That is awkward," Frank said when he came back from answering it, "they want another one for a quarter of Grandsire Triples at Much Clashing tonight, it's our practice night and we'll be a bit short." "Could I help? You know I can only manage the tenor behind, but I wouldn't mind oblonging it they'd have me," I offered. "A tenor man would do. The rest can all ring 'inside,' so here's how you get there," Frank replied. I noted down the instructions and went along.

When I returned Frank had hardly got the door open before he was asking, "Well! How did you get on?" "Very well," I said, "we rang quite a good quarter." "Did you have a whip round for 'The Ringing World,' who was in it and what bells did they ring?" "They've got you off pretty well," I smiled, "for they gave me the letter to post after showing to you as proof that 'The Ringing World' had not been forgotten, but, as to the second part, they gave me some information to pass on to you and let you work the rest out for yourself!"

I then passed on these points. The ringers were Alice, Brenda, Carol, David, Edward, Fred and George and they came from three families only. Brenda belonged to one family, Fred to another and Edward to the third. Fred and George were just boys and the others were Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. White and Mrs. Green. Alice rang the treble, David rang the second and Mrs. White the third. Leaving the tenor ringer out of these considerations, it turned out that no two members of any family were ringing next to each other, and the two men, two boys and three ladies were all separated. It also happened that each of the boys was ringing as far from his mother as the seven bells allowed.

Frank fished out an old envelope from his pocket and asked for the details to be read out again slowly. He was still busy when his wife called out that supper was ready. "Tell you what," said Frank, "that problem might be worth sending up to 'The Ringing World.'"

A prize of 10s. is offered to the first correct answer opened on March 1st. Address envelope: URANGWOT III, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. Please do not include Notices in envelope.

## GOOD DEEDS WITH HANDBELLS

Scouts of the 2nd Sandgate Troop, near Folkestone, are entertaining old people with popular tunes on handbells. They intend to make handbell ringing a permanent feature and are to buy a new set costing £100.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE FRED SALTER

Friends of the late Fred Salter will know how much of his life he devoted to bellringing, in service to his tower and in Guild offices. He served St. Peter's, Nottingham, for over 40 years, latterly as Master of the ringers.

The St. Peter's Company of Ringers propose to erect a suitable bookcase in St. Peter's ringing chamber to his memory; this will house the ringers' library. Anyone wishing to help towards the cost should send their donations to the undersigned:

David Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.



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## TOWER BELL PEAL

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PEBMARSH, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist  
On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 26 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob.

Philip Thompson .. .. Treble	David E. Culham .. .. 4
Vivien A. P. Cross .. .. 2	Brian J. Vaughan .. .. 5
Walter Arnold .. .. 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.

1968

## TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt 4 lb. in D

*John S. Walton .. .. Treble	Peter J. England .. .. 5
Michael G. Bartlett .. .. 2	†Roy W. Rice .. .. 6
†Geoffrey Hebden .. .. 3	Walter S. Rice .. .. 7
George W. Massey .. .. 4	Edgar T. Skipsey .. .. Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George W. Massey.

\* 100th peal and first in the method. † First of Major and first of Surprise. ‡ First of Rutland "inside." First on the bells since rededication in September, 1966, following extensive tower restoration and rehanging of the bells in a new frame

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr 12 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Treble	John Moore .. .. 5
Derek Yates .. .. 2	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3	Alan McFall .. .. 7
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	William H. Dowse .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Consisting of seven extents as follows: (1) St. Werburgh and Crowland Delight, (2) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight, (3) Kingston and Capel T.B., (4) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure T.B. (5) London Surprise, (6) Oxford T.B. (7) Cambridge Surprise.

G. Richard King .. .. Treble	Denis Mottershead .. .. 4
Sidney Hough .. .. 2	Alex Richardson .. .. 5
Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 3	Neil D. Lomas .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

Rung after meeting short for Major, Miss Margaret Wright kindly standing down.

CHETWYND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and

All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr, 22 lb. in A sharp.

David Allman .. .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton .. .. 2	John R. Scott .. .. 5
A. Doreen Edwards .. 3	Gordon K. Green .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

Bernard Greasley .. .. Treble	Ivan Barlow .. .. 5
Joyce Chadwick .. .. 2	George Futers .. .. 6
Nora Carlisle .. .. 3	John V. Chadwick .. .. 7
Robert J. Tanner .. .. 4	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

Rung to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. Treble	Harold Taylor .. .. 5
Gordon A. Halls .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Clive A. Thrower .. .. 3	A. Colin Banton .. .. 7
Brian A. Tomlinson .. 4	David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and

All Angels.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven extents: Carlisle, Chester, Norwich, York, Cambridge, Beverley and Sursleet.	Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr
Colin M. Shaw .. .. Treble	John Moore .. .. 4
Nora Carlisle .. .. 2	Ivan Barlow .. .. 5
Joyce Chadwick .. .. 3	John V. Chadwick .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and

All Angels.

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Eleven methods, comprising Carlisle, Chester and Munden, York, Durham, London and Wells, Norwich, Cambridge, Beverley and Sursleet.	Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr
John Moore .. .. Treble	Ivan Barlow .. .. 4
Nora Carlisle .. .. 2	John V. Chadwick .. .. 5
Joyce Chadwick .. .. 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

Most Surprise methods by all.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob and Kent Treble Bob a 2.160 of Cambridge Surprise (CCC Nos 57, 54 and 56) and one extent of Plain Bob

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Christopher D. Corby .. Treble	Peter T. Dale .. .. 4
Robert D. Bellamy .. .. 2	George E. Bonham .. .. 5
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents as follows: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5 and 7) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Plain and Double Bob

Tenor 5½ cwt.

Walter Arnold .. .. Treble	Adrian G. Semken .. .. 4
*Robert J. Isgar .. .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 5
James L. Towler .. .. 3	Peter G. Pitt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

\* Most methods to a peal.

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

On Wed., Feb. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 28 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred E. Honeywood .. Treble	Peter G. Pitt .. .. 4
Vivien A. P. Cross .. .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 5
Brian J. Vaughan .. .. 3	Walter Arnold .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge, one Kent, two St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob

Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. in B flat.

*Ian V. Foster .. .. Treble	Neil V. Avis .. .. 4
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Peter G. Brown .. .. 5
*John A. Clarke .. .. 3	*James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James L. Towler.

\* 25th peal together † First in four methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the third.



## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASIEMERE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.  
On Sat. Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt 6 lb. in F sharp.  
Peter G. Smart .. .. Treble .. .. 6  
John W. Euston .. .. 2 .. .. †Martin J. Kirk .. .. 7  
Margaret M. Lewis .. .. 3 .. .. †Christopher M. White .. .. 8  
\*Felicity S. Hamilton .. .. 4 .. .. \*Tony Skilton .. .. 9  
\*Angela J. Smart .. .. 5 .. .. Roy Collins .. .. 9  
A Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor  
Conposed by H. J. Tucker .. .. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.  
Rung in connection with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guild.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.  
Leonard Stilwell .. .. Treble .. .. Kenneth R. Davenport .. .. 5  
David C. Brown .. .. 2 .. .. Walter G. Knight .. .. 6  
Alan R. Pink .. .. 3 .. .. William Birmingham .. .. 7  
Sydney M. Bailey .. .. 4 .. .. Harold P. Reed .. .. Tenor  
Composed by C. J. Sedgley .. .. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.  
Rung in connection with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guild, of which the conductor is a founder member.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.  
Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. Treble .. .. Malcolm Barden .. .. 5  
Judith M. Corby .. .. 2 .. .. Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 6  
Alexander Waddington .. .. 3 .. .. †Richard Hayes .. .. 7  
Christopher T. Osenton .. .. 4 .. .. †Martin L. Howe .. .. Tenor  
Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by C. T. Osenton.  
\* First peal in the method † 25th peal together. 100th peal as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.  
Martin L. Howe .. .. Treble .. .. Malcolm Barden .. .. 5  
\*Judith M. Corby .. .. 2 .. .. Christopher T. Osenton .. .. 6  
\*Richard Hayes .. .. 3 .. .. Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 7  
†Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 4 .. .. Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor  
Composed by Simon A. B. Wigg. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.  
\* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.  
Andrew J. Corby .. .. Treble .. .. Doris E. Colgate .. .. 5  
Lucile M. Corby .. .. 2 .. .. Timothy G. Pett .. .. 6  
\*Philip J. Simmonds .. .. 3 .. .. Harold Evans .. .. 7  
†Maurice Thompson .. .. 4 .. .. Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor  
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.  
\* First peal of Surprise † First on eight bells.

GOUDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt 5 lb. in D.  
Martin L. Howe .. .. Treble .. .. Richard Hayes .. .. 5  
Olive D. Tester .. .. 2 .. .. Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 6  
\*Judith M. Corby .. .. 3 .. .. Christopher T. Osenton .. .. 7  
Trevor A. Cross .. .. 4 .. .. Colin A. Tester .. .. Tenor  
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard Hayes.  
\* 150th peal.  
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Shirley Town on her engagement.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 120 extents of Single Court Bob and 90 extents of Plain Bob, rung in alternate sets of 30 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)  
Kevin M. Price .. .. Treble .. .. William Kenyon .. .. 3  
\*Mary W. Whalley .. .. 2 .. .. Joseph Whalley .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by Kevin M. Price.  
\* First peal in two methods on tower bells. † First in two methods. First in two Minimus methods by all. The conductor's 25th peal on tower bells. Fastest peal on the bells and first peal in two methods on the bells.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.  
Graham C. Paul .. .. Treble .. .. J. Henry Fielden .. .. 7  
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 2 .. .. Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 8  
Beryl E. Cawser .. .. 3 .. .. Richard J. Parker .. .. 9  
James R. White .. .. 4 .. .. E. Alan Jacques .. .. 10  
J. Edward Cawser .. .. 5 .. .. Russell S. Morris .. .. 11  
Alan A. Paul .. .. 6 .. .. Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor  
Arranged and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.  
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 10 and 11.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leics.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being two extents Cambridge S., one each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.  
K. Burdett .. .. Treble .. .. R. M. Wilson .. .. 4  
Mary Barras .. .. 2 .. .. J. Tickle .. .. 5  
D. Swift .. .. 3 .. .. F. Chambers .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by F. Chambers.  
\* First peal of Minor.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COLLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, All Saints' and April Day, 1,200 of Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.  
Raymond J. Mayle .. .. Treble .. .. Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. 4  
William T. Petty .. .. 2 .. .. Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 5  
D. R. Lynn Jones .. .. 3 .. .. Derek J. Godfrey .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.  
Fastest peal on the bells.

TREDUNNOC, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.  
Marion R. Bennett .. .. Treble .. .. John Prytherch .. .. 4  
\*Richard J. Hall .. .. 2 .. .. †David L. Phillips .. .. 5  
Paul A. Williams .. .. 3 .. .. Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.  
\* First peal. † 25th peal. First of Minor on the bells.

CADOXTON, near Neath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure, six of April Day, 14 Plain Bob and 16 Grandsire.  
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 2 lb.  
W. John Locke .. .. Treble .. .. Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 4  
Benjamin Williams .. .. 2 .. .. Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. 5  
Edmund J. Morris .. .. 3 .. .. David Culpan .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.  
First peal as conductor.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.  
Ronald K. Russ .. .. Treble .. .. Jeffrey Britchford .. .. 5  
Ann Horsford .. .. 2 .. .. Roger A. Gage .. .. 6  
Diane M. Mullins .. .. 3 .. .. Michael J. Palmer .. .. 7  
David C. Brown .. .. 4 .. .. Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor  
Arranged and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BELMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Composition of 27 courses. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.  
H. George Hart .. .. Treble .. .. Alick Cutler .. .. 5  
Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2 .. .. G. William Critchley .. .. 6  
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3 .. .. Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7  
John Hill .. .. 4 .. .. Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor  
Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.  
First peal in the method: A. J. Corrigan's No. 1 (Abingdon, renamed Belmont, rung with 4ths place bob).

## BELMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

BX, —58—14—58—16—34—58—34—18, i.e. 3527486.



## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile  
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 SINGLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Richard J. Clifton .. .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 5
Robert L. Piron .. .. 2	Frank Chambers .. .. 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4	Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Roland Beniston.  
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Janet House .. .. Treble	*John R. Norris .. .. 5
*Angela M. Wright .. .. 2	George P. Adams .. .. 6
*David G. Adams .. .. 3	Peter Adcock .. .. 7
Leslie F. Bailey .. .. 4	David E. House .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by David E. House.  
\* First peal in the method.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

Thurstans' four-part.	Clifford J. Garlick .. .. 5
Marjorie C. Hibbert .. Treble	Michael Bishop .. .. 6
*Patricia E. Hibbert .. 2	*John H. Napper .. .. 7
Henry L. Bishop .. .. 3	Leonard F. Cox .. .. Tenor
George W. Bishop .. .. 4	

Conducted by John H. Napper  
\* 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. A. Smith Masters. Vicar of this parish 1921-1961.

## GREAT TEW, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

*Jean Marlow .. .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
*Diana Reeves .. .. 2	*Barry J. Davis .. .. 6
*Ronald K. Russ .. .. 3	*Robert A. Reeves .. .. 7
*Raymond A. Vickers .. 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George W. Holland.  
\* First peal in the method.  
Rung as a farewell to the Rev T. W. Griffith

## BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Harry E. Wells .. .. 5
*Mary Wells .. .. 2	James P. Blond .. .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. .. 3	David A. Cornwall .. 7
Robert B. Blond .. .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd  
\* 50th peal † First of Double Norwich.  
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Reg Rex.

## BRADFELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

In six methods: (1) Fawley, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Carlisle, (4) and (5) Ipswich and 1,440 Cambridge.	
Catherine A. Salter .. Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson .. 4
Robert M. Ashman .. .. 2	A. Keith P. Poole .. 5
Melvyn J. Hiller .. .. 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Fawley Surprise (see "Ringing World," page 86) believed to be rung for the first time.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPIST. ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B

Seven varied extents.	Patsy M. Barnes .. .. 4
Frank Taylor .. .. Treble	John G. Mitchell .. .. 5
*Cynthia E. Barnett .. .. 2	Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
J. Charles Hudson .. .. 3	

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.  
\* First peal "inside."

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.  
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	James W. Belshaw .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	John R. Insley .. .. 8
Muriel Reay .. .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 9
Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 4	Norman J. Goodman .. 10
James Insley .. .. 5	George E. Fearn .. .. 11
*Stephen W. Barton .. .. 6	David J. Purnell .. .. Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. (C.C.C. No. 31.)  
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.  
\* First peal on 12 bells.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Terry R. Hampton .. .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 9
John R. Insley .. .. 4	George E. Fearn .. .. 10
James W. Belshaw .. .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 11
James Insley .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

## BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	*Mark Androlia .. .. 7
George E. Fearn .. .. 2	Terry R. Hampton .. .. 8
Susan E. Smith .. .. 3	John R. Insley .. .. 9
Maurice F. Edwards .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 10
James Insley .. .. 5	Peter J. Stretton .. .. 11
James W. Belshaw .. .. 6	David J. Purnell .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.  
\* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to David James Pipe, born to Gillian and Rod Pipe on the previous day.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 19 cwt. 66 lb. in E flat.

John N. Lindon .. .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton .. .. 6
*Christopher J. Hughes .. 2	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 7
*Philip J. Evans .. .. 3	Arthur Pritchard .. .. 8
Clifford A. Barron .. .. 4	*Ernest F. Willcox .. .. 9
*Reginald H. Newton .. 5	John A. Anderson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

## BICTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Being seven extents.	*Michael Orman .. .. 4
*M. Cecilia Evans .. .. Treble	Philip R. Johnson .. .. 5
Reginald H. Newton .. 2	Ernest F. Willcox .. .. Tenor
F. Hector Bennett .. .. 3	

Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.  
\* First peal of Minor.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

OGBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Being 42 extents in two methods: 24 Plain Bob and 18 Grandsire.	
*Timothy R. Jones .. .. Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. 3
*Ann Toomer .. .. 2	Colin D. Wilkins .. .. 4
Allan G. Keen .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Allan G. Keen.

\* First peal of Doubles First of Doubles as conductor.  
Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of live since 1719.

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## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAWTRY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Harry Poyner .. .. Treble	Harold Denman .. .. 4
Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 2	John A. Coates .. .. 5
*Philip Rogers .. .. 3	Alan Jewitt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Jewitt

\* First peal on an inside bell. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon N. F. H. White, on his retirement

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

THEBERION Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 6 1968 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. two extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt

*Robert Cassidy .. .. Treble	Vernon Bedford .. .. 4
Stephen Bedford .. .. 2	Norman P. J. Cossey .. .. 5
Thomas J. Brock .. .. 3	Stephen F. High .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

\* First peal in three methods

BENHALL Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Adrian Knights .. .. Treble	Stephen Bedford .. .. 4
John Marjoram .. .. 2	Peter Bedford .. .. 5
Jack Pilgrim .. .. 3	Vernon Bedford .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb in E flat.

Richard C. Stevens .. Treble	Julie Stoy .. .. 6
*John P. Hull .. .. 2	†Keith Game .. .. 7
†Christine A. Foster .. 3	C. Martin Foster .. .. 8
†Lesley A. Hawes .. .. 4	Nigel Thomson .. .. 9
†Elizabeth Timmins .. 5	Bernard J. Stone .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

\* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in G sharp.

Harry Miles .. .. Treble	W. Reginald Curtis .. .. 4
Marion L. Lidgley .. .. 2	F. Malcolm Bowers .. .. 5
Anthony Locke .. .. 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Uny.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

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

On Fri., Jan. 26 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's six-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Susan F. Smith .. .. Treble	Eric Spence .. .. 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. .. 2	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 6
*Jovce J. Barton .. .. 3	John N. Lindon .. .. 7
Peter J. Brown .. .. 4	Stephen W. Barton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

\* First peal on eight bells.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5046 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reginald Rowe .. .. Treble	Paul Cattermole .. .. 5
Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 2	Reginald Woodyatt .. .. 6
Allen Morgan .. .. 3	David Franklin .. .. 7
Joseph D. Johnson .. .. 4	*Thomas W. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.  
 \* 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roger Lewis (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis) on his 21st birthday and also on his engagement to Miss Jennifer Nunney. Tenor 15½ cwt.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHlington West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Jan. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 ULFSTORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Rev. Nicholas D. J. Webb Treble	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 6
Michael R. Meadows .. .. 3	† Henry Fielden .. .. 7
Ronald R. Warford .. .. 4	H. David Holland .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.  
 Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

NORTON Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Sedman H. Steel .. .. Treble	Michael D. Staniforth .. 5
*Susan Mitchell .. .. 2	*Bert Sutton .. .. 6
*Jane Carruthers .. .. 3	Alan E. Hartley .. .. 7
*R. Joy Watkin .. .. 4	Alan Leggett .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Alan Leggett.

\* First peal in the method

SADDLEWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.	
Patricia Lockwood .. Treble	*Alan Clifton .. .. 5
David S. Lockwood .. .. 2	*Eric Robinson .. .. 6
Gail Cater .. .. 3	Ian North .. .. 7
Robert Cater .. .. 4	†Albert E. Wood .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

KIRK DEIGHTON, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods viz.: (1) Cambridge. (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Reverse Canterbury. (5) Kent T.B., (6) Southrepps (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove .. Treble	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4
Susan Mitchell .. .. 2	Alan Newbold .. .. 5
*Suzanne Withers .. .. 3	†Charles Maxfield .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First local ringer to "circle the tower" to peals.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts .. .. 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3-4	*Lawrence Haines .. .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

\* First peal "in hand."

## AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Kennington Southrepps, St. Columb, April Day, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*†Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2	*†John R. Scott .. .. 3-4
††Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

\* 100th peal. † 100th together. ‡ 100th together. First of seven Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of Grandsire and 480 each of Rev St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, St. Columb, April Day, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2	John R. Scott .. .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

First peal of 11 Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Gerald Penney .. .. 7-8
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. .. 3-4	John R. Mayne .. .. 9-10
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 5-6	Roger Baldwin (cond.) .. 11-12

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Rhossilli, Wick Avenue.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

Gerald Penney .. .. 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. .. 7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—At The School.

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 22 in C.

Gerald Penney .. .. 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	Walter Ayre .. .. 7-8

Michael D. Frost .. .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA QUARTER PEALS

**PERTH.**—At St. George's Cathedral, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie 1. Page 1, L. R. Reynolds 2. Heather A. Mann 3, Eileen S. Palin 4, B. E. Potts 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, T. J. Gregory 7, A. R. Mann 8. A farewell to the conductor, his wife and family. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancie 1. Page 1. Helen J. Henderson (cond.) 2, T. J. Carter 3, T. J. Gregory 4, B. J. Lawes 5, A. R. Mann 6. A farewell to the Dean of Perth.

**MIDDLE SWAN.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Eileen S. Palin 1-2. Heather A. Mann 3-4. A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, B. E. Potts 7-8. A welcome home to Basil Potts, I. Gregory and D. Green. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Spliced Major 'Plain Little and Gainsborough': Jenny Lees 1-2, Heather A. Mann (25th quarter) 3-4. A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6. Helen J. Henderson 7-8.

**CORRIGAN.**—At the shearing shed, "Glen More", on Jan. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1-2, Helen J. Henderson 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, Heather A. Mann 7-8, Rung to the accompaniment of clucking chooks (hens).

## DATE TOUCH

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1968 Grandsire Doubles. Grace Taylor 1. Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, E. Potter 4, D. Bedford 5. Rung for Candlemas. First date touch by all.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: Helen Rowland (first of Triples) 1. Margaret Jones 2, R. Swift 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, C. Wyld 5, R. A. Swift 5. D. C. Manger 7, F. G. Huckstep 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: M. Ruth Hewson (first quarter) 1. Margaret Jones 2, F. G. Höckstepp 3, D. Manger 4, R. A. Swift 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, J. C. Clark 8. For Evensong.

**BABBACOMBE, DEVON.**—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Vivienne Smith 3, P. A. Lock (first as cond.) 4, Valerie Stephens 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts 7, L. J. Burton 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Vivienne Smith (first in method) 1. A. J. Garbett (first "inside") 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. F. Sheppard 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. S. Duncan 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. Rung for the wedding of Barry Richards and Sheelagh O'Grady.

**BACKWELL, SOM.**—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, P. J. England 2, Monica E. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, S. G. Smith 5, L. J. Derrick 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, W. J. Lott 8. Rung to mark the commissioning of the Rector, Rev. J. T. George, as Rural Dean of Portishead.

**BESTON, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major. S. J. Curtis 1. Beryl M. Twigg 2, Caroline Stewart 3, J. M. Rice 4, P. N. Mackley 5, R. M. Day 6, E. Shuttleworth 7, D. R. McLean (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong by members of N.U.S.C.R. as a birthday compliment to Peter N. Mackley.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara A. Pales 1. Susan L. King (first "inside") 2, Sheila 1. Smith 3, A. S. Smith 4, D. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung as a token of goodwill to mark the opening of the new Baptist Church. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. F. Flint (first quarter) 1, J. G. Flint 2, B. F. R. Mullins 3, D. G. Carr 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the consecration of the Rt. Rev. J. Hare.

**BLAGDON, SOM.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,250 London Surprise Major: G. Hedden 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, D. G. Massey 4, W. S. Rice 5, J. C. Sheppard 6, R. W. Rice 7, O. W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of London Major 3, 6. For the Feast of the Purification.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Sitch 1. Miss J. Cullwick 2, E. W. Furbank 3, F. R. Goddard 4, A. Pryke 5, V. J. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Cullwick.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Snoswell (cond.) 1. D. Nibbs, Miss C. Mackie, M. Loveday, V. Sheppard, R. Minton, Miss M. Kemp and one other.

**BURMARSH, KENT.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Rose Wratten (cond.) 1, Minnie Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd (first of Kent "inside") 3, Annie Raynor 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, B. T. Watts 6. For the 16th anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

## QUARTER PEALS

**COTTINGHAM, YORKS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,284 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss 1. E. Piper 1, Mrs. J. M. Booth 2, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 3, J. I. Booth 4, G. W. Pybus 5, R. A. Bradley 6, C. C. Brown 7, P. N. Palling (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,334 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, G. Ford 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, J. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. To welcome Jonathan William, son of George and Shirley Ford, born November 5th.

**DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. I. Macoe 1, C. Chambers (first of Grandsire as cond.) 2, N. J. Ashmore 3, R. J. Philogene 4, G. D. Armiga 5, H. B. Bruners 6. First quarter 4, 6. First of Grandsire 3, 5. For Evensong.

**EALING MIDDY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Felton 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, P. M. Felton (cond.) 4, T. Aldridge 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Morning Service. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Pearce 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, A. J. Fulwell 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, G. Pearce 8. For the induction of the Vicar, Rev. Eric Vevers.

**EVERCREECH SOM.**—On Jan. 26th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. G. Salmon 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, P. J. England 3, Brenda H. Boyce 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, R. W. Rice 6, W. S. Rice 7, J. C. Sheppard 8, D. G. Massey 9, E. I. Skispey 10. First of Cambridge Royal 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—At All Saints Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Taylor 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, G. W. Shanks 4, D. M. Trueman 5, J. Winram 6, M. J. Uphill 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. First on ten bells 1, 5, 10. For Evensong.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Denness 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, F. Taylor 3, L. Bailey 4, F. Green 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 5. To mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Atkins 1, M. Novell 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, R. Gee 4, J. Collier 5, M. Kirk 6, D. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. For the 40th anniversary of the Guildford Guild.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh and H. Carter 1, R. J. Willey 2, G. W. Marsh (cond.) 3, Janet Carey, D. Loach and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): S. M. O'Neill (first quarter) 1, S. M. Anthony 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

**KENILWORTH, WARKS.**—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Jones (first quarter) 1, A. J. Cox 2, E. Anthea M. Spambott 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, P. S. Reading 5, J. Royal 6. Rung non-conducted. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, S. J. Reading (first quarter) 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, A. J. Cox 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, G. A. Jones (first quarter) 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, S. F. Royal 4, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 5, H. C. Bennett 6.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triplets: D. Hollis 1, P. Roys-Jones 2, Jennie Brown 3, Catherine Reed (first as cond in method) 4, M. Rigby (first in method) 5, R. A. Grant 6, D. Gebbett 7, J. Machell 8.

**LOCKING, SOM.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, A. Foot (first "inside") 5, R. Jones 6. For Evensong.

**LONG ASHTON, SOM.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire) G. Salmon 1, S. Brown 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. J. England 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, P. Bridle 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 4, 6; similarly as conductor.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Crane (first quarter) 1, E. Stuart 2, L. Seaton 3, T. Barnard (first as cond.) 4, R. Thompson 5, K. Bartle (first quarter) 6. First "inside" 2, 3, 5. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the Queen's Accession; also on the birthday of the tenor ringer.

**MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Cox 1, C. R. Cox 2, Ann Butcher 3, A. 1. Poulton 4, L. C. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 5. An engagement compliment to Wendy Cox and L. C. Meadows.

**NORTON HERTS.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,296 Treble Bob minor Ken and Oxford: M. D. Trigg (cond.) 1, P. J. Cranfield (first quarter "inside") 2, Mrs. C. A. Agg 3, R. Pettit 4, A. R. Agg 5, D. Rutterworth 6.

**NORWICH.**—At St. George's Church Colegate, on Jan. 21st, 1,360 Minor 'London S. and Plain': Angela M. Wright 1, Barbara M. Payne 2, D. Cubitt 3, Janet House 4, D. E. House (cond.) 5, G. H. Pullin 6.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. West (first quarter) 1, Judith H. Harvey (first "inside") 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, P. H. Mackie 6. For morning service.

**TEWAKESBURY, GLOS.**—At the Abbey, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Maggs 1, R. Tibbles 2, P. Robertson (cond.) 3, R. Liddell 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, M. Maggs 6, R. Newman 7, D. Deakins 8. For the 21st birthdays of M. Maggs and R. Tibbles.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. V. Collison 1, R. D. Divall 2, J. E. Warner 3, Mrs. J. E. Warner 4, C. Bassett (first in method) 5, H. Stacey 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, I. Cockrane (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (J. Reeves): Erica Pankhurst (first Major) 1, J. H. Thompson (first Major "inside") 2, Kay Whitaker (first Major) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, I. P. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, D. A. Burr 7, R. L. Coles 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew (7, 6, 8 covering): M. J. Hawkins 1, J. H. Thompson 2, Erica Pankhurst 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles (first in method as cond.) 5, Hilary Jacobs 6, Shirley A. Cox 7, Valerie Thompson 8. First in method by all except 4. A 14th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. J. Edwards 1, Jill M. May 2, Yvonne B. Lewin 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, F. W. Lewin 5, J. M. C. Edwards 6. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, First quarter 1, 6. First "inside" 3, 5.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Jane Woodward 1, Jane Mason 2, Susan Harrison 3, P. Fox 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. For the Feast of the Purification.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,309 Bob Doubles: Deborah Bishop 1, Caroline Madge 2, M. Burn (first Doubles) 3, A. Bagworth (cond.) 4, A. Bishop 5.

**WOOD GREEN, LONDON.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): D. P. Wilcocks 1, Gloria J. Simpson 2, A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 3, R. L. Horder 4, G. Clarke 5, W. C. G. Wainwright 6. First in three methods 2, 4. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Jill Williams and David Reed.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Two towers were visited by the Northern District on February 3rd—Weston and Graveley. Some fair ringing was achieved on the five bells by those who found their way up to the tower. A variety of methods were rung, including Spliced Doubles.

From Weston a convoy of cars set off for Graveley, the leaders changing at the successive farm tracks and "no through" roads up which they tried to go. With very few losses, however, we reached Graveley, where ringing had just commenced on the pleasant six. Cambridge, London, Norwich and York were achieved before 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

M. R. W.

We regret to hear that Mr. A. W. Coles is in St. Peter's Ward, St. Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road. He would welcome letters.

The new Bolton Branch secretary is Mr. A. J. Illingworth, 352, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, Bolton.



## COMPOSITIONS

## Some Musical Surprise Methods

By ROGER BALDWIN

MR. S. HUMPHREY in his article entitled 'Irregular Major Methods,' published on December 1st, 1967, discusses the possibility of obtaining musical methods with other than Plain Bob lead-ends. This is more than just a possibility—in fact two months earlier, on October 5th, at Bushey, I conducted the first peal in such a method—Piccadilly Surprise Major, the composition containing 144 combination roll-ups. As many people have expressed interest in this type of method I am now publishing a short selection illustrating what can be achieved musically.

The musical structure of a method and its lead-end are intimately bound together and must be carefully matched to produce the best

12345678  
21435687  
12346578  
21364758

23167485  
32614758  
32167485  
23614758

32641578

effects. To illustrate the point, consider the following, the first two sections of methods M1 and M2. Rung with Plain Bob lead-ends, this backwork is musically very limited and misses out about half the 78's, but rung with the (irregular) lead-end 14258367 it is transformed into a delightfully musical method with 6578's when the treble in 3-4 and peal compositions with 144 combination roll-ups. It is worth noting, by the way, that the changes at the backstroke lead of the treble's dodge in 1-2 up are then the lead-ends (in reverse order) of a course of Plain Bob starting from 12346578.

Finally, Mr. Humphrey requests a formula relating conjugate pairs with a given coursing order. This is best obtained from the lead-end of the method A, say, given by  $A = B R B^1$ , where B is the given coursing order,  $B^1$  its inverse and R is one of the cyclic transpositions (R = 3456782, for example).

## Surprise Major.

The methods, all with 2nds place lead-ends:				
M1:	56—38, 14—12—38—12—38—14—78.			l.e. 4258367.
M2:	56—38, 14—12—38—12—38, 14—12, 78.			l.e. 4258367.
M3:	56—58, 16—56—38—38—58, 14—14, 58.			l.e. 4263785.
M4:	34—38, 14—12—38—14—58—14—58.			l.e. 4257386.
M5:	34—38, 14—12—38, 14—14, 58, 14—14, 58.			l.e. 4257386.
M6:	34—38, 14—12—38—14—58, 14—12, 58.			l.e. 4257386.
M7:	34—38, 14—12—38, 14—14, 58—34—58.			l.e. 4257386.
M8:	—56—14—58—16—34—38—16—78			l.e. 8756324.

## Methods M1, M2.

23456	Vths	5,088	In/Vlths	W	H
36452		2	—	—	
25346	2		—	—	3
62345			—	—	
23645		x			

Twice repeated.

Contains 144 combination roll-ups.

First rung at Bushey on October 5th, 1967, to Method M1, which was named Piccadilly Surprise Major.

## Methods M4, M5, M6 and M7.

The composition for M1 and M2 may be rung to these methods, but it is best reversed as follows:

23456	W	5ths/Out	M	H
42356				—
32546	—	3		—
42635	—		2	—
23645	—			2

Twice repeated.

Contains 144 combination roll-ups.

Method M4 was first rung at Bushey, Herts, on December 7th, 1967, and named Knightsbridge Surprise Major.

## Method M8.

23456	5,152	M	W	H
42356		—		—
63254	—		—	—
52364	—	2	2	—
43265	—		—	—
62345	—	2	2	—
32546	—		3	—

36245	2	—
32465	—	2
35264	2	—
32654	—	2
23456	2	2

Contains 120 combination roll-ups.

## Method M3.

23456	5,088	B	M	H
34256			2	
53246	—		3	
56342	x	—	—	—
26543	x	—	—	—
23645	x	—	—	—

Twice repeated.

Contains 138 combination roll-ups.

## Surprise Royal.

R1.	34—30, 14—12—30—14—50—14—50—12—50
R2.	56—30, 14—12—30—14—50—14—50—34—50
R3.	78—30, 14—12—30, 14—14, 50—14—50—14—50
R4.	56—50, 16—56—30—14—50, 14—14, 50—14—50
	30—14—50—14—70—58—70

Any of the sets of places to the left of the vertical line may combine with any of the sets of places to the right of the vertical line. e.g. combining the first set on the left with the last on the right:

34—30, 14—12—30—14—50—14—70—58—70.

True to the methods with backworks R2 and R4 (places to the left of the vertical line). Contains 24 567890's and 24 657890's for R2 and 21 of each for R4.

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## REDEDICATION

## CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE

HIGH on the southern end of the Chilterns, nestling among the beechwoods of southern Oxfordshire, lies Checkendon, an ancient village, which receives mention in the Domesday Book. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is almost entirely Norman, built of local flints in herringbone pattern by the monks of Bee early in the 12th century, only the south porch being a later addition. It is considered by some to be one of the finest small Norman churches in the country, with two particularly notable round arches to the chancel and sanctuary. The tower has contained a ring of six by Lester and Pack since 1765, the fourth and tenor being recast in 1879. The ring had its last major overhaul in 1914, when an eight-bell iron frame was installed.

It was a proud moment for the local ringers and the parishioners when the Lord Bishop of Oxford rededicated the bells at the evening service on February 11th. The old six have been retuned, augmented to eight and rehung on ball bearings in the 1914 iron frame. The Bishop, in his address, took a theme of bells symbolising the joy and peace of the Christian faith, and two "bell" hymns were sung, both of which were known to have been used in the 1914 rededication service. These were "Ring Forth, Holy Bells" (Laudate Dominum) and "The Sacred Bells of England" (Aurelia), introduced by the Rector, the Rev. Norman Williams.

Immediately following the service the first quarter was rung on the eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes, by D. Cuppock (first away from tenor) 1, Lucy E. Hearn 2, R. K. Russ 3, D. Wesley 4, W. A. K. Gray 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, G. J. Hearn 7, A. Coppuck (first quarter) 8. This was the first quarter on eight for the ringers of 1, 2 and 7. It included five members of the local band, and a sixth ringer who learned to ring in the tower. Thanks were expressed to Bob Blond, who came from Blewbury to conduct.

The local ringers, led by Mr. G. J. Hearn, have a lot of spade-work to do to adapt themselves to eight-bell ringing. Practice night is Wednesday, and visitors are always welcome. The old tenor weighed 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb in G, but was always considered flat. This has been borne out by the 34 lb. of bell metal removed in retuning it. The bell is now 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G. The foundry work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the bells being rehung by Frank White, of Appleton, at a cost of nearly £1,000. All the money has been raised locally, a great credit to this small parish, and perhaps the inscription spread over the two new trebles is particularly apt in this sense. It has been adapted from a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake:

Treble.—"1967—In endeavouring any great matter it is not the beginning . . ."

Second.—" . . . but the continuing unto the end which yieldeth the true glory—1967."

R. K. R.

23456	5,040	W	M	H
42356		—		—
25346	—		2	—
62345	—	—	(3)	—
24365	—		2	—

Repeat omitting (3) in either part. True to methods with backwork R1 and contains 24 567890's and 24 657890's.

Any composition for Plain Bob lead-end order methods will do for methods with R3 backwork, for example:

23456	5,040	W	M	H
42635	—	—		—
36245	2		2	—
43265	—		3	—

Repeat.

Contains 21 567890's, 21 657890's and three each of 567890's and 657890's.



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## BIRTH

MEW.—To Christopher and Ann, of 32, Wymond Street, Putney, London, S.W.15, the gift of a son, Andrew James, on Monday, February 5th, 1968. 3354

## IN MEMORIAM

WORTH, John.—Died February 25th, 1967. We did not see you close your eyes, We did not say goodbye, All we know was you were gone, and only God knows why. In ever loving memory. — Wife Betty, children and grandson Simon. 3390

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BIRD.—The Birds have flown! Patrick, Mary, Louisa and David now live at 41, Greenhill Road, Alveston, Bristol. Ringing friends welcome. It's easier to find than our last place! 3364

DENNIS.—The new address of Robert E. J. Dennis is now Jean's Yardling, Tye Green Village, Harlow, Essex. Tel. 25724. Works Tel. 26811, ext. 581. 3387

HILLS.—The address of James M. Hills is now 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Postal Code BN4 6PJ Telephone: Shoreham 2231 (work); Shoreham 3729 (home). 3384

KIPPIN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Miss Hilary Kippin is now 21, Kingsway, Chandler's Ford. Telephone Chandler's Ford 3165. 3378

PRYTHERCH.—As from March 1st the address of John Prytherch will be c/o Gulf Oil Refining Ltd., P.O. Box 22, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. 3395

## CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—From February 28th the practice night at St. Mary's will be on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., instead of Thursday. 3357

## PERSONAL

"Who can understand his error; cleanse thou me from secret faults."—Psalm xix, 12.

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HOLIDAY FLAT with extensive uninterrupted views of Cornish coast across Widemouth Bay. Completely self-contained flat, sleep 4; extra double room available; central heating included for early and late holidays; Stratton (8) 3 miles.—B. M. Boyle, Longdown, Widemouth, Bude. Tel. Widemouth Bay 353. 3339

## MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, February 28th, but ringing for Ash Wednesday service 7.30 to 8 p.m.—A. Smart, Tower Sec. 3394

BOUND "RINGING WORLDS." 1967.—As supplied to Central Council Library £4 4s., plus postage 4s. 6d. Binding only, £2 10s. plus postage.

## BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

October 26th, 1968

Book the date now. Fuller details later. 3380

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Advance Notice:—The final of the Horsley Cup contest will be at Horsley on Saturday, May 18th. Entry forms for District heats available from District secretaries. 3373

## EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Annual General Meeting  
Sat., March 9th, at Edenbridge, Kent.  
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.  
Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M.  
and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.  
Towers open for ringing:  
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Limpfield Chart .. .. 7.30-8.30  
Chiddingstone .. .. 8.00-9.00  
Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh,  
Homesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge,  
Kent, by Friday, March 8th, please. 3369

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Practice meetings still the second and fourth Mondays in the month (St. John's 6.30-7.45; Christ Church 8-9). Next business meeting, Monday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Common Room. — M. J. Hobbs, Hon. Sec. 3379

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ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON, HANTS. — Thursday evening practices on February 29th and March 7th are cancelled. 3393

## SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS 1968 TOUR

will take place in Norfolk and Suffolk  
from July 27th to August 10th.

Any ringers wishing to join the Society are welcome. Subscription (5s.) now due. Tour list is now available (s.a.e., please), from R. Brian Mills, Hon. Sec., 19, Magdalen Drive, East Bridgford, Nottingham, NG13-8NB.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

A further series of instructional lectures on change ringing will take place in St. Mary's Vestry, Putney. The first six lectures will be for those in the first steps of learning and will be confined to Plain Hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire up to eight bells and will be held on Tuesdays commencing February 27th from 7 to 8.30 p.m. A more advanced course will start on April 16th, details later. For further details on either course, contact C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, S.W.15, or phone 788-0733. All ringers welcome. 3355

## RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY 1968

We regret that the second quarter peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major on page 79 is false.

To the list of officers for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on page 6 please add: Chairman, Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham.—W. H. V., M. H. 3376

## BINDING CASES FOR "THE RINGING WORLD"

I regret that, owing to production difficulties, it will not be possible, until further notice, to block "Year and Volume Number" on the above cases.—W. Viggers. 3375

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## MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3358

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Barrington (6 bells) on Saturday, February 24th Ringing 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 3365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N W. District.—Learners' meeting will be held at Thorley (6). Saturday February 24th. 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3324



# LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, February 24th. Bells from 6 p.m.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea following for those who notify T. Lufford, 3, Bridge Road, Weybridge, please. 3360

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Kent County District.—Meeting, St. Michael and All Saints', Sittingbourne, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr G. Kenwood, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.—J. Wood, Secs. 3361

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. George's, Bolton (8) on February 24th, 2.30 p.m.—5 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Holy Trinity, Bolton (8) 6-8.30.—A. J. Illingworth, Sec. 3368

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Measham, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting (joint with the Central Branch) to be held at Sleaford, Saturday, February 24th. Bells from 6 to 9 p.m.—F. G. Vickers. 3362

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (South and West District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Bells: Langley (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and social evening. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.—Hon. Secs.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Meeting at Holme-Hale, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme-Hale.—C. E. G. Banham, Hon. Sec. 3302

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. followed by tea, business meeting and ringing. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 3307

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3287

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, February 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hooswood, Hailsham.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 3310

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on February 27th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: February 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 5th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 12, St. Lawrence Jewry; March 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior 3303

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Special practice, Kirk Ella, Tuesday, February 27th, 7-9 p.m. No special methods.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Friday, March 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn. 3382

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30, followed by tea for those who notify secretary by February 26th.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster. Tel. 346. 3374

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Odcombe (5) March 2nd, 3 p.m.—9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

Tea and meeting following. Names for tea to Mr. R. Guppy, Street Lane, Higher Odcombe, or Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., by Wednesday previous. 3337

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hillfarrance (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3348

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Meeting at Harbury (6) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5, followed by more ringing until 8 p.m. Ladbroke (5) 2-2.45, and Bishop's Itchington (5) 2.45-3.30 will also be open. Names for tea to R. W. Sheriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa (Tel. Southam 2510), as soon as possible, please. All welcome. 3385

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cleator Moor on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 3372

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 3377

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine (6), March 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names not required. 3349

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea.—I. R. Pantom. Dis. Sec. 3322

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Codicote (6) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3383

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Aldenharn (8), March 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Phone Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3383

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 3356

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Eastern District.—General meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on March 2nd. Bells 3.15-4.15, also Wendens Ambo (6) 2-2.45. Evensong at Saffron Walden 4.15. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me by February 24th.—Jennifer M. Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester, Essex. 3334

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business and ringing until about 8 p.m.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 3370

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting at Ormskirk (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 3371

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Meeting at South Wigston, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. C. Brown, 14, Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wednesday, February 28th. Everyone welcome.—Ron. Hughes. 3342

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting to be held at Holt (6), March 2nd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. H. Nibbs, 272, The Gravel, Holt, near Trowbridge. 3236

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bradwell, Sat., March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Thursday previous. 3391

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Witchampton, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Wimborne St. Giles (8) 6.45. Names for tea to Rev. C. P. de Candolle, Witchampton Rectory, Wimborne, by February 29th. 3176

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please carry own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3399

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford, March 2nd. Names for tea to Miss J. Thornton, 19, Fox Road, West Bridgford. Tel. 65686.—S. Adams. 3396

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Launceston, March 2nd, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyncholme, Barrack Lane, Truro (Tel. 2749), by February 25th. 3386

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at Alton. Bells available from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—C. E. B. 3397

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Practice at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 p.m. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Evening meeting at Langdon Hills, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 3309

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 9th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service, conducted by the Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, by March 7th. (Tel. 01-393 4986.) 3359

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton (8) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3363

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M. (postponed from December 9th) at Shillingstone, March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please notify M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332), by Tuesday, 5th. 3389

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Hinstock (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. Whittingham, Upper Grange, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Salop, by Tuesday, February 27th, without fail. 3388

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbridge (8), Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, after which will be the Suffolk Guild Committee meeting. Ringing in evening until 9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book with Mr. A. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 6th.—Mrs. W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 3392

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice: The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. 3367

## FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

A peal of Spliced Surprise Royal will be attempted at Christ Church, Bristol, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. The band will be from Bristol and Swindon.



## ALL SAINTS', TOOTING GRAVENEY

**MR. JOHN BETJEMAN**, the well-known writer, poet and honorary member of the Central Council, has written that the splendid Parish Church of All Saints, Tooting Graveney, is "perhaps the finest church in South London." It owes its existence to the friendship of three people. It was designed by the famous architect Temple Moore, under the direction of the first Vicar, who took office at the age of 70, and with funds provided entirely in memory of Lord Charles Brudenell-Bruce by his wife. All these three had been lifelong friends when this church was consecrated in 1906.

The building is distinguished for external austerity. Entering the church, the visitor is struck by the majestic effect of the spacious interior with its forest of grey-green stone columns and its profusion of rich and costly furniture. The fittings are entirely ancient and of the Italian Renaissance. The altar-piece and reredos are from Bologna and the standard candlesticks are Florentine. The choir stalls are quite superb and carved in walnut. The magnificent grille around the sanctuary comes from the mountains above Lake Como and may be as ancient as the fifth century.

The fabric itself is based on the style of the 14th century. By dispensing with a structural chancel arch and by dividing the square area of the body of the church with double aisles to north and south of the nave, the architect has combined a sense of stately length characteristic of a great mediæval church with the maximum of accommodation for a large congregation.

The lovely seven-bayed arcade runs continuously from the east end of the chancel to the west end of the nave. Behind the High Altar is the Morning Chapel with a mediæval French altar-piece. The transepts extend



tend on either hand behind the choir stalls. In the south transept is the fine Harrison organ. Above the north transept the tower rises in three stages.

A frame for eight bells with a tenor of 25 cwt. was installed in 1906, but the other bells were never added. The new light octave, with a tenor of 7½ cwt., has been obtained through recasting the bells of the now demolished Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington. The large H-pattern frame has in-

geniously been adapted by the bellfounders, John Taylor and Co., who installed the original fittings in 1906. They have also had to struggle with a clock and various other hazards which have appeared in the tower since 1906. There is even room now for a ring of ten bells!

Thus with the dedication of these bells on Saturday, March 2nd, All Saints' will be completed after 62 years. Further details will be found among the notices.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, MARKSBURY!

**TWELVE** months ago the bells of St. Peter's started ringing again at Marksbury after 15 years of silence; and, full of trepidation, we wondered how we would be accepted in the homes of the parishioners. Would our young band stick together through the first few hard months? And, more important, would we be a success?

These and many other questions filled our thoughts but we need not have worried. Although we were a little doubtful at first whether our new venture would survive the first stage of enthusiasm, the kind help of many parishioners and the Rev. C. Mason enabled us to overcome the initial difficulties.

A special vote of thanks is due to Robert Perry, who has seldom missed our practice nights and, being a much advanced ringer, has been of considerable help. Mr. Alan Lee, our Branch secretary, and Mr. Peter Devrell have on many occasions visited us, instructing us and helping us on the road to success.

A very successful ringers' outing was organised combined with Dunkerton, and another is in progress for this year; also, at Christmas, a grand Christmas dinner was served to the ringers by Mrs. R. M. Coombs and helpers. The Rector presided over the happy evening.

Now, as we enter our second year, may I appeal to all our ringers for their continued support and active co-operation during the next 12 months. Congratulations, Marksbury, on your first anniversary; may you have many more birthdays.

ALAN J. COOMBS.



In our picture are (left to right):—Back row: Phillip Blacker, Margaret Jones, Mr. C. Baker (churchwarden), Rev. C. Mason (Vicar), Mr. H. Coombs (tower master), Benedict Wilde and Norman Osmond. Front row: Alan J. Coombs, Susan Willis, Susan Coombs and Tracy Tanner.



## QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 3rd, 1,296 Annable's London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bennett 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

**BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.**—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. Attwood 1, A. Berry 2, Mrs. G. R. Drew 3, H. Evans 4, I. Lloyd 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6.

**BUCKLAND, SURREY.**—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. C. Stevens 1, N. Thomson 2, Carol Martin 3, R. J. Talbot 4, T. T. Jones 5, K. G. Game (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3.

**COLSTERWORTH, Lincs.**—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Relf 1, C. Baxter 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, P. Slight 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5, A. C. Crawford 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Feb. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, M. Parry 3, F. Mitchell 4, R. Stevens 5, K. Taber 6, N. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8, A. Brown 9, Miss E. Timmins 10. For Evensong.

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Faith M. Riley 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, A. Nunn 3, N. O. Skelton 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5 R. N. Marlow 6.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, L. Bishop 2, Mrs. G. Churchman 3, G. W. Bishop 4, S. Wells 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. A. Smith Masters, Vicar 1921-1961.

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 All Saints and Fawley Doubles: D. C. Jackson 1, Susan V. Banks 2, L. D. Smith (cond.) 3, T. Matcham 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, J. C. Banks 6.

**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, Marion L. Lidgley (cond.) 3, M. Peters 4, Marion Smith 6. For Evensong, on the Feast of St. Uny.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Levick (first quarter) 1, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 2, M. Barden 3, M. L. Howe 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, Miss M. Chidwick 6.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hunt (first quarter) 1, J. Hunt 2, R. Pearce (first quarter) 3, L. Hawkins 4, P. Harding 5, J. Case 6.

**PENGE, KENT.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Collis 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, R. Leale (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**SOLIHULL, WARCS.**—On Feb. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, G. E. Fearn 3, Susan Smith 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

**WELLS, SOM.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, J. C. Sheppard (first of Stedman Triples) 2, V. G. Roberts 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, G. Salmon 6, D. Mackay (cond.) 7, Sheila Y. Hallett 8. For Evensong.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (nine methods): Rev. C. J. Rees 1, S. Sage 2, D. Mottershead 3, D. Smith 4, A. Sharples 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

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