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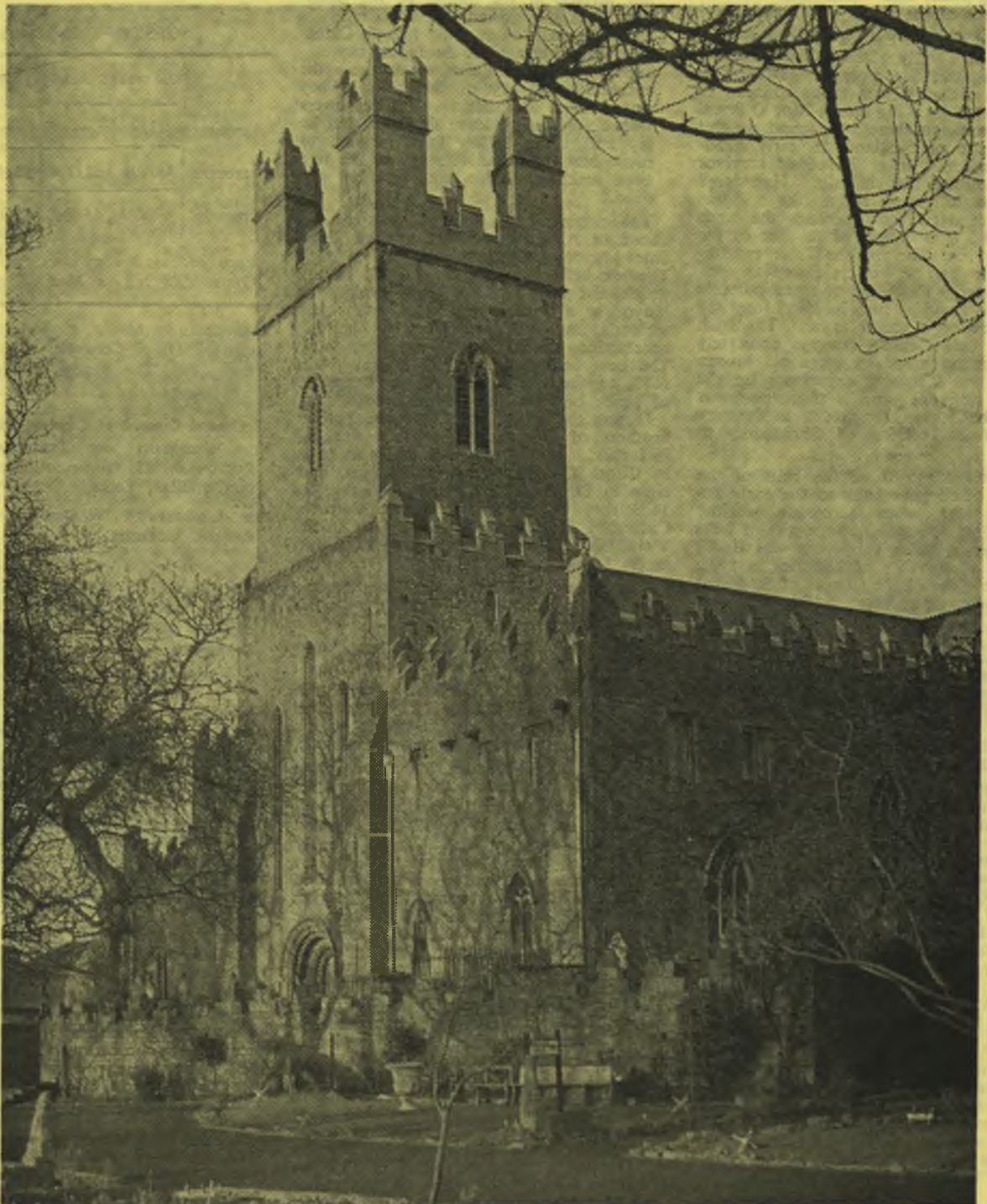
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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (1168-1968)

By the Rt. Rev. R. W. Jackson, LL.D., D.Litt., D.D., Bishop of Limerick

THE City of Limerick, situated on the broad Shannon, which is the longest river in these islands, is dominated by the great tower of St. Mary's Church of Ireland Cathedral—one of the largest medieval churches in Ireland. It stands on the highest point of a river-encircled island on a site which once held the Norse "Thingmote" or meeting-place, and which later was the royal palace of the Kings of Thomond.

It is said that St. Patrick of Ireland once preached at a hilly place called Singland, overlooking this island in the marshes on which the cathedral was to be founded in the year 1168 by King Donal Mor O'Brien. A few years ago there was found on this patrician site of Singland an early hand-bell of bronze. It is the oldest survivor of the Limerick church bells. Hammered into a rough oblong shape like a Swiss cow-bell, it dates from perhaps the tenth century and it is typical of the rise of the Celtic Church. Before the Irish twelfth-century adoption of Western European uses, the Irish clergy made use of small portable bells which could be rung by hand from the top window of a round tower. The Irish name for bell—"clug"—conveys accurately the dull sound made by those old bronze bells. It was a moving experience for the writer to ring one such, a thousand years old, at the fifteen hundredth anniversary service of the coming of Christianity to Cashel.

The earliest record of the bells of the Cathedral itself goes back to the early fifteenth century, when a certain wealthy citizen, John Budstone, gave a gift of bells to St. Mary's. This gentleman was Bailiff or Sheriff of the City of Limerick in 1401, and was builder of the Chapel of St. James and St. Mary Magdalene, which now contains the original altar-slab of the Cathedral, the longest in the British Isles. His grandson wrote: "John Budstone, whose bells sound in the Shrine of the Virgin, made a gift to the Church of four brass bells." (We need not take the word "brass" literally.) As the belfry is known to have been built about this time, no doubt it housed Budstone's ring.

More than two hundred and fifty years pass before we hear any verifiable information about the bells, but two pieces of local folk-lore may be interesting to mention. One is that on the eve of the Reformation thirteen silver bells were hidden in the Abbey River, which flows close to the Cathedral. The second has come back from the Far East, where in 1966 a student in Tiawan called Meh Chih Cheng wrote out the story from a local lesson book and sent it to the Dean. It is charming, though clearly mythical. We have sent a tape of the bells to Formosa in reply.

Here is the story:

"A marvellous chime of bells, made by a young Italian, were hung in a convent near Lake Como—the maker had spent years upon the bells. . . . With the money he bought a house . . . so that he might live always within sound of the bells.

. . . and he lost . . . everything he had . . . and his beloved bells had been taken away. No one knew where they were now.

It happened that one day he met a man from over the seas. The stranger told him that at Limerick in Ireland he had heard a wonderful peal of bells. The poor Italian trembled and said to himself, 'These can be no other than my bells.'

So he took a ship for Ireland, and at last arrived at the mouth of the Shannon. He was rowed up the river. . . . There the tall tower of St. Mary's Cathedral stood out against the fading sky . . . and suddenly from that tower came the enchanting melody of the bells. They were indeed his bells. . . . The rowers waited for him to leave the boat; but he lay still. . . . They tried in vain to rouse him. He had found what he had been seeking all his life, and he was dead."

The origin of the existing ring can be traced to Alderman William Yorke, three times Mayor of Limerick, who died in 1679. The six bells were hung in 1673, during which and the following years Yorke was Mayor, at a stipend of £100 a year. His memorial in the Cathedral shows that his benefactions were many times that total. The new bells first rang on March 14th, 1673, on the occasion of the proclamation of peace between the English and Dutch.

During the years from 1670 the Perdue brothers of Gloucestershire were working in Ireland. In 1670 they had hung six bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and eight in St. Patrick's Cathedral nearby. In 1673 they hung six bells in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, and in 1674 six in St. Werburgh's Church, Dublin, and also one in St. David's, Naas.

The initials of William and Roger Perdue were on the third bell until 1923, with the inscription:

"Vivat Rex et Floreat Grex Anno Domini 1673. W.P. R.P."

During October, 1673, William died, and the seventeenth century Irish traveller Dineley notes a punning inscription to his memory. This epitaph has now vanished:

"Here a bell-founder, honest and true,
Until the Resurrection lies Perdue."

In 1703 the treble (6½ cwt.) and second (6½ cwt.) bells (recast (1938) were added by Tobias Covey and "E.C." who probably was Edward Covey, suggested to be a Perdue by descent. (Note given by Mr. Fred Dukes.) There is a record that this ring of eight bells was used in 1712 to welcome to the City James, Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The third bell (6½ cwt.) by Perdue was recast in 1923 by Taylor at the expense of Sir A. W. Shaw. The fourth, a new bell of 8½ cwt., was cast in 1907 by Taylor, at the expense of Mr. Everard Hewson of Castle Hewson, a generous enthusiast, who all his life loved the bells and gave munificently for their maintenance. The fifth, sixth and seventh bells, respectively 10, 11½ and 16½ cwt., were cast by Mears of London in 1829: the last of these was recast by Murphy of Dublin in 1873 and again in 1938 by Taylor. Finally, the great 24 cwt. tenor bell of Yorke's ring was recast in 1930 by Taylor at the expense of Mr. Hewson. The name of Alderman Yorke was preserved in the recasting.

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During the last fifty years constant work has been done on the tower and on the bell-frames and the ring today is in regular and effective use. It marks, as it did throughout the centuries, great historical occasions; it also calls Sunday by Sunday to worship—as is inscribed on a certain old bell:

"I ring to sermon with a lusty bome
That all may come and none may stay at home."

This year we in Limerick have the joy and privilege of sharing in the 800th Anniversary Celebrations of the Foundation of our Ancient Cathedral Church. Amongst the various Festivals arranged to commemorate such an historic occasion will be a Ringers' Festival Week-end, to be held on September 7th and 8th, 1968, to which bellringers and friends are extended a Cead Mile Failte—A Hundred Thousand Welcomes.

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GUILDFORD GUILD

HEALING A FORTY-YEAR-OLD BREACH

Joint Recommendations with the Surreys

AFTER two amicable meetings of a joint sub-committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey Association, agreement has been reached on the question of boundaries, subject to ratification by annual meetings of both bodies.

With only two votes against, the Guildford Guild agreed to the recommendations at its annual meeting on March 9th at Guildford Cathedral. The main point is that when the report of the Archbishop's Commission on the organisation of dioceses in London and South-East England is implemented, ringing societies in the area should consider reorganising on a diocesan basis.

The service in the Lady Chapel, which was crowded with ringers, was memorable as it was the last Guild service Bishop George Clarkson would attend as Dean. This was the seventh year since the Cathedral's consecration and the Dean in his address said he did not expect in that time so much would have been fulfilled or that they would have a full ring of ten bells. For that he thanked the Guild for the keenness and generosity of the members that inspired others.

"I am very proud to be Dean," he said, "for we have a wonderful lot of people in this diocese who, in the last ten years, have given £50,000 to £60,000 each year. I want to leave with you my personal gratitude for a great job well done and for that I thank God."

He left with the assembly the thought that when they rang their bells they were ringing for Jesus.

The tea in the Refectory had been prepared by Mrs. Munday and helpers and was attended by the Dean. The Master (Mr. P. G. Smart) voiced the thanks of the Guild to him during the seven years he had been in charge of the Cathedral.

BUSINESS MEETING

The most important matter on the agenda at the meeting, presided over by the Master, was the relationship with the Surrey Association. On behalf of the Executive Committee the following motion was presented:—

This annual general meeting accepts the following recommendations of the joint sub-committee of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild:—

(a) When the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the organisation of the Church by dioceses in London and South-East England is implemented, ringing societies in the area covered by the report should consider reorganising on a diocesan basis.

(b) Until any such reorganisation takes place

(i) The Surrey Association should hold no meetings (other than joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild) in the present Diocese of Guildford except in the following towers: Ashted, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Epsom, Epsom Common, Ewell, Leatherhead, Ranmore and Thames Ditton.

(ii) Ringers who live in that part of Surrey which is within the Diocese of Guildford should be entitled to become either resident or non-resident members of the Surrey Association.

Presenting the motion, Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey (liaison officer to the Surrey Association) said exactly the same motion would be submitted to the Surrey Association annual general meeting in May and nothing would be done until the report of the Archbishop's Commission was implemented. The motion was the result of two meetings of three members from each Guild and they were all pleasantly surprised by the way they got on together.

The Master said the report of the Boundary Commission was received a week before the second meeting. In the light of the Boundary Commission's report they thought there would be no advantage in making sweeping changes.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: There is not much that we can say, as the Guildford Guild has won

hands down, but to support the motion. What will happen at the Surrey Association meeting I don't know. If I were a member of the Surrey Association I would ask where were the negotiators? Negotiations mean give and take. It seems to me that all the giving has been from the Surrey Association.

Mr. M. M. Powell commented that they could not dictate to the Surrey Association. If the Surrey Association decided to hold a meeting in one of their towers what were they going to do about it?

Mr. Maybrey said the list was drawn up by the Executive Committee of the Surrey Association. The idea was to stop the bickering that had been going on for years. They were not proposing any rules with the motion.

The Secretary: This is an honest effort to overcome troubles which have existed for 40 years.

The motion was carried, there being only two members against.

DROP IN MEMBERSHIP

The annual report was presented by the Master, who regretted a decline in membership of 33. Totals were: Chertsey 93 (against 119), Farnham 169 (187), Guildford 140 (136), Leatherhead 142 (137). With associate members the grand total was 558 (591).

The members stood while the names of those who had died since the last meeting were read, viz.: W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot), B. G. Grover (West Clandon), G. P. Hammond (Womersley), Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot), Mr. J. Mills (Cobham), Mr. F. Oldroyd (Guildford), Mr. L. Warner (Cranleigh) and Mr. W. R. Robinson (late of Holy Trinity, Guildford).

MORE PEALS

The Master said there were 36 peals rung last year, which was three more than in 1966. These were rung in 23 towers (18) by 119 members (130) in 24 different methods or number of methods. There were 20 conductors (16), six members rang their first peal and three their first as conductor. Quarter peals reported in "The Ringing World" numbered 114 (92).

The report mentioned that sound-absorbent panels had been placed on the walls of the ringing chamber of the Cathedral. This work, done at the expense of the Cathedral Council, had made ringing at the Cathedral easier and much more enjoyable. An oak plaque to commemorate the dedication of the bells on May 17th, 1965, had been provided partly by donations from the president (the Bishop) and partly by the Guild. It had been placed in the ringing chamber.

The Master said they were very pleased with ringing at the Cathedral. Great strides had been made by the young band but he stressed that they still needed help, particularly at night.

Miss Eloie, in her report as librarian, said they had acquired "Lord Grimthorpe" and a small booklet by Mr. Harold Pitstow on "Westminster Abbey and Its Bells." An important acquisition was an album containing records and photographs of the dedication of the Cathedral bells, which was compiled by Mr. F. W. Housden and bound by Mr. C. W. Denyer. In the changes that had taken place pending removal to the Cathedral, 14 books or manuscripts had been missing.

Looking Forward

Cover issues already booked are as follows:

March 29th. St. Clement Danes', London.
April 5th. Edington Priory, Wiltshire.
April 12th. Rochester Cathedral.
April 19th. Andover District.
April 26th. St. Thomas', Stourbridge.
May 3rd. Wimborne Minster.
May 10th. Bromyard, Herefordshire.
May 17th. Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.
May 24th. St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.
May 31st. Worcester Cathedral.

PROFIT ON YEAR

The accounts were presented by Mr. C. H. Kippin, who had held the office of treasurer for five years and retired on moving to Chandler's Ford. The Benevolent Fund balance of £166, he said, had been transferred to the General Fund, and the year ended with a balance of £254. On the working of the year there was a profit of £20 14s. 8d., which the retiring treasurer regarded as quite satisfactory.

APPEAL TO PARISHES

Earlier in the meeting it was stated that a copy of the annual report and of "The Ringing World" would be sent to each P.C.C. where there was a ring of bells in the tower, and a suggestion of an annual subscription of one guinea.

A member: What are you going to do with the money?

The general secretary said there were several things needed. An article in "The Ringing World" suggested that they were not keeping pace with the restoration of bells and in a few years there would be a big lag. They would then be in a position to make handsome donations to parishes to help in the work.

The following officers were re-elected unopposed: Master, Mr. P. G. Smart; general secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday; auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood. Two nominations were received for treasurer, a ballot resulting in the election of Mr. G. K. Wilkinson (Aldershot), the unsuccessful candidate being Mr. M. M. Powell (St. Nicholas', Guildford).

PEAL ELECTIONS

There was an interesting discussion on a desire to amend the Guild's rules governing election of non-resident members prior to a peal attempt. At present before such an election the majority must be Guild members; the desire of the amendment in the names of Mr. D. A. R. May and Mr. T. Page was "at least three members present."

Mr. May said in recent months there had been several peals in which there had not been a majority of Guild members present. With travelling so much easier, there were more people coming into the diocese to ring peals.

Mr. T. Page quoted two incidents. A recent peal at the Cathedral had five members and five non-members, and a peal at Farnborough four and four.

Mr. G. K. Williamson suggested that the words "participating in a peal" be substituted for "present."

Mr. Harold Reed said in regard to the Farnborough peal the number was five members and three non-members. One of the four had been elected previously.

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DEDICATION

All Saints', Tooting Graveney

The new ring of eight bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, cast by John Taylor and Co., was dedicated on Saturday, March 2nd, by the Archdeacon of Southwark (the Ven. H. H. A. Sands) before a large congregation of about 360 people. The lesson was read by Mr. Paul Taylor. The bells were put to good use after the service for three and a half hours, when about 100 ringers signed the visitors book. The ring is a great success. Both inside and outside the tower the bells are very pleasing on the ear. The volume is well controlled and the bells mix well without the common fault of certain bells predominating.

INSCRIPTIONS

Each bell is inscribed with the founder's names and the name of a saint of local interest.

Michael and All Angels.—The dedication of the former church in Paddington, whose old bells made this project possible.

Birinus.—Saint and founder of Wessex Christianity. Tooting was in the Diocese of Winchester for centuries.

Justus.—Saint and first Bishop of Rochester. Tooting was in the Diocese of Rochester.

Mellitus.—Saint and first Saxon Bishop of London. Tooting was in the Diocese of London for a short period.

Augustine.—Saint and first Archbishop of Canterbury. Founder of Christianity in South-East England. Tooting has always been in the Province of Canterbury.

Alfege.—Saint and Archbishop of Canterbury. Martyred on the site of Greenwich Parish Church in the Diocese of Southwark, of which Tooting is now part.

Anselm.—Saint and Archbishop of Canterbury. As Abbot of Bec in Normandy, he became known in England when he visited his Abbey's possessions here, one of which was Tooting Bec.

Nicolas.—Until this century the Parish of All Saints was part of the Parish of St. Nicolas, Tooting Graveney.

The tenor weighs 7 cwt. 19 lb. (note B). Ringers will be very welcome at the practice night, which is Thursday, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Guildford Guild—continued

Eventually Mr. May withdrew the motion in favour of another for next year, which limited the application of the proposed change to towers in the diocese.

Major Bragg, the Guild peal recorder, was unhappy about those peals that did not comply with the rule being recorded in "The Ringing World" as rung for the Guild. He took his peals for his records from "The Ringing World."

The Master: We shall now keep our eyes open.

A voice: When people lose a peal they don't become members.

The Master: You must rely on their honesty.

The motion was not proceeded with in the light of the proposed amendment. Perhaps the position will be clarified next year, but Major Bragg urged that conductors calling peals that did not comply with the rules should notify him.

A desire was expressed by Mr. Dudley Elsmore that the Guild should give a personal gift to the retiring Dean and it should not be just a set of handbells for the Cathedral. A retiring collection was made for this purpose.

Towards the Cathedral handbells the hon. secretary has received £50 but in addition a number of people have promised to give bells.

OBITUARY

MR. W. ABRAHAM

William (Bill) Abraham will always be remembered as the ringer who came back, and it was with regret and great sorrow that the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild members and many other ringers heard of his death on February 11th, aged 75 years.

Bill had been a member of the Guild since his retirement nine years ago, when he returned to ringing after a lapse of 20 years. His regularity, punctuality and genial disposition have been a wonderful example to other members of the Guild.

Before 1940 he was a most active member of the St. Thomas the Martyr (City), Bristol, Guild and was for many years the tower secretary. His work, associated with towers and Guilds and ringers' social occasions, was his joy, and many outings were enjoyed by Bill and his party.

There is no record of his peals but the requirement for good striking was always one of his endeavours and all ringing was of equal importance.

It was a curious happening that William died a few hours after his younger brother, Ernest, who had endured a serious illness and much suffering.

Ernest was an active member of the Guild at All Saints', Long Ashton, and had also been a member of the St. Thomas' Guild. Like his brother, he gave only of his best and will be sadly missed by many.

The combined funeral service took place at St. Mary Redcliffe on February 15th and was attended by a very large number of ringers and friends.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of his Guild and friends.

We extend our sympathy to the two widows and the members of their families. E. F. H.

MR. W. J. ROBINSON

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William J. Robinson, at New Cross, London, suddenly on March 5th. For many years he was associated with Holy Trinity, Guildford, in latter years undertaking the duties of steeple-keeper.

The funeral service was at Honor Park Crematorium on March 12th.

(See also page 234)

MR. E. B. WILLIAMS

"The Cornish Churchman" reports the death of Mr. Edgar Bice Williams, of Perran-ar-Worthal on January 26th at the age of 76. He had been captain of the ringers for more than 50 years, and as a tribute to his long service the bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday after the funeral. His widow, Mrs. Olive Williams, was the organist for many years, and together they gave 100 years of service to Perran-ar-Worthal Church.

MR. W. GORRINGE

An old and esteemed Kent ringer, Mr. W. Gorringer, of 10, Thornhill Place, Maidstone, died on February 27th at the advanced age of 89. For many years he was associated with St. George's, Gravesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend with the band captained by the late Mr. Fred Mitchell.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Warner 1, M. J. Kirk (120th quarter peal) 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, Pat Laycock 4, J. Collier 5, P. G. Sherwood 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, H. Arthur 8. Half-muffled in memory of O. Leslie Warner late captain of the tower.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, P. Popplestone (cond.) 2, C. Rixon 3, Rev. M. J. Odium (first "inside") 4, I. Atkinson 5, L. Hellings 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. T. Bray, sometime churchwarden.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The third session of the 26th Council (71st Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968, at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (1)).—Conveners are reminded that reports must be made in writing to me by March 31st, 1968. They will recall the Standing Committee's request that these should be reasonably brief.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14).—Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary by April 23rd, 1968. Members are reminded that an alteration will be proposed to the rules dealing with notices of motion with the object of overcoming the difficulty which has arisen from the change in "Ringing World" arrangements. In the meantime they are invited to co-operate by submitting notices by April 16th.

Affiliation Fees.—Those who have not yet remitted are asked to do so forthwith.

ACCOMMODATION

Members are reminded that in order to ensure accommodation at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester (Headquarters), reservations must be made before April 1st, 1968. When booking, reference must be clearly made to the meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

Members, and other visitors, are also reminded that details of other Hotel and Guest House accommodation in Worcester and the surrounding areas are available upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope from the Accommodation Secretary, 32, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey, Evesham. Members are urged to make reservations without delay; the above details will not be forwarded with the notice of meeting.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Full details will be published later, but members may like to know in advance that the usual "own transport" ringing tours are being arranged for Whit Saturday and Whit Monday. There will be two different routes available each day, commencing at 9.30 a.m. A coach tour of selected towers will also be run on Whit Monday.

PEALS

A limited number of towers has been provisionally reserved for peal attempts on Whit Saturday and Whit Monday. Applications for towers by peal organisers will be taken in order of receipt. Individual ringers, whether members of the Council or not, will also be placed in peals (as far as it is possible to arrange) if their requirements as to methods, etc., are notified.

Peal organisers are especially requested to apply for Worcestershire Association towers only through the Peal Secretary.

The subscription for a non-resident life member of the Association is 5s.

Applications (enclosing s.a.e.) to Mr. G. L. Bowen, Peal Secretary, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs.

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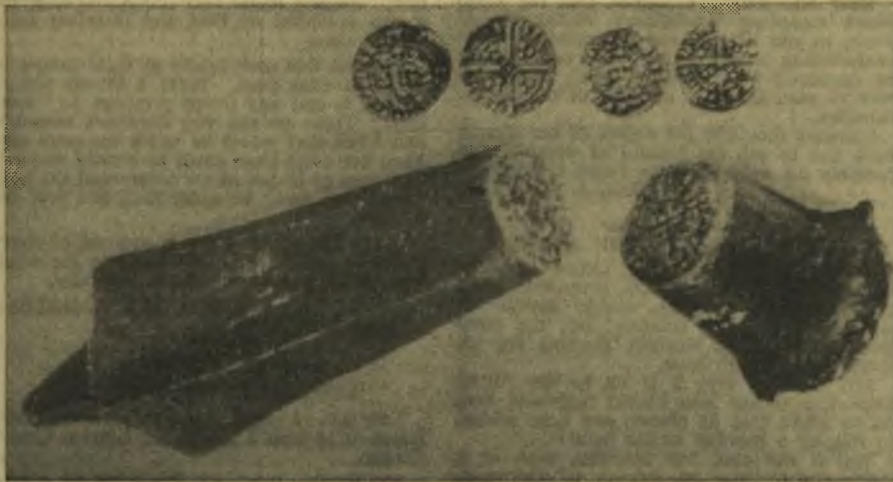
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-12.30.14-12.30.14-12.3hl.

G. DODDS.

More about Coins on Bells

By P. AMOS



SINCE writing my article on coins on bells that appeared in the issue of December 8th, 1967, I have come across a silver halfpenny issued during the period of the Black Death.

The pictures I have provided for "The Ringing World" tell how these hammered coins were made—a craft that existed from Roman times to the reign of Edward III (1327-1377).

These silver halfpennies have a cross with three pellets in each corner and on the reverse is the royal head of Edward III.

In the coin picture is the die from which they were hammered out. This will give those seeking a 14th century bell with impressions on it a guide for what to look for. I might add that there is little likelihood of finding such a bell except in a tower with less than five bells where the bell has not been rung to any extent or subject to any great vibration.

Of the other picture, you may wonder whether it depicts a blacksmith's shop or a wedding over the anvil at Gretna Green! It is neither. It is a memorial in Italy of moneyers of the fourth century.



THE LADIES' GUILD — WESTERN DISTRICT

There was a good attendance at the annual general meeting of the Western District at Twerton on March 9th. The afternoon's ringing included a touch of Grandsire Triples rung by members of the Guild. The service was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was served in the Village Hall. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lee, who undertook the catering arrangements, and it was good to see so many members and friends, about 35 in all.

At the meeting which followed, officers for 1968-69 were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. E. Chapman; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; Central Council representatives, Mrs. Parfrey and Mrs. Bennett; committee, Mesdames Parfrey, Eyles, Lampard, Bennett and Miss Davis. New members elected were: Mrs. Massey (life

member), Mrs. Jones, the Misses J. Bell, J. Fletcher and K. Jones.

The present arrangement of holding monthly evening practices, with the exception of those in which the quarterly meetings occur (i.e. March, June and September), is to be continued.

Good wishes were sent to Mrs. D. Bennett, who was undergoing a period of convalescence following an operation, and it was hoped that she would be well enough to be with us at the next meeting.

On Saturday, June 8th, there will be a joint meeting with the South Wales Branch in Bristol. Please watch "The Ringing World" for details of practices, the next being on Friday, April 26th, 7.30 p.m., at Corston. B.J.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, on March 9th. About 40 members were present representing the towers of Bosherton, Burry Port, Cardigan, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby.

Ringling commenced at 2.30 p.m. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Davies, assisted by the Rev. R. Doxey, curate, the lesson was read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the parish in the Church Hall. The Vicar of Pembroke presided at the business meeting and opened the proceedings by extending a warm welcome to the Guild. The traditional touch on handbells was rung.

The Master welcomed the Rev. G. R. and Mrs. Ball from Bosherton to their first meeting of the Guild since their ringers became members, and also friends from the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

Apologies for absence were received, including those from the secretary and treasurer, both due to illness.

Eight new members were elected and three probationers were made ringing members.

Mr. Rees, of Llanelli, invited all members of the Guild to the dedication of the restored ring, which will take place at St. Elli's on April 20th at 3 p.m.

Ringling was resumed until 9 p.m. B.M.R.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The venue of the 41st annual general meeting on March 9th was changed to Edenbridge for easy accessibility. It was a fine and sunny day and some members rang at Hammerwood and Cowden before assembling at Edenbridge for the service taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bartlett.

Tea was served in the Primary School, where the wives and families of the local band had prepared a glorious spread. Mr. B. V. Collison opened the meeting by thanking the ladies for making the tea, and the local band for donating it. A voluntary collection was then taken, which raised £5 6s. 6d. for Edenbridge Bell Fund.

There were ten apologies for absence and two new members were elected. The annual report was adopted, the only query being the condition of Hammerwood's ropes after a grant had been made for a new set out of the E. J. Oliver Fund.

The officers were re-elected for 1968, the only change being in the committee, where Mr. M. Thompson replaces Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Arrangements for the outing and the dinner have been left in the hands of Mr. C. A. Bassett and Mr. E. J. Ladd respectively.

No Guild meetings will take place in April or May but on June 8th the Guild will meet at Leigh, Surrey (afternoon) and Sharwood (evening). W. G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing" was then presented to the young ringer who had made the most progress during the year. This was Maurice Thompson and he received the book from the donor, Mr. B. V. Collison.

Ringling then continued at Edenbridge, Limsfield Chart and Chiddingstone. R.J.E.

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Letters to the Editor

REDUNDANT BELLS

Dear Sir,—I refer to Norman Mallett's letter on page 162. I have amended my records.

The information I have published has been given to me in good faith and it is not regarded as important to verify it, since it is unlikely that anyone will attend with lifting tackle and transport without first making inquiries.

It is hardly surprising that the list was incomplete in view of Norman's silence hitherto. I had, however, been advised in the meantime of the availability of the Lundy octave, one bell of which (unidentified) is cracked in the crown.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,
The Central Council of
Church Bell Ringers.

HIGH HALSTOW BELLS NOT FOR SALE

Mr. E. W. Buffin, Rector's warden of St. Margaret's, High Halstow, Kent, writes regarding the list of redundant bells published in the issue of February 16th that:—

"Neither the Rector of High Halstow, the Rev. S. G. Davidson, his churchwardens, of whom I am one, or members of the Parochial Church Council are aware of any desire to dispose of the bells. Nor is there any intention of future disposal."

Note.—The Secretary of the Central Council has written to Mr. Buffin expressing regret and stating that he published the information received in good faith.—Ed.

FIRST-CLASS LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Visade's letter re a genuine first-class local band, St. Mary's, Reading, has a resident band for eight-spliced. (If we had four more bells we would have enough for Cambridge Maximus.) We also supplied six people for a peal of Bristol Maximus.—Yours faithfully,
F. W. LEWIS.
Reading.

IRRESPONSIBLE GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—I read with very much regret of the despicable actions of some irresponsible tower grabbers in ringing the bells of St. Mary's, Stapleford, Wilts. without any permission. I have been responsible for organising a good many ringing tours and, like most other ringers, am eager to ring at any tower which I have not visited before. I have found that in nearly every case a request for permission to ring is generally granted, but if it is not there is a very good reason. The action of these selfish people is to be deplored as they bring other ringers whose behaviour is more constitutional into disrepute.

Mr. Theobald's letter, printed adjacent to the article ("Ringing World," No. 2,968, page 178), offers a way out for these people with which I strongly disagree. If he knows who they are he should give the information to the authorities, whether or not they make an apology to the Vicar and churchwardens. They should be exposed not only to the authorities but also to their Association, the officials of which should expel them from this Association and the fact published in "The Ringing World," so that all other ringers may have the opportunity of excluding them from their activities. A newspaper publishes details of those who offend against the rules of society and this should be the case in ringing circles.—Yours faithfully,

LAURIE MITCHELL.
Sittingbourne, Kent.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that the arguments regarding Westminster Abbey should cease, as the letters have degenerated into a mud-slinging match. The space could better be employed in instructing young ringers in how to man the bells in some of our village churches.

I always thought the object of our church bells was to call the faithful to worship, and certainly not mud-slinging.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading, Berks.

WHO DECIDES AT THE ABBEY?

Dear Sir,—We are often forced to smile when we read the statements, sometimes naive and sometimes sweeping, which appear in your correspondence columns, but the plum must surely go to Norman Harding for his letter in March 8th issue.

Mr. Harding says it is up to the Abbey authorities to say who should ring—and goes on to admit that he himself has been invited to ring by a member of the band!

Was it not you, Mr. Harding, who, in a hotly-worded letter in defence of Grandsire during the 1966 controversy, suggested that the instigator of that correspondence probably could not ring that trivial method—without realising that the gentleman in question was in fact a College Youth?

Yes, indeed, Mr. Harding, contributors should get their facts right.—Yours faithfully,
W. BRUCE WARNE.

Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

PEAL RINGERS THANKED

Dear Sir,—The arranging, travelling for and ringing of a peal is no doubt often not appreciated by those whose names are recorded in the footnotes, in whose honour the peals are rung. Would you allow me, through your columns, to express my appreciation of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Peter's, Drayton, on February 24th, to welcome my family and myself to Drayton Vicarage and the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild?—Yours sincerely,

Drayton, Berks. ERIC WOOD (Rev.).

P.S.—The wedding was not 40 minutes late, as stated in "Belfry Gossip."—E. W.

APPRECIATION!

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns express thanks and appreciation to Mr. Cyril Wratten for his excellent article on "Spliced Plain Major Composition"? He has obviously gone to a great deal of trouble and the result is a splendid example of how theory should be set out and explained.—Yours faithfully,
F. L. COVENTRY.

Bebington, Cheshire.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,088 Bob Major rung at Holy Trinity, Rothwell, on April 15th, 1967, which was composed and conducted by myself, has now been found to be false, and I would ask all concerned with the recording of peals to strike this performance from their records. I should at the same time like to apologise for the inconvenience this will undoubtedly cause.

I should also like to offer my apologies to the rest of the band and to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gill, for whom the peal was rung as a wedding compliment.—Yours faithfully,

IAN NORTH.

Rothwell, Leeds.

LOOSE LEAF METHOD BOOKS SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—Recently I bought a copy of "A Collection of Surprise Methods in Place Notation," which I found very useful and clear but it was compiled in 1964 and therefore much out of date.

I realise that such books as these cannot be reprinted each year. What I should like to suggest is that any future printings be "loose leaf." These are not very expensive nowadays and I feel they would be worth the extra cost. Then one extra sheet could be printed and sold each year to be put in the cover—and the book would then never be more than one year out of date.

Every five or six years a new set of sheets could be printed and sold bringing the whole collection up to date.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Tewkesbury, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY DINNER

Dear Sir,—I regret that there is a little confusion as to what I said at the London County Dinner.

My words concerning the work of officers referred to all the London Associations.

To cater for "parochial ringers" I ventured to suggest that the Districts of the Associations should be about the size of the London boroughs.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. COOLES.

London, S.W.

EARLY ESSEX RINGING

Dear Sir,—In conjunction with my work for History "A" level, I am doing a project entitled "What was the effect of the formation of the Essex Association of Change Ringers on the growth of bellringing in Essex." I am writing it with special reference to the towers of St. Nicholas', Fyfield, St. Andrew's, North Weald, and St. John the Baptist's, Danbury. However, I would be grateful for information on any tower in Essex concerning pre-1879 ringing, the effect, if any, of the Essex Association and the history of ringing since 1879. Anything and everything would be very welcome. Thank you.—Yours sincerely,

ANNE SIMKINS.

The School House, Fyfield,
Ongar, Essex.

THE LADIES' GUILD Eastern District at Low Ebb

Although the day fixed for the meeting was rather cold, a coachload of members and friends travelled from Suffolk to Saffron Walden on March 2nd. An all-ladies' touch was rung at Wendens Ambo. At the business meeting it was noted that support for the Guild in the District was at a very low ebb and that serious thought would have to be given at the next meeting to winding up the District if the situation did not improve.

Mrs. Pipe was re-elected as vice-president, and the new hon. secretary is Mrs. Lester, of 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Suffolk. A short service was held in Saffron Walden Church after the afternoon's ringing.

I. M. A.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

PRACTICAL

"GOOD HUNTIN'!"

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

(Continued from page 203)

So far rope-sight has not entered into the proceedings, and before we turn to it some useful progress can be made by the use of handbells. If handbells are not available, Stage 3 can be performed by hand-claps, with hands raised up for handstroke and lowered for backstroke.

Stage 3. Rhythmic Beating by Handbells.—For the next step in this business of learning to hunt, each pupil takes a handbell, and the hand-claps are replaced by handbell strokes (hand and back). If more than one pupil, the bells will, of course, be sounding altogether at this stage. The discord must be ignored. This "ringing" also accustoms the pupil to the correct manipulation of the bell, and to anticipation of the handbell stroke, for its correct striking. In a short time, when the pupils can hunt correctly by these means, the group (if several pupils) can be divided into two, each group representing, and sounding as, one bell unit. Or, if only one pupil, the tutor can join with him in this "divided" exercise. It teaches the pupil to work out (without being "put off") his own bell-path, while simultaneously others are carrying on with theirs. If the whole group consists of, say, four pupils, then the first division will be into two sub-groups of two each. Then each sub-group may divide into two single pupils, each independently working out his own path. We have now arrived at independent hunting rhythmically by each ringer pupil. In some cases it may be helpful to include one or more experienced ringers in the group, in place of some of the pupils, who will take turn in due course. And still we are "ringing" by rhythm, and not by rope-sight, to which latter we now turn.

Change-ringing by Sight with Handbells.—By "rope-sight" is usually understood the ability, while pulling into position in any given change, to spot the rope next to be followed. Then, while following (or "covering") that rope, to spot the next to be followed. And so on. For practice in this on handbells we refer again to our chart (Fig. 2), and take once more the three hunting exercises, with one pupil and four ringers. Each takes a handbell. The procedure is primarily to look for arm movements—up and down; but the rhythm is nevertheless to be maintained—by ear. The tutor does not need to count but calls "Go" and watches the pupil's performance, correcting as necessary. (Without handbells use clapping with arm movements.)

For the first hunting exercise—static covering—the pupil takes the fifth bell and hunts (while remaining in fifths place) for the bells he is to "cover." In fact he looks for arm movement of the last bell in each change. In this case the bells are 4.3.3.1.1.2.2.4.4. It must be impressed upon the pupil's mind that if he fails to spot his bell-to-be-followed, he must not hold up his own bell-action (and thereby break up the ringing) but must maintain the rhythm, just as he has learned to do in the original first hunting exercise.

In the second hunting exercise—expanded covering—he now has the treble and is to hunt UP. For this purpose he looks round (or "hunts" for the bell (arm) that is following him, in each change, and in the next ensuing change he follows that bell (arm). In this

case the bells are seen to be 2.4.3. The treble's next stroke is a static covering one, since it remains in the same position (4ths in this case), striking over or "covering" bell 2.

In the third hunting exercise—contracted covering—the pupil finds himself striking over, or "covering," one less number of bells at each stroke; as we can see from the chart, beginning at the row where we left off, i.e. 4.3.2.1.5. Here the treble is covering three bells—4, 3, and 2. In the next row it is covering two bells—3 and 4, and in the next row covering one bell—3. Next it is in the 1st position—leading. The process, looked at in this way, is seen to be one of eliminating or discarding the bell just covered, at the same time covering the remainder.

Stage 4. Preliminaries for Rope-sight on Tower Bells.—The faculty of rope-sight comes into its own on tower bells, though the ability to hunt by rhythm, acquired on handbells or otherwise, remains most useful in tower bell ringing. In the latter it is essential that for full and rapid achievement the following six points be carefully observed:—

(a) **Orientation or "Facing."** The ringer must stand to face the approximate "centre" of the rope "circle," so as to command as good a view as possible of all the ropes, by swinging the eyes from side to side, without any appreciable turning of the head. Consider the following: Suppose, for example, the ringer of, say, the third, in taking his position to begin ringing, faces towards the rope he will follow in rounds, i.e. in this case the second, which is, of course, on his right—the sort of thing one sees with beginners (and others) in tower after tower. Now, when the call is heard for change-ringing, say Plain Bob, and this 3rd bell ringer is to start hunting up, he must necessarily look round to his left to see the ropes "above" him. He will then find much of his field of view in that direction cut off, until he turns himself to face centrally, and with eyes swinging to his left. So, Point 1 is—"Stand with body facing centre of rope circle."

(b) **"View Line."** Since rope-sight virtually means "sally-sight," keep the view line horizontal. So Point 2 is—"Look across the ringing chamber at approximately eye-level."

(c) **"View Interference."** Most beginners find the sally tending to interfere with the view, and some will even incline the head sideways, "to look round it." Insist on looking "through" the rope, from the start. The rope will soon disappear altogether. So, Point 3 is—"Ignore sight of own rope."

(d) **"Instant Look-round."** The tutor's insistence on the pupil's application of this idea from the very beginning of trying to hunt, brings its own reward. As soon as the pupil has decided which bell he is to follow next, and has looked to that rope in readiness to pull after it, he must instantly look round to find the next rope to follow, and so on. The most favourable point in time-of-action for this is just as the ropes are coming up to the point of reversal of direction, so that "picking up" the next rope and sounding after the last one become simultaneous. So, Point 4 is "Look round at the start of the stroke." (At end of stroke the rope-sight will have gone!)

(e) **"Aural Pickup."** But the visual check is not enough. The ear is even more im-

portant than the eye. The totally deaf are rarely good strikers, but blind ringers can strike perfectly, with practice. Moreover, the attentive ear usually can pick up the bell-to-be-followed more quickly than the eye can range round, and select it from, the "circle" of rapidly-moving ropes. In expanded covering, or hunting up, it is the bell coming after one's own that is to be next followed or covered; and it is the pitch of its note—high, middle or low—that can help to tell the position, in the "circle," of that bell's rope, i.e. checks direction in which to look for it. Similarly in contracted covering, or hunting down, it is the bell coming just before one's own that is to be spotted, covered and then eliminated from those yet to be covered. The ear can give the first intimation of this, for directing the eyes; and at the same time it checks the striking. From this it may be understood how the process of hunting is sometimes referred to, quite seriously, as achieved by "ear-sight." The pupil must be taught, from the start, to listen for the sound of his own bell. Tone-telling exercises can be given, by the tutor tapping handbells—or even a child's toy "dulcimer." The common chord and well-known changes such as "Queens" will be found to be helpful in the practice of tone-telling. So, Point 5 is "Listen all the time!"

(f) **Hunting Rules.** We have seen that the modern concept of hunting is based on the idea of "covering," i.e. ringing "last" of a number of bells, and in one of two ways—"static" or "mobile"; and all the time looking for the "bell-to-be-covered." In static hunting one's bell continues to strike in the same position, but covers different bells, except in adjacent place-making, when it covers the same bell for more than one stroke. In mobile hunting one's bell covers different bells while changing position. It is either "expanded" (hunting up) or "contracted" (hunting down). We may express all this hunting in three working rules:—

Rule I. In static hunting cover the "last bell down" continuously.

Rule II. In expanded hunting (mobile and up) cover the bell now coming over you.

Rule III. In contracted hunting (mobile and down) cut under the bell just covered, while covering the last bell of the remainder.

So, Point 6, "Look for the bell to be covered, and look early."

(To be continued)

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Joint Meeting at Ware**

It is many years since the Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts held a joint meeting, and there was a very full belfry at Ware on March 10th.

Afternoon ringing included Cambridge in a variety of methods. Owing to only a few names being sent in for tea this had to be cancelled, but a local cafe was able to supply needs.

In the evening the rope of the second bell broke twice in succession, limiting the ringing to the back six. In spite of this the meeting was a very successful one.

B. S. W. F.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. R. Honeywood 1, G. Waterman 2, J. A. Avis 3, N. V. Avis 4, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 5, P. G. Pitt 6.

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TECHNICAL

SOME NEW MINOR METHODS

By M. S. BRUCE

A PART from methods with places in 5-6, 4th's place lead-heads and bells lying three or more blows in one place, all available Plain and T.B. Minor methods have been rung and named. There are 64 Plain and 360 T.B. methods conforming to these standards, and while they provide enough variety for most ringers, there are those who enjoy the challenge of doing something for the first time. It is to these, and for the average ringer in search of novelty, that new methods have appeal. Since it is impossible, short of lowering standards, to find original material in the existing systems, I have jotted down a few notes on three new Minor systems which I hope will be of interest.

(A) DOUBLE-LEAD METHODS

It is a characteristic of Plain Minor methods that, until a single is called, all the changes with the treble in a certain place have the same character—all +ve or all -ve. Hence the need for singles, which T.B. methods avoid by having the treble strike twice in each place hunting up and again hunting down. Is there another path for the treble which will have this effect? In fact there is. Consider a single called, in any Plain Minor method, when the treble is in 6th's place. The bells will then be out of course, and if another single be called similarly 12 changes later, a +ve lead-head will be produced, 24 changes after the original lead-head. It is on this basis that this system has been produced.

Consider the simplest example, that of Plain Bob Minor. This can be adapted into a

123456	1u+	double-lead
— 214365	2u—	method with a
16 241635	3u—	plain - hunting
— 426153	4u+	treble and a lead
16 462513	5u+	of 24 changes.
— 645231	6u—	The half-lead is
3456 465231	6d+	at the treble's
— 642513	5d—	-ve lead, not (as
16 624153	4d—	in more usual
— 261435	3d+	methods, at her
16 216345	2d+	blows behind),
— 123654	1d—	and in this exam-

ple the 6th is the pivot bell, making 4ths, while the con-

jugate pairs 2-3 and 4-5 exchange in 2-3 and 5-6. As in conventional methods, there is symmetry around the half-lead, and the lead-end comes at the treble's next (+ve) lead. In the 24 changes the treble is twice in each place going up and twice coming down; once in a +ve and -ve change each time, as in T.B. Minor. Compositions are exactly as for Treble Bob. Calls are made only at the lead-head, despite the tempting similarity of the half-lead, and there are, of course, no singles.

This is only one, and the simplest, of the 374 methods available to this plan.

A double-lead method may be constructed from any two plain methods which are "opposite half splices"—i.e. which have the same succession of +ve and -ve changes in a half-lead, as in this method, compounded from St. James's Youths' Exercise and Bala Bob:

36 14—16—1256—36—14 36.
h.l. 12, l.h. 12, 56342.

(B) THIRD'S PLACE LITTLE METHODS AND THEIR ALLIANCE

There are three 3rd's place Little methods, given below.

1. —14 h.l.36 l.h.12 42563
2. —16 h.l.34 l.h.12 42563
3. 34 16 h.l.34 l.h.12 35264

If single changes are rung, as in double-lead methods, when the treble is behind, and the treble then hunts down to a half-lead turning place in 4th's, the problem of providing all the in- and out-of-course changes

above 3rd's place will have been neatly solved. The following examples are given:

1. —16—16—3456—16 h.l.34 l.h.12, 64523.
2. 34 16—36—1256—36 h.l.14 l.h.12, 56342.

Ring Alliance in-course and Little out-of-course, or vice-versa. The system is, of course, valid, mutatis mutandis, with Alliance designed to be rung with 2nd's place or 4th's place Little methods.

(C) OPPOSITE HUNT METHODS

Like Grandsire, these have two bells plain-hunting at any time. In this case, however, the bell in the hunt is not coursing after, but opposite to the treble, and in the plain course is the 6th, not the 2nd. The plan is self-explanatory, and the only details necessary are an example and a list of methods.

Example
123456

34 213465
16 231645
— 326154
16 362514
— 635241
1256 632541
— 365214
16 356124
— 531642
16 51462
34 153426
—
16 135246

A moment's examination will show that the work of an inside bell is double in this instance. Because the structure is symmetrical about the treble's path, there is only one false lead: 53426. Singles are unnecessary but are sometimes used, especially in short touches.

Bob	Single
513462	513462
153426	153426
135462	135426
315426	315462

720

23456	— 34652	Five times re-
— 35462	— 45362	peated, omitting
— 56423	— 56324	(—) in alternate
— 62435	(—) 62345	parts.
23645	— 24356	
	45236	

List of methods.

These methods are necessarily simple and are few in number. They are given below:

1. —16—16— . 1256 . 16 . 35246
2. —16—16 34 . 1256 . 16 . 35246
3. 34 16—16— . 1236 . 16 . 34526
4. " . 1256 . 16 . 35246
5. " . 1456 . 16 . 52346
6. 34 16—16 34 . 1256 . 16 . 35246

All the systems outlined extend easily to Major. Caution must be used with double-lead Major, which is as liable to falsity as Treble Bob or Surprise; the falsity is easily identified by any T.B. proof system.

COMMENTS

By HAROLD CHANT

"A" Group Methods.

(Using Mr Bruce's classification.)

Mr. Bruce asks: "Is there another path for the treble that will have this effect?" (i.e. avoiding singles by having the treble strike twice in each place hunting up and down). His own solution is given, ingenious and worked out with commendable thoroughness.

The question was solved over 100 years ago by Benjamin Thrackrah in his book "The Art of Change Ringing," published in 1852. I append the method "Horbury Delight,"

which I believe was rung in the Dewsbury area. He based his method on "Evening Delight," from "Campanalogia," 1702, which had the same treble path but, as Thrackrah pointed out, was false, as it lacked the necessary "single" changes.

Horbury
Delight

+ 123456
— 214365
— 124635
+ 216453
+ 261543
— 625134
— 652314
+ 563241
— 536241
+ 352614
+ 325164
— 231546
— 321456
+ 234165
+ 243615
— 426351
+ 462351
— 643215
— 634125
+ 361452
+ 316542
— 135624
— 315264
+ 132546
135264

I hope I may not be accused of sour grapes when I say that I think the layout of this system is far superior to that devised by Mr. Bruce. The plan is, I think, as widely adaptable as the double plain bob system.

I was aware that asymmetrical plain methods could be incorporated in a 720 and was careful to say that asymmetrical plain methods were false under normal circumstances, when I wrote the Minor Alphabet a few years ago. It is possible to remove falseness under certain circumstances by using diametrically opposed asymmetrical methods.

This can be accomplished without "single" changes (except as an ordinary standard call at the lead-ends) but "single" changes are necessary to obtain a continuous 24-row lead unless the ordinary Treble Bob path is used.

"B" Group.

Hunting up to 3rds with the treble in a "Little" method and down to 4ths in an Alliance was suggested to me by Mr. W. F. Moreton several years ago. Neither of us followed up the suggestion as I believe we both were not fond of the idea. Perhaps Mr. Bruce may consider the methods worth trying; all kinds of queer stuff are rung nowadays!

"C" Group.

I have not actually met this type of method before. Albert Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, once told me that he had experimented with twin hunting methods but he never showed me any of his efforts. I never discovered anything of the kind in his notes and records, of Minor methods which I examined after his death.

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

"B" Group.

This idea is even older than Mr. Chant realises, since it appears in Annable's "Notebook" of c. 1730 under the name of "Novelty." Annable's system differs in detail, although the principle is the same as in Mr. Bruce's article, but it has the advantage of simplicity. I can provide details if required.

The Introduction.

Not all "Plain and T.B." methods have yet been named: cf the recent Fawley Surprise. I have details of a number of such methods that have yet to be rung. I also believe (but cannot check immediately) that not all named T.B. methods have yet been rung to 720's, let alone peals, and their "C.C. Collection" names are consequently not sacrosanct!

(A quibble on facts, which, of course, has no bearing on the validity of the article in general.)

CLOSING DAY
FOR NOTICES
IS NOW
FRIDAY

MARCH 4th AT APPLETON

SATURDAY, March 4th, was the 150th anniversary dinner of the famous Appleton Society, and, although it is one of the highlights of the ringing year, no rules or minutes have ever been recorded, and one can assume the only difference between the first and 150th dinner would be the numbers attending, as it can be readily understood that the first and the yearly dinners since have always been very happy.

This year, as has been the practice during the past several years, visitors began to arrive on the Friday, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the Plough listening to the rehearsing of handbells for the next night, with the locals—Bob Mordaunt and his missus, Bill Coles, Tudor Edwards, Derek Jewell, Roy Bowd, Les Walters, Farmer Sangwin, Frank Mack—all of whom had arrived to be sure of getting into the Village Hall the next afternoon.

The traditional peal attempt was started at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, but the conductor was so unnerved at starting without such stalwarts as Frank White, Fred Sharpe and the C.O.S. that he went utterly to pieces, mentally called himself into the hunt, but forgot to call the "bob" aloud to let others know what was going on. However, at Appleton there are no heart searchings or inquests, so by 12 noon everyone was at headquarters until the brief respite from 5.30 to 6 p.m., when the Plough closes and the bar opens at the Hall. During the afternoon the friends began to arrive.

SOME OF THE COMPANY

Nelson and his friend Mottershead from the North, the usual ex-University contingent, Stubbs, Bennett and now Mr. and Mrs. J. Camp and Mr. and Mrs. David Derby (and as far as one can see it makes no difference to the lads "being on the chain") and Chris Johnson.

Then came John Lott and his London crowd, Ernie Gower with his Warwick youngsters, who, were it not for the restraining influence of Doctor Mackie, would soon get out of hand, Jack Prior and his two ministering angels and a host of others from long distances whom Appleton welcomed.

Then there was the hard core, Walter Judge, Fred Witkins, Neil Allnatt and Dick Chaundy, from Oxford, the Hibberts from Ilsley, the Hagbourne chaps, Bryn, Reg and Ray from Bristol, Trevor Bailey and his young friend, and a lot of other good people who must not be hurt because they are not mentioned.

At seven o'clock precisely the company sat down to a meal under the chairmanship of the Rector, whom we were all pleased to see accompanied by his good lady, and he was supported by Frank White, Canon and Mrs. Wigg, Sir Basil Blackwell and his two sons, the Appleton doctor, Miss Cross and Frank's co-churchwarden. It was a hot meal and everyone was delighted with the effort as it is not an easy feat to organise a hot meal at the Village Hall. Coffee, cheese and biscuits having been finished, the Rector proposed the loyal toast and the evening got under way with a very nice homily from Geoff Gunn proposing "The Church" and aptly responded to by the Rev. Mr. Tuckwell (Rector).

NATURAL BERKSHIRE BROGUE

Fred Sharpe then most admirably proposed "The Appleton Society" and we were all agog for the reply, which is undoubtedly the speech of the evening, by Frank White, and this year was no exception, being well worth listening to in that unspoiled natural Berkshire brogue. Roger Mitty (grandson of Cuthbert White) proposed "The Visitors" in a very friendly manner and Anthony Foster thanked the Appleton Society for their happy day.

It is very doubtful if there is another gathering, in other spheres as well as ringing, where a crowd of 120 get through a most entertaining

evening without modern methods such as a compere, microphone or a pop band of some sort. But it is done at Appleton and no doubt the highlight of the evening was "lapped" Spliced Stedman and Erin Cinques; in fact later in the evening the Whites and Bob Mordaunt "lapped" a bobbed course of Stedman Cinques, because one well-known Northern visitor heard the Spliced but didn't see it, voting it an amazing performance.

The usual traditional Appleton songs were rendered by Fred Sharpe, Harry White, the Doctor, Bill Coles and Bill Hibbert, and the Whites entertained us with their stylish tuning on handbells, but directly the opportunity arose the company were soon singing the typical Appleton songs and any hymn that anyone cared to "pitch" and start—and it has to be heard to be realised, in spite of a steady flow to and from the bar—was sung with reverence and the harmony was something out of the ordinary.

NUNC DIMITTIS

At 11.30 p.m. the company sang the Nunc Dimittis and then it took quite a long while for old friends to say "Goodnight" and make arrangements for future happy meetings and start for home, some with many miles to go.

The visitors staying at the Plough wended their way over to the hostelry to prepare for bed, but it was quite a surprise to find the number of people who "fell by the wayside" and popped in with the residents to have one for the road before proceeding onwards, but each car driver had been carefully vetted and detailed for driving duty.

So ended another happy March 4th, thanks to Frank White and his loyal band of ringers who can still go to the tower and ring Grand-sire Caters with two more listening outside. Not bad for a village of only a few hundred souls. Thanks are also due to the "White" ladies, who do a lot of hard work to ensure the visiting ringers are well looked after. W. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The March meeting was held at West Bridgford, where the very pleasant light eight were put to good use, methods ranging from rounds to Stedman and Cambridge. The steeple-keeper, Mr. W. Ratcliffe, is to be congratulated on the condition of the bells and belfry. In the absence of the District Ringing Master Mr. J. Miller took charge.

A splendid tea was provided by Miss J. Thornton and Mrs. Butler. At the business meeting it was announced that Daybrook bells would not be rung for the Crawford Cup so it was decided to inquire if Basford bells were available.

The May meeting was tentatively fixed at Attenborough. D.S.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

One cannot tell whether it was the rustle of spring or the anticipation of ringing on fine-toned bells that brought the ringers out of hibernation, but on Saturday, March 9th, all roads seemed to lead to Royston for the monthly meeting.

Because of weddings, a late start had to be made but, once started, good use was made of the bells from rounds and call changes to more exotic material and, although close-lead ringing enjoyed pride of place, open-lead was certainly not neglected.

Among the visitors the Society were pleased to welcome were the president of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. V. Bottomley (who has also certain connections with the Central Council), and his talented wife, who can drive a car (we hear) almost as well as she can ring bells. Furthermore, after the tea and meeting, which were held in the adjacent Church School, the members of the Society who were fortunate enough to be in the ringing chamber at the time witnessed the rare but welcome spectacle of Jean and Vernon partaking in a touch of Woodbine (an irregular method, may it be softly spoken!), rung in the approved South Yorkshire "cartwheel" fashion with a striking and rhythm that would have done justice to Barnsley Shield Contest ringing!

As the next meeting was due to be held on Holy Saturday it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Halifax and District Association on Saturday, April 20th, which is a week later than Barnsley and District's normal meeting day. H.C.

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By N. J. CHESSON

23456 W B M H

42356					
54263	—	x			
34265			S	3	
32645	—			2	

23564 A

53426	S				
54236	—				2
35246	—				3
32456	—				2

23645 A

32564 B

23456 B

Contains all the 5678, 6578, 4678, 5478 and five courses of 4578 and four courses of 6478. First rung at Appledore, Kent, on October 28th, 1967. Conducted by the arranger.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Ormesby on page 191 was rung under the auspices of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

Our attention has been drawn by those keeping peal records for the need of accuracy in submitting names of ringers in peals.

Is it true, inquires an Ashford District member, that recently a ringer at a Canterbury college arranged for members of his tour to ring at Strood, Kent (ten tubular bells)?

New bell ropes have been provided at St. Wenn's Church Cornwall. According to "The Cornish Churchman" ringers from the Diocese and beyond find St. Wenn a good place to visit.

Mrs. Mary I. Edgecombe was a ringer at St. Mary's, Callington, Cornwall, for 38 years. To commemorate this her sons have given three chairs for the ringers' gallery. They now stand, suitably inscribed, with the table Mrs. Edgecombe herself gave in 1964.

The peal at Great Yeldham (page 168) is duplicated on page 188.

Dublin University Society are planning a tour to Limerick to include five new recruits.

Mr. Tom Chapman reports four first quarters from Bishopstoke. One of the signs of new life.

The band who rang the quarter peal at Radley for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hadland are grateful to Mr. A. K. P. Poole who deputised for Miss Daphne Pollard, who unexpectedly had to spend a few days in hospital.

During the machining of "The Ringing World" of March 1st four incidentals were cut off peals on page 198. They should read: Birkenhead peal: *Thomas E. Howarth treble (first peal of Treble Bob), †Lucy P. A. Hopkins 2 (first peal). Sawley peal: *Christine Browne treble, *Anne Browne 2 (first peal on eight bells). The errors are regretted.

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WARMINSTER FIVE-TON PULPIT MOVED

The massive five-ton stone and marble pulpit at Warminster Parish Church hides the high altar from some of the congregation and the voice of the preacher is partially muffled by a pillar. Since before the last war plans have been afoot to move the pulpit, and a building firm recently estimated that the cost would be at least £250.

Thanks to a small body of volunteers, this tricky operation has been carried out at a cost of only £4 spent on quick-setting cement. Organising the moving was Mr. Brian Price, former Minster ringer, who now teaches at King's College, Taunton. The building firm said the pillar would have to be broken down into sections before removal, but the volunteers simply dug underneath it and moved it in one piece by the use of a borrowed hydraulic jack. The task took a week.

The pulpit has been moved five feet and now the entire congregation can see the altar, and the troublesome pillar is now behind the preacher and acts as a sounding board. Helping Mr. Price were two Lord Weymouth School masters—Mr. Philip Terry and Mr. Howard Marsden—and two Minster ringers—Messrs. N. G. Knee (captain) and E. E. Frampton—and Mr. Edwards (verger).

MISSIONARY WORK

Miss Ann Gardner, a former member of the Washington Cathedral band, has taken her zeal for change ringing to Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Here she has instructed two of her room mates in handbell ringing and with great enthusiasm they send to "The Ringing World" a quarter of Plain Bob Minor. Ann concludes: "I am doing my best to spread the Exercise in this country even in the absence of towers. I may be able to come to England this summer and learn a great deal more first-hand. I certainly hope so."

50 YEARS A RINGER AND NOW HIS FIRST PEAL

Mr. James Wood, of Sharnford, Leics, has been a ringer for 50 years (since he was eight years old) and has just rung his first peal. The peal was rung as a compliment to his father, Harry Wood, on his 80th birthday (which was also James' 58th birthday). Harry has been a ringer at St. Helen's, Sharnford, for nearly 70 years and it was on these bells that the birthday compliment was paid.

KITCHEN BELL PEAL

Some years ago alterations were made to the Old Sarraat Rectory, Herts, when Joe Goodman received 13 servants' bells which used to call for "service." Joe and Mrs. Goodman extend hospitality on the Feast of St. Stephen and on one occasion it was suggested that a peal should be rung on the six Joe had sorted out—complete with springs. However, the conductor did not fancy this, so equipped them with straps and partially muffled the clappers—ordinary hooked ones, which roll—and they needed it. The first attempt, a fortnight earlier, was lost through a slip appearing at the wrong time, when brains would not respond quickly enough. This time all went well, as our peal columns reveal. (See handbell peal at Common Wood, Chipperfield.)

MISSING PEAL BOARDS OF HOLY TRINITY, SOUTHWARK

Those ringers who were present at the dedication of the bells of All Saints', Tooting Graveney, on March 2nd, will have noticed three early 19th century peal boards in the ringing chamber. These very fine boards record peals by the College Youths and the Junior Society of College Youths. They originally hung in the tower of Holy Trinity, Southwark, in company with a number of smaller boards.

Some years ago I was given permission to remove these boards for safe keeping, on the condition that they should one day be placed in a belfry. While I was making these arrangements all the smaller boards disappeared, leaving a mark on the wall where they had been.

I have reason to believe that another ringer removed these boards and I would appeal to him to get in contact with me so that all Holy Trinity's peal boards may be together again and preserved for generations to come. Any information leading to the recovery of the board will be gratefully received by me at 76, Franciscan Road, London, S.W.17, and treated with complete confidence. Should the present possessor of the boards read this I assure him that his name will not be disclosed but I would remind him that he has stolen property in his hands!

REV. A. CLAYTON.

"PROOF WITHOUT FEARS?"

Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Bristol, writes that, as a result of an idea originated by Mr. S. J. Ivin, of Bedford, he has written an Algol computer programme which proves touches of Major (Treble Bob hunt) of any length in any number of methods. Total storage used is less than 2,000 words.

The peal of 23-spliced all-the-work has been proved in about 75 seconds. Mr. N. J. Diserens has written a similar programme in Fortran, which he has used to prove his peal of four-spliced all-the-work in about 15 seconds.

PEAL AT BARBON, WESTMORLAND

The recent peal of Minimus at Barbon, Westmorland, is believed to be the first peal of Minimus in the county and was arranged without the band's knowledge of the condition of the bells. When they arrived at the tower they found a ring of four by J. Taylor and Co. hung on plain bearings in a wooden frame with pits for six bells. Although the bells go well and are in good condition, the noise in the ringing chamber is tremendous and it was decided to attempt just one method instead of the proposed three so as not to mistake the conductor's instructions. Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—As thou does knit them Lord in one so bless them evermore. Given A. M. D.6. By grateful parishioners July 1st, 1896. The silver wedding of Sir Uchtred and Lady Kay-Shuttleworth. 24 ins. high, 28½ ins. diameter.

Second.—In memoriam of Margaret Harrison, O.B. 1878, and Mark Harrison, O.B. 1877. Vincit Qui Patitur. 17 ins. high, 29 ins. diameter.

Third.—In memoriam of Eleanor Eastham of this church, benefactress. Given by grateful parishioners and friends. James Harrison, incumbent, 1893. 27 ins. high, 31½ ins. diameter.

Tenor.—Hora Fugit Ora. A. M. D.6, and in memory of Richard Willan, of Darlington. The gift of his loving sister, MDCCCXIII.

ALFRED H. WEBB'S 40 YEARS' SERVICE

A peal was rung at Hagbourne, Berkshire, on March 19th, which marked the end of an era. In 1927 Alfred H. Webb became foreman at this tower; he gave 40 years' devoted service to that office until he was stricken with illness in December of last year. Although he is now thankfully on the road to recovery, Alf decided that the time had come to relinquish the foremanship of the Hagbourne Society and also the posts of Ringing Master of the North Berkshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and people's warden of Hagbourne Parish Church, which he has held with equal distinction for many years.

The peal was conducted by his successor, Michael Bishop, grandson of Thomas East, who was himself tower foreman for the first quarter of the century, and who was ringing at a time when James W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson were frequent visitors to the tower.

Though Alf has relinquished the foremanship, he intends to be an active "back-bencher," and we look forward to his speedy return to the belfry.

M. B.

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual tower- and handbell ringing contest in the festival is to take place at Isleworth Parish Church and Church Room on April 6th, starting at 2.30 p.m., when tower bell teams will have five minutes' practice ringing followed by the ringing of 250 changes or more in any standard method on eight bells and upwards, Triples or Caters being accepted. After tea in the Church Hall the handbell ringing contest will take place. The festival awards two shields for competitors annually and the adjudicator this year is Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. Entries will be accepted on the day but it would be helpful if teams intending to enter could notify the chairman, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, as long before that date as possible.

CONSTITUTION WIDENED BY UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

During the recent ringing tour of South Wales the University of Wales Society held its annual general meeting at Hawarden, when it was decided to amend the constitution by admitting ringing members of the new University of Science and Technology and all those pursuing academic work in the University. To strengthen contacts with former members it was decided to appoint a past members secretary. Officers elected were: Master, Margaret Twigg (Aberystwyth); secretary, Roger Harpole (Cardiff). Arrangements are being made for a tour of Kent from September 18th to 23rd. The annual dinner will be at Swansea on December 7th.

The tour started on Friday, February 23rd, when members from University Colleges at Aberystwyth, Cardiff, Lampeter and Swansea assembled at Machynlleth. Afterwards there was ringing at Dolgellau and Portmadoc.

On the Saturday they were joined by members from the college at Bangor for ringing at Beaumaris, Ruthin and Hawarden. Later, Rhyl, Abergele, Llandudno and Bangor were visited. Some of the party were able to stay for Sunday ringing. The Society is grateful to those incumbents who gave permission to ring.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
Alan F. Scholfield 2	Andrew J. Corby 8
David P. Hilling 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Richard H. Youdale 4	Philip A. Corby 10
Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 5	S. Clarke Walters 11
David E. Rothera 6	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

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

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Timothy G. Pett Treble	Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	David E. Rothera 6
George E. Bonham 3	S. Clarke Walters 7
Roger W. Powell 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and
All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB TRIPLES

Henry Hubbard's ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Kay Whittiker Treble	Julian E. Newman 5
Peter J. Devrell 2	David A. Burt 6
*Ian P. Cox 3	Alan F. Lee 7
Andrew Swatton 4	Robin L. Coles Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* 25th peal (all rung with the conductor). First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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

On Fri., March 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 220 methods/variation: (1) Stedman, (2) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, (3) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, (4) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (5) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (6) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (7) Maseley, St. Adwena, Wychbold, (8) Snodsbury, Dedworth, St. Clement's, (9) St. David, Clifford's, Royston, (10) Litchurch, April Day, May Day, (11) Gower, Grange, Rev. New Antelope, Burry Port, Sparsholt, De Freville, (12) Laugharne, Litlington, Upham, Cardigan, Barton Stacey, Harston, (13) Dyfed, Modbury, Catherington, Rev. New Newark, Abbotsworthy, Rev. New Grandsire, (14) Martyr Worthy, Ryton, Crawley, Itchen Abbas, Owslebury, Headbourne Worthy, (15) Redberth, Marple, Preston Candover, Cald, Chernock, Chinley, (16) Lamphey, Hyde, Bramston, Tenby, Moberly, Abberley, (17) Penally, Stoughton, Fearon, Lydstep, Kingsgate, Kingsworthy, (18) Jameston, Stoney Middleton, Chesil, Manorbier, Itchen, Shinccliffe, (19) Selwyn, St. Non, Rev. Antelope, St. Catharine, Corpus Christi, St. Bene't, (20) Winton, St. Dingad, Sidney Sussex, Petty Cury, Queens', St. Iltyd, (21) Sidgwick, St. Florentius, Newnham, Rev. Newark, Emmanuel, Rev. Grandsire, (22) Lady Margaret, St. Ystyffan, Trinity Hall, New Hall, Downing, St. Brynach, (23) Darwin, St. Elli, Gonville, Grantchester, Caius, St. Padarn, (24) Cavendish, St. Bride, Girton, Ditton, Pembroke, St. Tielo, (25) Chesterton, St. Cleer, Clare, Ridley, King's, Fen, (26) Fairbairn, Cam, Fitzwilliam, Barton, Peterhouse, Granta, (27) East Leake, Rylsun, New Antelope, Wysall, Gunthorpe, Fulmer, (28) Broughton, Cropwell Bishop, Upton, South Bonington, Caythorpe, Dell, (29) Tavistock, Lambey, Woodborough, Rolleston, Wheatley, New Grandsire, (30) Stafford, Churchdown, Uppingham, Baldston, Woodthorpe, Gonalsston, (31) Eastrey, Wensley, Stowe, Kirklington, St. Callen, Cowley, (32) Eythorpe, New, Bucknell, Halstead, Ardley, Weatwell, (33) South Collingham, Mitre, St. Aldate, Fyram, Bulcote, Eastleigh, (34) Whatton-in-the-Vale, Oxbridge, Westleigh, North Collingham, Netherfield, Ferncliffe, (35) Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Swithin, St. Quintin, Saxondale, (36) St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Northleigh, St. Lucy, Tuxford, (37) St. Heken, St. Valentine, Nazeing, St. Margaret, Grandsire, Newark, (38) Longparish, Freeland, Oxtown, Oxford, Newborough, Southwell, (39) Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Gresford, Ladbroke, Waxham, (40) Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum, St. Tydfil, Zennor, Xanxene, (41) St. Anne, Ray, St. Nedellion, Isis, Daffodil, Pinxton, (42) Middleton Stacey, Stanton, Roxholme, Beckley, Bluebell, Quantoxhead. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

M. Hutchings (Newnham) Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house) 4
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 2	*†A. F. Scholfield (Clare) 5
*R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 3	G. H. Jones (St. John's) Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal for the Guild. The greatest number of methods/variations yet rung to a peal.
Rung for St. David's Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Mon., Feb. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman Treble	Frederick S. Sutton 4
John R. Scott 2	Leon A. Perry 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the Vicar of Audlem, the Rev. A. C. Gould,
being inducted as Vicar to the united parish of Burleydam.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative, and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Christopher B. Fynes .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*John R. Pratchett 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
C. Martin Press 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Edward F. P. Bryant .. 4	Peter Beresford Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal of seven-Spliced Surprise Major.

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

On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Edward F. P. Bryant .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Derek E. Sibson 2	Tom Page 6
David D. Smith 3	Frank J. Matthews 7
Douglas A. R. May 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

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

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. Michael Orme Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 5
Joan Beresford 2	Frank W. Rivett 6
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

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

* First peal of nine-Spliced Surprise Major.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Albert C. Sinfield on his return home from hospital that day.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

James M. Hills Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Edward F. P. Bryant .. 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 3	Frank J. Matthews 7
Douglas A. R. May 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal of eight-Spliced Surprise Major.

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

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

John R. Pratchett Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Edward F. P. Bryant .. 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3	Peter Beresford 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort, who were married this day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLENCHWARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6½ cwt (approx.) in A flat.

Stanley G. Elsey Treble	*Walter H. Spiller 3
*Helen Spiller 2	†George H. Rich 4

Ernest H. Mastin Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles. Previous peal on these bells, 1912. Rung for the 700th anniversary of this church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's four-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
Janet E. Hallett Treble	Michael J. Hallett 5
Roy D. Tomlin 2	Christopher C. M. Pain 6
*Gordon I. Lucas 3	David Sloman 7
Alfred J. House 4	Frank V. Gant Tenor

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Fri., March 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
Ian Foster Treble	David E. Rothera 5
*Joe E. G. Roast 2	Peter G. Brown 6
Josephine A. Quilter 3	George E. Thoday 7
Andrew J. Slade 4	†James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal. † 25th peal on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th, on the bells and for the Association.

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

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,728 London 1,152 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Dennis A. Hewitt Treble	Peter G. Brown 5
Josephine A. Quilter 2	Andrew J. Slade 6
Colin G. Wright 3	George E. Thoday 7
*Kenneth Warner 4	†Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by R. G. Crosland. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* First peal of Spiced. † 100th peal on tower bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 50 methods, comprising 120 changes each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Albanian, Aldenham, Appleton, Banbury, Bedminster, Cambridge, Chepstow, Clifton, Enniskillen, Feltham, Gosforth, Haslemere, Horfield, Inveraray, Langley, Leek, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Marsden, Metropolitan, Ossett, Pontefract, Poole, Pudsey, Redcliffe, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Staffordshire, Stapleton, Swindon, Sunderland and Yorkshires, 80 changes each of Belgrave, Evercreech, Diseworth, Oakham, Wallington, Wembley, Wrington and York and 40 changes each of Bishopsworth, Fishponds, Lindsey, Merrywood, New Durham, Osgathorpe, Rammoor and Yeovil, with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Maurice A. New Treble	Anthony R. Peake 6
Diane M. Chapman 2	Michael J. Hobbs 7
Jennifer M. Taylor 3	Gordon W. Land 8
James R. Taylor 4	D. John Hunt 9
Brian Bladon 5	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Royal as conductor. The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

Appleton	—30—16—50—18—14—50—16—50.	78.16.78. 5.
Bishopsworth	—50—16—50—36—1470—58—36—1450—38—3	
Chepstow	—30—14—50—16—1470—38—16—70.	18.56.18. 7
Evercreech	—30—14—50—16—70—18—36—70—18—7	
Fishponds	—30—14—50—36—1470—38—16—30.	14.38—3
Horfield	—50—14—50—12.	30—14—50—14—50—34—5
Merrywood	—30—14—50—36—70—18—16—30.14	38—3
Poole	—30—16—50—38—1270—18—16—50—18—3	
Stapleton	—50—14—50—12.	30—14—50—14—50—12—5
Wrington	—30—14—50—16—1270—18—16—30.14.	38—3

BRISTOL EAST.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Andrew N. Brock Treble	David Rennolds 5
†Lydia M. Barnett 2	Jonathan G. Rose 6
†Mandi McCallion 3	Anthony J. Cox 7
Elizabeth M. Emmett 4	Michael J. Platt Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.

* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ 25th peal. First on eight bells as conductor.

Rung to mark the election of the treble ringer as Cupid of the U.B.S.C.R.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis Treble	*David D. Smith 5
*Alison M. Mann 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
Christopher B. Fynes 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*David J. Tubbs 4	*Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of nine-Spiced Surprise Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. George Morris Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Jillian Sims 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 6
Frederick Harris 3	Peter D. Sell 7
Martin Smith 4	John Clements Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by R. George Morris.

Rung for St. Matthias' Day and to celebrate the engagement of Miss Monica Greenway and Mr. Neville Little.

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

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Alan R. Pink Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Austin T. Wingate 2	George T. Cousins 6
Christopher C. Clarke 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter J. Wycherley 4	Frank Reed Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

David Redfearn Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan 6
Christopher W. Woolley 3	David E. Rothera 7
Jonathan S. N. Porter 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods, comprising the following extents: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Wells. (4) York, (5) Du'lam, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
*C. Valerie Mills 2	*Keith Sheppard 5
*Francis M. Byrne 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in 12 methods.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat. Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Walter H. Dobbie Treble | Paul J. Dye 5
 *Vernon J. Benning 2 | Edward J. Jenner 6
 *Lawrence T. Pope 3 | Tony Lewis 7
 Edward F. P. Bryant 4 | Stanley Jenner Tenor
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
 * First peal in the method
 Rung with best wishes to Paul and Erica Dye on their departure from the district. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.
 Paul J. Dye Treble | †Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
 Joan Beresford 2 | Robert W. Hinde 6
 Margaret E. Oram 3 | †Ian H. Oram 7
 *Tony Lewis 4 | Stanley Jenner Tenor
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
 * First peal of nine-Spliced "inside." † First of nine-Spliced.
 ‡ Has now "circled the tower." First of nine-Spliced as conductor.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Fri., March 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.
 Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble | Andrew J. Corby 5
 Arthur G. Mason 2 | John W. Euston 6
 John W. Smith 3 | Frederick J. Cullum 7
 Christopher T. Osenton .. 4 | James T. Stevens Tenor
 Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
 Rung in memoriam Albert W. Coles and to the memory of John Worth.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor 20 cwt. in E.
 Judith M. Corby Treble | Richard Hayes 4
 Colin J. E. Wyld 2 | Peter S. Muchlinski 5
 Simon A. B. Wigg 3 | Tony Lewis Tenor
 Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PLUCKLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.
 *Janet B. Gordon Treble | †Philip Jackson 4
 Richard Bushell 2 | Peter D. J. Beal 5
 Pamela Thomsett 3 | Nicholas J. Chesson .. Tenor
 Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
 * First peal. † First "inside."

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being two extents of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
 Stephen Gay Treble | Christopher J. Easton .. 4
 Martin Gay 2 | *Peter G. Holden 5
 Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3 | John Pladdys Tenor
 Conducted by John Pladdys.
 * 50th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
 On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.
 Arthur S. Richards .. Treble | Christopher M. Movley .. 6
 Alison M. Mann 2 | Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 7
 *James E. Andrews 3 | D. Paul Smith 8
 Ian H. Oram 4 | Stanley Jenner 9
 Doris E. Colgate 5 | Tony Lewis Tenor
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
 * First peal of Royal. First of Lincolnshire Royal by all the band.
 Rung with best wishes to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort, married later in the day at St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt.
 Nigel Goulding Treble | William E. Court 5
 John Ridley 2 | John Elliott 6
 *Jackie Holmes 3 | Martin E. Snape 7
 Mary Perry 4 | Dennis R. Jones Tenor
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Martin E. Snape.
 * First peal attempt.
 Rung to wish Tom Hesketh, of Liverpool, a speedy recovery.

(Bolton Branch)
FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
 On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In three methods, comprising two extents St. Clement's College Bob (one calling), two Cambridge Surprise and three Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Joseph Thornley Treble | James Cunliffe 4
 *Neil T. E. Burnett 2 | A John Illingworth 5
 R. Keith Lister 3 | James E. Andrews Tenor
 Conducted by James E. Andrews.
 * First peal in three methods. First of Minor as conductor.

BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS
 Being 210 extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. approx.
 Kevin M. Price Treble | William Kenyon 3
 *Mary W. Whalley 2 | Joseph Whalley Tenor
 Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
 * 50th peal. First peal of Minimus in the method by all. First peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHARNFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.
 Richard T. E. Hubbard .. Treble | Michael Vernon 4
 Arthur E. Rowley 2 | Michael E. Brown 5
 Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3 | *James Wood Tenor
 Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
 * First peal.
 Rung as a compliment to Harry Wood (head ringer at this church), on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
 On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.
 Vaughan P. Evans Treble | Dennis A. Frith 6
 Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. 2 | †James R. Holmes 7
 *Edgar A. Cole 3 | William A. Holmes 8
 *Thomas A. Relf 4 | †H. Reginald Woods 9
 *Charles F. Baxter 5 | *H. Leslie Squires Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Dennis A. Frith.
 * First peal on the bells. † First of Royal. ‡ 50th peal.
 Rung to mark the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Relf, and the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holmes, also as a birthday compliment to E. A. Cole.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.
 Paul S. Reading Treble | *John Prytherch 5
 Charles P. Quartley 2 | Michael Pilgrim 6
 Peter S. Bennett 3 | Christopher Ricketts 7
 *Paul A. Williams 4 | David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor
 Composed by A Craven. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
 * First peal of Surprise.
 Rung as a farewell to John Prytherch, who is leaving for Milford Haven, and the Rev J. T. E. Davies (Vicar), who is leaving for Llantarnam, and as a birthday compliment to Ann Pilgrim.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In 17 methods as follows: (1) York and Durham Surprise, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Grandsire, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.
 *Andrew W. E. Bainham Treble | Paul A. Williams 4
 Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2 | Charles P. Quartley 5
 Christopher Ricketts .. 3 | Peter S. Bennett Tenor
 Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
 * First peal on six bells. Most Minor methods rung in a peal on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the conductor.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 10 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 10 Plain Bob, 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 Frederick J. Bailey Treble | †Richard Hall 4
 *Roger Harpole 2 | †William H. Harford 5
 Thomas Yeomans 3 | William Dare Tenor
 Conducted by William H. Harford.
 * First peal. † First in three methods and first as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Wed., Feb. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London S., Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Graham W. Elmes .. Treble	John Pladdys 4
*Michael W. Coleman .. 2	Timothy G. Pett 5
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 3	Robin R. Churchill .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Arthur E. Rowley .. Treble	Frank Chambers 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	E. Frederick Gobey 6
John K. Smith 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Peter Pearce 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Alan R. Pink 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First in the method by all the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and two each of Southrepps and Plain Bob.

Diane Presdee .. Treble	Douglas K. Whitlock .. 4
*Christine T. Wilkins .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
†Louise A. M. Evans .. 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Minor "inside." † Most methods to a peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., March 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WHITLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

G. John Collett .. Treble	*Brian W. Hall 4
Terence J. Hester 2	Bertram J. Coggins .. 5
Peter Pearce 3	*D. Kay Adkins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HINTON WALDRIST Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise. (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob. (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinchurst Bob. (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. (6) Kent Treble Bob. (7) Plain Bob

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Richard H. Johnston .. Treble	John R. Leary 4
Stephen F. Royal 2	Jeremy R. Pratt 5
Richard J. Wilsher 3	Peter H. Mackie .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.

Rung to mark the 150th anniversary of the Appleton bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOIS WEEDON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Peter.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Daphne Webb .. Treble	†Betty Mansfield 4
*Ian Blackmur 2	Charles E. Truman 5
William J. Chester 3	James Linnell .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal "inside." † First in seven methods.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat. March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, all singles.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

*Joseph W. Marshall .. Treble	†Christopher W. Tidwell .. 4
Philip R. Board 2	Ernest H. Amey 5
Roderick A. Bryant 3	Timothy F. Collins .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

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

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Donald G. Clift .. Treble	John Hartless 7
Michael J. Best 2	Gwilym Salmon 8
*Christopher M. Movley .. 3	Neil Bennett 9
Thomas H. Francis 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Philip N. Tubbs 5	James A. D. Woolford .. 11
Frank L. Harris 6	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 14.) Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques.

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

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Denis A. Frith .. Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Thelma E. Staples 2	Colin W. Reed 6
Christine L. J. Mills 3	Peter Wakefield 7
Beryl N. Reed 4	William L. Exton .. Tenor

Composed by Harvy Poyner.

Conducted by William L. Exton.

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

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 19 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Beverley Surprise. (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinchurst Bob. (5) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. (6) Double Court Bob. (7) Oxford and Kent T.B.

W. Keith Whittell .. Treble	*Alan R. Bridges 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neville M. Whittell .. 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lockwood on their 15th wedding anniversary

Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUTNEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	Len Goodall 6
Stanley G. Ponting 2	*Rev. Michael Hart 7
Peter J. Munday 3	†George A. Dawson 8
John R. Pratchett 4	Alan R. Patterson 9
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 5	Michael J. Uphill .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 150th peal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew James, a son for Christopher and Ann Mew.

PUTNEY SURPRISE ROYAL

—30—14—50—1236—1470—58—16—70—18.56

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Morley P. Tobin .. Treble	*Martin Powell 5
Robert Edwards 2	Gerald C. Hemming .. 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Roderick J. Lees 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Ernest F. Willcox .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
John R. Insley 2	Robert Edwards 6
Richard J. Tibbetts 3	James Insley 7
Reginald H. Newton .. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Mon., Feb. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Catherine R. Slater Treble	Susan Mitchell 5
James S. Webb 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	H. David Holland 7
Ronald R. Warford 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

HEMSWORTH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Lynne I. Clowe Treble	†J. Richard F. Parkin .. 5
C. Barrie Dove 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
†Susan Mitchell 3	Kenneth B. Sissons .. 7
George Hancock 4	John Potts Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method.

‡ First peal attempt. Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A

LEEDS, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater Treble	David Nicholls 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Stuart Armeson 6
Ronald J. Snack 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
H. David Holland 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

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

On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Stuart R. Armeson .. Treble	Ian L. Dear 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	David Nichols 6
Ronald J. Snack 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
*Christopher Walker 4	Neil Donovan Tenor
Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.	

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the fifth.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Mrs. F. J. Marshall say .. Treble	*Eric J. Booth 5
Dorothy T. Gardiner .. 2	†Ronald G. Pike 6
Daniel T. Matkin 3	John Hartless 7
Fred Price 4	Colin Conway Tenor

Composed by Joe Pigott.

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major † First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Price, son of the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Marston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Foike, Plain Bob, Tichborne, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth and Cadbury Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal in 21 Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

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

On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 31 methods/variations, being 120 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Marston, Wychbold, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Farnsfield, Salwarpe, Little Aston, Folke, Tichborne, Dedworth, Shenley, Seighford, Wollaston, Windrush, Norfolk and Cadbury, and 240 each of All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Old. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

Most Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossili, 55, Wick Avenue.

On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossili, 55, Wick Avenue.

On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick W. Ellis .. 1-2 | Julia A. Fellows 3-4

Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) .. 5-6

COMMON WOOD Chipperfield, Herts.—At Cotoneaster.

On Fri., March 1, 1968, in One Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. On "Kitchen Bells" in E flat.

Michael D. Frost .. 1-2 | Gerald Penney 3-4

Walter Ayre (cond.) .. 5-6

The band appreciate the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Goodman after the peal and on many other occasions.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At 25, Crosgrave Road.

On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Susan D. Cowan .. 1-2 | Bruce Wakefield 3-4

David F. Moore (cond.) .. 5-6

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At University Hall.

On Tues., Feb. 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Susan D. Cowan .. 1-2 | David F. Moore (cond.) .. 3-4

Bruce Wakefield 5-6

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Sun., Feb. 25, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Kenneth R. Davenport .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4

*Susanne Sargeant 5-6

* First handbell peal away from the trebles.

NEW DOUBLES VARIATIONS NAMED

Dear Sir,—May I suggest the following names for variations rung at Litlington on March 1st:—

Bob Single	Rev. Grandsire	Rev. Antelope	Rev. Newark
A A	St. Non	Rev. Antelope	Selwyn
A G	St. Benedict	Corpus Christi	St. Catharine
A P	St. Dinglad	Sidney Sussex	Winton
A W	St. Iltyd	Queen's	Petty Cury
G A	St. Florentius	Newnham	Sidgwick
G G	Rev. Grandsire	Emmanuel	Rev. Newark
G P	St. Ystyffan	Trinity Hall	Lady Margaret
G W	St. Brynach	Downing	New Hall
P A	St. Elli	Gonville	Darwin
P G	St. Padarn	Caius	Grantchester
P P	St. Bride	Girton	Cavendish
P W	St. Teilo	Pembroke	Ditton
W A	St. Cleer	Clare	Chesterton
W G	Fen	King's	Ridley
W P	Cam	Fitzwilliam	Fairbairn
W W	Granta	Peterhouse	Barton
A A	Rev. New G'sire	Rev. New Antelope	Rev. New Newark
A G	Grange	Rev. New Antelope	Gower
A P	De Freville	Sparsholt	Burry Port
A W	Litlington	Upham	Laugharne
G A	Harston	Barton Stacey	Cardigan
G A	Modbury	Catherington	Dyfed
G G	Rev. New G'sire	Abbotsworthy	Rev. New Newark
G P	Ryton	Crawley	Martyr Worthy
G W	Headbourne Worthy	Owslebury	Ithen Abbas
P A	Marple	Preston Candover	Redberth
P G	Chinley	Chernocke	Culdy
P P	Hyde	Bramston	Lamphay
P W	Abberley	Moberly	Tenby
W A	Stoughton	Fearon	Penally
W G	Kingsworthy	Kingsgate	Lydstep
W P	Stoney Middleton	Cesil	Jameston
W W	Shincliffe	Ithen	Manorbier

A, Antelope; G, Grandsire; P, Pink's; W, Wallflower. (Single is in fact a Reverse All Saints' P.L., but it is more convenient to think of it as Wallflower Single.) All calls are made when the treble is at the back.

If any variations have already been named, or any names have been duplicated, I would be grateful for corrections.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

DATE TOUCHES

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 29th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: P. D. Hepburn 1, R. I. West (first in method) 2, Marion Kemp 3, Caroline Mackie 4, B. J. Read 5, V. Sheppard (50th quarter) 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, R. H. Newton (longest length as cond.) 8. First date touch by all.

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—On Feb. 29th, a date touch of Doubles, consisting of eight six-scores and 30 changes, in 29.2.68 leads of New Grandshire (29), Reverse S. Bartholomew (2) and Grandshire (68): D. Bedford 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, S. Halliwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, G. Bacon 5, P. Sloman 6. First date touch of its type for at least 100 years.

BENSON, OXON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. Wells 1, C. Woodward 2, F. Absalom 3, F. Gooden 4, A. Cope 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. MacQueen. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. I. Fox (first on eight) 1, M. Journeaux 2, C. Woodward 3, J. Godman 4, D. Woodward 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8.

BERROW, WORCS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: F. Clarke (first quarter) 1, J. Clements 2, L. Walters 3, P. Young 4, D. Price (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. G. McAvoy.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: K. Sansom 1, Sally Stacey 2, Gillian Read (first "inside") 3, D. Hatherly 4, D. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. Read 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: P. Wadey 1, J. Hallett 2, R. Le Marechal 3, J. Colliss 4, T. Chapman (cond.) 5, M. Anstey 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. Rung as a commitment to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Forster on their wedding anniversary.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Brown 1, Miss J. Millbank (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, A. Whiffen 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, C. Barker 7, A. R. Syder 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,296 Grandshire Caters: R. H. Newton (cond.) 1, Marion Kemp 2, Enid Hammond 3, M. S. Loveday 4, R. I. West 5, Caroline Mackie 6, Peter Ollen 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, J. M. Hills (first of Caters) 9, B. J. Read 10. First of Caters "inside" 3, 7. First on ten by the Sussex University Guild. For St. Valentine's Day.

JASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: K. Oliver 1, F. Simey 2, P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, G. Oliver 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. A birthday commitment to the treble ringer.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire, Plain Bob): V. Fox 1, C. Woodward 2, L. Cooper (first in two methods "inside") 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, D. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung for the last Sunday of Greenwich Mean Time.

CHELTHENHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,296 Double Norwich C.B.: Miss F. Fairbank 1-2, Miss V. Willard 3-4, H. N. Evans 5-6, C. A. Wratton (cond.) 7-8. First of D.N.C.B. "in hand" by all.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Margaret Jones 1, N. J. Davies 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, D. C. Manger 5, F. G. Huckstepp 6, J. R. Cooper 7, R. Swift 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 4, 5. For the birth of a son to Brenda and Nicholas Davies.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gardner (first quarter) 1, A. B. Lucas (first "inside") 2, A. E. W. Baines 3, B. M. Baines (cond.) 4, A. I. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. Rung for the christening of Mark Anthony Baines, son of ringers of 3 and 4.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. Russell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, M. Hawkins 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, S. B. Bell 6. For the wedding of Keith Oram and Viviane Dolby.

DOULTING, SOM.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Metcalfe 1, P. Wareham (first of Minor) 2, T. Nicholls 3, D. G. Massey 4, D. Orledge 5, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Grandshire Doubles: Alison Cooper (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, M. J. Wake 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOM.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sally Baker (first of Triples) 1, E. Overend 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. Orledge 4, G. W. Massey 5, N. Abbott 6, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,400 Kent T.B. Royal: D. Knox (cond.) 1, G. W. Massey 2, Miss J. Cornwall 3, D. Francis 4, A. Newton 5, M. J. Best 6, R. H. Newton 7, A. K. Fortin 8, D. A. Cornwall 9, S. M. Bailey 10. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: C. Royal 1, A. Newton 2, A. K. Fortin 3, R. J. Snack 4, G. W. Massey 5, S. M. Bailey 6, D. Francis 7, M. J. Best 8, D. A. Cornwall 9, D. Knox (cond.) 10. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,296 Kent T.B. Maximus: M. J. Best 1, D. Knox (cond.) 2, R. J. Collis 3, L. C. Way 4, A. Newton 5, A. K. Fortin 6, D. Francis 7, A. L. Timms 8, R. Biggs 9, R. H. Newton 10, S. M. Bailey 11, D. A. Cornwall 12. First on 12 for 3, 8, 10. First of Kent T.B. Maximus 5, 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Whiting 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, C. R. Nunn 3, J. A. Underwood 4, T. Spurling 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, A. R. Fuller (covering) 7.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, P. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, R. Harrop 5, E. Greenacre 6, L. Houghton 7, C. Tovell 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): N. Whitehouse 1, C. Peakman 2, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 3, V. Whittaker 4, D. N. Layton 5, F. Preston 6, R. A. Peakman 7, W. Bassam 8. Half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. A. E. Morgan, ringer and secretary of this tower, who died this day.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,500 Doubles (four methods): R. T. Falder 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, M. R. Worthington 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, D. M. Hamilton 6. Most methods for all the band. Rung to welcome Andrew Paul, third son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Rumsey.

LONDON, E.C.—On March 25th, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,140 Doubles (Grandshire, Stedman, Plain Bob): R. Horder 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, C. J. Easton 3, R. R. Churchill 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Blake 1, R. Horder 2, C. J. Easton 3, P. G. Holden 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 2. For Matins by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Susan V. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Allinson (cond.) 5th quarter) 7, K. Tatt (first on eight) 8. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's and other methods): M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Martin Stilleman) to Brenda and Nicholas Davies. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. E. Godfrey 1, Miss F. Stocker 2, Miss F. Riley 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, F. Harris 5, A. Nunn 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Godfrey.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Willett 1, Joan Hills 2, D. Stott 3, H. Smith 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Mason and George Hull, both members of the local band, married at Orsett the previous day.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Oxonian Major: R. H. Johnston (first as cond.) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, J. R. Leary 3, P. J. Daniel 4, P. H. Mackie 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, J. R. Pratt 7, S. F. Royal 8. First touch in the principle. First of a Major principle by all the band. Constructed and composed by conductor. Rung by O.U.S.C.R. for 16th anniversary of Accession of Queen Elizabeth II. (Oxonian Major: 14.38.38.14.12 (4ths place bob)).

POOLE, DORSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: G. Stubbington (first of Triples) 1, J. I. P. Davis 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. C. A. Philpott 4, J. Price 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, C. M. Heawood 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd's son, Dudley, who was married to Elaine Parish the previous day at St. George's, Oakdale, Poole.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Diana Brind (first quarter) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Valerie Hook 3, Susan Alexander 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, Margaret Allen 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hadland, grandparents of the ringer of 1. Mrs. Hadland has been a manager of Radley C.E. School for many years. All the ringers with the exception of the 5th, are present or past members of the school.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jose Sadler 1, Janet Gasson 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, B. Sadler 5, L. Beal 6, H. Furninger 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rose 1, D. Rose 2, C. Hancock 3, B. Coley 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to John Outley, deputy organist.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): R. Camdely 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, V. Bedford 3, S. Bedford 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung after peal attempt failure. Believed to be the first quarter in ten Double methods on the bells. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Nigel Rogers (13) 2, Wendy Ellis (14) 3, Andrew Ellis (13, first as cond.) 4, J. Ramplay (17) 5, Michael Baldry (16) 6. First "inside" 2, 5. Rung for the Youth Service, the preacher being Rev. R. Bird, a member of the Suffolk Guild. First quarter by a complete Saxmundham band since being reformed in 1965.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): N. Brazier (11 years) 1, Julie Horne 2, P. A. Keene 3, D. R. Brazier 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. R. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the Rev. R. d'E. A. Byrn, former Vicar and Guild president.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On March 3rd, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, H. C. Spencer 2, Susan Smith 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, R. J. Cann 8, F. E. Collins 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH FERROTT, DORSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. J. Mears 1, P. R. Boaro 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, P. R. Boaro 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

WELLS, SOM.—At the Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. G. Beck 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, Jacqueline S. King 3, G. Hebdon (first of Stedman C.) 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, D. J. King 7, R. C. Taylor 8, E. Naylor (cond.) 9, V. Savage 10. For Evensong.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

DUKE-DYKE.—The marriage between Richard Henry Duke and Betty Joan Dyke will take place on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Dorset, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. 3582

RETURN THANKS

COLES.—Mrs. A. W. Coles and Peter wish to thank all the ringers who wrote to and visited Albert Coles during his recent stay in hospital, and those who attended the funeral. —Peter J. Coles. 3552

PERSONAL

"Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death." —Proverbs xi, 4.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUKE.—The address of Richard and Betty Duke will be 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, Dorset. All friends welcome. All communications referring to St. Peter's, Dorchester, should be sent to this address. 3583

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TWO-BEDROOM COTTAGE in good order. Garage space and sheds. ¼ mile Grindisburgh Church. Rates £5 11s. 8d. half-year, £1,750 or near offer.—Dennis Neal, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Tel. Woodbridge 2263. 3546

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour in Yorkshire, July 7th to 13th H.Q., Sheffield. Party limited to 30. Applications, with s.a.e., to Cecil Pipe, Grundsburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 3570

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL.—Tower- and Handbell Ringing Contest, Isleworth Parish Church, Saturday, April 6th. Tower bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Handbells after tea. Entries accepted on the day. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3560

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—Your "get together" has been "booked" at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 22nd next. All welcome. Write to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 3559

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

at
CAMBRIDGE

on
Saturday, April 6th.

Ringling: Trumpington (8) 11 to 12.15;
St Andrew-the-Great (8) 2 to 3.15;
Roman Catholic (8) 5.15 to 6.30; St.
Mary-the-Great (12) 6.45 to 8.

Lunch (approx. 10s. 6d.) 12.30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington. Meeting at 3.30, followed by tea, Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by Thursday, April 4th. 3576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Parish Church of St. Thomas, Newhey, near Rochdale.

Dedication of a new ring of eight bells (tenor 4½ cwt. in C sharp), installed by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

Service to be conducted by
The Lord Bishop of Manchester.

Sunday, March 31st, at 10.15 a.m.

The tower will be open for visiting ringers from 2.30 p.m. until Evensong at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 3569

Preliminary Notice.

MELDRETH, CAMBS

Service of Dedication of the augmented ring of eight by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. 3556

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The summer tour this year will be held in Norfolk from July 6th-14th inclusive (please note change of date). Will all interested in going please write to me for further details by March 30th. — R. R. Churchill, 21, Cornwall House, Allsop Place, London, N.W.1. 3522

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

First annual dinner will be held at the University on May 4th. Tickets (25s.) from Miss P. Ollen, 683, Kenton Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Ringing arrangements later. Please send names and s.a.e. 3580

ST. MARTIN'S, EPSOM.—Bells now rehanging; ringing as usual.—J. C. Davidge, Capt.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary's, March 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead. 3549

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints (Stranton), Hartlepool, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. 3548

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Osyth (6), March 23rd. Ringing 3 Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 3517

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewhurst, March 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting and tea Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided but please bring your own food.—Y. L. Elton, Dis. Sec. 3472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church, St. Peter's, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—5 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Business meeting, then ringing until 8.15.—A. J. Illingworth, Sec. 3558

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Copt Oak (6) on Saturday, March 23rd, 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. M. W. 3543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Clewer, near Windsor (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 3502

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, Wem, Shropshire, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. All welcome. 3566

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those notifying Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop.—D. J. Beach Dis. Sec. 3521

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515 as soon as possible, please.—G. M. FitzHugh. 3568

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Evening meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Derby, on Monday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. 3550

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C. 4, on March 26th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 26th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; April 16th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 3529

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown (8), Tuesday, March 26th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3577

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Plain Bob practice, Pebmarsh, March 27th, 7-9 p.m. All learners welcome—no age limits. For further details contact District Secretary. 3578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Practice meeting, Keynsham, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. No practice on Thursday, March 28th.—R. M. Virgin. 3555

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Cramlington (6) on Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to reach D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday, March 27th. 3553

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Parks, Dis. Sec. 5575

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Next meeting at Shipon Moyne on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bells in evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. Carey, 5, Eastern Avenue, Chippenham. 3567

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Most essential names for tea to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, before Wednesday, March 27th.—R. H. D. 3581

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice, Holme Lacy (8) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 3518

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Thames Ditton, March 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. Telephone No. 01-398 4681. 3531

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Wood, 38, Valley Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, by previous Wednesday. 3565

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Inns, 1, Woodfield, Brixworth, by Wednesday previous, please. Evening ringing at Pitsford until 8.30 p.m. 3519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wapenhall on March 30th. Service 4 p.m. Lois Weedon bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 3572

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, March 30th. Foundry bells 3 p.m. Tea at Church Hall 5 p.m. Parish Church bells after business meeting. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford (Phone Nottingham 233506), by March 28th. 3571

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ten-bell practice at All Saints', Kingston, Saturday, March 30th, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3573

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, Saturday March 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Taylor 71 Shelvers Way, Tadworth, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 3520

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Priors Marston (6), April 6th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Napton (6) will also be open 2.30-3.30. Business includes election of Dis. Sec. and committee members. Names for tea to R. W. Sherrieff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Leamington Spa. Tel. Southam 2510. Regret—no names, no teas for this meeting. 3516

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting of the above on Saturday, April 6th, at Egremont, Cumberland. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by April 1st. No names, no tea. 3574

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Noss Mayo (8) 7.30 to 9. Numbers for tea please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday, April 1st. 3532

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Ringing competition and meeting at Burnley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Draw and competition 3.30 p.m. Tea (about 4s.) 5 p.m., followed by results, business meeting and general ringing. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. J. Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley, by Saturday, March 30th.—B. A. T. and H. P., Branch Secs. 3564

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 1st. 3551

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rochester on Easter Monday, April 15th. Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3509

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. Towers open: Whalley 10.30-11.30, Darwen 12.30-1.30, Blackburn Cathedral 1-2.30, Oswaldtwistle 2-4, Accrington 2-4.15. Service 4.15 at Accrington. Tea in Willow Street School 4.45, followed by the annual general meeting. Ringing afterwards at St. Peter's, Burnley, till 8 p.m., and Accrington till 9 p.m. Requests for other Blackburn Branch towers to J. Pilkington, 407, Whalley Road, Accrington. St. Michael's, Blackburn (morning). Holy Trinity, Burnley (evening) will be open if required. Names for tea (4s. each), including money with stamped addressed envelope, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington, by April 19th.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 3514

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. ROBINSON

With the passing of Mr. William J. Robinson (Robbie), one more link with Alfred H. Pulling's famous pre-war band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, has been broken. Robbie, who was 86, passed away peacefully on March 5th at the home of his grandson in New Cross, London. Although in failing health for several years, his death came suddenly. He was a very active man and right to the end he had his daily walk.

Because of his health he had not been able to ring for the last six years but he was still keenly interested in ringing affairs and, until his failing eyesight prevented him from doing so, was an ardent reader of "The Ringing World." He was a kind and gentle man, although his bushy eyebrows and gruff voice gave him a fierce appearance, enough to frighten the timid and the not-so-timid.

Robbie started his ringing career at Olney, Bucks. After serving in the R.A.M.C. in the first World War he moved to Dorset, following his trade as a basket-maker. In 1926 he moved to Guildford and joined the band at Holy Trinity. Until then he had rung little more than the standard methods and only a few peals, but he quickly mastered the more intricate methods and was soon ringing peals of Surprise Major in many methods. He was a safe and reliable ringer and a good handler. For this reason Alf Pulling nearly always placed him for peal ringing on the 3rd at Holy Trinity, which with the 4th and 7th was well known for its habit of dropping suddenly on the unwary, but Robbie was seldom caught out.

His record of peals is not immediately available but it is believed he rang over 300, about half of these after he had reached his 60th birthday. They included the first ever peal of Spliced Surprise Major and a long length of Double Dublin. He did not aspire to being a conductor, but did call about a dozen peals, including Holt's Original, on a number of occasions.

He was steeplekeeper at Holy Trinity for many years and was never absent from the tower for Sunday ringing and practices right up to 1958, when circumstances beyond his control necessitated his leaving Guildford and his beloved tower.

He was a good and faithful friend and his passing will be mourned by all who knew him. F. A. M.

MR. ALBERT W. COLES

Appreciations

Albert W. Coles was one of two highly respected and admired brothers whose main ringing activities were centred in and around the London area. "Bert" and "Tom" Coles earned their tributes by personality, hard work and achievement.

In 1903 at St. George-in-the-East Albert was invited to be taught to handle a bell—only after having "sat through and watched" the two previous practices! However, within three years he had, in this tower, rung his first peal. He was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in 1905 and served this Association very well for many years, culminating in being Master (1935-39) and a vice-president (1943-53). He represented the Association on the Central Council in 1948. His great service to the Exercise was as an instructor, either leading or assisting, and just some of the towers which benefited from his tuition were St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bethnal Green, Clerkenwell, Cubitt Town, Holloway, Islington and North Myrms.

He achieved fame by being a member of the William Pye band, during which time many records were made, such as 7.392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow; first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral; first of Spliced Surprise Maximus at Chelmsford Cathedral; 10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow; first of Spliced Surprise Royal at St. Magnus', London Bridge, and the pioneering series of Spliced Surprise Major in 3 to 12 methods. His peal total was 479, conducted 12, all on tower bells. This seems unusual, for he was quite capable of conducting more and of ringing a handbell peal. Stedman remained his favourite for ringing and conducting.

Mention, of course, must be made of the Veterans' Reunion, which Albert originated and put into effect so successfully. He had done some excellent signwriting of peal boards, usually gold leaf on a black background to his own significant design, and made some beautiful pen and ink drawings of church towers, all of which will remain a memorial to him. He was a lover of the open countryside, and had walked many miles in various parts of the country, though the Sussex beauty spots were his favourite visiting places.

To his widow, son and daughter-in-law are extended sincere sympathy in their bereavement. T. J. L.

I first met Bert Coles when I was a bashful "teenager"—in the days when ladies were not always welcome in the belfry. Always ready and willing to help inexperienced ringers, he had great patience together with a quiet, unassuming manner, which did much towards making the beginner feel at ease.

Little did I know then that we were to be neighbours in North Myrms for nearly 30 years. Tom and I will always be grateful to Bert for introducing us to the village where he had himself settled and where we subsequently made our home. May he rest in peace.

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

QUARTER PEALS

BARNESLEY, YORKS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. W. Carbutt 1, G. Scourfield 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. First quarter 2, 4. For evening service.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandfire Triples. Caroline Stewart 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, D. R. McLean 3, J. M. Rice 4, R. M. Day 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, P. N. Mackley 7, P. J. Bagshaw (25th quarter) 8. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURTON, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. deCombe (first quarter) 1, K. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, H. deCombe 5, Mrs. A. Hall 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard A. J. Pocock.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Rose Wratten (cond.) 3, Annie Rayner 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, W. Beeching 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. Lambourn.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, on March 2nd, 1,121 Grandsire Cinques: R. J. Birch 1, K. I. Davis 2, J. Hedgecock 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, Pamela E. Powell 5, Dr. D. H. Niblett 6, D. Chaffield 7, P. Tombs 8, P. Heritage 9, R. J. Carr 10, E. R. Venn 11, J. B. Keeler 12. First on 12 for 1 and 12.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Murray (first quarter on eight) 1, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 2, Yvonne Murray 3, E. G. Roast 4, T. Spurgeon 5, P. J. Came 6, J. West 7, I. J. M. Saunders 8. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rowling 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 4, P. J. Came 5, T. R. Roast 6, J. West 7, Yvonne Murray 8. A farewell to Martin Rowling who is leaving the district.

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): R. S. Russell 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. J. Cowley 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4, S. B. Bell 5.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. R. Owen (first quarter) 1, D. A. McDoo 2, Miss G. G. Winnett 3, C. J. Reede 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, Miss H. M. Hubert (first as cond.) 6, J. P. O. Barry (first "inside" of Triples) 7, L. R. Taylor 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Geraldine Winnett.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, Beryl Platt 2, Carole Francis 3, Gloria Simpson 4, Jacqueline Hedgess 5, Teresa Langdon 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Willocks 8. For Evensong. A birthday and engagement compliment to Beryl.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on March 3rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Deborah Bishop 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, R. L. Jones 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. First of Stedman Caters 4, 5. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On March 3rd, 1,205 Grandsire Caters: Ann Woodhouse 1, F. W. Finchbeck 2, V. P. Evans 3, D. A. Frith 4, C. F. Baxter 5, J. R. Holmes 6, J. W. Watson 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, H. R. Woods 9, A. W. Crawford 10. First of Caters 1, 5. For Evensong.

GROTON SCHOOL, MASS., U.S.A.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. S. Cheeve 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, G. Davies 4, F. E. Ulen 5, A. McDonald (first as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McDonald Johnson 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, P. P. Bundy 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McDonald Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, G. Davies 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Shilcock 1, L. Clisset 2, A. Pickering 3, T. Greenhall 4, M. Lashford 5, M. I. Ellsmore 6, P. Brown 7, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Summers 1, F. Stamp 2, B. Colea 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. First of Bob Doubles 2, 3.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Hull 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, C. D. Collin 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8. First Bob Major "inside" 2, 5. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,253 Stedman Caters: Ruth E. Havard 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, R. R. Churchill 3, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 4, M. W. Coleman 5, J. S. Seager 6, L. Barry 7, R. O. Humphries 8, S. C. Walters 9, R. W. Powell 10. For Evensong by members and friends of the U.L.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Angela Quick 3, R. Williamson 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Knight 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, M. Simmons 8. In memory of E. G. Keeley (father of 2 and 5) who died on Feb. 24th, nearly 80 years a choraman.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Redshaw (first of Minor) 1, P. H. Langton 2, W. Moore 3, M. Goakes 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Family Service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bradley 1, J. R. Whitaker (first "inside") 2, M. F. Brook 3, R. Carey (first "inside") 4, J. L. Birdsall (first as cond.) 5, D. R. Garner (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Johnson.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hughes (first in method away from tenor) 1, W. J. Allen 2, H. Bryan (first in method) 3, T. Wooding (first Grandsire Triples) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, C. Lamberton 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, F. A. Farey 8. Rung with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Farey on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mr. (Bill) Farey was for many years a chorister and ringer at All Saints'.

OVERLIN, OHIO, U.S.A.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ellen Moore (first quarter) 1-2, Lynette Olson (first quarter) 3-4, Ann Gardner (first as cond. and first "in hand") 5-6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Georgina Gray 1, B. G. Benstead 2, Elizabeth M. Barber (first in two methods as cond.) 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allworth 5, A. E. Ivings 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. R. H. Allworth.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Branson 1, R. W. Smith 2, M. Parker 3, G. Davis 4, P. A. Smith 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung by a Sunday service band in memoriam Mr. A. W. Spencer, on the day of his funeral.

PETHAM, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Southon 1, Felicity Wood 2, Dawn V. A. Petts 3, C. W. J. Beeching (cond.) 4, H. Seward 5, P. Southon 6. For the wedding of Janet Brown and Robert Wallace.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Birkett (15, first quarter) 1, H. Milward 2, Mrs. Ann Hall 3, C. Milward 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, Cecily Roberts 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Church.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, Miss J. Leppard (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Chesham 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Skarlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On March 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Edwards (first quarter) 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, P. Page 4, R. Green 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Murfitt (first away from tenor) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Susan F. Thomas (first of Caters in method) 3, Laura M. Girdrod 4, June Whitaker 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, R. Durrant 9, R. J. Chapman 10. For Matins.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, Linda Frankland (first "inside") 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, Anne Oakley 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. A welcome to the Rev. Ronald Smith, new curate.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Morris 1, D. Sayers 2, R. Repton 3, D. Franklin 4, P. Catermole 5, R. Sheppard 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. Stanley 8. For Evensong and in memory of Canon A. P. Shepherd, former Canon of the Cathedral for 20 years.

YATTON, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. S. Rice 1, Brenda Boyce 2, R. W. Rice 3, I. Sheppard 4, P. J. England 5, G. Hebden 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 2, 4, 6.

BEVERLEY DISTRICT WARNED ABOUT FLOPPY STYLES

THE Beverley Society annual general meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hull, on February 10th. Because of the market being held adjacent to the church, it had been decided to hold the business meeting before the service. Perhaps this arrangement affected the attendance as only 34 members were present.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mr. K. Kirk, and the annual report and financial statement were formally approved. Eleven meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 41, and in September a "one-day course" on various aspects of bellringing was well attended. Subsidy of the course was partly the cause of the financial situation being not quite as good as last year. Only 13 new members were elected compared with 37 in 1966 and 44 in 1965.

During the year 19 peals and 39 quarter peals were rung for the Society.

RINGING MASTER'S REPORT

Mr. K. Ducker, the Ringing Master, stated that progress had been maintained during 1967, but perhaps regrettably not at enough "new" towers. Beverley St. Mary's, Cottingham, Kirk Ella, Hessay, Sutton and Wainman all seem to be the "strongholds," with, they would hope, Market Weighton, Heslerton, Kildale and Keadby ringing away, trying to improve their lot with insufficient support at their practice evenings. He hoped this would be overcome by the arranging of "open" practice evenings at convenient towers. Be not afraid. It was never the intention for these "open" practices to be for the advanced ringers only. "Something for all" should be the motto.

"Methodous mean little if attention is not paid to striking. I have noticed one or two 'floppy' styles during the year. It is most irritating when people allow their bells to drop spasmodically, so spoiling what might have been a good touch. Mr. W. F. Moreton's illustrated lecture was well worth attending at the one-day course; doubtless there were some attending other more 'advanced' stuff, when they would have pruned much from a lesson or two in handling. Style *does* matter, and it is *basic* to good striking."

Concluding, Mr. Ducker writes: "As long as I've been ringing there has never been more interest in the area as there is at present. Certainly we have reached heights in Surprise Major ringing hitherto unreamed of in this area."

The president, vice-president, Ringing Master, assistant secretary, hon. auditors and librarian, Mr. K. Kirk, Mr. N. W. Castle, Mr. K. Ducker, Miss J. Gray, Mr. F. Scone, Miss C. Ham and Mr. A. B. Cooper were re-elected. Mr. Cooper resigned from the office of secretary and was succeeded by Mrs. D. S. Johnson, and Mr. N. Pailing followed the Rev. F. Ross as Assistant Ringing Master. The committee consists of Messrs. I. Booth, D. S. Johnson, J. Brook and two new members—Miss I. Piper and Mr. R. Horton.

After the meeting the service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Bridgman, and handbells were rung during Psalm 150.

Tea was taken in the Choir School, after which the president of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. V. Bottomley, presented the Albert Sellars Memorial Cup to Mr. R. Ducker, representing Sutton, the band who were judged to have made the most progress during 1967.

More ringers arrived after tea and the bells were put to good use until 9 p.m.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on March 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Judith Corby 3, J. H. Bluff 4, P. A. Corby 5, A. J. Corby (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tibbert, of Stamford, Mrs. Tibbert being aunt to the 5th ringer.

OUR COMPETITION URANGWOT III

Forty-five entries were received and the author is grateful for several encouraging remarks. One entry even came from a non-ringer—a great pity, when he writes from New Court, St. John's College, Cambridge—an address to delight any campanologist! Ladies supplied 16 entries (81 per cent. correct), while gentlemen supplied 29 entries (72 per cent. correct). Is it time to form a Gentlemen's Guild?

From the correct entries the name drawn as the winner was B. J. Couzens, 110, Debben Road, Saitron Walden, Essex.

Solution:

David is not a boy and is not Mr. White, being next to Mrs. White. He must be the other man and Mr. David Black. The remaining adult male Christian name, Edward, must go with white to give Mr. Edward White. Alice is not Mrs. Black, being adjacent to Mr. Black, and is not Mrs. White so must be Mrs. Alice Green. Edward is a white, so Brenda and Fred are not Whites. Mrs. White must be Carol, leaving Brenda to be Mrs. Brenda Black. Fred is of the third family and must be Fred Green.

Thus far and with the restrictions on neighbours we have

(Ignored)	8	1	Alice Green
Not a woman	7	2	David Black
or a Green	6	3	Carol White
	5	4	Not a woman or a White

Fred Green to be as far away from Mrs. Green must be 4 or 5. The remaining woman, Mrs. Black, must be 5 or 6, and if George were her son he would have to be on 1, 2 or 3 for furthest separation. George must be George White as he could not achieve satisfactory separations from Mrs. Green and Fred Green. This leaves very few combinations to try and the only acceptable one quickly emerges as:—

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