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St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham

By RICHARD J. TIBBETTS, Tower Captain

ON the first of February this year an appeal was launched by the Parish of Perry Barr to raise £8,500 for work on the fabric, organ and bells.

The building of the church commenced in 1831, under the generous benefaction of John Gough, of Perry Barr. John Gough was, however, the last of his line and only the grounds of Perry Hall remain, as part of the playing fields system of the City of Birmingham. The church was regarded as one of the gems of the County of Stafford, lying as it did on a gentle bend of the River Tame, with a commanding view from its tower of farming in the valley.

The Industrial Revolution caused many changes in the valley. The Tame, once stocked with fish, is now no better than an industrial sewer. Birmingham was forced to extend her boundaries. In 1911 the urban district of Perry Barr was absorbed into the environs of Greater Birmingham. By 1927 the Birmingham Extension Act had ended the urban district, and parts of Perry Barr were allocated to Birmingham, West Bromwich and Sutton Coldfield.

The majority of the Parish of Perry Barr was taken under the auspices of the Diocese of Birmingham. Since the 1930s housing estates have sprung up around the church. The population has increased in consequence and daughter parishes have developed within the original bounds of the St. John's Parish.

The bells were placed in the tower in 1868 so that the sound of them, calling successive generations to Sunday service, has echoed over the changing face of the parish in its transition from fields to flats.

Cast by John Taylor, the bells are an octave, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., in the key of F sharp. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—Laus Deo in Jesu Christo.

2nd.—Gloria Patri Filioque et Spiritu Sancto.

3rd.—In Loving Remembrance, John Fawkener Winfield.

4th.—Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

5th.—Presented by Mrs. Dickenson.

6th.—Presented by R. W. and Mrs. Winfield, Rev. C. B. and Mrs. Snapp, Rev. Phillip and Mrs. Brown.

7th.—The Rev. C. B. Snapp, vicar. John Gilbert, Henry Davenhill, churchwardens.

Tenor.—This peal of bells erected in memoriam Frederick Lord Calthorpe, 1868, by friends and Parishioners of Perry Barr. Laus Deo.

Although the bells had been rung more or less continuously since their installation, they fell silent during the late 1950s, the increasingly bad "go" of the bells possibly being a major contributory factor.

The nucleus of the present band was started in 1963 by the happy coincidence of churchgoers wishing the bells to be rung again and the arrival of an enthusiastic and competent instructor in the form of David Purnell. Despite the difficulty of ringing the bells, a band of mainly young people was established, and since then it has consolidated on the initial framework.

In 1965 the band formed the St. John's Society and a constitution was drawn up. Each year the Society holds several outings, designed to give experience to the younger members. An annual dinner at the Vicarage is now a well-established tradition; this year we were pleased to welcome the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild. Sunday service ringing has been maintained with very little break since the band was re-formed and it has figured regularly in the quarter peal columns of "The Ringing World". The present objective is to ring a peal on the bells before work on them commences.

The bells, urgent though their need is, must obviously take second place to the requirements of the fabric. The ringers, however, are anxious to raise as much money as they can for the restoration of the bells. Various schemes dealing with the future of the bells are at present under analysis, but they all have one factor in common: we need money urgently if the bells are to be restored before they are ultimately declared unfit to be rung.

To help raise money for the bells the majority of the fees charged for weddings are placed in the Bell Fund. Over the past year the fund has been bolstered by the sale of greeting cards and stationery. We hope to hold a Ringing Festival at Perry Barr in late July, depending on when the bells can be dismantled.

Will you help to further the tradition of ringing at Perry Barr by sending a donation to the Bell Fund? By subscribing to this venture you will undoubtedly further the art of change-ringing and prevent a tower from falling silent on Sundays. All contributions will be personally and gratefully acknowledged, and should be addressed to the tower captain, Richard J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22B.

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its A.G.M. at Beverley on February 8th. Members met for afternoon ringing, after which they adjourned to the Parish Hall, where Mr. W. F. Moreton (general secretary of the Yorkshire Association) presented the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup to St. Mary's, Beverley, who were the band judged by the Ringing Master and cup committee to have made the most progress in 1968.

Sixty-seven members and friends sat down for tea, after which the business meeting was held. The annual report was presented and approved, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. K. Kirk; vice-president, Mr. N. W. Castle; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. D. S. Johnson; assistant secretary, Miss J. Gray; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. N. Pailing; the committee—Messrs. J. I. Booth, J. Brook, J. Chaddock, R. Horton and D. S. Johnson.

Seven new members were elected.

After the meeting there followed a short service and ringing until 9 p.m.

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REFORM OF CENTRAL COUNCIL URGED

GUILDFORD GUILD'S ACTION

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting on March 8th at Guildford Cathedral Refectory expressed itself in no uncertain terms in favour of a more business-like approach towards the meeting of the Central Council. It was contended that the meeting should have priority over ringing and social functions.

Without dissent, the following motion was passed to be forwarded to the secretary of the Council for inclusion in the Council's agenda for its meeting at St. Albans on May 27th.

"This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner."

Moving the resolution, Mr. Douglas A. R. May said he had been a representative on the Central Council for the last six years, but what he had seen of that body he had not really liked. There were ringing things he liked and also the pleasure of meeting people whose names frequently appeared in "The Ringing World". His general impression was that it was a very good ringing week and good social evenings and a little time tacked on for business. There was a tremendous waste of time because the business meeting was left until the end. At Worcester "Any other business" was cut down to five minutes and the general secretary to the Council had enough of his own for 15 minutes.

EARLIER MEETING

"I would like to mention how I think the arrangements could be improved. First of all I think the time of the meeting should be altered from Tuesday to earlier in the week-end. The motion is an instruction to the Standing Committee and they should consider this thing and arrange for the ringing to take place after the meeting and not before."

Another matter was that he would like to press for the Central Council to appoint a chairman in addition to its president. Without mentioning any names, in the past some presidents had made poor chairmen. "We want a chairman elected for his high ability in the chair."

REDUCE MEMBERSHIP

Another thing was to cut down the number of representatives sent to the Council. Non-territorial members in general ought to be cut out. Certain Associations like the London County had only one subscription—when joining. At their meetings they would not get more than 20 to 25 members and yet they had four members. They had to go to the Oxford Guild for members to represent them.

A voice: He was not elected at the annual meeting.

Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey seconded and said he agreed wholeheartedly with what Mr. May had said in general terms. It should go to the Standing Committee.

Mr. W. Viggers, another member of the Council, said he agreed with what had been said.

Mr. P. G. Sherwood said the main problem was too many members on the Council. If they cut the number down it would be useful.

Mr. T. W. White pointed out that the Central Council had very little income of its own and the main source was the affiliation fee of 10/- per representative. If the number of representatives was reduced there would have to be a very substantial increase in the affiliation fee, probably fourfold or more, and with small Guilds or Associations this would be a hardship. For the 10/- per member from affiliated bodies the service rendered was remarkable when the size of the reports was taken into consideration.

The motion was carried nemine.

PEALS AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

There was a long discussion on an amendment of Rule 14, to read: "Members may be elected at any Guild or District meeting. The election of a member may also take place before a peal which it is intended to ring for the Guild provided there are present at least three members who reside within the diocese or who

ring regularly on Sunday at a church within the diocese. The election is subject to confirmation at a Guild or District meeting."

Winding up the debate, Mr. D. A. R. May said the Executive Committee considered this carefully and thrashed it out at length. First of all, Mr. Church took the view that peals in their towers should be for their Guild. The executive came down on this: The present rule required a majority of members to be present before an election could take place. The revised rule required three members present but it would be necessary for them to be resident members.

An amendment submitted by Mr. Michael Church was defeated 35 against and 11 for, and the motion carried.

During the discussion there was strong resentment to a peal having been rung in Guildford for the Yorkshire Association. It was regarded as an act of discourtesy.

25% IN ARREARS

Presenting the report the Master, Mr. Peter G. Smart, said one of the important features of the report was membership, which showed little change compared with 1967. In 1967 they had to note that 17 per cent. had not paid their subscription; this year the situation had worsened and was 25 per cent. This was a serious situation; it could be that 25 per cent. were no longer interested, but he did not think it was true. He asked members in arrears to pay their subscription; it was important as subscriptions were their principal form of income.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following who had died since the last report were remembered: Miss N. Bragg (Aldershot), Messrs. F. C. Hagley (Witley), W. Jelley (Holy Trinity, Guildford), S. Petter (Worplesdon), F. Radford (St. Nicolas', Guildford) and W. J. Robinson (Holy Trinity, Guildford).

There were 36 peals rung during the year, the same number as in 1967. They were rung in 22 towers (23 in 1967) by 138 members (119) in 21 different methods or numbers of methods. Fifteen members rang their first peal (six) and two (Messrs. A. D. Elsmore and R. D. Mills) their first as conductor. Mr. R. Collins rang his 100th peal and Mr. M. J. Church his 50th. The four peals rung on February 10th were specially arranged to mark the 40th anniversary of the Guild.

Quarter peals reported in "The Ringing World" numbered 117 (114 in 1967). They were rung in 36 towers: Ashted's with 16 quarters was the leading one. Striking competitions were held in all four Districts and in the Farnham District eight of the 15 towers completed.

Copies of the 1967 report and the Guildford Guild issue of "The Ringing World" were sent to all parochial church councils in May, with the suggestion that each Council should consider increasing the affiliation fee to at least one guinea a year. Nearly half the councils replied and the income from this source amounted to £25 9s. compared with £4 5s. in 1967.

ANCIENT BELLS CENSUS

The Diocesan Advisory Committee asked for help in checking ancient church bells in the diocese. Information about bells cast prior to 1750 was extracted from "Surrey Bells and

London Bellfounders" (Stahlschmidt, 1884) and "Hampshire Church Bells" (Colchester, 1920) and sent to all towers where they had members. By the end of the year most had replied. In towers where there were less than five bells and no members the work was proving more difficult and visit by volunteers had been made. A schedule of bells to be preserved had been drawn up in 1934, and the investigations carried out so far had revealed that some of the scheduled bells had been melted down. A full report would be sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committee in due course.

The general secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday) said he was still waiting to hear from people who had volunteered to go to the remote towers. It had been an interesting job.

Restoration work had been carried on at West Clandon and Epsom. The Master congratulated Mr. John Davidge (Epsom) and his merry men on an extremely creditable job. (The front seven bells were rehung on ball bearings, all the work in the tower being done by the local band.)

Major E. J. Bragg, peal recorder, said 15 people rang their first peal this year, which was very creditable. He hoped they would list their names in future reports.

Mr. E. Warner seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. G. K. Williamson, which showed that the balance carried forward was £286 against £244. The Cathedral Bell Fund had a balance of £291.

OFFICERS FOR 1969

The following officers were elected for 1969: Master, D. A. R. May (West Clandon); general secretary, C. W. Munday (Ewell); treasurer, G. K. Williamson (Aldershot); auditor, P. G. Sherwood (Ash). There were six nominations for the Central Council and a ballot resulted in the election of D. A. R. May, T. Page, P. G. Smart and W. H. Viggers. Two former members of the Council were unsuccessful—Messrs. J. F. M. Maybrey and S. H. Ponting.

The retiring Master in an address said in a Guild of 600 members that they could only find one person being willing to be nominated to succeed him was a very poor show. In an appeal for loyalty to the officers he said most ringing organisations must have those rebels who were nonconformists. "Don't let them mislead you or sidetrack you from the ideals in ringing, and one of those ideals is ringing for Sunday service. If you do that regularly you will be worthy of the Art."

Mr. W. Viggers proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and associated with it Angela, his wife.

Another amendment to the rules approved was that an honorarium of £5 5s. each be paid to the Master and to the general secretary.

12 BELLS FOR CATHEDRAL

In reply to a question the Master said the appeal made by the Bishop for two extra bells for the Cathedral, giving the diocese its first ring of 12, was being considered by the executive committee. It would be a great advantage to the diocese to have a ring of 12 bells.

Mr. F. Housden pointed out that an additional bell to make a light eight would be a great asset.

The Master promised to bring the matter forward.

Mr. T. Page asked for more discipline in the Cathedral belfry while the ringing was in progress.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Munday and Mrs. Smart and their helpers, for preparing an excellent tea and catering for 170 people.

There was ringing on the Cathedral bells during the afternoon, and the Lady Chapel was too small for all who desired to attend the service which was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. C. Bridge). Mr. S. G. Ponting was the organist. The Dean joined the ringers at tea and was thanked by the Master. Evening ringing was at St. Nicolas' Church and Shalford.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Oxford Society's Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Oxford University Society was held on February 1st. Ringing started at 12.30 at St. Thomas's, and altogether during the course of the day 12 churches were open. The ringing was generally of a high standard for such an occasion and included a half course of Yorkshire Maximus at the Cathedral. After ringing at the University Church of St. Mary-the Virgin, the Vicar (Rev. Philip Martin) took Evensong.

The dinner was held in Jesus College Hall. The Society's president, Canon Elliot Wigg, was in the chair.

Proposing the toast of "The Church", Mr. Philip West, in a very witty speech, examined the ringers' place in the society of the Church. He drew a picture of a ringers' Valhalla full, of course, of pubs and Indian restaurants and also of the most notorious members of the Society engaged in an everlasting strop session. In more serious vein he drew attention to the necessity of the ringing fraternity forgoing its frequently aloof and patronising attitude to the Church and taking its proper place in the Church's community. Experience showed that unless ringers recognised their commitments the Church in its present state would be forced to amputate its diseased limb.

The Rev. Raymond Lowe, of St. Cross, replying, assured the Society that if the ringers were a limb of the Church amputation would take place only over his dead body. The welcome Mr. Lowe always extends to ringers is greatly appreciated by the Society.

Although he declared his intention to return his "Teach Yourself Guide" back to the library forthwith, Mr. Nigel Orchard regaled us with his amusing descriptions of the trials of the novice. He welcomed the Society's guests—Mr. Lowe, Mr. Andrew Stubbs, Master of the College Youths, Mr. Alan Scholfield, Master of the C.U.G., and his wife, and the Masters of the London and Bristol University Societies. Mr. Stubbs replied.

Mr. Scholfield proposed the toast of "The Society". He appeared to have left his notes on the train but nevertheless remembered enough scurrilous stories about the O.U.S. to

convince any who were previously unaware of the fact that he comes from Cambridge.

The Master, Mr. Jeremy Pratt, replied in the traditional manner. When he announced his intention to review the activities of another very successful year an illustrious ex-Master from Brightwell-cum-Sotwell was heard to say: "You leave my sister out of it," to which Mr. Pratt replied: "It appears that your sister does not wish to be left out."

The formal part of the dinner then being concluded, the assembled company adjourned to the College Bar to partake of equally enjoyable, but less formal, activities until closing time.

J. H. H.

University of Wales Rag Week Tour

February 28th–March 1st saw the U.W. hold their tour and meeting in Radnorshire and Shropshire. Towers visited were Presteigne, Knighton, Leominster, Atcham, Wrockwardine and Market Drayton. Ringing was of a good standard, this being especially so at Market Drayton, where the A.G.M. was held.

Members were in attendance from Aberystwyth, Swansea, Lampeter and Cardiff, and with the assistance of Lyndon and Diane Hatfield the band was further strengthened.

Ringings included Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Cambridge, Stedman, Bob Minor as well as the more usual Doubles methods.

At the A.G.M. the Master's and secretary's posts fell vacant: Miss Margaret Twigg, U.C.W., Aberystwyth, was unanimously re-elected to the office of Master, and David J. Morgan, U.C.St. David, Lampeter, elected secretary. It was proposed that the summer tour be held in Derbyshire between August 18th–24th and all interested are asked to contact the secretary as soon as possible. The October meeting will be on the 25th in the Swansea area.

It was a well-worthwhile tour, and thanks must be extended to Mr. H. Hatfield, Presteigne, for providing accommodation, incumbents and all others who made the tour a success. We ended up, in the traditional way, with an oriental meal in Shrewsbury.

D. J. M.

ATTEMPT FOR MAXIMUS RECORD

Dear Sir,—The Provost of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, has kindly agreed that another long peal attempt may be made on the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

The attempt will be on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1969, commencing as soon as possible after 8.30 a.m., and will be for 17,328 Newgate Surprise Maximus (Newgate has Londonium work above the treble; the work under the treble is very similar to that of London Royal (No. 3)). The band will be Messrs. A. N. Stubbs, D. J. Purnell, B. Jones, J. R. Insley, R. A. G. Inglis, N. J. Goodman, M. J. Fellows, M. D. Fellows, M. F. Edwards, P. Border, C. A. Barron, J. A. Ainsworth. Messrs. R. W. Pipe, G. E. Fearn and A. R. Patterson have agreed to act as umpires.

It is suggested that a suitable rendezvous for any ringers in Birmingham that day should be at either the Windsor in Cannon Street or the Trocadero in Temple Street.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

Birmingham.

17,328 NEWGATE S. MAXIMUS

By RODERICK W. PIPE

23456	M	W	H
64352	—	—	—
62453	2	—	—
25346	—	2	3
42356	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
24536	—	—	2
52436	x	—	—
35426	—	—	—
52364	2	2	—
46325	—	—	—
36243	—	2	—
43265	—	—	—
45362	2	—	—
53462	x	—	2
26435	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—
42563	—	3	3
65324	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

x=6ths, Out, 7ths.

LADY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR MIDDLESEX

An attendance of over 50 assembled at All Saints', Harrow Weald, for the annual meeting of the N. and E. District on February 15th—and this despite a weather forecast of snow and gales.

The secretary reported a satisfactory year, 16 ringing and 19 non-resident members being elected to the Association. Successful meetings had been held at various parts of the District and it was pleasing to know that the bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields continued to ring regularly for the Thursday mid-week service (assistance from those working within the area and able to spare the time from 1 to 1.30 p.m. would be most welcome).

Reference was made to the continued success of John Mayne and his handbell band, culminating in a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 28 methods, also to the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods on the bells of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. T. J. Lock, the general secretary, who passed three notable milestones in his ringing career during the year. In June he joined the very select band who have rung 1,000 peals. Shortly afterwards he completed his 500th peal for the Middlesex Association, and to complete the year in December he rang his 300th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. To the best of the writer's knowledge, apart from sickness, etc., Tom has never missed his duty as a Sunday service ringer.

Three members had passed to higher service, viz., A. W. Coles, former Master and vice-president and a member since 1905; W. J. Langley, a stalwart of the Monken Hadley band, a member since 1921; and Miss Pauline Gearing, of Hendon (1961), who died at a tragically early age.

The following members were elected to office for the ensuing year: Miss G. E. Newcombe (chairman) replaced Mr. H. G. Hart, who had occupied the chair for the past 14 years and did not seek re-election; Mrs. H. G. Hart (Master), T. G. Hawkins (deputy Master), E. H. Kilby (secretary), D. T. C. Smith (assistant secretary), Miss V. E. Ware (auditor) and H. G. Hart, R. Gage and J. M. Steele (committee representatives).

Mr. C. W. Ward was congratulated on completing 50 years as a ringer, principally at Monken Hadley and Barnet, and for which a celebration quarter peal had been rung at the former tower.

A number of new ringing members were elected, namely, M. Ellington and the Misses J. Hawes, K. Hughes, M. Piper, J. Stobart, D. F. and D. M. Whilloch, of Southgate; R. Farley, J. A. Kelsey and L. Roberts, of Hackney; C. Lowry (unattached) and A. J. Muskett and B. Smith, of Pinner. Miss Stephanie Green, of Essendon, was elected as a non-resident ringing member, while the provisional election of 19 similar members prior to participating in peals was ratified.

Prior to closing the meeting the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Derek Bond, Vicar of Harrow Weald, for conducting the service; to the Rev. S. R. Skemp, Rector of Stanmore, whose bells had been enjoyed; to Mrs. Beedie, for accompanying at the organ; and to Mrs. Hart and the local band, for providing tea—hot mince pies were admirable and suited the outside elements.

E. H. K.

Monthly Meetings popular with Cheltenham Branch

There was a good attendance of over 30 ringers for the Cheltenham Branch meeting at Leckhampton on Monday, February 17th. Ringing started promptly at 7.30 and continued briskly throughout the evening with a variety of methods, including Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major.

After the bells were lowered at 9 p.m. ringers went to the Vicarage, where coffee and biscuits were provided. During a short business meeting the Association chairman, Miss E. M. Bliss, presented the Branch with a certificate for coming second in the striking competition held at North Cerney in November.

Mr. W. A. Farmer, Branch chairman and captain of the team, thanked Miss Bliss, saying it was a team effort. He hoped the Branch would win the Croome trophy in 1969.

Letters to the Editor

PEALS—DISCUSSION NOT POLICY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hairs, who was not present at Worcester, according to the record, should beware of attributing to "The Ringing World" with its slender resources the authenticity of Hansard in reporting debates. It may be recalled that other people as well as myself have already pointed out some of the errors.

The sentence he quotes does not represent the view that I expressed. My view is that matters should be fully debated with all the information made available in good time for proper consideration before decisions are taken.

This was the intention in asking Mr. Speed to write a letter about the reporting of peals. It is clearly stated and he emphasised in his final paragraph that its purpose was to encourage discussion and was not already committee policy.

Messrs. Jackson and Hairs are really accusing Mr. Speed and the rest of the committee of dishonesty in this matter.

Perhaps Mr. Hairs would have done better to read the editorial on page 478 of the issue of June 21st, 1968, and then remind Mr. Jackson of its final sentence.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

STAINBANK v. BECKETT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the recent articles by "Cheshire Delight" on the lawsuit between Mr. Stainbank and Sir Edmund Beckett and can perhaps add an item in which Beckett had the last word.

This was related to me about 1931 by the late Edwin Gibbs, a prominent London ringer and a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band under Mr. Pettit and Mr. Cockerill.

Mr. Gibbs was a native of Eye who came to London as a young man about 90 years ago. He was an interesting person to talk to and had a wonderful store of anecdotes of London ringers of that period. These were aptly described about ten years ago by the late Mr. A. A. Hughes to an interviewer in "The Times" as "quaint, colourful characters".

The last years of his life were spent in a local nursing home crippled with arthritis. He was a very lonely man too, and my son (then at school) and I seldom missed visiting him on Sunday afternoons.

It was during one of these visits he told us my son's version of Mr. Cook's story of Counsel and the College Youth (who, incidentally, he said was George Stockham, steeplekeeper at St. Clement Danes') and added that when Beckett paid the damages awarded against him he wrote on the cheque "Big Ben is cracked!"

Some years later, in conversation with Mr. Hughes, he confirmed this.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM

Dear Sir,—Lt.-Col. Jerram was well known in the Chertsey District and we rang a peal at Chobham on November 29th, 1919, when he was leaving the district. He wrote to me more than 40 years ago asking for particulars of the peal band, and I replied that we two were the sole survivors. He wrote to me frequently and also when I was in hospital.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

"UNIVERSAL" COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Roger Baldwin's letter on page 162, perhaps it should be pointed out that the composition is in fact even more versatile than he admits.

It consists of the 12 positive courses with 3 in 3rds and the 12 negative courses with 3 in 4ths. However, any other pair of positions will also give a composition, provided that the two positions can be connected with a single (of any sort) and that each position permits a bob. It may also be considered desirable that rounds should be included.

Other examples of this which provide very fine compositions are 2 in 2+ and 4— in Double Glasgow (see Mr. Baldwin's composition on page 1016, 1968) and 6 in 6+ and 5— in Yorkshire and Pudsey (see page 919, 1968).

A number of possible arrangements of these types of courses are available. Apart from that published by Mr. Baldwin (and its reversal, which I prefer on practical grounds) there are such types as the following:—

M	W	H	M	W	H
2	—	S	—	—	S
3	—	S	2	—	S
3	—	S	—	2	S
—	—	S	—	—	S
—	—	S			
—	—	S			
—	3	S			
—	3	S			
—	2	S			

Repeated twice

The Three-Part, of course, already has wide currency as Simon Humphrey's Lincolnshire.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised indeed that an anonymous letter consisting entirely of a personal attack on the Master of the London County Association was allowed to appear in the issue dated March 7th. Surely if the writer of this letter had not the courage to append his name the letter should not have been published. I have no wish to defend the London County Association, but I cannot see anything constructive in this letter. There is far too much ill feeling amongst ringers in London and I would suggest that this correspondent would be better employed in trying to settle differences instead of making things far worse than they need be. Perhaps when this person is a little more mature he will realise that anyone trying to reform any Society has an UP-HILL task before him. Surely if the membership of the London County Association is not satisfied with its Master, or any other officer for that matter, there is a constitutional way of remedying the situation?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Chester Cathedral appeal had reached, by March 4th, £185,164. Among the contributions are: Cheshire County Council, £15,000; Chester City Council, £10,000; Stockport Borough Council, £1,000; Northwich R.D.C., £200; Hale U.D.C., £150; Sale Borough Council, £105; Lymm U.D.C., £100.

HE WON THROUGH

Dear Sir.—A few comments from one tryer to others may help your correspondent of February 28th. The ability to learn new techniques slows dramatically after the age of 50. The tower captain who learnt at 15 cannot be expected to appreciate this and he may well write you off as one who will never make a bell-ringer. After all, as captain he has other distractions, and the patient, outstanding instructor is a rare bird.

The difficulty with bellringing is that it requires the simultaneous exercise of manual learning (bell control), mental learning (change-ringing), a reasonably quick eye (rope-sight) and a quick response, as there is little or no time for correcting errors while ringing. The young can cope with all these elements together. Not so the learner over 50. If the captain writes you off to concentrate on the quick learner then you will have to teach yourself. The elements of bell control he will give you: competence comes only with practice.

As to learning rope-sight, the tenor may be the best introduction for, provided you strike last, it does not matter if you miss "seeing" every time the bell you should be ringing after. Rope-sight is best learnt on the treble. Stand behind the treble ringer whenever he or she is plain hunting, and keep standing there until you see what they are doing. I assure you that light will dawn. Once you see it grab the treble and have a go. The plain hunt on the treble is the first great hurdle to overcome. Thereafter progress will quicken. Change-ringing requires lots of homework not only in learning the method but also the order in which "your" bell meets the others at key points—leads, dodges and particularly where you pass the treble. Again I assure you that light will dawn.

Visit neighbouring towers on their practice nights and your District meetings when you can. You will be surprised at the number of friendly, patient and experienced ringers who are ready to help you. And even if it takes you ten times longer than your children to acquire the technique, eventually your captain will come to appreciate and value a member of the band who can be relied upon to turn up not only at practices but at the services and who is not subject to the distractions of "O" Levels, higher education or courtship. "Keep at it" is the enthusiastic advice of yours faithfully,

ANOTHER TRYER WHO HAS.

(Name and address supplied.)

COMBINATION ROLL-UP

Dear Sir,—Please can somebody tell me what is a combination roll-up?

None of my friends locally seem to know, though we are agreed that it must be something mathematical and not, as the name suggests, winter clothing for peal ringers!—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Newhaven, Sussex.

BELLHANGING IN THE WEST

Mr. J. P. Fidler who with his son, Arthur, is living at Bow, Crediton, writes that their reception in the West Country has been very good and a number of contacts have been made.

Among the jobs tackled by his son are the overhauling of a ring of five at Elworthy, Somerset, overhauling a ring of eight at Hatherleigh and attending to bells at Huntsham and Woolbrook.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Reminiscences of the Rev. H. Law James

By C. T. H. BRADLEY, of Folkingham, Lincs.

HAVING lived in Lincolnshire all my life, I was particularly interested in the correspondence concerning the late Rev. H. Law James, whom I first met over 50 years ago. I felt prompted to write as the 37th anniversary of his death has recently passed, when on February 6th, 1932, ringers from various parts of the country gathered at Surfleet to pay their last respects to a great ringer. I feel it would be most appropriate if some ringing could be organised each year on a Saturday nearest to the date of his death as a token of remembrance and esteem.

H. Law James was undoubtedly one of the greatest authorities on campanology and doggedly held on to his own convictions regarding composition and other ringing subjects, invariably winning his point of view in the end. Some of us remember back in the 1920s, when a battle royal would take place in "The Ringing World" on the subject of "What is a legitimate method?" between H.L.J., the late Armiger Trollope, the late W. Willson, of Leicester, and others. He was a great authority when advice was sought on bell restoration, recasting, augmentation, etc.

LEARN'T TO RING IN A CATHEDRAL

He once told me he took up ringing at an early age and had his first lesson in handling a bell at Gloucester Cathedral. In the 1890s he came to Lincolnshire and was curate at St. Martin's, Stamford, for some years, and to put it in his own words he found the scene extremely dark concerning ringing in the county. At that time the chief activity was in the north of the county, where the old North Lincolnshire Association was in being; there was some activity in the south.

It was in 1898 that he accepted the living of Surfleet, where he remained a devoted parish priest for the rest of his life. He soon became a great inspiration in ringing circles in Lincolnshire and ringing flourished under his guidance.

L.D.G. FOUNDED

In April, 1899, at a meeting held at Lincoln, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild as we know it today was founded, and the Rev. H. Law James was unanimously elected Master of the Guild, which office he held until his death. It was at this meeting that the Guild was divided into four Branches—the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Elloe Deaneries—which made organisation more acceptable.

It was not long after H.L.J. had been at Surfleet before his attention was turned to the five bells in his church. He and his churchwardens discovered that one bell was cracked, and they made a brave attempt to weld the bell in the tower, but without success, so the bell went to Loughborough for recasting.

Some years later it was decided to augment the ring to six. The new bell was cast at Loughborough and dispatched by rail to Surfleet. Here it was removed by H.L.J. and helpers at 9 a.m., hoisted and hung during the day, and a 720 had been rung by 9 p.m. Round about 1913 a bigger restoration was undertaken, when the six bells were retuned and hung in a new iron frame, with the addition of four more trebles, making a ring of ten—the lightest in the country. The new bells were given by H.L.J. as a memorial to his late sister.

In the years that followed great activity in ringing took place at Surfleet, both by ringers in the county and from outside. Many memorable ringing weeks were held at Glyn Garth, the home of that well-known ringer the late Rupert Richardson and Mrs. Richardson. As headquarters, Glyn Garth was often described as home from home for all ringers. Happily, Mrs. Richardson is still at Surfleet, ably serving as tower captain and giving instruction to a young band in order to maintain Sunday service ringing.

SPICED MINOR INTRODUCED

By 1911 the standard of ringing in general improved in the county and new fields in Spliced Minor ringing emerged, arranged by H.L.J. and his brother, Rev. Bankes James, who was equally brilliant in this field of ringing. The first peal in 14 Spliced Minor methods, comprising seven true extents, was rung in 1911 at Edenham, the home of that well-known Lincolnshire ringer the late Arthur I. Holmes, and was arranged and conducted by Rev. H. L. James.

As a ringer-cyclist H.L.J. must have been unique, for it was most unusual if one did not see him turn up in the familiar knickerbockers and putties, which stood him in good stead whether for peal attempt, practice or meeting; in fact a 100-mile journey was quite commonplace for him. He was always available in giving help to a struggling band, and would often cycle on a winter's night from Surfleet to Grantham (some 25 miles) to give assistance to a band at St. Wulfram's. It was not until he was more advanced in years that he took to a motor car.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S FIRST 12

Soon after the end of the 1914-18 war suggestions were made concerning the placing of a war memorial in the Cathedral in memory of the Lincolnshire ringers who had given their lives in the war. Some were in favour of a scheme to increase the Cathedral's splendid ring of eight to ten by the addition of two trebles. H.L.J. thought it should be 12, thus making the first 12 in the county, also a ring of 12 was more worthy for such a magnificent edifice as Lincoln Cathedral. After he had discussed the project with the Cathedral authorities the augmentation was agreed to and the work entrusted to John Taylor and Co. The bells arrived at the Cathedral early in 1928 and were hallowed by the Dean on April 28th before being hung in St. Hugh's tower.

The first peal on the 12 was rung on December 28th, 1929, in 4 hours 9 minutes, being 5.280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, composed and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Of this peal I think he was particularly proud, as the footnote suggests:—

- (1) First peal on the 12 bells.
- (2) First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all the band.
- (3) First peal of Maximus by all except the conductor.
- (4) The conductor's 200th peal as conductor.
- (5) Rung by all residents of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Reepham Wants £600 for its Bells

Aylsham was the venue for the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch on March 8th, when over 60 members were present.

A warm welcome from the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Evans) even if, as he said, we were a bit of a nuisance as the date coincided with the match between Wales and Ireland and he had had to leave the television. Anyway, he had the satisfaction of Wales winning.

The Rev. P. Kelly assisted with the service; Mrs. J. Wells played the organ; the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. M. Cubitt) read the lesson.

The secretary told members that Mr. B. Howchin was in Eaton Hall, suffering with thrombosis; Mr. F. Davey had improved from his heart attack, and he had spoken to the oldest member that afternoon, Mr. P. Artis, who had reached the age of 93.

Bernard Wells, of Aylsham, Mrs. M. Bibby, Paul Cadman and Keith Record, of Marsham, were elected members. Aylsham ringers have now five fathers and five sons as members of the company. The Branch striking competition is to be held on Saturday, May 17th, at Wroxham and Coltishall.

The next Branch meeting is to be held at Reepham and Salle on June 14th. It was sad news to learn that the treble is out of action at Reepham; the estimated cost of repairs to the six bells is £600. We feel sure, with the enthusiasm of the Rev. P. Kelly, this money will soon be raised. (He will be delighted to receive donations for the project.)

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. P. Kelly, Mrs. J. Wells, Mr. N. J. A. Pumphrey, and to all who had assisted in making the meeting a success.

The ten bells were rung to various methods, including rounds and London Royal, under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. M. Cubitt). C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District again met at two towers for its monthly evening meeting on March 1st. Ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, Graveley, for the first part of the evening, the six being put to good use to cater for the tastes of all present. Rounds were rung by the many learners and various methods up to Spliced Plain Minor by the more experienced.

The company then moved on to St. Mary's, Great Wymondley, for a period of further ringing on the six with a fairly long draught. Everybody then dispersed to find a warmer place in which to spend the rest of the evening.

N. N. R.

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Sad to say, only four members of this band are still living, viz.: John Walden, Leslie Pask, Harold Marcom and Harold Walker.

Looking back to the beginning of the century and onwards we owe a deep sense of gratitude for the life and work for campanology given by Rev. Henry Law James for the Guild, and indeed for the Exercise at large.

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HALF PEAL

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 2,520 Doubles (three methods, six variations): H. Page (first half peal) 1, A. Gammon 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. D. Bing 4, L. R. Porter 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Butler, married this day.

ABBOTS BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, S. G. Pick 3, C. J. Bennett 4, P. R. Johnson (100th quarter, 25th quarter as cond.) 5.

ADDINGHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: 1. Cox (first quarter) 1; M. Harker (first quarter) 2; R. Crabtree 3; A. Stott (first quarter) 4; M. Hillary 5; D. Featherstone (cond.) 6; Rung for Christmas, and also Man's first journey round the moon. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: V. M. Bean (first quarter) 1; G. Featherstone 2; M. Harker 3; R. Crabtree 4; M. Hillary 5; D. Featherstone (cond.) 6; Rung for the birth of David Allan Harker (February 21st, 1969), nephew of ringer of 3.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. E. Garbett 1; N. Holland 2; R. J. Warrilow 3; G. W. Stevens 4; R. A. Partridge 5; G. Binnerley 6; Rung to mark the 88th birthday of Dr. M. Legge.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: 1. A. Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2; J. V. A. Siedman 3, Gillian Laver 4; U. Bromley 5; Felicity Hamilton 6; T. Skilton (cond.) 7; D. Barnes 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (handbells): G. Bromley 1-2, N. D. Robinson 3-4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5-6. First "in hand" 3-4 and 5-6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, K. Furdson 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. J. Roberts 8. For Evensong, and for the 79th birthday of Arthur Garbett. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Susan Dunn 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. J. Edden 3, J. E. Read 4, W. Wayman 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. A. Caffry 8. First in method 1, 4, 5 and 8. For Evensong.

BANBURY, OXON.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Davis 1, E. Wightman 2, Miss J. Marlow 3, Mrs. D. Bentley 4, Mrs. J. Parfitt 5, H. Alexander 6; R. Bentley 7, J. Easley 8, J. Stretton 9, H. Bishop 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Norman Genna, vice-captain of the tower, who died on February 1st, 1969.

BARRINGTON, SOM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): Mrs. E. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J. Cornellius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. Drayton 6. A 77th birthday compliment to James Stenner, of Ilminster.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lynne Brooks 1; Cheryl L. Everard 2, H. Christine Younger 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5; R. I. Kendrick 6; Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Charles Lovett; verger and a member of the tower for many years.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): W. S. Rice 1, P. Bridle 2, R. W. Rice 3, P. J. England 4, S. Brown 5, M. J. Horseman (first Spliced Surprise) 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Christine Wright (first quarter) 1, Anne Henman 2, B. R. Carr (cond.) 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Morgan 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): C. E. S. Hall 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, J. Shields 3, C. T. Mason 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 16th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: Miss S. Mayell (first Cinque) 1, Mrs. M. Mayell 2, Mrs. A. Burcher 3, Miss J. Murrell 4, J. Stallard 5, S. Badman 6, W. Adams (first Cinque) 7, R. Sweet 8, D. Mayell 9, N. P. Hancock 10, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 11, M. J. Hancock 12. Rung for Evensong and Foundation Day, also to mark the engagement of Rev. M. J. Grylls and Miss M. D. Hancock, member of the Guild.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 17th, 1,344 Grandsire Major: R. P. Pearce 1, Canon A. S. Roberts 2, F. M. Bowers 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6, G. H. Baldam 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8. First of Grandsire Major by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. M. Hills 1, Frances Templeman 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, L. Hucklestep 4, J. Drage 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6; J. B. Keeler 7, K. I. Davis 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. S. Phelps 10. For Evensong.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. Yeomans 1, P. Thomas (first in method) 2, Mary Pryor 3, J. Pryor 4, C. Quartley 5, N. Simon (cond.) 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Marion Cass (first quarter) 1, P. Dickinson 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, M. Waring 4; D. A. Tovell (first as cond.) 5, G. H. Walker 6.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): H. Instance 1, T. Jones 2, B. Giddings 3, F. Harris 4; J. Hope 5, R. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Warner 1, G. Long 2, D. Burston 3, I. Sayzell 4, D. Little (cond.) 5; For Evensong.

DRAYTON PARSLow, BUCKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob): Marion Addy 1, Brenda Redfern 2, P. Aslett 3, R. J. Sharp 4, D. Redfern 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Warr (first quarter) 1; I. Summerhayes 2, Miss C. Elliott 3, M. Summerhayes 4; D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, S. Elliott 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Oakshott 1, J. Aronson (first P.B. "inside") 2, S. Mortimore 3, M. Morris 4, M. Harbott 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S.M.: R. B. Mills 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Christine Harbott 3, R. C. Splitie 4, T. Skilton 5, D. W. James 6, P. J. Munday 7; A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 4, 5. By Leatherhead District band.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Renee Sturge 1, Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 2, Helen Haines 3, Rosemary Ball 4, Gillian Boyd 5, J. Ball 6, R. Haines 7, A. Scott 8, A. Sturge (cond.) 9, F. Farr 10. For Confirmation service.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Jones 1, Angela Styler 2, Jennifer Newton 3, R. H. Hunt 4, M. Leek 5, E. Styler (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a 20th birthday compliment to Michael Leek. First quarter of Minor by the local band.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Dawson 1, P. R. Wild (first "inside") 2, J. R. Anthony 3, S. M. O'Neill (first as cond.) 4, J. R. Rigby 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

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GROTON, MASS; U.S.A.—In Oct., 1968, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: H. J. S. Cheever 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McC. Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, J. R. Chandler 5, P. L. Chandler (cond.) 6, F. E. Ulen, jun. 7, R. S. Young 8. In memory of the Rev. Paul E. Abey, friend and chaplain of the ringers. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. McDonald (cond.) 1, E. R. Cowies 2, R. G. Woolworth 3, P. L. Chandler 4, J. R. Chandler 5, J. W. Poor 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Piper 1, A. H. Kemp 2, Miss A. Harris 3, W. Gorrinck (cond.) 4, E. West 5, G. S. Waters 6; I. V. J. Smith 7, D. West 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Roy West, chorister for 30 years, interred this day.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hughes 5, D. Hatherly 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, B. Gambrell 8. For Family Communion.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, H. Baker 2, N. Sheppard (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. Jean Vidler 4, G. W. Grant 5, R. Millidine (covering) 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to H. Vidler.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: M. Camm 1, D. Beach 2, D. Camm 3, D. Coulson 4, G. Futers 5, R. Marchbank 6, G. Faulks (cond.) 7, T. Ford 8. In memory of the Rev. S. R. Futers, a former vicar.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Marion Bibby 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, S. Penfold 4, C. E. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, P. Sippli 8.

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley White 1, Susan Moore 2, F. C. Moxford 3, J. W. Owen 4, R. J. Moore 5, R. Hillman 6, T. W. Harris (cond.) 7, W. G. Dinham 8. First Triples 1 and 8. For rehallowing service after church redecoration.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Barker (first Minor) 1, Mrs. D. M. Barker 2, D. J. Goodhain 3, G. Spratt 4, B. H. Barker 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: D. Gagen 1, R. Newson 2, P. Gagen 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Harrop 5, O. Claxton 6, C. Tovell 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung as a compliment to Miss Shelagh R. Collins and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville on the announcement of their engagement, and also to mark the 60th birthday of the conductor and tower captain, Mr. N. V. Harding.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Katharine Salvage 3, E. D. Collin 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion, and as a birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Tutton (first on eight) 1, Wendy Treble 2, D. P. Treble 3, D. A. Powney 4, M. J. K. Griffiths 5, W. G. Cocks (first "inside") 6, B. G. North (cond.) 7, J. F. Boulter (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. White 1, D. Stott ("circled the tower") 2, G. Lucas 3, J. Foster (most methods "inside") 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: W. Froggatt 1, I. Minns 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, C. J. Sharp 4, P. C. Pitchford 5, D. Phillipson 6, H. L. Pask 7, G. Paul 8.

LLANDAEOFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, M. Pilgrim 6, J. W. Bull 7, C. P. Quartley 8. First in method 3, 4. Before Evensong for St. Teilo's Day. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Siedman Triples: N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 1, F. W. Corney 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, J. R. Plumb 4, N. A. James 5, S. Fenwick 6, P. S. Reading 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Cambridge S. Minor: D. O. Haslam 1, C. B. Fynes 2-3, Juliet Fynes 4, Rev. J. H. Greene 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Rear-Admiral A. R. Hammick (1887-1969), donor of the second bell.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild held its 42nd A.G.M. at Coleman's Hatch on the sunny afternoon of March 8th. In the afternoon Danchill and Lingfield towers were also open for ringing. At 4.30 p.m. members assembled at Coleman's Hatch in an assortment of vehicles, including a very-well-preserved elderly black Trojan.

The service was conducted by the president, Rev. J. R. Missen. Afterwards tea was taken by 32 members in the Church Hall. The chairman (Mr. B. E. Jeffrey) opened the meeting by thanking the president for the service, the organist for playing at such short notice, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryman and their helpers for preparing the tea.

The chairman remarked how glad he was to have present Mr. A. Relfe, the oldest vice-president (not the oldest member, as stated previously). There were 12 apologies for absence and one new member was elected. The meeting on April 12th will be held at Newdigate and Capel (subject to confirmation) and it is hoped to visit Cudham on May 10th. The chairman's report and the treasurer's report were passed, though there was a disagreement as to the layout of the statement of accounts.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected with one alteration (Mr. J. W. Ritson was deleted as he no longer lived in the area). The chairman said that he felt a change in his office might be beneficial to the Guild, but as there were no other candidates he was re-elected for another year. The vice-chairman (Mr. J. E. Warner) did not wish to stand for the office again and Mr. P. R. Everest was elected as his successor. The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and the hon. auditor were all re-elected unopposed. Mr. B. E. Jeffrey declined to stand as C.C. representative again and Mr. K. Game was elected to succeed him. Mr. M. W. Thompson was re-elected to the committee and the two other committee members are now Mr. R. P. Sherlock and Mr. J. E. Warner.

The route for the outing this year to East Kent on October 17th was approved. Mr. E. J. Ladd was authorised to book a dinner for January 10th, 1970, up to the cost of £1 5s. per head.

A motion from the committee that the peal hooking fee should be dropped was passed, but with the suggestion that the ringers should make a donation to the church where the peal was rung. A fee for the hooking of the peal should be paid out of Guild funds.

Because of increase in expenditure the subscription is to be raised to 3/- for adults and 1/- for junior members (these amounts were chosen as they will convert nicely into decimal coinage: 15p. and 5p.). The treasurer pointed out that the increase would not have been necessary if members had paid their subscriptions early in the year. The new subscription rates will operate from January 1st, 1970. It was also passed that the Guild should continue with evening practice meetings. An idea to hold a Halloween party received no support.

A copy of Wilfrid G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" was donated by Mr. B. V. Collison and presented by the president to the young ringer who was considered to have made most progress during 1968. The recipient was Chris Bassett, of Tunbridge Wells.

Ringing continued till 9 o'clock, with Hartfield also available. R. J. E.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the peal of 127 methods of Spiced Treble Bob Minor (page 127) rung at Holme Pierrepont the sixth extent was composed by P. W. Saltmarsh and not as submitted.

Mr. H. Denman, of Rockley, Retford, asks us to state that he rang his 350th peal at Baworth on January 11th and not his 300th as printed on page 185.

In the list of leading peal ringers of 1968 (page 214) the position of Colin A. Banton should be 26. His total number of peals was 60 and not 50 as submitted.

FOR THE BEGINNER

What is Good Rhythm and Striking, and how is it Achieved?

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

"In ringing, the hand is used to swing the bell, the eye to enable its proper position to be maintained amongst the ropes and the ear is required to judge that both these faculties are rightly used, and at the same time the attention of the mind must never be relaxed from consideration of the method by which the changes are being produced. The ear must, therefore, criticise the work of the eye and hand, in order that if they be defective the swing of the bell may thereafter be made longer or shorter as required."

JASPER W. SNOWDON, Founder
President of the Yorkshire
Association of Change Ringers,
1875.

The most important skill for a ringer to attain is good rhythm and striking. Simple methods well struck sound pleasant. Ringing which is badly struck gives little satisfaction to anyone.

Good striking is a question of rhythm and timing and can only be attained if each ringer can hear his own bell and indeed all the others, counting from the lead. He is thus aware of any inaccuracies and can correct them.

In change-ringing the beat of the whole ring of bells should be constant, i.e., 123456123456-123456123456-123456123456- etc. In 6-bell ringing there should be equal intervals of about a quarter second between each succeeding note plus an extra quarter second for the open lead at handstroke. The timing of each bell, however, varies throughout the changes according to whether or not it is hunting up, hunting down, staying in one place as at lead, when behind, or when making an internal place.

For instance, a study of the plain course of Bob Minor reveals that if the interval of the open lead is included, the time intervals between consecutive blows of No. 6 bell in the following change-rows are 7, 8, 5, 8 and 6 quarter second intervals respectively:—

Backstroke	311624
Handstroke	312564
Backstroke	132546
Handstroke	135264
Backstroke	312546
Handstroke	321456

There is, of course, less variation when plain hunting. For instance, when plain hunting down there is, apart from the difference between handstroke and backstroke due to the open lead, a steady rhythm.

Even a good band may take a little while to achieve really good timing and striking when ringing unfamiliar bells since they have to adjust themselves to the bells and to each other at the particular speed at which they are ringing.

It is essential for each ringer to count the beats of each change row and ensure, for example, that if his bell is to strike in 6th place it does in fact strike on the 6th beat.

We can regard ringing on six bells as "ringing six beats to the bar", ringing five bells as "five beats to the bar", ringing eight bells as "eight beats to the bar", allowing, of course, an extra beat every other bar for the open lead.

If the above-mentioned five, six and eight bells were part of the same ring of bells and the same bell used as the tenor, then there would be little difference in the duration of the "bar" no matter how many bells were being rung, but the greater the number of bells being rung the closer they should strike to each other.

When plain hunting from 2nd to 6th place and back to lead in Minor (if rung with open leads), something like the following should be going through the mind of the ringer:—

123456123456-123456123456-123456123456-123456123456-123456123456-123456123456- etc. The number in black type are the beats of the ringer's own bell. The numbers in plain type are the beats of the other bells.

HOW GOOD STRIKING IS ACHIEVED

The ringer must listen to all the bells, count the beats from the lead as every change is rung and emphasise in his mind the particular beat on which his bell is to strike.

A good deal of mental and physical skill and co-ordination is needed to achieve really good striking. When plain hunting the bell itself acts as a governor in keeping steady timing. When succeeding time intervals are changing the time the bell is held over balance, or the arc through which the bell swings, has to be varied.

TYPICAL FAULTS IN STRIKING

Badly timed leads.
Too wide in 2nd place when hunting up.
Too close when making the second blow last.
Too wide at backstroke when hunting down.
Ringing too closely over big bells.
Ringing too widely over little bells.
Failure to allow for the odd-struckness of one's own bell or of the bell over which one is striking.
Failure to dodge back fully to the required beat.

Ringing persistently too wide or too close.

These and other faults in timing and striking may be summarised as failure to ring exactly ON the appropriate beat. This may be caused by inexperience, poor bell and rope control, or inability to hear the bells and their beats.

The value of handbells as a means of training beginners towards good striking cannot be over-emphasised. A tape-recorder can also be used for self-criticism.

BELFRY GOSSIP

If Miss L. Bright sends her address to the Editor she will receive a reply to her letter.

Aylsham, Norfolk, ringers have five fathers and five sons in their company.

The quarter peal at Langdon Hills on February 23rd was a farewell to three members of the band. Peter Fleckney is moving to Kettering and John and Lewis Foster to Exeter.

The band who rang the peal at Clowne on July 27th apologise for the delay in it being submitted to "The Ringing World". This was caused by a misunderstanding between the conductor and the organiser.

In honour of his receiving the Imperial Service Medal on retirement from the G.P.O., Mr. F. G. Knight conducted his first peal in his home tower, Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset, on March 1st. The peal, Stedman Triples, was also for his 60th birthday.

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A NOTED ANNIVERSARY PEAL AT SHREWSBURY

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on February 15th, was the first peal of Triples on the bells for 105 years, and by a happy coincidence it was rung in the same time as the 1864 peal—a level three hours.

The 1864 peal was honoured by the following peal board, still hanging in the belfry:—

On 15th February, 1864, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes in 3 hours, consisting of 194 bobs and 46 singles by

John Gough	3rd
John Boylin	4th
Thomas Price	5th
Thomas Burd	6th
Henry Moore	7th
James Smith	8th
John Scholes	9th
John Rowley	10th

Call'd by James Smith

Rev. T. B. Lloyd, M.A., Minister.

Mr. Ernest F. Willcox, who conducted this year's peal, writes: "It is obvious that both peals were rung on the same eight, but the old ringers were known to call their bells 3, 4, 5, etc., instead of Treble, 2, 3, etc." He thanks his band for taking part in a well-struck peal.

ONE-DAY YORKSHIRE COURSE

A strong team of tutors has been arranged for the one-day course in bellringing to be held at Market Weighton in East Yorkshire on Saturday, May 10th, and the bells available for practical sessions include some fine and notable rings.

Tutors include Messrs. W. F. Moreton, W. E. Critchley, J. H. Fielden, D. S. Johnson, R. Ducker, S. Armeson and N. Chaddock (course organiser).

Details of the course appear in our Notices columns.

INDIVIDUAL PEAL RECORD

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. House, of 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich, are undertaking the compilation of individual peal records for 1969 in succession to Mr. G. E. Thoday, to whom we extend our best thanks for a difficult and complicated job. Will ladies who marry in the course of the year inform Mr. House of their change of name.

PREFERMENT FOR REV. P. NEWING

The Bishop of Gloucester has appointed the Rev. Peter Newing to be priest-in-charge of the parishes of Tibberton and Taynton, two villages about five miles north-west of Gloucester on the edge of the Forest of Dean. Peter and Angela hope to leave Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, early in June.

Unfortunately the Bishop has placed one of his few ringing curates in a parish without bells. There are three old bells at Tibberton and one small bell at Taynton. We wish them every blessing in their new sphere of Church work.

NEW GUILD MASTER



DOUGLAS A. R. MAY

Taught to ring at West Clandon, Surrey, by the then general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, George L. Grover (secretary for 19 years), in 1956. First peal was two Doubles methods on October 16th, 1957, at Ockham, which was the first peal by all the band, conducted by D. A. R. May. A broken rope had prevented first peal being one of Yorkshire at Holy Trinity the previous week. It was rung two weeks later, conducted by F. A. Munday, to whom thanks are due for tuition in Surprise Major. Master of University of London Society in 1961 and at age of 21 became Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1962, continuing in that office until 1966. Central Council 1963 onwards.

Rang several peals for Cumberlands, including one of the six peals of 9-Spliced S. Major on March 9th, 1968, a few for other Societies, and about 80 for the Guildford Guild, 38 as conductor. Highlight of last period in office was the opening of the bells at Guildford Cathedral on May 17th, 1965. Married Jill Lane, of Merrow, in 1961, who has rung 55 peals with him. 9-month-old son, Timothy. Captain at West Clandon since a new band was formed in 1966, when they returned to the neighbourhood after two years at Old Woking.

JOINT MEETING AT DENHAM

The meeting at St. Mary's, Denham, on January 22nd, was attended by ringing members and their families from the Middlesex County Association (South and West Branch), the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). The programme began with ringing on the 24 cwt. eight and this was followed by a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. Corr). The sermon was preached by Mr. Geoff Hadrill, one of the lay readers in the parish and himself a ringer.

An excellent tea was prepared by the ladies of Denham, and the remainder of the evening was spent as a social. The highlights of this were the film "This then is Denham", which portrayed aspects of parish life and activities, and was made by the Higher Denham Film Society, and the tunes played on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eldridge, of Cookham, and Miss Diana Seal, of Maidenhead.

J. R. A. M.

OUTING IN MID-SOMERSET

On March 8th a small party of ringers from the Bath area held a pleasant outing in glorious sunshine around the Taunton/Bridgwater area. Details:—

Pawlett.—A pleasant ring of five on plain bearings; a trifle loud in ringing chamber. The tenor the oldest bell, 1625; fourth recast in 1938 by Mears and Stainbank.

Puriton.—This six go well but are not in tune. Local band has done a good job with decorating the ringing chamber. The bell chamber spotlessly clean with blue headstocks and yellow wheels. Louis Pope and Ron Short joined us in the ringing.

Chedzoy.—A pleasant-toned six but are showing signs of neglect. Clock no longer in motion, plaster falling down and ringing room dirty. Two items that struck us as uncommon: (1) The rope circle with 1, 2 and 3 bunched tightly together and then a partition which obstructs the vision of the other three; (2) the frame is set at an angle of 45° in the tower with 1 and 4 on plain bearings and the rest on ball bearings. The tenor is well known for slipping wheel, but it was found that with a perfectly tight rope and keeping it absolutely straight no further trouble was experienced even when turned in. If this bell does slip wheel, the ringer stands a more than even chance of some grazed knuckles as the rope comes down near the partition. The ring is tuned to the key of F.

Goathurst.—A pleasant, average ground floor ring on ball bearings. We were pleased to meet the Rector.

Enmore.—Heavy six on plain bearings which sound more pleasant outside. One or two bells tend to drop but considering they are not rung too often are not too bad. Bells are in the key of E.

Cotthelstone.—Note that the tenor is now unringable due to badly worn bearings and the rope has been removed for safety. The other five are rather unmusical and tend to drop, but considering ringing has only been revived in late years they are not too bad. The bells are in E, rung from the ground with rope guides. The church has a beautiful setting on an estate and is well worth a visit.

Kington St. Mary.—A pleasant-looking tower; bells rehung 1968 by Mears and Stainbank. Clean, well-looked-after ringing room. Architect will not allow the bells to be rung for long periods due to the tower, so peals, etc., are out of the question. But in our humble view the tower could as well fall down in short spells of ringing as in a peal.

Creech St. Michael.—A pleasant, average six in the key of E. The Vicar made us very welcome.

Our ringing aspired to the heights of Spliced Surprise and several courses of London, but one or two touches could have been better. We do wish to thank those who came to meet us and we were pleased to meet new friends.

A. F. L.

CHILCOMPTON DOES IT AGAIN

On March 1st at Ashwick four Chilcompton ringers were in the team that rang 10,080 Surprise Minor. The peal, believed at present to be a record length for the Bath and Wells, consisted of 14 different 720s of Surprise Minor. The conductor was Adrian Beck.

1968 PEAL

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLOWNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's, three of Oxford Bob, two of Plain Bob.

Herbert T. Rooke Treble	David A. Whetton 4
George Challans 2	Frank Cooke 5
*Barry Moran 3	John A. Coates Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

1969 PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 50 methods, comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Gartree, Halifax, Langley, Lindsey, Manitoba, Newgate, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield Solihull, Southwark, Stonegate, Superlative, Wycombe, York and Yorkshire. 96 each of Bedford, Belgrave, Belvoir, Feering, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Londinium, Oldham, Rochester, Saskatchewan and Wembley, 48 each of Ashton, Birmingham, Buckinghamshire, Conishorrough, Eldon, Indiana, Kidderminster, Leicestershire, Metropolis, Pennine, Quex, Reading, Stoodley, Timaru, Utah, Westminster and Wigston, with 104 changes of method.

Christine Andrew Treble	Basil Jones 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	Tudor P. Edwards 8
Frank Osbaldiston 3	Neil Bennett 9
John H. Fielden 4	Robert B. Smith 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Brian Harris 11
*Bernard F. L. Groves 6	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 900th peal. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a 12-bell peal.

INDIANA: —38—147T—1250—369T—147T—38—169T—50—16—5T—18—7T. 1.h. 1T. 1426.

PENNINE: 78.56.90.14.78.56.90.3T.14.7T.90.58.90.14.9T.70.14.58.14.5T.14.50.14.7T. 1.h. 12. 1426.

READING: 3T.—3T.14—12.—3T.—14—58.—16—3T.—1478—347T.—78—3T. 1.h. 12. 1573.

UTAH: —3T—14—125T—36—147T—38—169T—50—16—5T—18—7T. 1.h. 1T. 1426.

For Composition see page 234.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HAWKHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.	Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.
Andrew J. Corby Treble	John A. Howard 5
John Chilcott 2	*S. Geoffrey Waters 6
Robert T. Lambert 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Reginald E. Lambert 4	Richard Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Gorrings, at whose request the peal was rung.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Peter Church Treble	George A. Dawson 6
Robert W. Sherriff 2	Michael Maughan 7
Charles F. Hobson 3	Ian G. Campbell 8
Andrew J. Slade 4	Ron Ducker 9
*J. Ian Booth 5	Alan H. Bridges Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon R. Iliff, Vicar of this church for nine years. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

OVER, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Treble	D. S. Pont (Christ's) .. 5
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 6
*Jenny Field (Newnham) 3	A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 7
D. Barton (Selwyn) .. 4	D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pistow. Conducted by David S. Bishop.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*John G. Lifton Treble	Charles B. Pemberton .. 5
Alexander J. Martin .. 2	Robert Peers 6
Charles F. Pocock 3	Eric J. Gilbert 7
F. Leslie Coventry .. 4	Ernest T. Carvell Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Angela Peers.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BERE FERRERS, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.
Norman Mallett Treble	Stephen G. Peirce 4
*John F. Steere 2	John C. Mitchelmore .. 5
Peter L. Bill 3	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* First peal "inside."

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 XANTAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Walter C. Chandler .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
Brian D. Threlfall .. 2	John G. Gipson 6
Geoffrey Pearson .. 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
Hilary Muirhead .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

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

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 22 cwt. in D.
Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble	Robert J. Lindsell 5
*Jean Simmons 2	*Roy Threadgold 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Alan R. Syder 7
*Keith W. Brown 4	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble	Cecil J. Barker 5
Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2	Keith W. Brown 6
*Jennifer M. Syder .. 3	Alan R. Syder 7
*Roy Threadgold 4	Robert J. Lindsell Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung to mark the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone, this day, of the new daughter Church of St. Paul, by the Archdeacon of Colchester.

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

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*Peter G. Brown .. Treble	*Yvonne A. Murray .. 5
Richard J. W. Housden .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	James L. Towler 7
Peter J. Eves 4	*Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Composed by Arthur F. Lewry. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 75th peal together. † 150th for the Association. ‡ First in the method.

Rung as a 62nd birthday compliment to Edward W. Roast.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 10 cwt.
Peter Sloman .. Treble	Neil V. Avis 5
*Stephen G. Halliwell .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Bernard C. Sadler .. 3	Bernard W. Fairhead .. 7
†David Sloman 4	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HANNINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, comprising 720 each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Stedman.

Tenor 11 cwt.	
Anita D. O'Brien Treble	Anthony R. Peake 4
*Ronald E. Peckham 2	Brian Bladon 5
*David J. Vowles 3	Harold Hedges Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
 Rung as a farewell to Ronald E. Peckham, who is leaving Hannington to live in Southampton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.	
Bertram C. Johnson .. Treble	Harold V. Frost 6
Roger King 2	A. Rowland Tysoe 7
Kenneth J. Darvill 3	John E. Ewer 8
*Peter T. Dale 4	Frederick W. Ellis 9
Gillian M. Brearley 5	George W. Debenham .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal of Stedman "inside." Bertram C. Johnson has "circled the tower" to peals.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
 On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOGEDONE DELIGHT MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.	
Being two 2,160's and one 720.	
Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 4
Julia A. Fellows 2	Brian J. Woodruffe 5
Robert E. Hardy 3	Peter T. Dale Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
*Helena M. Carter .. Treble	Terence Barton 5
George Kenward 2	† Timothy D. Wickins .. 6
Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
*Laurence Mitchell 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.	
Tony Lewis Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Margaret E. Oram 2	Ralph Bird 6
Ann Jenner 3	Ian H. Oram 7
Doris E. Colgate 4	Stanley Jehner Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

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

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.	
*James Hedgecock .. Treble	† Philip R. Staples 4
*Rachel J. Sinden 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
† Richard A. Birch 3	† Colin E. J. Wyld Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* Most methods to a peal. † First Minor methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb. in G.	
Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble	Alan Capstick 4
James E. Burles 2	* Kenneth J. Foster 5
John Bagnall 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor on tower bells.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Hodgson (wife of the Association's president) and also in memory of George E. Braithwaite, chief ringer here for many years, who died in 1968.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Martin Green Treble	* K. Paul Gilliver 6
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Roland H. Cook 7
* Robin A. Gilliver 3	* R. Brian Mills 8
* David F. Moore 4	G. Ronald Edwards 9
* David G. Massey 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Albanian Surprise Royal.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., Feb. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.	
Rung on the Margaret eight.	
Monica M. Jelley .. Treble	David G. Massey 5
Martin Green 2	John Bramley 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Roland H. Cook 7
David F. Moore 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

Rung to the affectionate memory of Margaret L. Morris.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	* Ronald D. Hughes 5
Arthur E. Rowley 2	B. Stedman Payne 6
Frank Chambers 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method.

MARKET HARBOUR, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.

On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Roland H. Cook .. Treble	K. Paul Gilliver 5
Robin A. Gilliver 2	R. Brian Mills 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	David G. Massey 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Samuel H. Wood. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden .. Treble	Walter Tomlinson 7
* Jack L. Millhouse 2	† Philip C. Pitchford 8
Peter A. Sharp 3	H. Leslie Pask 9
George E. Felrn 4	Harold F. Gibson 10
Raymond F. Stith 5	John Freeman 11
† David Phillipson 6	Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus. † 25th peal. † First of Maximus.

Rung for the installation of the Hon. the Very Rev. Oliver William Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes as Dean of Lincoln.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1, 2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Grand-sire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.	
William H. Harford .. Treble	John W. Bull 4
James Clatworthy 2	David J. Llewellyn 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Charles P. Quartley .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

Most methods on the bells.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 FUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Chris. L. D. Munday .. Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
* Maris C. Stephenson .. 2	Wyn Pugh 6
Lynda M. Deebank 3	Christopher M. Mowley .. 7
Margaret Ellwood 4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher L. D. Munday.

* 25th peal. First in method by all.

Rung for the Manchester and Salford students' rag day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 TIVERTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Ronald D. Hughes 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
Frank Chambers 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. J. H. Brittan, a much respected honorary member of the Guild, interred in Burton Cemetery this day.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

G. Richard King .. Treble	Geoffrey Gardner 5
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 2	Raymond Ballard 6
Stephen T. Yates 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Sidney Hough 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sun., Feb. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

H. William Barrett .. Treble	*Thomas E. Spight 6
*David Cubitt 2	†Leslie F. Bailey 7
Janet House 3	Peter Adcock 8
Martin Cubitt 4	Martin L. Howe 9
Geoffrey H. Pullin 5	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Association by a resident band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

BLETCHLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Parker's 12-part .. Treble	John W. Euston 5
James Linnell 2	William A. Yates 6
George W. Holland 3	Donald T. Meager 7
Terry Page 4	Roger Cadamy Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.

Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Daniels and J. Marks, both respected members of the local band.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 JEWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Leonard Stillwell .. Treble	William Birmingham .. 5
Angela Newing 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Alan R. Pink 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Barry J. Davies 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. With this peal Brian W. Hall completes the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

SOMERTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being Stedman, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Jean Marlow .. Treble	Mark W. Sayers 4
Diana Reeves 2	Robert A. Reeves 5
Barry J. Davis 3	Philip R. Davis Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Reeves.

Rung in memory of William Norman Genna, who died on February 1st, 1969.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HOOK NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Rodney A. Yeates .. Treble	J. Paul Coad 5
Richard H. Johnston .. 2	P. Gerald Mellhone .. 6
*Shirley E. Jones 3	Peter H. Mackie 7
Roger H. Abbott 4	Jeremy R. Pratt Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.

* 25th peal.

Rung with the band's congratulations to the ringer of the 4th on gaining the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANWICK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent, Cambridge, Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Julian C. Parker .. Treble	Barry R. Care 4
Iestyn G. Morgan 2	J. Malcolm Tyler 5
David J. Morgan 3	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

George E. Fearn .. Treble	*Maurice F. Edwards .. 5
Roderick W. Pipe 2	James W. Belshaw 6
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Susan E. Smith 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

John M. Lindon .. Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts 5
Muriel Reay 2	James W. Belshaw 6
George E. Fearn 3	Norman J. Goodman 7
Stephen W. Barton 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOL, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being three extents of Stedman and 13 extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Timothy F. Collins .. Treble	†Graham W. Elmes 4
*Claire E. N. Brown .. 2	†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
*Mary E. Elmes 3	†Reginald W. Young .. Tenor

* First peal of Doubles † Most Doubles methods to a peal.

‡ Most methods to a peal.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble	†Ernest F. Willcox 5
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith .. 2	Philip R. Johnson 6
*Michael J. Orman 3	†Philip J. Evans 7
Reginald H. Newton .. 4	Alfred E. G. Owen Tenor

Composed by J. Bruerton.

Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 25th peal together. First Grandsire Triples as conductor. First of Triples on the bells for 105 years, the last peal of Triples being rung on February 15th. 1864.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

*John R. Seagrave Treble	Jonathan Blacktop 5
William L. Exton 2	Horace E. Seagrave 6
Andrew L. B. King 3	Donald J. Beach 7
†Rosemary J. Willey 4	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire "inside." * First of Triples and in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Olave Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide, 80 this day.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Paul Raithby Treble	Frederick G. Hooper 4
Derick E. Kirton 2	Derek J. Tysoe 5
Frederick Derry 3	F. William Midwinter .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Chloe Richardson.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Oxford Bob, two St. Clement's, one Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper 4
Derek E. Kirton 2	Paul Raithby 5
*Keith C. Vernon 3	Colin W. Reed Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal in five methods.

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

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Peter L. R. Hayward .. Treble	W. Gordon Marsh 4
Pamela J. Clifton 2	Ruth Blackshaw 5
†Rosemary J. Willey 3	Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Alan Blackshaw.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WILLENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERPILARS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

Howard Howell Treble	Peter J. Barker 6
Christine J. Turner 2	David J. Wilkes 7
Bert Horton (81) 3	James S. Eastwood (76) .. 8
Edgar Marlow (77) 4	Maurice G. Turner 9
George W. Hughes 5	*Leonard Yorke Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Howard Howell.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine J. Turner, and a birthday compliment to Mr. James S. Eastwood.

AMBLECOTE, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Clive M. Smith Treble	Cyril T. Collins 5
Eric E. Speake 2	Leslie E. Monk 6
*A. Paul Sheldon 3	J. Dennis Holden 7
Stephen T. Yates 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sylvia Leadbeater and Remi Hodister, married this day at St. Leonard's, Bilston.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship .. Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 6
Leslie G. Brett 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Vernon Bedford 3	Michael J. Howes 8
Muriel R. Page 4	Ernest G. Pearce 9
Stephen Bedford 5	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

First peal of Oxford Royal for all except ringers of 2, 7 and tenor.

Arranged and rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to James Bennett.

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

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in D flat.

Wilfred Jarvis Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Maurice T. Symonds 2	George W. Pipe 6
Arthur J. Haynes 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Donald L. Mills 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by James S. Wilde.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

150th peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Kevin Lloyd Mills and a thanksgiving for the life and work of Oliver G. Barnard, of Stowmarket.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Geoffrey Bridges 5
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Frank Reed 6
*Peter G. Holden 3	Laurence C. Way 7
Ronald K. Russ 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

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

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm Phipps and Marjorie Farnold, married this day at Chesterfield Parish Church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

George Francis Treble	John R. Norris 5
*M. Iain Davey 2	David D. Smith 6
Valerie J. Howard 3	Frank H. Hicks 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

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

On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Jennifer A. Smith Treble	*Ian Wickens 4
David D. Smith 2	John A. Howard 5
*M. Iain Davey 3	George Francis Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.

* First peal in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MANACCA, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods/variations in 42 extents: one method—St. Martin and eight variations—St. Breward, St. Clether, St. Merryn, St. Samson, St. Clement, St. Endellion, Jacobstowe and Zennor.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Alan Carveth Treble	Anthony Locke 4
Robert Peel Pearce 2	*F. Malcolm Bowers .. 5
Anthony J. Davidson .. 3	Timothy J. Bell Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Charles Frederick Jerram, former Ringing Master of the Guild, who died on January 12th, 1969.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

John N. Longridge Treble	*David Wilson 6
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	Raymond Haines 7
Thomas H. Francis 3	William T. Perrins 8
Graham W. Elmes 4	Frederick E. Collins .. 9
†Timothy F. Collins 5	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 50th peal.

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

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

William Willans Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell 5
Betty J. Daysh 2	Richard Green 6
William F. J. Cope 3	Michael S. Bruce 7
*Mary Sutcliffe 4	Edward W. Colley Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by William Willans.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

WOLVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

Michael S. Holbrook .. Treble	*Jack Weaver 4
*Lynette M. Holbrook .. 2	Howard E. J. Smith .. 5
*J. Jeffery Hill 3	*Douglas Cane Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of John Pares, who died on January 20th, 1969.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. (approx.) in D.

Harold B. Schofield .. Treble	R. George Morris 5
Shirley M. Drew 2	Ian Lloyd 6
Francis Fairbank 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Valerie Willard 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

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

BERROW, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Faith.

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 19 individual plain course methods: (1, 2, 7) Plain Bob, (3, 4) Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (5, 6) Spliced Plain Bob and Boxford, (8, 9, 14) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (10, 11) Spliced Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., (12, 13) Spliced Rev. Canterbury and Dorton, (15, 16, 21) St. Simon's Bob, (17, 18) Spliced St. Simon and Rugby S.C., (19, 20) Spliced St. Simon and Braywood, (22, 23, 28) St. Martin Bob, (24, 25) Spliced St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (26, 27) Spliced St. Martin and Welford, (29, 30, 35) St. Nicholas' Bob, (31, 32) Spliced St. Nicholas and Thornborough S.C., (33, 34) Spliced St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (36, 37) Winchendon Place Bob, (38, 39) Spliced Winchendon and Longford Slow Course, (40, 41) Spliced Winchendon and Haddiscoe, (42) Grand-sire. 55 bobs, 2 singles, 193 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell (Grandsire excepted).

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

Christopher J. Pickford .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry 3
Paul Cattermole 2	David G. Franklin 4
John Clements Tenor	

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

First peal on the bells since 1929. Most methods of Doubles to a peal by the Association and the first peal of this type.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Harry Winter Treble	*John R. Whitham 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	Alan E. Hartley 6
*Robert H. Jordan 3	Roger A. Smith 7
*Alan Winter 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. Fastest peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society.)

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Elizabeth Ewan Treble	David Johnson 5
Gwynneth Ducker 2	Richard D. Gibson 6
Ronald Ducker 3	Roderick Horton 7
Elizabeth Johnson 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.

On Sat., Jan 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	*David Featherstone 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	*Peter H. Gardner 6
*Linda D. Shaw 3	Robert A. Beresford .. 7
Robert H. Jordan 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Ap.

On Mon., Jan. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Peter H. Gardner .. Treble	John J. Durham 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	*Robert A. Beresford .. 6
*Robert H. Jordan 3	*Ronald R. Warford 7
*David Featherstone .. 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. First of London Major as conductor.

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

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	John J. Durham 5
David Featherstone 2	Robert A. Beresford .. 6
Robert H. Jordan 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
*John P. Ottaway 4	†C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 25th peal on this bell.

BENTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, containing 42 methods/variants.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Garry Robinson .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 3
†Alan Winter 2	†Robert H. Jordan 4
†John R. Whitham .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. † First of 42 methods/variants.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, (4) Cambridge, (5) Rev. Canterbury, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Janet Jurica Treble	John Potts 4
†Christopher J. Easton .. 2	†David Featherstone 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	†Robert H. Jordan Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. † First in 12 Minor methods.

BENTHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	*David Featherstone 4
*Linda D. Shaw 2	Robert A. Beresford .. 5
*Robert H. Jordan 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

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

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Graham S. Miller .. Treble	Suzanne J. Withers 4
Christopher N. Grandidge .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Jane P. Lawrence 3	Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung by Chapel Allerton Sunday service band.

LEEDS, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald R. Warford .. Treble	*David Whitehead 4
Margaret Warford 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
*Jane P. Lawrence 3	Suzanne J. Withers Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. W. T. Warford, of Selby.

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NOTICES

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DEATHS

GODLEY.—On March 10th, 1969, peacefully at Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset, Rev. Arthur Forster Godley, aged 81 years. 6810

MILNER.—John Frederick, suddenly on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969, at his home, 4, Heath Road, Sheringham, Norfolk, aged 69: beloved husband of Ruth and formerly of Kirklington, Notts. 6813

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The address of Mr. B. P. Morris, general secretary, is now 40, Spa Drive, Sapcote, Leicestershire, LE9 6FN. Tel.: Sapcote 686. 6798

PERSONAL

"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand,"—Isaiah lxiv, 8.

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PUBLICATIONS

"ABOUT BELLS AND BELLRINGING"

(Reprint)

A useful handbook about bells and bellringing for the public and ringers.

(For review, see "R.W.", No. 2999, October 11th, 1968.)

2/6 post free from R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford. Proceeds to St. Nicholas' Bell Augmentation Fund. 6369

JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford. 6803

MISCELLANEOUS

DUPLICATING AND ELECTRONIC PRECUT STENCILS—Letterheads, Diagrams, Typewritten matter, etc.: 24-hour service.—THE ALDERSHOT STORES (Duplicating and Scanner Department), 37, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, Hants. Telephone: 20876. 6703

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING at Evesham, May 3rd. Details available from Herbert W. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 6807

ONE-DAY BELLRINGING COURSE

On Saturday, May 10th, 1969

At MARKET WEIGHTON COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Organised by the Institute of Further Education, Market Weighton, and the Beverley and District Society of Ringers

All ringers are welcome.

Instruction will be given in the following:—

- Bell Control.
- Raising and Falling.
- Elementary Change Ringing.
- Six-, eight- and ten-bell Method Ringing.
- Conducting.
- Composition and Proof.
- Double Handed Handbell Method Ringing.
- Tune Ringing.
- Maintenance of Bells and Fittings.

Practical sessions will be held at nearby towers (five 6-bell towers, two eights and two tens). Transport between towers will be arranged for those without their own vehicle.

Write: N. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, near York. CLOSING DATE: April 26th, 1969. 6791

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1969 Annual Dinner

March 22nd. Ringing arrangements:
Bitterne Park ... 2.30-3.30
St. Mary's, Southampton ... 3.30-4.30
St. Michael's, Southampton 4.30-5.30
6797

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The SNOWDON DINNER

will now be held on

Saturday, October 25th, 1969
at YORK 6781

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—Evening rope-splicing course, given by Mr. Cyril T. Collins, in Walsall Ringing Room on Friday, March 21st next at 7.45 p.m. (No ringing.) Interested attenders are requested to bring two short lengths (min. 2 ft.) of three-strand rope. Anyone very welcome. 6759

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

—At the A.G.M. held on Wednesday, March 5th, 1969, the following were elected officers of the Guild: Richard Weeks, Master; Phillip Butler, Vice-Master; Jeremy Cheesman, re-elected. Kate Richardson, Secretary and Treasurer, c/o J. C. R. Post, The University, Southampton. SO9 5NH. 6779

TOWER PRACTICES

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH—

There will be no practice on Saturday, April 5th. Next practice May 3rd, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Peal attempts fully booked until 1971. 6783

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at Shalford on Thursday, March 27th, 8 p.m. Ealing, Bristol, Lincolnshire.—F. W. Housden. 6801

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Advanced practice, Ash (6), Friday, March 21st, 7.30-9 p.m.—Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Dec. 6747

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Practice meeting, Malmesbury (8), Tuesday, March 25th. 7.30 p.m. 6805

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Norton, Tuesday, March 25th 7.30-9 p.m. No monthly meeting in April.—Mrs E. A. Agg, Dis. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

The usual weekly practice for Thursday, March 27th, has been cancelled and will be held on Monday, March 24th, at 7.30 p.m., instead.—E. H. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6811

PUTNEY, S.W.—No practices on Mondays, March 31st, April 7th and 14th.—Miss J. S. Armstrong, Sec.; telephone: 748 5012. 6790

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Practice meeting, Yoxford (6), Saturday, March 29th, 7-8.30 p.m. 6800

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) from 4-7 p.m. 6748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Emneth, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemerton, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) (rehung) 3-4 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Devereux, 5, Bayliss Road, Kemerton, Worcs, by March 22nd. 6799

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Witley, March 22nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hut. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—March 22nd, Chalfont St. Giles. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 22nd, Ramsbottom (8), 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Beginners especially welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 6784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Aldeby (note change of venue) on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C. 6806

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greasley (8) on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Beach, Peasholm, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3DR. 6785

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly, March 22nd, Clapham Park. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting (6.15) and evening ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Own arrangements for tea.—N. Thomson, Asst. Sec. 6736

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hailsham, on March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkwood, Hailsham (Tel.: Hailsham 3515), as soon as possible.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 6753

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, 61, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on March 25th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry; April 15th, St. Giles, Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6788

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-wich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham (6), on March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. P. Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway. Special method: Sandal T.B. 6794

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 59, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street. 6767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pucklechurch (6) and Abson (6) on Saturday, March 29th, 3 p.m. Service 5 at Pucklechurch. Tea and meeting at Miners Hall, Pucklechurch, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Smart, 35, Shortwood Road, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS17 3PL, by March 27th. 6815

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Meeting at Claverley, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No name no tea. Names to Joan Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than March 27th. 6817

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Charing, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names to Mrs. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, near Ashford, Kent, not later than Thursday, March 27th. 6756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 29th. St. Michael's, Aughton (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Special method: Norwich Surprise. All welcome, especially learners.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6795

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Birstall, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. David North, Garfield House, 269, Hegley Lane, Batley, by previous Thursday. 6802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The District striking competition will be held at Whetstone on March 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in nearby school. General ringing after competition, time permitting. Non-competitors' names for tea to Mr. H. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 3JY, by Wednesday, March 26th, please. Competitors' names to me.—Ron Hughes. 6792

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Grantham (10), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3.30-5 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evensong 5.30. Business meeting in belfry 6 p.m. All welcome. 6806

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting follow in the Bunbury Room. There will be ringing for 6-bell ringers. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 6750

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 29th, Limpsfield and Oxted. Limpsfield bells 3.30-4.30 p.m. and in evening. Oxted bells 3-4. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. Jarrett, 65, Granville Road, Limpsfield, by March 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6782

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting (A.D.M.), Llanfihangel Rhydieithon, with Llanbadarn Fawr (bells 6 and 5), Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events, 10/- each: children of resident members under 14, 4/- each: obtainable for first 200 applicants with cash and stamped, addressed foolscap envelope to me not later than first post Tuesday, April 1st.—P. A. Corby, Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6662

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Trumpington, Monday, April 7th. Service 4.15 at Trumpington Church. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4/- per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringling arrangements:—

Bottisham (5)	10.30-11.45	Duxford (6)	1.30-3.00
Fen Ditton (5)	10.30-11.45	Meldreth (8)	1.30-3.00
Orwell (5)	11.30-12.30	Foxton (5)	2.00-3.00
Great Wilbraham (5)	11.30-12.45	Whittlesford (6)	2.00-3.15
Cherry Hinton (5)	11.30-12.45	Little Shelford (6)	2.30-3.15
Guilford Morden (6)	12.00-1.30	Barton (5)	2.30-3.30
Stapleford (6)	12.00-1.30	Haslingfield (5)	2.30-3.30
Sawston (8)	12.30-2.00	Harston (6)	3.00-4.00
Litlington (6)	12.30-2.00	Trumpington (8)	3.45-4.15
Ickleton (8)	1.00-2.30		and evening
Melbourn (6)	1.00-2.30		6804

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting
Nottingham, Saturday, April 12th
RINGING:

Afternoon—All Saints', 1.30-2.30;
Aspley, 2.30-3.30; Basford, 2.30-3.30; St. Mary's, 3-4.15.

Evening—St. Mary's and St. Peter's.
CHOIR (under direction of Mr. R. Carlisle) meet St. Mary's, 3 p.m.
Additional volunteers most welcome.

SERVICE, St. Mary's, 4.15.

TEA, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Saturday, April 5th. (Sorry, no name no tea.)

MEETING follows tea in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6809

LATE NEWS

We have received a most gratifying message concerning the health of Mr. Walter Ayre, who is now home at Leverstock Green, and he is rapidly approaching normality. He has been for two short walks.

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OBITUARY

MR. J. F. MILNER

John Frederick Milner died suddenly at his home in Sheringham, Norfolk, on Tuesday, March 11th, 1969. He was 69.

Mr. and Mrs. Milner retired from their business at Kirklington, Notts, and settled on the Norfolk coast some six years ago. Fred, a man of outstanding size, strength, charm and generosity, had motored tens of thousands of miles in the course of his ringing career and had taken part in more than 500 peals, many in multi-method Surprise Major. He was particularly proud of his association with the late Harold Poole, with whom he rang many peals, and of the restoration and augmentation of the new ring at Southwell Minster, at which tower he conducted London Surprise Major on March 27th, 1954, for his 500th peal.

At Kirklington Fred was a churchwarden and Ruth organist for many years. He was well-known as a splendid craftsman in wrought iron, and many examples of his work will survive for centuries. N.G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite the snow and ice, there was an average attendance for the time of year at the Biggleswade District meeting on February 8th at two 5-bell towers—Compton and Meppershall. At the business meeting the gathering stood in silent tribute to Mr. Andrew Sinfield, of Maulden, and it was sad that not more of his contemporaries could have braved the cold to honour his memory.

The annual outing is to be held on the third Saturday in May, with a venture into Rutland for the first time in many years. Our thanks to Mr. Philip Rogers for his efforts to make the outing a success year after year. L.E.

FORTHCOMING FRONT PAGE COVERS

Mar. 28.	St. Paul's, Shadwell, London
April 4.	Dunster, Somerset
" 11.	Plympton, Devon
" 18.	Higgleclere, Hants
" 25.	Lincoln Cathedral
May 2.	Bushey
" 9.	Hallow, Worcs
" 16.	Newchurch, Kent
" 23.	St. Albans Abbey
" 30.	Horbling, Lines
June 6.	Selby Abbey
" 13.	Mortlake
" 20.	Braintree
" 27.	Vacant
July 4.	Vacant
" 11.	Vacant
" 18.	Tunbridge Wells
" 25.	Lyng, Taunton
Aug. 1.	Finchingfield

One of the youngest companies in Essex is at Thorpe Bay, the oldest member being Paul R. Senteance (19). We look forward to many quarters from Thorpe Bay.

The peal at Stratford on February 15th was a compliment to Mr. Malcolm Phipps and Miss Marjorie Yarnold, who were married the same day at Chesterfield Parish Church.

When the North Dorset Branch met at Stourton Caundle on March 8th they had the biggest attendance for 21 years with over 50 members and visitors present.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1968

(Continued from page 214)

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
174	Anthony J. Cox ..	29	2	—	—	29	2
174	Barry R. Care ..	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	John K. Smith ..	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	Clive A. Thrower ..	29	1	—	—	29	1
174	Robert D. Bellamy ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Maureen J. Carruthers ..	21	—	8	—	29	—
174	Anthony R. Carter ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Jack Durham ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	G. Ronald Edwards ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	M. Jane Foster ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
174	Christopher M. Movley ..	28	—	1	—	29	—
174	Christopher H. Rogers ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
190	Walter Ayre ..	24	17	4	2	28	19
190	W. Eric Critchley ..	28	15	—	—	28	15
190	Joe E. G. Roast ..	27	14	1	—	28	14
190	George A. Dawson ..	28	12	—	—	28	12
190	D. John Hunt ..	28	9	—	—	28	9
190	Derek Butterworth ..	28	6	—	—	28	6
190	Charles P. Quartley ..	28	2	—	—	28	2
190	Eric N. Harrison ..	28	1	—	—	28	1
190	M. Irene Brown ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
190	Claudia A. Critchley ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
190	Derek F. Yates ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
201	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	27	18	—	—	27	18
201	Cyril A. Wratten ..	20	10	7	5	27	15
201	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	27	10*	—	—	27	10
201	Christopher T. Osenton ..	20	2	7	7	27	9
201	Stephen B. Bell ..	27	4	—	—	27	4
201	R. Keith Lister ..	27	5	—	—	27	5
201	Geoffrey Bridges ..	15	—	12	1	27	1
201	Ian Wickens ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Christine Andrew ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Walter Arnold ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
201	Edward Jenkins ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
212	Murray A. Coleman ..	26	16	—	—	26	16
212	Philip G. K. Davies ..	26	12	—	—	26	12
212	Peter A. Sligh ..	26	12	—	—	26	12
212	Harry W. Howard ..	26	10	—	—	26	10
212	Ian C. Maycock ..	26	9	—	—	26	9
212	Wilfred Williams ..	26	9	—	—	26	9
212	Brian L. Burrows ..	25	7	1	—	26	8
212	William L. Exton ..	26	7	—	—	26	7
212	Barrie Hendry ..	26	5	—	—	26	5
212	Mervyn A. Arscott ..	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Martin Cubitt ..	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Alan E. Hartley ..	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Peter G. Pitt ..	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Roy Worrall ..	26	1	—	—	26	1
212	Robert A. Beresford ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	William Birmingham, sen.	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	James Crowther ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	E. Frederick Gobey ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Brian W. Hall ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Terry Hampton ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Peter J. Heritage ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Terence J. Hester ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Kilby R. Holtom ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	John R. Ketteringham ..	24	—	—	—	26	—
212	Frank Reed ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
212	Mary W. Whalley ..	4	—	22	—	26	—
238	Frank C. Price ..	14	3	11	10	25	13
238	Anthony J. Davidson ..	25	10*	—	—	25	10
238	Neil Bennett ..	15	8	10	1	25	9
238	Robert C. Kippin ..	25	8	—	—	25	8
238	Christopher Forster ..	25	4	—	—	25	4
238	Peter G. Holden ..	21	2	4	1	25	3
238	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	24	2	1	—	25	2
238	Christopher Ricketts ..	25	1	—	—	25	1
238	Kenneth R. Davenport ..	17	—*	8	—	25	—
238	Mervyn R. Arscott ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	T. Felicity Ashford ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	David J. Atkinson ..	2	—	23	—	25	—
238	Alan H. Bridges ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Richard J. Clifton ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Alick Cutler ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Janet House ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Monica M. Jelley ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Philip A. Mason ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Katherine J. Maundrell ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	David J. Midgley ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Michael P. Moreton ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Peter Pearce ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
238	Norman Summerhayes ..	25	—	—	—	25	—

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26354	—	—	—	}	Cambridge, Lindsey, Albanian, Timaru, Yorkshire, Belgrave.
35264	—	—	—		Conisborough, Pudsey, Newgate.
23564	3	—	—	}	Pontefract, Deansgate, Manitoba, Solihull, Westminster, Birmingham, Brigstow, Redfield, Prittlewell, Metropolis.
52364	—	—	—		Reading, Langley, Saskatchewan, Southwark, Wycombe, Wembley.
43265	—	3	—	}	Halifax, York, Aldenham, Stoneygate, Leicestershire, Superlative, Gartree, Bedford, Rochester, Londinium.
24365	—	—	—		Cambridge, Lindsey, Albanian, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Belgrave.
36245	—	—	—	}	Belvoir, Pudsey, Newgate.
23645	3	—	—		Pontefract, Deansgate, Manitoba, Solihull, Oldham, Feering, Brigstow, Redfield, Prittlewell, Lambeth.
62345	—	—	—	}	Ashton, Langley, Saskatchewan, Southwark, Wycombe, Wembley.
53246	—	3	—		Halifax, York, Aldenham, Stoneygate, Buckinghamshire, Superlative, Gartree, Bedford, Rochester, Londinium.
25346	—	—	—	}	Cambridge, Lindsey, Albanian, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Stoodley.
34256	—	—	—		Belvoir, Pudsey, Newgate.
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On Tues., Feb. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts .. 1-2 | J. David Atkinson .. 7-8
John Gander .. 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse .. 9-10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5-6 | Herbert M. Heaton .. 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At 194, Gleadless Common.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents with 5-6 right way throughout.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Sheila M. Brown .. 1-2 | Roger D. R. Brown .. 5-6
Kenneth J. Darvill .. 3-4 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. 1-2 | *Christopher J. Sharp .. 5-6
Margaret A. Parker .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse .. 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Booth 1, Mrs. M. A. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, G. R. Parker 6. For Ash Wednesday evening Mass.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 18th, 1,296 Stedman Caters: S. C. Wells 1, Miss C. H. Telfer 2, M. E. Johnson 3, J. E. Anderson (cond.) 4, A. Dempster 5, D. Martin 6, M. A. Beaumont 7, G. S. Deas 8, E. N. Harrison 9, J. H. Taylor 10.

NEWHEY, Lancs.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Leach (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Lawson 2, D. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dover (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Lawson 2, D. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, B. M. Boardman 5, H. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

NORTH MYMMS, Herts.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Saunders (first quarter) 1, Jennifer M. Indge 2, Julia E. Indge (first "inside") 3, G. A. Austin 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Rev. J. Abdy, assistant curate.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Kate Richardson (first quarter) 1, I. F. Galpin (first quarter) 2, P. A. Butler 3, D. H. Stone 4, R. Weeks 5, M. R. Hutcheson 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5. For Evensong by S.U.G.C.R.

ORMSKIRK, Lancs.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Garner 1, J. Ellison 2, J. Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, G. Austin 6, J. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Girl Guides' Thinking Day.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. H. Jones 1, A. R. Pink 2, D. K. Adkins 3, C. Coles 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, R. A. Post 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8.

PERRY BARR, Birmingham.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, R. C. Ingram 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Hibbert 1, Janet Knowles (first quarter) 2, Margaret Sears 3, B. Bunker 4, D. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Lloyd 6. A compliment to Patty and David Hibbert on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rose, on February 5th.

RINGWOOD, Hants.—On Feb. 15th, 1,316 Grand-sire Triples: J. C. Duff 1, O. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, E. G. Cork 4, D. Wilson 5, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ST. PETER-IN-TANET, Kent.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: V. Pursey 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Mrs. M. Firman 3, A. W. Bridges 4, J. Whorlow 5, I. Whorlow 6, G. Firman (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Holebrook 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Bridges 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow 3, J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. First of Stedman. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss V. Pursey 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, Rev. P. L. Baycock 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Jarrett, 85 on February 16th.

SANDON, Essex.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette Harper (first quarter) 1, C. M. J. Saltmarsh (first Minor) 2, P. Anne Edwards 3, Ruth Gay 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SAPCOTE, Leics.—On Feb. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Alison Butterfield (first Surprise "inside") 2, N. W. Harvey 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service.

SHELFORD, Notts.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Rev. St. Nicholas Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, A. Lazzarini 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Eynesbury Bob Doubles: F. Bradley 1, A. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Huntley Bob Doubles, same band. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Blaisdon Bob Doubles, same band. All for Evensong.

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Smith (first Minor) 1, R. H. Newton 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. Leech 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also to mark the visit of Sir John Lanford-Holt, M.P., to the tower.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Som.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Pond (aged 72, first on a working bell) 1, J. Cornelius 2, R. Welch 3, F. Welch (cond.) 4, K. Welch 5, G. Glyde 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Glyde, 6th ringer's mother. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): L. Pond 1, G. Glyde 2, A. Drayton 3, E. Rice (first "inside") 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, F. Welch 6, A. Rowsell 7, R. Welch 8.

SOUTHILL, Beds.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Down 1, M. Stallard 2, Miss S. King 3, B. Bellamy 4, D. Goss (cond.) 5, A. Norman 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Olive L. Rogers 2, S. P. Darvill 3, K. J. Rider 4, P. N. Felton 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, L. Goodall 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark", on the birthday of Aubrey Winn, Belfry Master.

STOWE, Bucks.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grand-sire): W. G. Ashcroft (first quarter) 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, D. N. Weston 3, P. J. Lankester 4, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 5. First quarter rung by a Stowe School band; average age 16½.

STRATTON, Dorset.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss M. E. Elmes 1, D. L. Cull 2, G. W. Elmes 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

STUDLEY, Warks.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Sutor 1, Mrs. D. Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins 5, R. Spray (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by a local band. For Evensong.

TACKLEY, Oxon.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Turner 1, M. Journeaux 2, W. F. Judge 3, M. R. Turner 4, C. Holloway 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

TAUNTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): K. E. Beale 1, A. F. Arcsott 2, A. H. Reed 3, D. Adams (first in six meth./var.) 4, R. F. Arcsott (cond.) 5, F. Matravers 6.

TETTENHALL, Staffs.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): P. J. Day 1, Miss C. Tebbot (first quarter) 2, R. W. Humphries (cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. R. Johnson 5, Miss L. C. Slater 6. For Confirmation service.

THORLEY, Herts.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5, R. Walker 6. For Evensong.

THORPE BAY, Essex.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Thumpston (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, P. Sentance 3, B. Sentance 4, H. H. Furninger (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

TOOTING GRAVEENEY, London.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale (first quarter) 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 4, E. J. Adams 5, P. J. Keen 6. Rung after the wedding of Pamela Black to Terry Searle.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On April 21st, 1,240 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodman (first quarter) 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Shain (first quarter) 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodyer 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, S. James 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, R. Jolly (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Rainsford 1, S. James 2, Beverley Waits 3, K. Stacey 4, J. Watts 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: Alison Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, Jennie Smith 4, J. Rainsford 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Jennie Smith before her wedding on December 12th.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Lynda Davey 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, Mrs. J. Whitcher 3, J. E. Murfit 4, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 5, M. C. Austin 6, H. H. N. Duncan 7, M. Cook (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

WARFIELD, Berks.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. N. May 1, Mrs. R. Oliver 2, Mrs. R. Murrell 3, G. Murrell 4, F. Price (cond.) 5, G. Shepherd 6. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Chaney, ringer at this tower.

WARNFORD, Hants.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6.

WELDON, Northants.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan Kemp 2, Susan M. Fitton ("circled the tower" to quarters) 3, R. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Fellows. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. L. E. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny McCreadie 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—On Feb. 11th, 1,340 Plain Bob Doubles: E. P. Woolsey 1, P. Selby (first "inside") 2, A. L. B. King 3, Miss J. Carter 4, Miss R. J. Willey (first as cond.) 5, Miss J. L. Wall (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Rushcliffe School Society.

WIGGENHALL, Norfolk.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): J. E. Fox 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. Rung for Deanery Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, Glos.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, T. J. Jefferies 2, H. Taysom 3, J. W. G. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Evensong, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jefferies.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, Hants.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Wilson (first on working bell) 1, Lynette M. Holbrook 2, M. G. Lynds 3, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, C. L. Mew 6.

WORLE, Som.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Lambard 1, R. Jones (first in ten methods as cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, B. Mills 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age and engagement of Miss Eira James.



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