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## THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN, LLANGOLLEN

By the Rev. Ivor Rees, Vicar

For 22 years the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod has made the name Llangollen known the world over—recognised even by people who cannot pronounce it! People from many nations, every July, find their way to this little town set in the beautiful valley of the Dee and cradled by the majestic Berwyn Mountains. Here they come to sing and dance and to share the best of their folk-culture, giving fuller meaning to the Eisteddfod motto "Blessed is a world that sings. Gentle are its songs."

The town takes its name from St. Colleen, a Celtic saint who founded his cell here towards the end of the 6th century. Around this cell grew the community, and from here Colleen carried the Christian Gospel to

the surrounding area. The Christian tradition of the valley was further enriched in mediæval times when the Cistercians established nearby the Abbey of Valle Crucis.

The present parish church dates from the 14th century, the chancel and south aisle being added in 1865. Its main feature is a wonderful carved roof dating from the early 15th century—its intricate designs more fully revealed by the recent addition of special lighting.

The tower was built in 1749, replacing a wooden structure which contained four bells, and a clock with quarter chimes was added in 1853. The existing ring of eight jubilee bells was set up in 1887 by Taylors of Loughborough to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria, and the first peal by local ringers was rung two years later. The bells, which were rehung in 1952, carry

most interesting inscriptions:—

Treble.—Gloria Deo.

Second.—In Excelsis.

Third.—Et in terra Pax.

Fourth.—Hosanna Filio. St. Matt. xxi.

15. Children's Bell.

Fifth.—Hen a Newydd. In place of four old bells cast in 1697, 1722, 1759, 1762.

Sixth.—Pro Regina. God save the Queen.

Seventh.—Pro Ecclesia. St. Matt. xvi. 18.

Tenor.—We are the Eight Jubilee Bells.

Dona Dei Deo. Pro Deo.

In addition to our older ringers, our Ringing Master, Mr. Arthur Bailey, has gathered around him an enthusiastic team of youngsters of both sexes. We hope that their efforts will ensure that the jubilee bells will continue to ring out over the Vale of Llangollen, to praise God and call the faithful to worship.



# Cambridge from Minor to Maximus

By ROBERT B. SMITH

WHEN we arranged to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the handbells early this year, June 21st, the longest day, was the first Saturday that suited all those who were to take part in the attempt. The idea was to give David Moore and Bernard Groves an opportunity of joining the others in completing Cambridge from Minor to Maximus on tower bells and handbells. A few weeks before the attempt was due to take place it was suggested that we might be a bit more ambitious and attempt to ring peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the day. In order that the five people who were interested could complete the family in the day it was obviously necessary to enlist at least two other people to ring in peals of Minor and Major. This proved to be something of a problem as those who were capable of ringing in the additional peals were not available in the afternoon and evening and we did not want to move the attempt for Maximus to the afternoon or evening. The problem was eventually solved, but nobody would have believed it possible, even at 10.30 a.m. on the day the peals were completed.

Bernard Groves and Bob Smith arrived at The Wayside, Leicester, at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, June 20th, by which time it had been decided that only three people would be able to complete the family in the day. How it came to be altered is, briefly, as follows:

"By ringing another peal of Minor four people could complete the family!"

"Yes, we can do that."

"The fifth person will then have rung all except a peal of Major; it seems to be a pity that he should come so close without completing the family."

"We cannot get extra ringers for the afternoon and evening. I suppose we could move the Maximus attempt to the afternoon and try to get extra ringers for the morning."

"Who can ring Cambridge Major on handbells who might be able to come?"

"Rupert Clarke and Richard Inglis are the likeliest. What happens if only one of them can come?"

"Get both or one of them and we'll work out all the combinations."

By 10.30 p.m. we had determined that Richard Inglis was available in the morning but had to get to Greasley for a 3 p.m. peal attempt. Rupert Clarke was out, which meant that we wouldn't know until the following morning whether or not he would be able to come.

On Saturday morning Bob went to collect Richard off the 6.55 a.m. train from Nottingham while Peter, Jill and Bernard had breakfast and prepared for the first two attempts. The first attempt, Cambridge Major, started shortly after 8 a.m., so that when David Moore and Alf Ballard arrived at 8.30 a.m. to ring what they thought would be Cambridge Maximus they had a bit of a surprise. They, with Peter, started for a peal of Cambridge Minor instead! Both peals were accomplished before 10.30 a.m.

We now knew that Rupert Clarke could not come for a handbell peal because of a previous engagement. Alex Jones had rung up to wish us "all the best" for the attempts (thank you, Alex), but it now seemed that Bob and Bernard would not ring a peal of Minor unless some other member of the band rang an extra one! At

this point Alf came to the rescue with the words "I'll bet Eileen or Geoff Goodall will ring a peal of Minor with you if you drive over to Hinckley!"

Nothing ventured, nothing gained—Messrs. Groves and Smith drove to Hinckley, handbells in briefcase. We had heard of people knocking for a ring at a tower, but this was a bit different. Eileen and Geoff made us very welcome, Geoff taking part in a peal of Cambridge Minor. There was time for a quick cup of coffee before travelling back to Leicester.

At The Wayside a second peal of Cambridge Major had duly been rung, and Richard was ready to depart to Greasley for what proved to be his third peal of Cambridge Surprise Major of the day.

In the afternoon a 5,042 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, enabling Bernard and David to complete the family "tower and hand". There was time for a cup of tea and a walk round the garden before the final peal, Cambridge Royal, which was completed by 9.15 p.m. During the last few courses the band could smell the dinner being prepared by Jill, but they were not to be put off the ringing with the final goal in view. A very enjoyable dinner ended the day's proceedings, Bob and Bernard departing at 10.15 p.m. before anybody suggested another peal.

From the point of view of records the following are of particular note:—

(1) Alf Ballard has now completed the unique record of having completed the "double"—Cambridge from Minor to Maximus on tower bells in one day, and now the same performance on handbells.

(2) Peter Staniforth joins the late Harold J. Poole by calling peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in one day.

(3) This is the first time that more than two peals of Surprise have been rung on handbells by one band in one day.

We would like to thank Richard Inglis, Geoff and Eileen Goodall for their help in this venture, and would like to associate the peals with Richard Inglis' and Alan Scholfield's success in graduating from Cambridge with honours degrees.

The annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 14th, members from Barry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandeilo, Llandovery, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby being present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hywel Davies), the lessons were read by Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master of the Guild) and the organist was Mr. W. G. Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mrs. Davies and her helpers, who were later thanked on behalf of the Guild by Mr. M. E. Lewis, of St. Florence.

At the business meeting the Master thanked the Vicar for the warm welcome received and his kind hospitality.

The Master suggested that as St. David's was the senior "See" of the Principality it would be fitting to mark investiture year with a peal in every tower in the diocese, rung as a token of respect for His Royal Highness. He also urged all towers to have a recruiting campaign and encourage the young people and less able ringers and help them to become proficient.

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## MARKING INVESTITURE YEAR

At the election of officers the offices of treasurer and auditor were reversed, Mr. D. P. Griffiths (Cardigan) becoming treasurer and Mr. A. F. Walters (Cardigan) auditor. The other officers were re-elected for a further term, the dates and venues for meetings to be held in 1970 were arranged and several new members elected.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30 p.m.

### LLANDAFF'S FORAY OVER THE BRIDGE

Llandaff Cathedral Guild for their annual outing on Easter Tuesday made their second foray "over the bridge" in three years. The detached tower at St. Mary's, Berkeley, provided the only 10-bell ring on the schedule; the beautiful Cotswold stone church at Painswick enchanted and the 12 bells were competently rung; the cool of the churchyard at Upton St. Leonards proved as much an attraction as the eight bells. Ringing finished at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester, and the evening ended in the usual convivial fashion, while the musical renderings on the journey home proved a great source of enjoyment to those who managed to stay awake.



## Bath & Wells A.G.M. at Winscombe, June 14th, 1969

**T**HE Association met in the Axbridge Branch, having completed visits to all the ten others since 1959, when the decision was made to visit each in turn alphabetically, starting with Bath. The last visit for a (quarterly) general meeting was 30 years ago and the only annual meeting previously was in 1916 at Burnham-on-Sea, due to wartime restrictions at Wells. Thus on a hot summer's day some 90 members and friends converged on the large village of Winscombe, set in a quiet Mendip valley, soon, alas, to be traversed by the M5 motorway extension. The towers of 18 churches in the Branch were open for ringing at various times and it is regretted that three more had to be withdrawn from the programme at short notice.

At 2.30 p.m. the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master) opened the meeting in the Village Hall with prayer. The annual report, complete with the meeting agenda and previous minutes, had been circulated to members so the business proceeded smoothly. Arising from the minutes it was reported that the suggestion of forming a library had received support in several Branches and the general committee had recommended that it be established. Mrs. M. Legget, of the Ilchester Branch, had offered to house any material that was obtained and a formal proposition to establish a library was therefore carried. Full operational details will follow in due course.

Discussion then took place on the officers' reports, which were taken as read and adopted. The Master's report commented upon the revised A.G.M. arrangements introduced last year, the successful dinner at Cheddar and the revised form of Association service. Mr. Warren added that additional duties as a Precentor in Convocation might further restrict his ability to attend Branch meetings. The committee had considered the creation of a post of deputy Master, but this would be covered by a proposed revision of the rules which was in progress.

### DIFFICULTY OVER RECORDINGS

In the general secretary's report Mr. J. H. Gilbert noted bell restorations at Dunster, Brompton Regis and Odcombe, together with other Somerset towers in the news. The list of Association members of more than 40 years' standing had reached 120 names, but the turnover in new members was disquieting. A future rôle of the Association would be to assist with relocation of bells from redundant churches. The importance of adequate safety measures in the tower and insurance cover were again stressed. Arising from this, members commented upon the tape-recorder installation at Christ Church, Clevedon, whereas one had been removed from Misterton. Mr. D. McKay added a story illustrating the difficulties a vicar had reported in obtaining suitable recordings of bells—"He couldn't get them even in America."

Mr. E. Naylor's report as treasurer showed a healthy financial situation despite

### 1968 Statistics:

Ringling Members (209 towers) .. ..	1,790
Hon. Life and Associate Members ..	38
Affiliated Towers .. .. .	197
Investments and General Fund Balance	£494
Bell Fund .. .. .	£506

127 Peals and 370 Quarter Peals.

a 3% drop in membership with fewer towers affiliated. £40 had been donated to the Dunster restoration from the Bell Fund. He added that since this year's reports cost as much as the 2/- membership fee, it was apparent that increases in the latter would be necessary shortly. Arising from the accounts, Mr. J. Gay and others were assured that the Dinner Fund balance would be used to underwrite future functions.

### UNAUTHORISED VISITORS

The tower advisers, Mr. H. J. Sanger and Mr. W. H. Kingcott, had inspected 23 towers and covered seven more postal queries, giving a record total for the year (more than any other county). Two of the towers inspected had previously had visits from unauthorised enthusiasts attempting to ring. It was as well that they had not succeeded. Mr. M. J. Horseman requested that full publicity be given to the unwelcome activities of these people and this was endorsed by the meeting. Persons wishing to ring or inspect bells must always be authorised by the incumbent. The Master remarked that he had addressed the meeting of rural deans on the subject of belfry inspection and hoped for some improvement.

Summarising 126 peals recorded during 1968, Mr. G. W. Massey noted the interest in multi-method Doubles peals in the Taunton, Axbridge and Bath Branches. The Chilcompton band had raised their Surprise Minor methods total to 22 and the first "resident" peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major had been accomplished. Angersleigh and Pawlett had had first peals and seven other towers were mentioned as appearing infrequently. Quarter peal donations to "The Ringing World" had exceeded £50. In presenting the report Mr. Massey explained that one peal was missing due to late reporting. He had, however, brought the present volume of the Association peal book to the meeting and members had the chance to inspect it after tea.

Mr. A. H. Reed then gave an impromptu account of the Central Council meeting and likened himself to the man who went on and on and on. . . . Still, he sat down to a round of applause for his efforts. The meeting then passed a grant of £12 towards "The Ringing World", this being approximately half of the year's peal fees, less moneys already paid in support of "local" editions.

All the officers were re-elected without dissent and Mr. R. F. Arscott was elected as an assistant adviser on the care of bells.

### STRIKING \* COMPETITION

Discussion then took place on a motion by Mr. M. J. Horseman, of the Chew Branch, "That the Association institute a striking competition, to be held on a pre-arranged date in each year." This had arisen because tentative arrangements for an inter-Branch competition had fallen through this year and the increase in popularity of competitions in six Branches had indicated the desirability of encouraging more participation. Support for the motion was voiced from Bath, Frome and Taunton Branches, but the Dunster men raised the old bogey of prize ringing and quoted Rule 6 which says "thou shalt not".

Mr. Massey then delivered his views (well known to Frome Branch members) that whilst striking competitions might have some value as a social activity he was not convinced that they did anything towards improving striking generally and had been known (elsewhere) to create dissension and ill-feeling, contrary to the Bath and Wells Association objects. He would like to see far more devotion to producing good striking at tower and Branch level, but it was wrong to commit the Association to sponsoring the competitive spirit on church bells.

A suggestion from Mr. E. Naylor that it was best left to the Chew Branch to organise an inter-Branch competition was later queried as being an amendment to the motion and, since it found a seconder, was duly put to the meeting and passed. At this point an attempt to make this the substantive motion was nullified on the grounds that it was no longer Association business but a Branch affair!

### NEXT YEAR'S MEETING

The date of next year's meeting provoked discussion. Since the Bishop can attend and we are on a three-year experiment, the 80th anniversary meeting should take place in Bath on June 6th. Meanwhile the matter is again put up for Branch discussion in view of the relatively small number present.

In St. James' Church the Master conducted the new form of Association service for the first time. The Archdeacon of Wells (a vice-president) gave an address on the text of Acts 2, v. 4, pointing out that as a bell can only sound at the behest of the ringer so can we only give of our best when acting in unison with God as at the first Pentecost. A collection was taken by Messrs. H. Taylor and H. Knight, the two most senior members present (60 and 64 years' membership respectively).

Following an excellent tea, mainly served by the Locking ringers, under the direction of Marjorie Legg, the thanks of all present were accorded to them and the Rev. W. L. Jones, of Winscombe, Archdeacon Lance and all who did a spell as Ringing Master at the various towers. J. H. GILBERT.

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## SUSSEX—A YEAR OF ACTIVITIES

**T**HE 84th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association was held at Chichester on May 31st. The service took place in the Cathedral, conducted by the Archdeacon of Chichester (Ven. Lancelot Mason) and, as in previous years, the singing was led by a choir drawn from members of the Association, Mr. Goldsmith, of Pagham, being the organist.

Tea was taken in the Council Chamber, County Hall, followed by the business meeting. The Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) welcomed visitors from Guildford, Croydon and Woking and our vice-presidents, Messrs. S. E. Armstrong, R. W. R. Percy, L. Stilwell and R. P. Wood. He also thanked the secretary of the Western Division for the arrangements.

Apologies for absence included one from the treasurer (Mr. W. L. Weller) who was unfortunately unwell. The members stood in silence in memory of those who had died during the year, viz.: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, W. Booth, G. Dann, G. Gasson and G. Packham and Mrs. E. L. Hairs.

In his report for 1968 the Master said that the outstanding event of the year was undoubtedly the Association's exhibit at the Expo Sussex '68 exhibition at Ardingly. He thanked Mr. George Elphick for the hard work which he had put into this event. The dinner held at Eastbourne in October had been a pleasant occasion, at which we had been honoured with the presence of our president, the Bishop of Chichester. The "new look" report had been very well received and he thanked Mr. David Smith and his committee for producing it.

### DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Both the Master's and the divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as printed in the annual report. The Northern Division reported a drop in the average attendance at meetings but there had been good progress in teaching new bands at Cowfold, Lindfield and Lower Beeding. The stoolball match, car rally, ringers' service at Danehill and carol service at Slaugham had also been successful.

The Southern Division attendances had improved and the social held at Hurstpierpoint and the striking competition at Burgess Hill had both been successes. Improvement in the Eastern Division continued steadily with help being given to the band at Alfriston and a new band being taught at East Hoathly. Handbell teams from the Division had done well at the Expo exhibition.

The Western Division also continued to progress with increased attendances at meetings and a highly successful striking competition at Thakeham. Washington and Heene bells would be in need of attention in the near future.

The treasurer's report showed that the Association had held its own during the year. Membership fees had increased, as had revenue from the sale of reports. Printing costs had dropped considerably with the introduction of the new report. The auditors had not yet finished their audit for the year and the accounts were therefore accepted subject to this being completed.

The peal secretary reported a good year for peal ringing, 79 having been rung as against 55 the year before. Sixteen members had rung their first peal and two their first as conductor; the peal of 43-Spliced Surprise Minor was a record for the Association.

### A NEW TREASURER

The treasurer had indicated that he did not wish to stand for re-election and Mr. R. Wake was duly elected to fill this position. All other officers were re-elected to their existing posts.

The new rules, which had been drawn up during the year by a special committee and which had been generally accepted by each Division at its annual divisional meeting, were put to the meeting and after a brief discussion were passed. One of the main changes from the old rules concerns the election of non-resident life members prior to a peal attempt. It is now a rule that there must be at least three paid-up resident ringing members present in order for such an election to take place. Further, the proposer must at once notify the peal secretary (Mr. John Norris) and accompany the notification with the membership fee (8/-).

The Association Dinner is to be held at the King Alfred, Hove, on October 18th. Tickets, priced 27/6, may be obtained from the divisional secretaries.

The new Association badges, made to the design approved at the previous annual general meeting, are now available, priced 5/-.

A report on the Expo Sussex '68 exhibition was given by Mr. G. Elphick. He thanked all who had helped, making special mention of Mr. Derek Slater, who did a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. He felt that the Association could be justly proud of being the originators of the Expo tower and said that they owed a great deal to the bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, for making it possible.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

**A** FINE and warm afternoon favoured the members of the North Wales Association for their annual meeting at Buckley, Flintshire, on June 7th, with representatives from eight towers present and visitors from Upton, West Kirby, Erdington, Birmingham, Wisbech and Bolton.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Jones, and the lessons were read by the president, Rev. A. L. Cooke, and Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Following the service 80 members and friends were entertained to an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies, and included in the tea was a magnificent iced cake inscribed with the words "North Wales Association Annual Meeting, 1969".

The president opened the business meeting by welcoming the members and thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for the excellent arrangements. As a tribute to two of the Association's oldest members, the late Mr. John Clutton and Mr. Arthur Tilton, of Gresford, the members stood in silence. Both were captains of their respective towers and ringers for over 60 years.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of over £57 was considered satisfactory.

Honorary members elected were Dr. Alun Thomas, Canon Knighton Jones and Archdeacon Glyn Jones. Vice-presidents elected were the Rev. E. C. Jones (Vicar of Buckley) and the Rev. Baden Powell (Vicar of Hawarden). All other officers were re-elected.

### PLYMOUTH EMMANUEL'S OUTING RECORD

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, this year chose the longest day for their annual outing, and they had a good day in every respect.

The coach, with a party of 33, set off at 8 a.m., the youngest member of the company being Miss Deborah Young, the six-week-old grand-daughter of Mr. J. P. Sims, captain of Emmanuel ringers. Her mother, who before marriage was Miss Sylvia Sims, is well known in ringing circles in Devon and also in Salisbury, where she was a very active ringer during her three years at Salisbury Diocesan Training College.

Six churches were visited, all with delightful rings of eight; they were Chulmleigh, South Molton, Georgeham, Braunton, Bideford and Great Torrington. The party had lunch at South Molton and an excellent high tea at the Rose of Torridge Café, Bideford. Chulmleigh, Braunton and Georgeham were new to the ringers as a band, the other three having been visited on a previous outing.

Since ringing commenced towards the end of the last war the band has rung at 270 churches in day, half-day and evening trips, 38 having been visited on one or more occasions in earlier tours. All 8-bell rings in Cornwall have been rung at, also quite a few 6-bell towers.

At every church we were met by the local captain or someone on his behalf, and at Georgeham the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Jackson) came along to extend a welcome to our party.

The Vicar of Emmanuel (Rev. Roy Harris), who saw the party off, was at the church to greet us on return at 10.15 p.m. Mrs. Harris had had her first experience of a ringers' outing and their young daughter was one of the ringers. H. H. T.

Bangor was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting to be held on September 6th, and the annual meeting in 1970 at Machynlleth on the second Saturday after Whitsun.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock presented her report of the Central Council meeting at St. Albans and was complimented by the Ringing Master and Mrs. G. H. Randles for her very interesting account of the meeting.

Arrangements for ringing during the week of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales were discussed, and it was hoped that all towers would ring a peal or a quarter peal for the occasion.

Mr. A. Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing a most enjoyable tea.

Further ringing in various methods, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. R. Evans), concluded the meeting.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch striking competition was held at Gorleston on June 7th. Seven teams representing four towers entered and the placings of the judges—Mr. J. Martin Thorley and the Rev. Peter N. Bond—were: Lowestoft I 65 faults, Pakefield I 66, Norton Subcourse II 87, Pakefield II 89, Lowestoft II 90, Norton Subcourse I 105. These were all ringing changes. A call-change band from Kessingland had 77 faults.

An encouraging note is that the Kessingland team had one 10-year-old and the Pakefield II team, which rang Plain Bob Doubles, had one 10- and another 11-year-old.



# Quarter Peal Ringing in 1968

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

**B**EFORE commencing the 1968 analysis there are two corrections to be made to the 1967 analysis. The leading tower for Devon was Withycombe Raleigh with 14, and Lancaster should read as Lanchester.

The year 1968 was a prolific one with an increase of over 300 quarter peals. A great deal of interest has been given to Doubles methods, especially in methods other than Grandsire and Plain Bob. This can be attributed to the series of articles on Doubles which have been appearing in "The Ringing World". Grandsire increased by 33, Plain Bob was equal to 1967, but 68 more quarters were rung to "Other Methods". Somerset is still leading the County List, having rung 44 more this year than last. They rang 23 more "Other Methods" but Grandsire fell by nine.

Plain Bob Minor has increased by 92 and "Other Methods" by 29, but on the other hand "2 Methods" dropped by 23.

Triples has remained fairly constant. Grandsire increased by 13 and "Other Methods" by 10. Most of these were Oxford Bob or Erin, but very few were from methods to be found in the back of the Diary. It makes one wonder whether this page could be put to better use.

Major is up by 23, Surprise Major by 34, but the decrease in Plain Bob by 15 has kept the average increase low.

Grandsire Caters is down by 11 and Stedman up by 15. Nothing outstanding here except that London rang 31 of Grandsire and 19 of Stedman. This leaves 114 quarter peals of Caters for the rest of the country.

Surprise Royal has increased by 13 but "Other Methods" have come down with a bump from 15 to 3.

I have no comments on Cinques or Maximus except that comparing them with the number of 12-bell peals rung I think that 41 is a rather small number.

## SPECIAL AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

To pick out all the special or outstanding performances would be difficult, but throughout the year the following caught my eye:—

Lelant (Cornwall) rang ten different extents of Stedman Doubles silent and non-conducted. Fawley (Hants) rang 66 Doubles in 1,320 changes.

For those knowing Brookland (Kent), the "three candle snuffers placed one on another", a quarter was rung where the conductor had set up a loudspeaker and used a throat microphone to combat the noise problem.

Twerton-on-Avon (Somerset) rang the only quarter of Duffield Major as so did Putney (London) with Original Major.

St. Mary's, Warwick, rang Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters with Plain Bob and Kent Royal, having two conductors. This is why

## COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1968

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	TOTAL	Leading Tower
Bedfordshire .. ..	1	19	38	13	12	1	2	—	—	86	Bedford (St. Paul) .. 10
Berkshire .. ..	33	16	44	12	7	1	—	—	—	113	Elstow .. .. 10
Bristol .. ..	19	10	11	5	—	4	1	—	—	50	Windsor (St. John) .. 10
Buckinghamshire .. ..	35	25	4	7	—	3	—	—	2	76	Stoke Bishop .. 11
Cambridgeshire .. ..	7	18	4	1	1	—	—	1	1	33	Lane End .. .. 14
Cheshire .. ..	9	9	3	4	—	2	—	—	—	27	March .. .. 6
Cornwall .. ..	4	50	21	34	3	3	1	—	—	116	Wilmslow .. .. 4
Cumberland .. ..	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	St. Kea .. .. 15
Derbyshire .. ..	18	25	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	58	Cockermouth .. 2
Devon .. ..	43	21	45	6	—	—	—	1	1	117	Cleator Moor .. 2
Dorset .. ..	2	39	19	3	—	—	—	—	—	80	Sawley .. .. 11
Durham .. ..	3	7	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	117	Withycombe Raleigh .. 15
Essex .. ..	1	83	57	47	44	9	7	5	1	254	Wareham .. .. 8
Gloucester .. ..	47	9	16	1	—	—	—	2	—	14	Lanchester .. .. 4
Hampshire .. ..	1	123	32	56	19	7	1	1	—	240	Langdon Hills .. 30
Herefordshire .. ..	28	7	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	75	Painswick .. .. 6
Hertfordshire .. ..	44	40	22	18	2	4	1	1	1	117	Ruardean .. .. 6
Huntingdonshire .. ..	1	11	20	1	—	—	—	—	—	44	Petersfield .. .. 15
Ireland .. ..	11	2	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	44	3 Towers with .. 4
Isle of Wight .. ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	Thorley .. .. 12
Kent .. ..	2	141	121	74	30	4	1	1	—	374	Woodston .. .. 6
Lancashire .. ..	15	31	18	10	2	7	6	1	—	23	Dublin (St. George) .. 9
Leicestershire .. ..	27	39	14	14	7	6	—	—	—	4	Godshill .. .. 3
Lincolnshire .. ..	7	21	31	9	5	3	2	—	—	77	Lympne .. .. 42
London .. ..	48	114	121	52	52	10	12	3	—	107	Manchester Cathedral .. 6
Norfolk .. ..	2	8	39	8	8	2	3	—	—	78	Barrow-upon-Soar .. 11
Northants .. ..	1	35	54	11	18	2	1	—	—	109	Nettleham .. .. 7
Northumberland .. ..	2	9	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	412	Addington .. .. 41
Nottinghamshire .. ..	4	83	41	16	13	1	—	1	—	70	King's Lynn (St. Margaret) 19
Overseas .. ..	17	22	15	7	3	—	—	—	—	122	Weston Favell .. 13
Oxford .. ..	39	25	31	10	2	—	—	—	—	21	Newcastle (St. George) .. 8
Rutland .. ..	1	3	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	158	Shelford .. .. 48
Scotland .. ..	2	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	66	Melbourne Cathedral .. 20
Shropshire .. ..	7	6	5	6	—	—	—	—	1	109	Oxford (St. Thomas) .. 10
Somerset .. ..	1	204	59	51	35	8	4	—	—	21	Uppingham .. .. 5
Staffordshire .. ..	7	34	23	15	20	5	1	—	—	7	Glasgow Cathedral .. 5
Suffolk .. ..	33	46	6	17	3	—	—	—	—	26	Shrewsbury .. .. 6
Surrey .. ..	1	60	35	41	29	6	4	—	—	362	Twerton (Bath) .. 18
Sussex .. ..	1	94	21	35	20	4	4	—	—	105	Stafford .. .. 14
Wales .. ..	48	15	23	9	—	—	—	—	—	105	Horringer .. .. 16
Warwickshire .. ..	1	22	21	12	7	13½	½	—	—	176	Ashted .. .. 16
Westmorland .. ..	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	179	Brighton (St. Nicolas) .. 14
Wiltshire .. ..	47	4	15	3	5	2	—	—	—	105	Llandaff .. .. 19
Worcestershire .. ..	21	9	6	7	2	—	—	—	—	77	Solihull .. .. 13
Yorkshire .. ..	1	19	60	17	34	1	2	1	1	5	5 Towers with .. 1
TOTAL	39	1,659	1,223	891	510	164½	75½	28	13	4,603	Swindon (Christ Church) 9
	+1	+151	+79	+33	+23	+5	+6	+8	+3	+309	Worcester Cathedral .. 4



## Letters to the Editor

### RECORD PEAL SEQUENCE

Dear Sir,—The recent long peal of Rutland at Barnes is probably a record in that it may well have provoked more angry correspondence in the columns of the local newspapers than any other peal.

To date letters have appeared in the Putney and Roehampton and Richmond and Mortlake *Heralds* complaining about the peal for five consecutive weeks, four of which have contained two or more letters.

The Ringing Masters of Putney and Mortlake have both felt it necessary to publish letters defending the art, but as yet the Ringing Master of Barnes has remained silent, perhaps because he realises the futility of such a peal on these noisy bells.

Unfortunately it must be admitted that the peal and this correspondence have done a lot of harm to ringing in the area.—Yours faithfully,

S. WILLIAMS (Mrs.).

Putney Vale, S.W.

### DUMB-BELL AT KNOWLE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the issue of June 20th Mr. Bedford's letter regarding the principle of the dumb-bell.

The late Canon Raven in his book "The Church Bells of Dorset" records the following interesting article by a Mr. C. Essenhig Corke in 1903.

Some 12 years ago Mr. Corke was much puzzled by hearing the housekeeper at Knole House in Kent speak of the Dumb-bell Gallery. He went to the attic which bore this name; it "was unfurnished and empty, excepting that in the middle of it stood a curious wooden machine resembling a windlass. A rope was wound round the middle of the roller, and at each end were four iron arms, each with a poise or ball of lead at each end. The rope formerly passed through a hole in the floor into the Leicester Gallery below. A person by pulling the rope in this gallery would cause the roller with the iron arms poised with lead to revolve at the first pull, and the impetus given would rewind the rope again, and so continue to wind and unwind at each pull, thus giving the same exercise as that of ringing a bell in a church tower, except that it was noiseless."

The idea of the dumb-bell was to train and keep in practice the arms for bellringing, as well as for exercise. Hence the name dumb-bell being applied to a weight lifter's apparatus.

As to the present condition and indeed the very existence of the Knole House dumb-bell I have no knowledge. It was described in 1903 as being very old and in a decayed condition. A sketch of the Knole dumb-bell appears in the "History and Art of Change Ringing", by the late Ernest Morris, and a photograph in the "Church Bells of Dorset".

Other variations of dumb-bells have been in existence at Chewton Mendip and at New College, Oxford, although both have long since disappeared.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL O. SKELTON.

Salisbury, Wilts.

### IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Poor Mr. Dodd. He may, or may not, be on the wrong track as to the naming of Minor methods, as Mr. Wratten suggests, but surely it is the Central Council who, when they "officially endorsed the tradition that the first band to ring an extent of a Minor method . . . has the sole right to name it", returned to a centuries-old tradition, after having twice mangled and mauled the same tradition.

Round about the turn of the century the Council produced definitions for Surprise and other methods. Prior to that, if you invented a surprising method you called it Surprise. Thus the seven Surprise method peal rung at Whitechapel in 1747 ceased, after a proud century-and-a-half, to be a peal in seven Surprise methods.

In the 1920s the Norbury band rang a number of methods to which, in accordance with the old tradition, they gave the names of flowers, such as Hyacinth, Fuchsia, Bluebell, Foxglove, etc. This caused great controversy and, notwithstanding that methods with names like Primrose, Tulip, Woodbine and Violet had been rung for decades without objection, the Norbury names were referred to contemptuously as "flower names" and there was a call for their suppression.

The Central Council appointed a committee, led by a Mr. Burton, which objected to almost every Minor method name there had ever been, including Grandsire. Sir, had your paper a humorous column, I would send you a copy of their proposed list of names; but at the time it was not funny.

Even the Central Council was alarmed, and by a remarkably clever bit of procedural skulduggery sank the report without trace and appointed a new committee.

This committee contented itself with altering the Norbury "flower names" to the names of mountain ranges, Chiltern, Pennine, Cheviot, etc.; depriving all the Abbey and Castle methods of their Abbeys and Castles (even Crowland, the first peal of bells in England, lost its Abbey!); they robbed Clarence of his Dukedom but not York, I do not know why; and, just to keep the Norbury crowd in their proper place, changed some of the place names they had given to methods. They allowed London to keep its Victory and Scholars' Pleasure and Francis to keep his Genius.

Now, apparently, the Central Council has repented its past misdemeanours and we return to the old names of the ancient tradition, scattering the peal reports with Abbeys, Castles and Dahlias. For a start, why not a peal consisting of 720s of Auld Luckie's Friend, Echoes of Airedale, Baden-Powell Treble Bob, Palm Sunday, Ringers' Delight, Immanuel Surprise and Jubilee Court?

At the same time we have Mr. Lomas wanting to mess about with Minor nomenclature and rid us of the distinctions between Surprise, Delight, Exercise and Treble Bob. These, however, are not merely snob names as he claims—they differentiate between methods. To take an extreme case:

if Mr. Lomas' suggestion were followed, instead of College, College Bob, College 1 Delight, College Bob IV Delight, College Bob V Surprise, College Delight, College Double Bob, College Ecstasy, College Exercise Treble Bob, College Little Bob, College New Treble Bob, College Pleasure Treble Bob, College Single, College Treble Bob, College Youths' Delight and College Youths' Pleasure we would have College, College, College, College, College, College. . . . Mr. Lomas would find himself calling "Go College, the one with 2nds place, London Scholars' places . . ."

Well done, the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

A. WHITING.

Burnage, Manchester.

### WILLIAM SEVIER AND HIS PRAM

Dear Sir,—The Rev. H. Law James always quoted the St. Michael's Juniors as being the perfect ringers, certainly by far the best strikers in the country. He and his brother, E. Bankes James, were taught to ring by Mr. William Sevier.

A week after we returned from our honeymoon my husband was sent for by Miss Wander, Mr. James' housekeeper. A man named William Sevier had arrived at the Vicarage, complete with an old pram on which handbells were mounted. The Vicar was away on holiday. She did not know what to do as he said he had taught Law James to ring. Rupert told her he was sure that Law James would have put him up for the night, so she did this. William Sevier had walked from Nottingham to Surfleet, pushing his pram.

Next day he came to us for lunch—my first guest. He kept saying "This is the best meal I have had for a long time" and, believe me, it looked as if it was the only one he had had for months. He then started on his walk to Skegness, where he was hoping to tap the handbells on the beach. We heard afterwards that he only did this for two or three days. Owing to the bye-laws he was warned off.—Yours sincerely,

A. RICHARDSON (Mrs.).

Surfleet.

### PEALS ANALYSIS REPORT, 1968

Dear Sir.—In our report I regret that we omitted from the outstanding performances of 1968 a peal of Spiced Surprise Royal in 50 methods rung at Bristol for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the most so far.

I apologise to the G. and B. for this omission, but those who know will understand how this came about.

I thought it better to make the apology now, rather than wait until the next meeting.—Yours, etc.,

WALTER AYRE.

for the C.C. Peals Analysis Committee.

The 158th anniversary of the augmentation of Lavenham bells was celebrated by an open evening on June 21st, attended by 25 ringers from Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major and the conducting was shared by Messrs. M. T. Symonds and H. E. Egglestone, Master of the Suffolk Guild.

# BELL ROPES

## JOHN NICOLL

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# Quarter Peal Analysis in 1968

## DETAILS OF METHODS WITH LEADING COUNTIES

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

METHODS				COUNTY			
Minimus	..	..	..	39	+1	Lincolnshire	..
Grandsire Doubles	..	538	+33	Staffordshire	..	..	7 each
Plain Bob Doubles	..	376	=	Somerset	..	..	75
Other Methods	..	172	+68	Kent	..	..	38
2 Doubles Methods	..	201	+10	Nottinghamshire	..	..	49
3 to 6 Doubles	..	274	+24	Somerset	..	..	25
7 to 11 Doubles	..	69	=	Kent	..	..	39
Over 11 Doubles	..	29	+16	Somerset	..	..	13
Plain Bob Minor	..	734	+92	Hampshire	..	..	9
Surprise Minor	..	142	-5	London	..	..	56
Other Methods	..	131	+29	London	..	..	32
2 Minor Methods	..	154	-23	Kent	..	..	25
Over 2 Methods	..	62	-14	London	..	..	17
Grandsire Triples	..	552	+13	Somerset	..	..	10
Plain Bob Triples	..	113	+9	London	..	..	73
Stedman Triples	..	174	+1	Kent	..	..	19
Other Methods	..	52	+10	London	..	..	38
Plain Bob Major	..	231	-15	Essex	..	..	11
Surprise Major	..	168	+34	Essex	..	..	21 each
Other Methods	..	111	+4	London	..	..	21
Grandsire Caters	..	103	-11	Essex	..	..	12
Stedman Caters	..	50	+15	London	..	..	31
Other Methods	..	101	+1	London	..	..	19
Plain Bob Royal	..	44	+5	Leicestershire	..	..	2 each
Surprise Royal	..	29	+13	London	..	..	5
Other Methods	..	34	-12	London	..	..	6
Grandsire Cinques	..	11	+5	3 Counties with	..	..	1 each
Stedman Cinques	..	14	+3	Essex	..	..	3 each
Other Methods	..	3	=	London	..	..	8
Plain Bob Maximus	..	5	+2	3 Counties with	..	..	1 each
Surprise Maximus	..	5	=	Essex	..	..	2
Other Methods	..	3	+1	London	..	..	1 each
TOTAL	4,603			3 Counties with	..	..	1 each

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you will find the two half quarter peals in the columns of the analysis.

Of First in the Method. Evesham (Worcs) claims to have rung Evesham Surprise Maximus for the first time, and Oxonian Major, a principle, was rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

The Outstanding Towers of the year are again numerous. Herne (Kent) had its first quarter for 15 years, while Everdon (Northants) had its "first and last quarter on the bells" and are now definitely unringable. Holme Pierrepont (Notts) rang their last four quarters in 30, 31, 20 and 44 Treble Bob methods respectively. Langdon Hills (Essex) rang one quarter in 1967 and 30 in 1968; these range from one of Minimus to one in 13 Doubles methods. Will they be the leading tower for 1969? This year's leading tower is Shelford (Notts)—a minor five—and must be congratulated on having rung 48 quarters in 35 different methods. This tower started in 1966 with one quarter, nine in 1967, and is now top of the list, beating Addington (London) (which was first last year) by seven. Lympe (Kent) also beat Addington by one with 42.

Handbell quarters have increased by one, with Hampshire leading with eight. Eighteen were rung overseas in 1967 and have dropped to seven for 1968 to be equal with Yorkshire.

### OBSERVATIONS

As this is the third year of this analysis, it is interesting to see the ups and downs of various towers. Where, for example, a tower rang 20 quarters in 1966, 12 in 1967 and two in 1968, one wonders whether the tower has lost a member of the band. What is one tower's loss is most probably another tower's gain, as will be seen at Shelford.

The lengths of some quarter peals seem to be getting longer. A quarter peal of 2,160 in 60 Treble Bob Minor was reported—I did not count this—also one of 1,050 Grandsire Triples. The longest length I did count, however, was one where if multiplied by four would equal a peal length of 7,296 changes. I feel it is becoming a debatable point as to what is a quarter peal length. There was one quarter peal that would beat the Record Length of Major if multiplied by four, namely one of 14,440 Minor rung at Longwood!

Essex, Kent and Surrey show a blank in the County List as they have lost certain towers to Greater London. Middlesex has now disappeared from "Dove" although towers are still being published under this county, as are towers from these other counties. Finally, as in previous years, I do not claim to be accurate and figures may disagree one way or other.

## QUARTER PEAL RINGERS of 1968

	Run in 1968	Total to date
Brian Johnson (Kent)	100 (60)	310
Anthony J. Davidson (Corn.)	65 (28)	
T. J. Bell (Cornwall)	59 (10)	
H. D. Deacon (Kent)	58 (2)	178
John A. Hemsley (Kent)	55 (8)	59
R. Brian Mills (Notts)	51 (46)	171
Margaret S. Jenner (Kent)	44 (3)	45
R. P. Pearce (Cornwall)	43	
Eric G. H. Godfrey (London)	43 (22)	
Gordon Lucas (Essex)	42 (20)	61
F. M. Bowers (Cornwall)	41 (64)	
D. C. Manger (Kent)	36 (14)	193
A. Lock (Cornwall)	35	
C. H. Macve (London)	35 (6)	
Tony Skilton (Surrey)	34 (20)	70
I. Wiltshire (London)	33 (4)	
N. Bennett (London)	33	
Peter M. Fleckney (Essex)	33 (17)	81
Kevin I. Lucas, aged 9 (Essex)	32 (2)	34
S. Dennis Scott (Essex)	32	33
Brian Walton (Hants)	32 (24)	140
John E. Murfitt (Essex)	30 (4)	33
Anthony J. Mason (Hants)	30 (14)	42
K. G. Game (Surrey)	26 (15)	188
William Willans (Hants)	26 (17)	56
Alan R. Baldock (Sussex)	25 (19)	161
Roger N. Scholes (Co. Dur.)	25 (6)	41
Felicity Hamilton (Surrey)	25	49
Carol Rogers (London)	23 (3)	
Wendy Wallace (London)	23 (3)	

### OBITUARY

#### REV. W. C. KNIGHT

The Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost its president by the passing of Father W. C. Knight, who held office from 1952-1969. A half-muffled quarter peal to his memory was rung at Rushden on June 27th.

Old Sussex ringers will regret to hear of the passing on June 28th of Mr. Raymond Wood, sen., of Billingshurst.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The June quarterly gathering was held at Stourton, a lovely village which the Branch is privileged to count among its number although it is in Wiltshire. The ringing in the downstairs belfry attracted the interest of many sightseers within the church, as well as adding to the joys of those outside. The service was conducted by the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the Rector (Rev. P. F. Tambling), who extended a warm welcome to the Branch. The lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton.

Tea was organised by Zeals Youth Club in their Parish Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Nine new members, all juniors, were elected, namely Diana Davies, Diane Ricketts and Denis M. McWilliam. of Durweston; Nicola Meaden, Jill Ratcliffe and Anita Trowbridge, of Okeford Fitzpaine; and Susanne West, Margaret Mudge and Pat Lashbrook, of Yetminster. Four young Durweston members had earned proficiency certificates: Kathleen Andrews, Marilyn Andrews, Miriam Davies and Gregory Tapper.

Notice was given of the intention to hold a striking competition this year, open to all Dorset towers, with preliminary "heats" in each of the four areas of Dorset.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Howard 1, R. Sweet 2, J. Shingler 3, G. Locke 4, D. Huddleston 5, R. Huddleston 6, B. Huddleston (cond.) 7, D. Prosser (first quarter) 8.

**BARRINGTON, SOM.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (29 m/v): A. Drayton 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (75th as cond.: 175th quarter) 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, R. Burns 6. Most m/v ever rung in the Crewkerne Branch by resident members.

**BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.**—On May 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. D. Sennitt 1, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 2, J. Hobbs 3, A. R. Ashby 4, A. V. Good 5, R. G. Bell 6, J. Lawson 7, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of William Brooks, vergor for the past 15 years.

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ward 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 3, Miss M. K. Fenton 4, Miss I. E. M. Manby 5, R. F. Eccles 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 7, P. Boucher 8. Rung to mark the opening of the Arts Festival this day in Manchester Cathedral. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Barnett 1, P. Boucher 2, D. Manby 3, P. Dyson 4, P. Watson 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. Rung for Alan Ward's grandmother's birthday.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Finn (first quarter) 1, Violet Ring 2, R. A. Lucas 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Finn on the birth of a son (Andrew Michael).

**BREASTON, DERBYS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Brewin 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, W. Northover 3, H. Ripplin 4, C. Slack 5, A. Lord 6. First in method by all except conductor.

**BUNNEY, NOTTS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: J. Eborall 1, A. Newell 2, D. Osborne 3, N. Handley 4, R. Streton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6. Also on June 15th, 1,296 Cambridge 3, Minor: A. Newell 1, A. Simpson (first: Surprise) 2, D. Osborne 3, T. Kirkman 4, R. Stratton 5, D. Oliver 6. Conducted by ringers of 5 and 6.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Feaver 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, R. Stannard 5, L. Howton 6, D. Rowlands 7, C. Cousins 8, N. V. Harding 9, J. Banks 10.

**COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, L. Page 3, A. Newman 4, N. Skelton 5, R. Jones (cond.) 6.

**DITCHHEAT, SOM.**—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Wainwright 1, D. Mackay 2, M. Whitley 3, S. Lucas 4, M. Bartlett 5, C. Jenkins 6, V. Roberts 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss G. Barber, of Ditchheat, on the eve of her wedding.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Journeaux 1, W. F. Judge 2, C. P. Turner 3, B. G. Coggins 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, J. E. Judge 6, M. J. Turner (first in method as cond.) 7, C. Clark 8.

**DYRHAM, GLOS.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Scudamore (cond.) 1, C. Batten 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, E. Thomas 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, W. Cook 6. For wedding services.

**EALING, MIDDLEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Julia Sanders 1, W. G. Wilson 2, P. N. Felton 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, H. W. Rogers 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

**EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Isance 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of M. Whittall, tragically drowned. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hatcher 1, F. Sandford 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. R. Harris 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. E. Bateson, organist at St. Mary's Church until his death. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, F. N. Isance 4, F. Sandford 5, R. Langford 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of M. Carter, tragically drowned.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods: 7, 6, 8 covering): Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, J. D. Flook 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5, F. W. Sheffield 6, R. A. Stone 7, R. L. Venham 8.

**EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bullock 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, P. G. Hickey 4, F. Lawrence (first "inside") 5, C. Wright 6. For morning service.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At St. Martin's Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Aronson 1, J. P. Oakshott 2, W. J. Munton 3, J. Helder 4, W. Parrott 5, J. C. Davidge 6, S. N. Mortimore (first as cond.) 7, M. Morris 8. A compliment to Adrienne Gibson and Roger Haworth on their engagement and to 5th ringers on his 25th wedding anniversary.

**FLIXTON, LANCs.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Riddle 1, F. M. Bowers 2, A. Locke 3, A. Carvegh (cond.) 4, G. F. Nix 5, M. Murphy 6, A. J. Davidson 7, I. G. Pollard (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the ordination of the Rev. D. Burnett.

**FRITENDEN, KENT.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Margaret Jenner (first Treble Bob) 1, A. J. Lees 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hedgecock 4, P. C. Sindens 5, R. A. Birch 6, J. Hemsley 7, D. C. Manger (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**FULHAM, LONDON.**—At All Saints' Church, on June 1st, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, Gwendolyn G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, R. D. Bing (first Triples "inside") 4, A. J. Hampton 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. For Evensong.

**GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Howard Meek 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, Harold Meek 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Williams) and Mrs. Williams.

**GOOLE, YORKS.**—On June 14th, 1,712 Plain Bob Major: L. M. Woodhead 1, Mrs. D. Sherriff 2, J. Taylor 3, R. J. F. Watson (first Major) 4, P. Church 5, R. W. Sherriff 6, A. Bridges 7, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 8.

**HISTON, CAMBS.**—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Carol Diver 1, H. Muncy 2, Janet Hall 3, C. Muncey 4, Kathleen Jordan 5, E. Brown 6, C. Gooding 7, M. Hawes (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells since augmentation from six to eight.

**KILDWICK, YORKS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Pallister 1, I. Cox 2, P. Laycock 3, A. Stott 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Hillary 6.

**KINGS CLIFFE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Scholes (first Minor) 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, A. Ellis 3, R. J. Chantler 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5, C. J. Groom 6.

**KNARESBOROUGH, W. YORKS.**—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Bean 1, E. McNally 2, C. H. Maxfield 3, H. Winter 4, J. Reed 5, R. Gudgeon 6, F. Addison (cond.) 7, D. Hirst 8. First quarter since the restoration of hand ringing and the first for at least 30 years.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On May 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Weedon 1, J. Platten 2, A. Culbert 3, W. Hughes 4, L. Slater 5, R. Brown 6, J. Slater 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8. First in method "inside" 2, 3.

**LONG EATON, DERBYS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Copley (first quarter) 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, Veronica Belfitt 3, C. Beawick 4, A. Hartland 5, R. Dady 6.

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**LONGWOOD, YORKS.**—On June 1st, 1,320 Trinity Sunday and Capel T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also on June 8th, 1,320 Sandal and Kingston T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, F. Linfoot (first in these methods) 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bowen 1, B. Giddings 2, J. W. Hope 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, F. R. Harris 5, J. Wilce 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Capt. L. H. Green.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Annette Breeze 1, Anne Readshaw 2, D. Feek 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6. For morning prayer; also the traditional ringers' "christening" for Mark Bevis, infant member of a ringing family.

**MARK, SOM.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Ham 1, Kay Hine 2, Pat Wolburn 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris Burrough 5, E. Forrest 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, J. Creber 8.

**MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.**—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, D. Roaf 3, M. Lawrence 4, R. Turner 5, Barbara Bescon 6, H. Rosell 7, M. Scowen 8, A. Bolton (cond.) 9, J. Roper 10. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Royal: Margaret Aslett 1, Barbara Bescon 2, M. Lawrence 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, G. Heyes 5, R. Turner 6, M. Scoven 7, J. Roper 8, A. Bolton 9, H. Rosell (cond.) 10. Also on June 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Margaret Aslett 1, M. Lawrence 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, M. Scowen 5, Barbara Bescon 6, D. Roaf 7, H. Rosell 8, A. Bolton 9, J. Roper 10.

**MIDHURST, SUSSEX.**—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett (first quarter) 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Siella M. Knight (cond.) 3, M. K. Till 4, A. J. West 6. For Evensong.

**NAILSEA, SOM.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, C. Kortright (cond.) 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Everard 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.**—On May 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Thompson 1, Glenda O. Crane 2, R. M. Thompson (first Doubles as cond.) 3, S. Sandford 4, F. Matthews 5, D. Wilkinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stacey, friend of all ringers. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Jarvis (first Triples) 1, Glenda O. Crane 2, T. V. Barnard 3, R. J. Thompson 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. Matthews (cond.) 6, S. Sandford 7, D. Wilkinson 8.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, D. Osman 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. N. F. Florey, wife of a former churchwarden.

**PENN, STAFFS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, G. F. Griffiths 2, M. Gaskell 3, Gillian Griffiths 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Rung for the 300th anniversary of the distribution of the Penn-Wynn Bibles.

**PUCKINGTON, SOM.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Burns 1, J. Cornelius (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Dean 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, G. Glyde 6. First of P.B. Doubles by all except the conductor.

**ROUGHTOWN, LANCs.**—On May 25th, 1,320 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. Rung at Evensong and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wornip, the pearl wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrand and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burgess.

**ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELL, CORNWALL.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Evans (first away from cover) 1, A. Carveth 2, Mary Carveth 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, S. A. Reed 5, R. W. Humphries 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Hicks, a former churchwarden.

**SANDON, ESSEX.**—On June 11th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: Jeanette Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, Ruth Gay 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5, R. J. Harrison 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. L. Ogier, Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Nina Marshall 1, Sheila Marshall 2, F. Ward 3, D. J. Marshall 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. G. Newsum 8. First in the method by all the band.



## DEDICATION

## SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, KINGSBURY

The church was packed to capacity for the dedication of the new ring of eight at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kingsbury, on June 28th. Rounds and call-changes were rung during the service, followed afterwards by Cambridge Surprise Major, in which six Kingsbury ringers took part. Other members of the local band then rang rounds, which were followed by Bristol Surprise Major by members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society and general ringing.

Kingsbury has a fine ring of bells which are very even when heard outside. There have already been complaints—this time because the bells are not so loud as before! So the ringers are starting to remedy the matter.

## MERSEYSIDE RINGERS' DAY

Dear Sir,—I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the officials of the Lancashire Association for the excellent arrangements for the Merseyside Ringing Day at Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday, June 21st, and for the efficient way these were discharged; also to the Dean and Chapter for allowing the use of the bells and the Cathedral facilities for tea.

In spite of an unfortunate accident to the clapper of the 6th ringing continued after a short interval.

My appreciation is also expressed to those in charge of the ringing, who displayed great patience in dealing with the scores of young ringers and others who had difficulty in managing this marvellous but, to them, heavy ring of 12. Mr. Cyril Cross-thwaite deserves our thanks for explaining the intricacies of the Woodhouse ringing machine to bewildered and perplexed on-lookers.

One would wish that the Merseyside Ringing Day will now be an annual event.

One note of regret: somehow I have "slipped up" as I was not aware that other towers were available, especially St. Nicholas' and those "on that side of the water".—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

## CORRECTIONS

Mr. Timothy G. Pett sends a correction to his peal of 5,000 Plain Bob Royal (page 356). The last line should be a bob at W and a single at H and not as printed.

Dr. Derek Sibson calls our attention to a literal error in Appendix E of the Records Committee. In Table of Performances (Surprise Royal) it should read Littleport Little and not as printed.

Regarding the peal at Eastwood (page 410), we are asked that it be credited to the Southwell Diocesan Guild as originally submitted. Correspondence has been sent to the Southwell Guild secretary to sort out.

## SOUTHWELL GUILD'S CONCERN

In our report of the Central Council, "Southwell Guild's Concern", we stated "the motion was defeated". This was not correct: the Council carried a resolution to proceed with the next business. This was agreed to and in consequence the motion was not put to the Council.

## ST. JAMES', SILSOE, GUILD OF RINGERS

The annual outing of the Guild and its friends took place on June 7th, and looking back on the day one cannot help thinking of the words from the Benedicite: "All ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever", for it was truly a day when the beautiful bells mingled well with the very beautiful world.

As we left Silsoe Church at 7:30 a.m., bound for the Cotswolds, the sun was shining and the sky was cloudless, and so it remained all day. The success of this outing was entirely due to the careful planning and pre-tour the timing of arrival at each tower was perfect. Each place visited was beautiful and had much to interest all. But it was a ringers' outing and their usual high standard was maintained. Commencing at Ewelme, Oxon, the six lovely bells set the tone for the day's ringing. St. Giles', Standlake, was another light six. It was here that we had a welcome from the Rector and his wife, who also showed us round the Rectory garden and the lovely old house which keeps its 500th birthday next year.

A nice steady drive through beautiful country to Burford, where an excellent lunch of roast beef was very welcome. Refreshed and satisfied, we proceeded to St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Great Barrington. Some of the party were anxious to know how long the Rector had been sitting outside waiting—until they saw his alms dish with its gift day envelopes! After the "penny had dropped" we were able to make our contribution to the annual gift day.

On then to Lower Slaughter and St. Mary's Church, set in one of the loveliest places. Many of us would gladly have "stayed put", but after a rest at the water's edge, with an ice cream, we drove to Stow-on-the-Wold and had tea at Deborah's Kitchen.

St. Peter's, Hook Norton, was the first tower of eight, and ringing ended on the eight lovely bells of Our Lady of Bloxham Church. The splendid tradition and standard of the Silsoe Guild had been upheld all through.

Our thanks include the clergy, the coach driver and Mary, Colin and Des for organising such a wonderful day. M.A.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-on-the-Wold proved to be a popular choice for the A.G.M. of the North Cotswold Branch on June 7th, when over 70 visitors rang on the fine eight at St. Edward's Church. The Rev. Peter Newing conducted a well-struck touch of Plain Bob Major, and a touch of Cambridge Surprise did justice to the bells.

Miss E. Mary Bliss, chairman of the Association, thanked the retiring officials, saying that the Stow Branch was a difficult one to run. She paid tribute to the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Joynes) and the secretary (Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell).

The following officials were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. H. Pickthorn; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Joynes; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. Povey; delegate to Association management committee, Mr. A. Ewins. The Revs. W. E. Paddock (Broadwell), W. Hilary (Stow-on-the-Wold) and H. L. O. Davies (Bourton-on-the-Hill) were elected associate members and Mr. Paul Ewins a member.

Appealing for recruits, the chairman said it was of great importance that every member should make an effort to introduce new blood into the Branch. He was pleased to hear that the secretary was in the process of teaching a band of 16 beginners at Broadwell.

Miss Bliss pointed out that the Association was holding a week-end course for beginners in September and it was hoped that recruits would take advantage of the facilities offered.

## SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE CONTEST

The Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its striking competition at Bredon's Norton on May 17th. The event attracted an attendance of 65. Eight teams competed on the light ring of six and were judged by Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, David Beacham and S. Holt.

After tea in the Village Hall the judges gave their comments and declared Eckington to be the winners. By a coincidence the party then went to Eckington to ring on the new eight. Refreshments at the Bell Inn concluded a very successful day. R.P.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

On a recent Sunday morning the four-year-old daughter of a Guinness-loving ringer in a well-known East Anglian tower was seen clutching a splendidly-made leprechaun—quite unmistakable with its long-pointed cap and beard and dressed in emerald green. One of the ringers advanced and politely and seriously asked its name, to which the reply came with equal solemnity: "Fred Dukes".

By ringing their qualifying 720s Robin Escolme (10) and Richard Thurmott (12) have brought to six the number of residents of Rockwood Crescent, Pudsey, who are members of the Yorkshire Association, the others being Fred and Stephen Munday and Richard's parents, Jane and Maurice. Robin's mother, Mrs. Ann Escolme, and Richard's brother, Mark (10), are learning and should qualify before long. A point to note: all these Pudsey residents ring at Bradford Cathedral!

Of the 150 peals rung on Silk Willoughby, Lincs. bells, Mr. James H. Musson has rung in 149.

We regret to learn that Mr. David King is in St. Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, following an operation on his back. He seems to be making progress and is very cheerful.

Miss Joan Hutchinson rang her first tower bell peal of Major before returning to the U.S.A. by ringing the second to Cambridge Surprise Major at Warwick on June 21st. "A very creditable performance," reports the conductor, Peter Border.

After the Andover District's summer quarterly meeting at Burghclere on June 28th a visit was paid to Newtown, a 4-bell tower. The band here are justly proud of 50 years' Sunday service ringing and the captain (Mr. Munday) has not missed ringing in the New Year since he formed the band soon after the First World War.



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### R.A.O.B. HONOUR FOR W. A. STOTE

On June 13th the exaltation to the high degree of the Roll of Honour of Bro. William A. Stote, Provincial Grand Primo of the Coventry Province and a well-known ringer, took place in the Windmill Lodge No. 7851. The ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering, many of whom had travelled upwards of 50 miles to be present.

The Exalting Officer was Bro. Bob Arnold, R.O.H., Past Grand Chamberlain of England, better known to radio listeners as Tom Forrest of "The Archers".

### BELLS—FLYING SAUCERS

Sometimes bands visit churches where the bells have not been rung for some time. In one village bells which had been silent for 30 years suddenly rang out and within minutes the whole population had gathered outside the church, anxious to know what was wrong—the commonest guess being an invasion by flying saucers!

Next Sunday, as the church bells sound, think of the ringers in the belfry. "Look to," the conductor warns them, "treble going—she's gone!" And off they go, busy with one of the most "swinging" pastimes of all.—Brenda Byron in Northampton Newsletter.

### CANON THURLOW AT NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, past-President of the Central Council, preached at St. Giles' Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Sunday morning, June 22nd. He received a very special welcome from the St. Giles' Society of Ringers and took part in the pre-service ringing on the ten bells. At the commencement of the service a course of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells in the nave by four St. Giles' ringers. In his sermon the Canon talked of the message of church bells, which have called people to service over the past centuries.

### A MOUNTAIN PEAL

Three Hawkshead ringers rang a peal on the summit of Helvellyn (3,118 ft.) on June 22nd. Previous to the attempt they rang and attended service and with other ringing friends set off from Wythburn, near Thirlmere. A long two-hour climb followed in the pouring rain and finally the summit was gained. The peal was started after the rain and thunder had passed away and the performance caused much amusement to the passers-by and the Lake District warden. A good peal was rung and then a descent was made to the road, three miles away, in calmer weather.

The attempt had been much publicised in the "Westmorland Gazette" and a photographer was sent to cover the event. The party then adjourned to Bettyfold, Hawkshead, for refreshments.

### A GLANCE OVER HAROLD WALKER'S HALF CENTURY

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association brief mention was made of Harold Walker's 50 years of membership, and brief and modest was his reply. Some of us would have liked to hear more of those early days.

Behind the sedate driving of an ancient Hillman it is not so easy to picture the dashing young man on a motor-cycle, going from tower to tower. Harold has told how his father came home from a meeting of the Doncaster Parochial Church Council and addressed his 19-year-old son: "They are short of ringers, you'd better get yourself up the tower."

A pioneer in what may be called the fight for the learners, Harold soon realised the lack of opportunity for practice and in 1921 he originated the Doncaster and District Society, to provide monthly practice meetings in the 12 towers in the area. He was secretary of the Society until his job took him away from Doncaster in 1928. The Society presented him with a clock the following year.

Work took him all over the area of the then London and North Eastern Railway, and he never lost an opportunity to help with a practice. One hears remarks from the older ringers such as: "I owe him a lot"; "By —! He was keen"; and many similar. He is more interested in the work in a tower as a whole than in peal ringing, although his ability as a conductor when it comes to "saving" a peal is seldom surpassed and his peal book includes some famous ones such as the first Cambridge Maximus at Lincoln.

Energetic president of the York Minster Society, trustee of the Yorkshire Association and chairman of the Selby District Society, Harold gives what time he can to the cause of ringing, but domestic demands make it increasingly difficult for him now.

Good luck for the next 50 years!

M. E. W.

### A BUSY FEN AUTHOR

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis' "Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches" has entered its 4th edition, over 7,000 copies having been sold.

He is now preparing a very substantial hard-back to be published next year in conjunction with the Year of European Rural Research, 1970. This book will be freely illustrated with drawings and photographs (including aerial) and will be called "Fenland Villages and their Environment". It will deal with many aspects—drainage, history, churches, Fen monasteries, fen and marshland farming, village layout and Fen residents.

In addition to this work Trevor still produces "Sentinel", the magazine of the Ely Diocesan Association. A shortage of articles makes production difficult, but he has promised to continue for another year. With its coloured front page this is really an attractive publication.

### PIONEER LADY RINGER NOW 90

Miss Evelyn Steel celebrated her 90th birthday on June 10th and on the following evening ringing took place at Biddenham, Beds. First the local ringers rang and then some were joined by ringers from Bromham and Bedford for a quarter peal.

Both bands were afterwards entertained at the home of the Biddenham captain, Mr. D. T. Eyre, where Miss Steel, who is in very good health apart from having a game leg, recalled some of her early activities as a pioneer lady ringer.

### STOLEN BELLS

The bells stolen from the disused St. Mary's Church, West Tofts, near Thetford, Norfolk, early in June, were as follows: 1 and 2, Taylor, 1856; 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, Taylor, 1849; 5, J. Draper, Thetford, 1618.

There were also two sanctus bells hung in the central gable by Taylor's, 1949/56. It is not known whether the tenor from Tottington (Brend, Norwich, 1650) was also stolen.

Five bells from Tottington Church were stored at West Tofts but were removed in January in preparation for their installation in St. Alphege's, Seasalter, Whitstable, in September.

### ST. JAMES', BOOTLE (R.C.)

The ten bells at St. James' Church, Bootle, were recently inspected by Messrs. G. A. Austin and J. Hedgcock. There are nine chiming bells hung in two rows on one level and a bourdon hung above them on elaborate pivots connected to the frame on which the chiming bells rest.

The bells were cast in 1924 by O'Byrne, of Dublin, are badly corroded and need tuning and sandblasting. It is estimated that the bourdon weighs approximately 25-30 cwt. and the largest bell of the chime 15-17 cwt. The bells were originally given in memory of a former rector.

### GUESTS SHOW APPRECIATION

Seldom is applause heard in the belfry. A muttered "Went very well!" disguises, in true British fashion, the admiration of the onlooker and perhaps his regret at not having rung in the admired touch.

The unusual sound of clapping came after a demonstration course of Bob Triples at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, and the surprised and grateful recipients were a section of the local band. Thirty members of the Young Wives' Group discussed the view from the parapet and were told something of the history of the tower and bells.

The ringers also gave their guests an explanation of change-ringing and mentioned a few of their activities as a Society. Before taking their leave several Young Wives were persuaded to try their hand in the first steps towards handling a bell. H. R.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Martin Major .. ..	Treble	Clive W. Longden .. ..	6
Charlotte M. Harris ..	2	Robert L. Piron .. ..	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	Frank W. Rivett .. ..	8
Stephen Ivins .. ..	4	Keith H. Fleming .. ..	9
Anthony H. Smith .. ..	5	C. Michael Orme .. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

## TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley ..	Treble	Robert L. Piron .. ..	5
John R. Mayne .. ..	2	Dennis Knox .. ..	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	3	Roger Baldwin .. ..	7
John R. Southey .. ..	4	John W. Sinfield .. ..	Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jeffrey L. Cloughton and Sandra Goodship.

## TILSWORTH, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

*Peter Aslett .. ..	Treble	Christopher R. Hardy ..	4
Ronald J. Sharp .. ..	2	Martin Major .. ..	5
Anthony H. Smith .. ..	3	John W. Sinfield .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

\* First peal of Minor.

## THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Nigel A. B. Dawson .. ..	Treble	Gordon W. Land .. ..	5
James R. Taylor .. ..	2	Bernard G. North .. ..	6
Michael J. Hobbs .. ..	3	Ralph G. Edwards .. ..	7
Robert C. Kippin .. ..	4	D. John Hunt .. ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal of Glasgow in Bristol.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

R. L. Underwood (P'house) Treble	*J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)	5
R. Dyckhoff (King's) .. 2	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
C. M. Tuckett (Queens') .. 3	C. W. Daws (Trinity) ..	7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung by a resident Old Wykehamist band.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald F. Andrew .. ..	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
Derek F. Yates .. ..	2	Basil Jones .. ..	6
Brian S. B. Kear .. ..	3	Robert B. Smith .. ..	7
Michael Foulds .. ..	4	D. Paul Smith .. ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Right Rev. Moses Nathaniel Christopher Omobiala Scott, Bishop of Sierra Leone since 1961, as Archbishop of West Africa. Archbishop Scott, who is an African, was curate of Grappenhall from 1951 to 1956.

## DARESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Peter Broadbent .. ..	Treble	†Brian S. B. Kear .. ..	5
Derek F. Yates .. ..	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
Basil Jones .. ..	3	†Michael Foulds .. ..	7
*Ronald F. Andrew .. ..	4	Robert B. Smith .. ..	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal in the method "inside." † First in the method.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Arthur Hall .. ..	Treble	Alex Richardson .. ..	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith ..	2	Denis R. Carlisle .. ..	6
Gordon A. Halls .. ..	3	David W. Friend .. ..	7
Timothy Wylie .. ..	4	Rev. Fred Ross .. ..	Tenor

Composed by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Roberts, the new Vicar of Castleton.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Walter C. Chandler .. ..	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield .. ..	5
Allen Twyman .. ..	2	John G. Gipson .. ..	6
Hilary Muirhead .. ..	3	Brian D. Threlfall .. ..	7
Geoffrey Pearson .. ..	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. ..	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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

Rung with the good wishes of the band to Walter Chandler, who is leaving Cambridge for Tring.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Edward W. Roast .. ..	Treble	*Joe E. G. Roast .. ..	5
*Yvonne A. Murray .. ..	2	Keith W. Brown .. ..	6
Richard J. W. Housden ..	3	†George E. Thoday .. ..	7
†Tony Spurgeon .. ..	4	‡James L. Towler .. ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

\* 50th peal together. † First of London. ‡ 75th peal together.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

W. John Couperthwaite .. Treble	Rowan S. Bradley .. . 5
Beryl R. Simpson .. . 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. . 6
*Felicity S. Hamilton .. . 3	Michael J. Church .. . 7
*Donald N. Jennings .. . 4	Peter J. Munday .. . Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter D. Church, brother of the conductor.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Michael C. Donmall .. Treble	*Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby .. 4
Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby .. 2	†Terence C. Holland .. . 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. . 3	Robert E. Hardy .. . Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

\* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Diocese of St. Albans.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Edward F. P. Bryant .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Ian H. Oram .. . 2	Walter H. Dobbie .. . 6
Margaret E. Oram .. . 3	Tony Lewis .. . 7
Sheila M. Dobbie .. . 4	Stanley Jenner .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Stanley B. Dobbie.

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

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Len Goodall .. . Treble	*John W. Smith .. . 5
Arthur G. Mason .. . 2	*Alan D. Flood .. . 6
*Kenneth J. Rider .. . 3	*Timothy D. Wickens .. . 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. . 4	*John Pladdys .. . Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by John Pladdys.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*John W. Smith .. . Treble	Nigel Thomson .. . 5
Kenneth J. Rider .. . 2	Jennifer A. Dunning .. . 6
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Alan D. Flood .. . 7
Arthur G. Mason .. . 4	John Pladdys .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

\* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Maureen Carruthers and Lawrence Hanney on their engagement.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being an extent each of London S., Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge S., Single Oxford and Plain Bob

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Ian H. Oram .. . Treble	Tony Lewis .. . 4
Doris E. Colgate .. . 2	Philip J. Simmonds .. . 5
Margaret E. Oram .. . 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal on the front six; an attempt for Yorkshire Royal prevented by a broken ninth clapper.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*Doreen Maclean .. . Treble	Joseph Whalley .. . 3
†Kevin M. Price .. . 2	*Alan Capstick .. . Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

\* First peal of Minimus. † First of Minimus "inside."

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 43 extents of Reverse Court. 84 of Single Court and 83 of Plain Bob. with 44 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in A sharp.

*Doreen Maclean .. . Treble	Joseph Whalley .. . 3
Kevin M. Price .. . 2	Alan Capstick .. . Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

\* First peal in three methods. First in three Minimus methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Martin Green .. . Treble	R. Brian Mills .. . 5
*Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	K. Paul Gilliver .. . 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. . 3	Roland H. Cook .. . 7
Robin A. Gilliver .. . 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. . Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

\* First peal in the method

COUNTESTHORPE, Leics.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

Harold Kilby .. . Treble	Brian L. Burrows .. . 4
*Robert M. Kilby .. . 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 5
N. Roderick Ellway .. . 3	John J. Morris .. . Tenor

Conducted by John J. Morris.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, comprising: (1) Norwich, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason .. Treble	R. Brian Mills .. . 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	G. Ronald Edwards .. . 5
Martin Green .. . 3	John E. Cook .. . Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Susan Aveyard .. . Treble	*Peter A. Slight .. . 4
Christine Mills .. . 2	*Brian Buttery .. . 5
R. Brian Mills .. . 3	Dennis A. Frith .. . Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. James.

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, Surfleet, London, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

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

James H. Musson .. . Treble	Harvey E. Burrell .. . 4
*Joan Payne .. . 2	Alan G. Payne .. . 5
Cecil Wade .. . 3	James W. Haw .. . Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. 150th peal on the bells, the treble ringer having rung in 149 of them.

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

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in the following 121 methods: St. Faiths, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin, St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund, Chapel-en-le-Frith Bob, Tallington, Sempringham, Rev. St. Owen, Rev. St. Simon, Uffington, Rev. St. Nicholas, Union, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Stedman S.C., St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire, Westminster II, St. Hilary, Blackburn, Dragon, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen Place, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Casthorpe, Bedford, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall, Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Ichtingfield, Fornett, Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Knapton, Chesham, Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent, Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints, Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian, Frithville, Yaddethorpe, Minster, Rev. Bob, Canterbury Bob, Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford, Ravensingham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Cornwall, Wainfleet, Cheshire, Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, Runemede, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire, Colne, Bristol, Poyle, Bedfordshire, Stedman and Grandsire.

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

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

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

Most Doubles methods by the band, on the bells and for the Guild, 62F Chapel-en-le-Frith Bob. 345, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1, 64F Sempringham Place. 345, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 345, 1.



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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Denis A. Frith .. .. Treble	Peter A. Slight .. .. 3
*P. Mary Cheesewright .. 2	David E. Leafa .. .. 4
Thomas A. Relf .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

\* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the end of exams for the ringers of 2 and 4.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Iltyd.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
J. Michael Lakin .. .. Treble	Alexander E. Marsh .. 5
Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 2	†M. Jack Pryor .. .. 6
*Arwyn R. Lewis .. .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. .. 7
†Thomas T. Yeomans .. 4	William T. Petty .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal together.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

Susan J. Jenkins .. .. Treble	Peter G. Brown .. .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Philip J. Rothera .. .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 7
David E. Rothera .. .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 10 methods, being 576 each of Superlative, Ashted, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Rutland, London and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Peter S. Bennett .. .. Treble	Peter G. Brown .. .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. .. 7
David E. Rothera .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE GREATER LONDON ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 GLAMORGAN SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Philip Bosworth .. .. 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Frank Reed .. .. 6
John R. Leeming .. .. 3	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 7
G. William Shanks .. .. 4	Timothy G. Pett .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

First peal in the method.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Lawrence Hanney and Maureen Carruthers on their engagement.

**GLAMORGAN SURPRISE MAJOR**

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 3 Hours,

**A PEAL OF 5040 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Peter N. Felton .. .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett .. .. 6
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	John R. Ketteringham .. 7
Eric Edmondson .. .. 3	Gerald Penney .. .. 8
Robert E. Hardy .. .. 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. .. 9
*Alan Flood .. .. 5	†Harold W. Rogers .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Gerald Penney.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

\* 50th peal. † 200th peal.

First in the method by all, in the

county and for the Association.  
Rung half-muffled in memory of Martin J. Waterston, aged 14, who died in a road accident the previous day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat. April 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Malcolm Loveday .. .. Treble	Michael J. Palmer .. .. 6
Olive L. Rogers .. .. 2	William S. Deason .. .. 7
Elsie Savory .. .. 3	Harold W. Rogers .. .. 8
Walter G. Knight .. .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. 9
Patricia A. Copas .. .. 5	Roger A. Gage .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of The West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of its re-formation as The South West Middlesex Association.

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

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler .. .. Treble	Frank Reed .. .. 5
Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	John Hill .. .. 7
Dennis Knox .. .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by G. W. Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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

On Sun., April 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Christopher Venn .. .. Treble	Albert C. Wenban .. .. 4
Monica Blagrove .. .. 2	David G. Pickett .. .. 5
Ronald K. Russ .. .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. C. J. Hoyal, Vicar since 1949, who is now Vicar of Trelleck, Mon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HAPPISBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B. and one each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

N. P. Cossey .. .. Treble	T. Brock .. .. 4
David Ralls .. .. 2	F. Gunton .. .. 5
J. Gardiner .. .. 3	G. E. Larter .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. Larter.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun and to celebrate the christening of Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Larter.

(The Colegate Society.)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Fri., June 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Thomas R. Roast .. .. Treble	Carole A. H. Patey .. .. 4
Barbara M. Payne .. .. 2	David Cubitt .. .. 5
David E. House .. .. 3	Martin Cubitt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin Cubitt.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*John L. Rice .. .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight .. .. 3
Henry Tooke .. .. 2	†John Dowe .. .. 4
†Gordon Elvin .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

\* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John L. Rice, also a birthday compliment to Leonard G. Tooke.

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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Treble	A. Leslie Pearson .. .. 5
Geoffrey D. Welch .. .. 2	Leonard Stilwell .. .. 6
Monica Blagrove .. .. 3	Albert A. Wenban .. .. 7
William Birmingham .. .. 4	Sidney Blyth .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.  
On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Mary E. Pryor .. .. Treble	Michael Bishop .. .. 5
Gerald I. Wells .. .. 2	Robert B. Blond .. .. 6
Henry L. Bishop .. .. 3	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 7
Barry M. Wheeler .. .. 4	John H. Napper .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. Taylor. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.  
Rung for the wedding of John P. Gordon and Janice M. Pryor.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge S. and five extents Plain Bob.  
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher A. Richards .. Treble	Thomas R. Garrett .. .. 4
Douglas C. Henderson .. .. 2	Melvyn J. Hiller .. .. 5
J. Richard Poole .. .. 3	A. Keith P. Poole .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.

\* First peal.  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. E. G. Payton, recently inducted Vicar of Abingdon.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 UMBERSLADE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Kilby R. Holtom .. .. Treble	Raymond A. Vickers .. .. 5
Charles E. Truman .. .. 2	Graham C. Paul .. .. 6
Christopher C. Stokes .. .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. .. 7
William J. Chester .. .. 4	Barry E. Saunders .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.  
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Cowley .. .. Treble	Edward C. Buckby .. .. 4
J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. 2	Barry R. Care .. .. 5
*Terry G. Smith .. .. 3	Murray A. Coleman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* First peal in seven methods.  
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

BENEFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

John E. David .. .. Treble	Raymond H. Daw .. .. 4
*Barry R. Care .. .. 2	*W. John Riley .. .. 5
†Richard Brighton .. .. 3	*J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal. ‡ First in five methods.  
Rung to mark the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED ALLIANCE &amp; LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Walsingham, one of Fulmer and two each of Lammas and Olney, each spliced with Little Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

Edward C. Buckby .. .. Treble	Barry R. Care .. .. 4
Raymond Henman .. .. 2	Murray A. Coleman .. .. 5
J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. 3	*Richard J. Cowley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

\* 50th peal. First of Spliced Alliance and Little by all the band and for the Guild.

STOKE ALBANY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Botolph.  
On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	
Mary R. Coleman .. .. Treble	Stephen B. Bell .. .. 4
David J. Morgan .. .. 2	Barry R. Care .. .. 5
J. Malcolm Tyler .. .. 3	Murray A. Coleman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

Rung for the Feast of St. Botolph and to welcome the Rev. W. E. Pitt to the parish. Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in A.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	
J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	Lionel Atton .. .. 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. .. 2	Christopher J. Groome .. .. 5
Gerald W. Reynolds .. .. 3	Roger N. Scholes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" and the treble ringer has now called a peal from each bell.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Katharine M. Thorley .. .. Treble	Lionel Atton .. .. 4
J. Martin Thorley .. .. 2	J. Charles Hudson .. .. 5
Cynthia E. Barnett .. .. 3	Roger N. Scholes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger N. Scholes.

First peal as conductor

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon .. .. Treble	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 7
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	James W. Belshaw .. .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. .. 3	Richard A. G. Inglis .. .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 4	George E. Fearne .. .. 10
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 11
James Insley .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

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

On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Baker's Variation No. 3. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon .. .. Treble	Terry R. Hampton .. .. 6
Susan E. Smith .. .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 7
James Insley .. .. 3	George E. Fearne .. .. 8
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 4	James W. Belshaw .. .. 9
*Vernon Green .. .. 5	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

\* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 5
*Margaret A. Thow .. .. 2	James W. Belshaw .. .. 6
Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 3	John N. Lindon .. .. 7
Janet E. Blake .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. .. Tenor

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

\* First peal.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Timothy F. Collins .. .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes .. .. 5
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 2	Richard H. Youdale .. .. 6
William T. Perrins .. .. 3	Frederick E. Collins .. .. 7
Katherine J. Maundrell .. .. 4	D. John Hunt .. .. Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Annunciation.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. 5
Mary E. Elmes .. .. 2	*Timothy F. Collins .. .. 6
William T. Perrins .. .. 3	Frederick E. Collins .. .. 7
Graham W. Elmes .. .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

\* 50th peal of Major.



## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Poppleston .. Treble	† Peter J. Kingscote .. .. 5
Sheila M. Anthony .. .. 2	David J. Marshall .. .. 6
Susanna Poppleston .. .. 3	Richard A. G. Inglis .. .. 7
* Peter Church .. .. 4	Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

\* First peal of Cambridge "inside." † First of Major and of Surprise.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Susanna Poppleston.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in F sharp.
Brian A. Tomlinson .. Treble	Cyril T. Collins .. .. 5
David W. Friend .. .. 2	Jack Chadwick .. .. 6
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 3	Clive M. Smith .. .. 7
* John E. Dolman .. .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Pamela Dolman, a member of the local band, and Mr. Charles Dixon, who were married at this church on June 7th, 1969.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOWDHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 m.v.: Two extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington. Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, three extents St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Old.

W. Gordon Marsh .. .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 3
Pamela J. Clifton .. .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. .. 4
H. Geoffrey Wells .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. Maurice Richardson as Vicar of Lowdham with Gunthorpe and Caythorpe.

## GOTHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

David Oliver .. .. Treble	Neil Handley .. .. 3
Arthur Newell .. .. 2	Reginald J. Stretton .. .. 4
Trevor H. Kirkman .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Trevor H. Kirkman.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday this day of Mrs. Betsy Lacey, the village's oldest resident and a member of the congregation of the Parish Church.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Robert Southgate .. .. Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. .. 5
Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 2	Michael J. Howes .. .. 6
Muriel R. Page .. .. 3	Ernest G. Pearce .. .. 7
Alan R. Munnings .. .. 4	Leslie G. Brett .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

First peal of Zurich by all the band and for the Guild.

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

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

On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

John C. Walters .. .. Treble	Neil V. Avis .. .. 5
Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 2	* J. Martin Thorley .. .. 6
Alan R. Bridges .. .. 3	Leslie G. Brett .. .. 7
W. Keith Whittell .. .. 4	Walter Arnold .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

\* 750th peal.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge S., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

W. Keith Whittell .. .. Treble	Robert J. Southgate .. .. 4
Martin H. Whittell .. .. 2	Roger L. K. Whittell .. .. 5
Alan R. Walters .. .. 3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer (née Andrews) and Neville Whittell, married a fortnight previously.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.
* Graham J. Catt .. .. Treble	Betty Percy .. .. 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. .. 2	Clive Brettell .. .. 6
J. Michael Swift .. .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. .. 7
Janet M. Percy .. .. 4	Charles R. Percy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Philip, to the treble ringer and Mrs. Catt, and with best wishes to John Hill and Heather Patty, who were married this day at Burgess Hill.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).	Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.
Frederick J. Lambert .. Treble	Alan R. Baldock .. .. 5
* Robert J. Fuller .. .. 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. .. 6
Peter D. Hepburn .. .. 3	David R. Reed .. .. 7
Brian E. Jeffrey .. .. 4	† Andrew G. Bassett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

John H. Prytherch .. .. Treble	Stephen Fenwick .. .. 5
J. Michael Lakin .. .. 2	Paul A. Williams .. .. 6
Susan Jackson .. .. 3	Michael R. Meadows .. .. 7
David J. Llewellyn .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. J. B. Stickland.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 7168 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 32 methods, comprising 224 changes each of Ashted, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Buckland, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Caversham, Cray, Double Dublin, Fairford, Glasgow, Harwell, Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Portishead, Pudsey, Rutland, Sonning, Tavistock, Thatcham, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 223 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Peter J. England .. .. Treble	Noel J. Diserens .. .. 5
John R. Mayne .. .. 2	James R. Taylor .. .. 6
Roger Baldwin .. .. 3	Anthony R. Peake .. .. 7
John H. Fielden .. .. 4	Brian Bladon .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

Barnwood: —56—14—56—1238—14—58—14—5.	f.
Bisley: —58—14—56—36,12—34,58,14—14,5.	f.
Fairford: —36—16—58—36—12—38,14—14,7.	e.
Thatcham: —38—14—58—36—34—38,12,36—1.	mx.
Sonning: 38—38,16—56—36,14—12,38,16—56,3.	b.
Buckland: —38—14—12—38—34—38—36—1.	mx.
Harwell: —56,34,16,58—16—34—58—12—1.	b.
Caversham: —58—16—56—16—34—14,58,36,12,34,7.	d.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Irregular 5-part.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in B.
J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Treble	Arthur D. Cook .. .. 5
M. Irene Brown .. .. 2	R. Arthur Peakman .. .. 6
Peter J. Brown .. .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 7
Morley P. Tobin .. .. 4	Clifford Skidmore .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. (No. 35.) Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch

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

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 of London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 107 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method.

Morley P. Tobin .. .. Treble	Gerald C. Hemming .. .. 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 6
Clifford Skidmore .. .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 7
* Arthur C. Berry .. .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

\* First peal of five-spliced.

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# NOTICES

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## BIRTHS

COOPER.—On June 27th. to Edna (née Frith) and Chris, a son (Michael James). 7557

PRESTON.—To Pamela (née Webb) and Barry, a daughter, Caroline Lorraine, on June 13th. 1969. 7563

STREET.—On June 23rd. 1969, at West Cumberland Hospital, to Marjorie (née Pearson) and Brian, of St. Bees, Cumberland, a daughter, Jennifer Forster Street. 7576

## ENGAGEMENT

DAVIES—WINNETT.—The engagement is announced between Geraldine Winnett and Trevor Davies, both of Grayshott, Hampshire. 7567

## DEATH

HOWCHIN.—On June 28th. 1969, in hospital, Bertie James, aged 79, of Norwich, for some years Master of the Mancroft Guild of Ringers. 7555

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SMITH.—The address of Susan E. Smith is now Flat B. Hareby House, 10, London Road, Boston, Lincs. Home address still 25, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. 7570

## PERSONAL

"A good man is merciful and lendeth: and will guide his words with discretion . . . He will not be afraid of any evil tidings: for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord." —Psalm cxii, 5, 7.

## FOR SALE

"BELL NEWS AND RINGERS RECORD", Nos. 1890, 93, 94, 96, 98; 1900-20 inclusive. Also volumes of "The Ringing World", Nos. 1921-28 inclusive. All of them to be in excellent condition — Box 7552, "The Ringing World" Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 7552

## CARILLON RECITAL

SALTLEY, Birmingham, Rosary Church, Parkfield Road (opposite Country Girl).—Recital, Sunday, July 13th. 6.40-7.30 p.m., by Peter Stratford, hon. assistant carillonneur at Loughborough. 7282

## MISCELLANEOUS

TOUR.—Owing to cancellations some vacancies exist for ringing tour of Northern England, July 26th-August; 2nd. Details from: Semken, c/o 51, Mill Street, Hereford. 7572

WILLINGDON, Eastbourne.—Ringers' service, Sunday, July 13th. 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments in Church Hall after service.—R. W. R. Percy 7551

## PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting. Minehead (10), Saturday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. and at Luccombe (6) on Saturday, July 19th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7520

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—No practice on Friday, July 11th. Midland Counties meeting at Hoar Cross.—G. H. Lane. 7554

## ADVANCE NOTICE

CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL  
Saturday, October 11th — 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
FESTIVAL SERVICE. Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.  
14 Towers — Ideal for Outings — Tower Collectors Welcome  
Further details later, or send s.a.e. to:—  
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## MISCELLANEOUS

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Danbury (8), 3-4.30.  
Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, Great Baddow, followed by meeting.  
Great Baddow (8), 6.30-8.  
Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB

### ALL SAINTS', GAINSBOROUGH Saturday, October 4th

Bells (8) available all day in conjunction with Flower Festival. Visiting bands welcome—book your times now—ideal for your outing  
Write to C. H. Baker, 29, Tennyson Street, Gainsborough, Lincs. 7538

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Sunday services:  
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.  
Mattins, 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar.  
Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Truro. 7515

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION N.E. DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 19th  
Gt. Bentley (8) 10.30-11.30 Ardleigh (8)  
Thorrington (6) 11.45-12.45 Mistley (6)  
St. Osyth (6) 2-2.45 Tendring (6)  
Gt. Holland (8) 3-3.30 Thorpe (6)  
Kirby-le-Soken (8) 3.30  
Service 4.30, followed by meeting.  
Tea, names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken.  
Sunday, July 20th

### KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS' SUNDAY

Ringings at 7 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for services at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11 a.m. (Matins) and 6.30 p.m. (Evensong) respectively.  
Preachers:  
11 a.m., Rev. B. Redger.  
6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Colchester.  
Also open: Great Bentley (8), 2-2.45; Tendring (6), 2.45-3.15; Great Holland (8) 5.15 p.m.  
Tea (at F. Lufkin's house) and breakfast free to those who notify Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.  
Come and join us.  
Make a week-end of it. 7564

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, on Saturday, July 19th. Meet at church at 2 p.m. for match at Tanfield Lea. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheesman, Gibside House, Gibside, Newcastle upon Tyne. 7585

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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## SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 26th

Ringings:  
Saturday: 10-11.15, 3.30-4.30, 6.15-7.30  
Sunday: 8.45-9.45, 5.30-6.30  
All visitors welcome. 7587

## CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS

(Ten bells, tenor 22 cwt 9 lb. in E flat)

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 12th, 13th and 14th

Applications would be welcome from complete, competent bands to attempt quarter peals (8 and 10 bells only) on Saturday, September 13th, commencing promptly at the following times:—

10.30 a.m.	4.15 p.m.
2.30 p.m.	6.0 p.m.

7.45 p.m.

On application please state choice of three times in order of preference, number of bells and method proposed to ring. Each band will be allowed up to 1½ hours to ring the quarter peal. Closing date for application August 2nd. Application to Miss W. E. Marriott, 51, Corby Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 7542

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX FLOWER AND BELL FESTIVAL

July 19th and 20th, 1969

Visit this lovely old country town church Bells (6) all day, Saturday and usual times for Sunday service. Refreshments available both days 7386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley Kent, September 27th. 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.—Ringing Day, July 12th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided by the Abbey ringers, their wives and friends. Names, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## MEETINGS

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—An evening meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Friday, July 11th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 and tea in the School at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Burton Hastings, 10-10.45 a.m.; Wolvey, 10.45-11.45 a.m.; Bulkington, 11.30-12.30 p.m.; Shilton, 2-3 p.m.; Brinklow, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Monk's Kirby, 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 7531



**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting, Staveley, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—M. Phipps, R. Fletcher, Hon. Secs. 7525

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, July 12th, Whittlesford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting only if necessary, then Duxford (6) until 8 p.m.—J. S. 7512

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Wanstead, July 12th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenheys Drive, South Woodford, E.18. 7503

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. 7526

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Watford District.—Aldenhall (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. R. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett, Tel. Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7484

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—Meeting, Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 7532

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at St. Peter-in-Thanet, Broadstairs (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. W. Bridges, Cuba House, 8, Swinburne Avenue, Broadstairs.—J. B. K. 7548

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7529

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Samlesbury, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Clayton, Ingledale, Preston New Road, Mellor Brook, near Blackburn, BB2 7PU.—R. Barnes, Branch Sec. 7574

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. K. A. 7588

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Walesby, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by picnic tea and business meeting.—G. R. P. 7538

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30-3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30-4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30-7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4. No name no tea.—M. R. W. Sec. 7406

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kintbury, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury, Berks. 7581

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Martin's, Stamford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6-7.30. Service 4.15. Also Easton-on-the-Hill (4) 3-4: All Saints', Stamford, 7-9 p.m. Names non-essential.—R. Daw, Sec. 7537

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY** and **DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Staveley on July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eckington (8) 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—R. Fletcher, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 7524

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Saturday, July 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, Ringing in the evening at St. Chad's, 7.15-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. No name no tea. 7547

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Gedling, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous. 7565

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Horringer (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mrs. F. Potter, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 7518

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—Striking contest at Thakeham, Saturday, July 12th, starting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Bells (6) available for other ringing after competition. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7534

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Lockerley (6), July 12th. Bells available from 6.30. All welcome.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7545

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Toddington (6), Wednesday, July 16th, 7.30 p.m. 7578

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on July 15th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 15th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; July 22nd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 29th, St. Lawrence Jewry; August 5th, St. Giles', Cripplegate: all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 7546

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Western District.—Practice, Mells, Somerset (8), 7.30 p.m., Thursday, July 17th. All friends welcome.—B. J. 7550

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 19th, Pilton (6). Service 4.30 p.m. 7575

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting Chard, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by July 14th.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 7556

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—Meeting, July 19th, Castle Hedingham (6). Names for tea (essential) to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, by Friday, 18th. Service 4 p.m. 7540

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Cranham (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Quarterly business meeting and Branch striking competition to follow tea. Names for tea with money (2/6 per head) to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL2 6PX, by Tuesday, 15th. No name and money no tea. 7573

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Watermoor (8), 5.30-8.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 7580

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, July 19th, St. Michael's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Kirk, 7, Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead (Tel. 3090).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7519

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Great Horstead (6), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Windmill, Standon, 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Standon (6) in the evening, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 7583

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to S. Rayfield, 48, Main Road, Queenborough, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 7579

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify W. J. Beeching, Hills Farm, Ruckinge, Ashford (phone: Ham Street 524), by Thursday, July 17th.—A. P. S. B. 7549

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Tonbridge District.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, "Golden Jubilee of the Bells", Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by July 16th. 7558

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Melton District.—Full meeting, Gaddesby, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. N. Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby, Leics (Tel. G. 294), by 17th.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 7577

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Medbourne, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Horse and Trumpet.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7590

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (West Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Lincs Branch).—Meeting at Stow, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. Special methods the Ockley Group and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7469

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Heydour, near Grantham, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing commencing at 6 p.m. Special method: Yorkshire, All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7571

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Pinner, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing from 4-5 p.m., followed by tea. Service 6. Also evening ringing. Ruistlip bells available 2.30-3.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7553

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 19th, Kingston (8), 3-4.15. Service at Swanage 4.30. Swanage (8) 7 p.m.—Names for tea to Mrs. M. Howitt, Swanston, Russell Avenue, Swanage, by July 16th. 7421

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Southern Division) and **LADIES' GUILD**.—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th. Bells: Twineham (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Henfield, 5, followed by Ladies' Guild business meeting. Evensong 6.30. Ringing, Henfield (8), till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.), 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7198

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Guildford Cathedral, Monday, July 21st, 7.30-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7566

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Surprise practice in the evening if possible.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Mitcheldean (8), July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. 7562

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Chiddingfold, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. H. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, by Tuesday, 22nd. 7568



## HANDBELL PEALS

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HANDBELL DAY—JUNE 21st, 1969.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE—MINOR TO MAXIMUS

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.  
In 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Jill Staniforth .. 1-2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6  
Robert B. Smith .. 3-4 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. 7-8  
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.  
In 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.  
Alfred Ballard .. 1-2 | David F. Moore .. 3-4  
Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 5-6LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.  
In 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*Richard A. G. Inglis .. 1-2 | Alfred Ballard .. 5-6  
Peter J. Staniforth .. 3-4 | David F. Moore .. 7-8  
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.  
\* 25th handbell peal and 50th peal of Cambridge.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12a, Westray Drive.

In 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.  
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 1-2 | Robert B. Smith (cond.) .. 3-4  
Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 5-6LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.  
In 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*David F. Moore .. 1-2 | Alfred Ballard .. 7-8  
Jill Staniforth .. 3-4 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9-10  
Peter J. Staniforth .. 5-6 | Robert B. Smith .. 11-12  
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells, completing Cambridge from Minor to Maximus both on handbells and tower bells.LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.  
In 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore .. 1-2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6  
Peter J. Staniforth .. 3-4 | Robert B. Smith .. 7-8  
Alfred Ballard .. 9-10  
Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

This is the greatest number of peals of Surprise (four) to be rung on handbells by one band in one day.

## QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell (cond.) 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALGARINK, Lincs.—On June 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom (first Minor) 1, M. J. Balcher (first Minor) 2, Mrs. Rhoda Reynolds 3, H. Taylor 4, W. B. Dawson 5, H. Barsley (cond.) 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. T. Eyre 1, Pauline Hillson 2, D. Hammond 3, C. Branson 4, R. Chapman 5, R. Piron (cond.) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Steel.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, Anne Carpenter 3, H. E. Wells 4, P. G. Davies 5, W. L. Gilks 6, J. P. Blond 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. Also on June 19th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Mary Wells 1, H. E. Wells 2, P. J. Dye 3, P. G. Davies 4, W. L. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicolas-of-Myra, on June 15th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: A. W. Bond 1, A. P. Fester (cond.) 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, R. I. Vaughn (first Yorkshire) 5, T. G. Williams 6, B. J. Read (first Surprise Royal "inside") 7, M. S. Loveday 8, R. J. Talbot 9, R. H. Newton 10. For Evensong.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 23rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, J. J. George 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Canon A. S. Roberts 4, F. M. Bowers 5, R. W. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgley (cond.) 7, M. J. Smaldon 8.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. E. Hall 1, Mrs. A. Newing 2, Rev. P. Newing 3, B. W. Hall 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, Canon Elliot Wigg (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: J. B. Helder 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Forbes-Harper 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. J. Cooles 5, R. A. Grant 6, P. J. Munday (comp. and cond.) 7, J. C. Davidge 8, A. D. Elmsore 9, J. Aronson 10. First in the extension by all the band. Rung as an engagement compliment to Adrienne Gibson and Roger M. Heyworth. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. R. Aronson (first T.B.) 1, Sally Forbes-Harper 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. C. Davidge 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 3, 4, 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain): F. Dawson 1, T. R. Rigby 2, P. R. Wild 3, Susan O'Neill (cond.) 4, J. R. Anthony 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.—At McMaster University, on June 17th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. M. Sawyer 1-2, D. R. Ingram 3-4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5-6, J. Owen 7-8.

HORNCASTLE, Lincs.—On June 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, Edna Bennett 3, H. Bennett 4, P. Reynolds 5, R. Bennett (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 5.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.—On June 14th, 1,320 Middleton Stoney Doubles: Mrs. D. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5. First in the variation by all.

## OTHER HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in A.

Keith J. Walpole .. 1-2 | N. David Lane .. 7-8  
\*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4 | Robert Peers .. 9-10  
Eric J. Gilbert .. 5-6 | †Charles F. Pocock .. 11-12  
Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.  
\* 100th peal, † First on handbells and first on 12 bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.

On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods. (1) Durham, (2) London, (3) Beverley, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) York, (7) Cambridge, 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

Most Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and the Association.

Rung as birthday compliments to Simon Burnett and Susan Thompson.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.

On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor size 14 in D.  
Geoffrey Bridges .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4  
\*A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

\* 150th peal. The greatest number of Surprise methods to a handbell peal for all the band and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willesey Road.

On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED PLAIN AND TREBLE BOB MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,696 Kent Treble Bob, with 72 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.  
Frances Fairbank .. 1-2 | Hugh N. Evans .. 5-6  
Valerie Willard .. 3-4 | Cyril A. Wratten .. 7-8  
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.  
First peal in these two methods by all the band and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Leatherhead District.)

ASHTED, Surrey.—At Woodview, 39, Overdale.

On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

\*Gerald Bromley .. 1-2 | †N. David Robinson .. 5-6  
†David W. James .. 3-4 | †Tony Skilton .. 7-8  
Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Tony Skilton.  
\* First peal of Major "in hand." † First on eight bells "in hand."  
† First "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on June 22nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Susan Turcan 1, K. Warner 2, D. Heath 3, Jillian Turcan 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, Barbara Shaw 7, D. Wright 8, C. Wright 9, M. Hollis 10. First on ten 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On June 8th, 1,279 Grandsire Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

STEWKLEY, BEDS.—On June 21st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, Hilary Aslett 2, June Sinfield 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, P. Aslett 5, F. Byrne 6, R. E. Sheppard 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For the flower festival and village fete.

TRENT, DORSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, R. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, H. Brooks 6. For the church fete, and a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. Mead, of West Coker.

WELLESBOURNE, WARCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Sellicks (first quarter) 1, M. Wilcox (first "inside") 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Elizabeth Mackie 4, L. Mackie 5, A. P. Fester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Sheila Hinton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kemp 2, F. Harper 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, I. West 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

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# HANDBELL RINGERS AS GUARD OF HONOUR



## MIDDLESEX-SUSSEX WEDDING

**A** COUPLE who met through their shared interest in bellringing were married at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, Sussex, on May 31st. They were David Pickett, of Stanwell, Middlesex, and Diane Mullins, of Warnham.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in the morning by a combined Middlesex-Sussex band and the local handbell ringers rang "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" during the signing of the register. The Rev. J. Green, of Lodsworth, friend of the couple, officiated, assisted by the Rev. M. Newman, Vicar of Warnham.

David is the tower captain of St. Mary's, Stanwell, and Diane is a ringer at Warnham. The handbell ringers formed a guard of honour outside the church and the wedding was attended by many ringing friends.

C.V.

**TEWIN, HERTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Peacock (first away from tenor) 1, A. G. Sears 2, N. S. Blamire-Brown (first as cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, D. S. Harris 5, S. Marshall (first quarter) 6. To welcome Anthony Martin Orme, great-grandson of ringer of 4.

**TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hammond 1, M. N. Tickner (aged 11) 2, Lesley Tickner (15) 3, J. F. Eaton 4, L. V. Tickner 5, A. A. Leonard (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 5. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Tickner on their silver wedding anniversary.

**TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.**—On May 10th, 720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob: W. A. Yates 1, R. W. Yates 2, W. D. Lanyon 3, P. J. Lankester 4, G. W. Holland 5, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the achievement of a flying scholarship by the conductor.

**WALDRON, SUSSEX.**—On May 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: F. Lambert 1, Janet Percy 2, Ann Harris 3, Betty Percy 4, Christine Baldock 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8.

**WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, H. H. N. Duncan 7, M. Cook 8. For Evensong.

**WATH-ON-DEARN, YORKS.**—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miner 1, Mrs. M. Smalley 2, A. Bower (first quarter) 3, J. Smalley 4, D. Burling 5, G. W. Pilkington 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, now resident at Wath-on-Dearn.

**SAXILBY, LINCOLN.**—On May 25th, 1,320 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Mrs. G. East 1, J. M. Blaikie 2, M. L. Mann 3, D. Surman 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 15th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. G. East 1, Mrs. P. A. Crosby 2, D. Surman 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, H. W. Cox 5, R. I. Crosby 6. For Evensong.

**SEND, SURREY.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey 1, J. Bailey 2, Anne Anthony 3, N. Summerhayes 4, A. Flood (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung for the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**SENNEN, CORNWALL.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Carter 1, W. R. Curtis 2, Christine Worth 3, J. J. George 4, J. Taysome (cond.) 5, D. Head 6.

**SILVERDALE, LANCS.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1, Frances Pellatt 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, A. Brown 4, K. J. Foster (first as cond.) 5, E. Bournemouth 6.

**SKIPTON, YORKS.**—On June 8th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: I. Cox 1, R. Crabtree 2, G. Featherstone 3, C. Lawson 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Hillary 6, M. Harker 7, D. Featherstone 8. Also on June 15th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: I. Cox 1, S. Rhodes 2, W. Pallister 3, A. Stott 4, E. Lee (cond.) 5, B. Schofield 6, M. Hillary 7, M. Harker 8.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Hemsley 1, B. C. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. Most methods to a quarter peal by all except ringers of 2 and 5.

**SOPLEY, HANTS.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. V. Davis (cond.) 1, F. W. Freeman 2, G. W. J. Scragg 3, I. Saunders 4, H. K. Nichols 5, R. Childs 6. A compliment to Rev. W. T. Godfrey, who was ordained at Winchester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

**SOUTHWARK, S.E.**—At the Cathedral, on June 15th, 1,287 Stedman Cinques: Patricia Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, C. T. Richards 3, Deborah Bishop 4, P. N. Felton 5, C. W. Longden 6, A. S. Bishop 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, K. J. Rider 11, A. J. Taylor 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

**STAFFORD.**—On June 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: K. Daniels 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**STOWE, BUCKS.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. N. Weston 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, R. W. Yates 3, P. J. Lankester 4, J. L. Thorogood (cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Q. Drayson, headmaster of Stowe School. Average age of the band 16½.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1, Gillian Eldridge (first "inside") 2, R. Funnell 3, Christine Baldock 4, A. Baldock (cond., 175th quarter) 5, L. Tapp 6. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Jane Woodward 1, Susan Harrison 2, Christine Baldock 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, I. Rees (first Doubles) 6. First in five methods by all. Rung prior to a musical recital. Also on June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Baldock 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, Jane Mason (cond.) 3, C. Percy (first P.B. Doubles) 4, T. Barlow 5, R. Funnell 6. Rung prior to the singing of the Office of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. G. Chiplin 1, C. J. Smith 2, Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For Whitsuntide. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. G. Chiplin 1, C. J. Smith 2, Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 1, C. J. Smith 2, C. G. Chiplin (first "inside") 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome into full membership of the Church 64 people confirmed here this day by the Bishop of Peterborough.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Field 1, Susan Stott 2, A. House 3, J. Trim 4, Mrs. J. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, F. Meredith 8. First in method 1, 2, 8. For Evensong and St. John's Patronal Festival.

**WICKWAR, GLOS.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, Miss V. Parfitt 2, B. Angel 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. J. Smart 6. By Westerleigh Sunday service ringers. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Miss S. Gifford 1, K. W. Scudamore 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, L. Francombe 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, C. Batten 6. By Coalpit Heath S.S.R. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Miss E. M. Bliss (cond.) 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, M. Rose 5, H. Telling 6. By Cirencester Parish Church S.S.R. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss M. Cox 1, Mrs. S. Drew 2, K. W. Scudamore 3, H. Taysom (cond.) 4, T. Jefferies 5, R. H. Driver 6. By Frampton Cotterell and Winterbourne S.S.R. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Robinson 1, Miss R. Rose 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore (first quarter as cond.) 3, K. W. Scudamore 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, R. Fry 6. By Wickwar and Coalpit Heath S.S.R. All rung to mark the restoration of Wickwar Parish Church and rededication of the Weavers' Guild Chapel.

**WOODSTON, HUNTS.**—On June 15th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford, Cambridge): Gwen M. Roffe 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. M. Roffe 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For morning service on the Patronal Festival, attended by the Bishop of Peterborough.



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WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Mrs. G. H. Randles 2, Miss B. Carter 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathall 7, E. Edwards 8. For the installation of the Mayor of Wrexham, Councillor H. Moore.

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