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St. Alphage Church, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Alphege, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent

By DAVID L. CAWLEY, F.S.A. Scot.
(Tower Captain)

OLD editions of the one-inch Ordnance Survey map of East Kent bear towards their top left-hand corner a cross with Gothic letters saying "St. Alphege's Church (Rem. Of)". More recent editions have been corrected for although what the towerless building is is but a fragment of an old and once larger building, it is still in regular use, and far from being lifeless "remains". But to find the present Parish Church of Seasalter one has to go nearly two miles into the very heart of the town of Whitstable where, in the centre of the main street, rises the square ragstone tower of the present Parish Church of Seasalter. Its situation in the middle of Whitstable High Street has brought many ringers to its doorstep, and many have been fooled by the plaques in the porch referring to the installation and restoration of "This peal of bells". Alas, they were looking for the Parish Church of Whitstable, a mile-and-a-half away in the old village inland, and "This peal of bells" was in fact a set of brass tubes. The reasons for this anomalous situation will be apparent from a brief record of its history.

The earliest church at Seasalter was originally dedicated to St. Peter. According to the "Osbern Chronicle", now in the Cathedral Library, Canterbury, after the callous murder of St. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, at Greenwich (whose church bears the dedication of St. Alfege) in 1019, the body was first interred in St. Paul's, but after his canonization it was transferred to Canterbury Cathedral, where it remained in a notable shrine, later second only to St. Thomas-a-Becket. Though it would be more reasonable to assume that the journey would follow the old Roman Watling Street, tradition has it that at Rochester Bridge the royal barge was berthed, and the corpse embarked for the North Kent coast on the last part of its journey to Canterbury: as an act of penance the King, Canute, a Dane by birth, but also a Christian, steered the barge. The body was received by the monks of Christ Church, Canterbury, and placed in the little coast-line church of St. Peter, Seasalter. There it rested for three days, in gratitude for which the parishioners had their building rededicated in honour of Alphege.

In 1099 the church was the victim of a flood and was totally destroyed, though bones are still very occasionally washed up by the sea from near its inundated site (which was laid bare by a flood in 1779). The new building, consisting simply of chancel, nave, south porch and massive west tower, was commenced soon after, three-quarters of a mile inland, and about 1235 underwent a thorough remodelling. Its history was uneventful until about 1650, when the tower collapsed, being replaced only by a wooden turret, the porch being rebuilt in 1744. The church gradually deteriorated, however, and this was not helped by a steady drift of population eastwards, to "Whitstable Street", where there was a natural haven for the mainly fishing population, but no church, the old Parish Church of Whitstable being still further east in "Church Street".

MOVED INTO WHITSTABLE

In 1845 it was decided to close the old building, and a new one was to be built on

a site in what is now Whitstable High Street, then on the eastern border of Seasalter Parish. The building, designed by Hezekiah Marshall, of Canterbury, has no claims to architectural beauty or correctness (it is described as being "in the Early English style", though many of its arches look vaguely "Tudor"!). Judging by pictures of the interior made at the time it was very bare (although Archbishop Howley who consecrated it on October 9th, 1845, thought it "second to none"—he did not say to what—in his diocese). Now judicious rearrangements of 1898 and 1956-64 have transformed it, and it is a much-visited building, well worth a visit for its liturgical arrangements, a thriving, thronging parish church, in the heart of the town and in the townspeople's hearts.

Two miles to the west, in 1846, they pulled down the nave of the old building, its chancel being saved by the patron, Mr. William Hyder, who used its vaults both for burials and, so we judge, the hiding of contraband. The old burial ground remained in use. In 1902 occasional services were restarted in the old chancel, and in the 1930s the vaults were filed in and some refitting carried out. A regular Sunday service was started and today the little building, the smallest in the diocese—it seats only 44—is often filled to capacity—a splendid resurrection.

BELLS STOLEN

History of the bells is little documented. We do not know how many there were at the time of the Reformation, possibly three and a sanctus; there was certainly more than one for in 1561 we read that the parishioners complained that "the bells are stolen away and conveyed to Mr Lynche's house at Sandwich". Simon Lynche was Mayor of Sandwich at the time, and it may be that some of the bell metal now or formerly in the three Sandwich towers, or in his home village at Staple, formerly hung at Seasalter. We do not know the outcome. About 1590 the parishioners were ordered to purchase two bells; whether they did or not we do not know, but the present Old Church bell dates from only two years after. Possibly the other was bought but was later sold or perished when the tower fell down. Only one bell survived in 1790, hanging in the wooden turret, and when this was taken down in 1846 it was hung in the existing arch gable. The bell is 23 inches in diameter, bearing the inscription "Robertus mot me fecit (M) 1592". It was rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1966—thus preserving a connexion of little under 400 years.

When the new church was built the wife of the Lord of the Manor, Wynn Ellis, M.P., gave a large bell. This was invoiced with its gear to Mr. Ellis at £93 7 10. It was delivered to Whitstable by barge, the frame being built locally. Weighing 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., it was 42 inches in diameter, note F sharp, and it was inscribed: C & G MEARS FOUNDERS LONDON / THE GIFT OF Mrs. WYNN ELLIS OF TANKERTON 1845. It was rung inverted until 1939, and caused considerable damage to the tower. In 1851 a clock by Hardman, of Canterbury, was installed which struck the hours on the bell until the striking train broke down in 1961.

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The only break with Whitechapel occurred in 1920. In that year Mr. Alfred Nicholls, a native of Whitstable, living at Stockfield-on-Tyne, offered the church a set of eight tubular bells as a war memorial. The gift was accepted: the bells were installed, being operated by a chiming manual, at a cost of approximately £250. They were made by the firm of Harrington Holland and Co., of 164, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry, who furnished testimonials reading, for example (Walton, nr. Felixstowe): "... a most fitting War Memorial ... just as effective and sweet as the best Cathedral bells ... (Drybrook): "... the bells have again and again been pronounced as being magnificent." The writer refrains from making personal comment on the taste of those who made such pronouncements. The tubes were of brass and never completely successful. In 1947 they were repaired through the generosity of Mrs. M. Burrough, in memory of her son. The writer remembers their quaint plonking notes, accompanied by a good deal of mechanical noise. By 1968 they had again become very poor, and the large bell had for some while been deemed unsafe, a small crack also having appeared in its lip. It was then decided to attempt to install a new ring of bells.

Story continued on next page.

SEASALTER BELLS—continued

Retrieved from Desolation of Battle School Area

SAD PICTURE IN NORFOLK

The writer had, during his teaching time in Norfolk, become acquainted with one of England's saddest spots—the Battle School Area which has depopulated and destroyed the villages of Stanford (whose bell is now at Kilifi), Langford (also one bell), West Tofts (a famous Taylor eight, with two sanctus bells) and Tottington (long known as an unringable six). Alone the churches remain: villages have been eradicated, grass grows in the streets, the land if often derelict, torn from its owners by compulsory purchase measures. He visited all the churches, now empty and forlorn, and saw the bells standing in West Tofts church. At the outset it was obvious that the West Tofts eight are intact and should remain so, but the Tottington bells are a different case. For a start, the fourth and fifth are cracked around their shoulder very badly. Then the middle four seem to be cast on a very thin scale. The tenor is quoted as 9 cwt. but even on a normal scale would have weighed no more than 7½. In view of the weights of the other five (of which the treble was the heaviest!) it could have been anything!

First of all Canon Thurlow was approached, together with the Hon. Richard de Grey, who cares most conscientiously for the structural repairs in the four surviving Battle Area churches. They both promised every assistance. Nothing of this nature had been undertaken before, and it was perhaps unfortunate that approach was made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee without seeing who was responsible for Tottington Parish first; but it was to the credit of the Rev. Reggie Wylam, its secretary, that suitable contact was speedily made with the Rev. Geoffrey Highmore, priest-in-charge of Thompson with Sturston and Tottington. Application was made to them, but their P.C.C. was naturally hesitant at first about giving bells away—especially to a place called Seasalter, in Kent, whose representatives they had never met or heard from.

TRANSFER FACULTY AGREED

However, a very fruitful meeting was held in July, 1968, attended by Canon Thurlow and the writer, with the happy result that the parishioners were able to resolve to ask for a faculty to transfer the bells to Seasalter; and at the Whitstable end a faculty to instal them had to be obtained. The tenor bell was to be retained in store at West Tofts in case it was needed for use elsewhere—a tragic decision, for in June of this year it and the seven smaller West Tofts bells were stolen from the church. The remaining Tottington bells were removed to Whitechapel in January, the fifth being in pieces by then and the fourth with a chunk out of it. The condition of the three others was such that it was thought advisable to recast them. A word to preserve their memory is appropriate here.

The Church of St. Andrew, Tottington, is a magnificent product of the great building centuries, vying with West Tofts whose glory is of a later age. In the great western tower hung three bells, recorded in 1553 as weighing 6, 11 and 15 cwt. In 1650 the tenor was recast by John Brend II, of Norwich, and in 1663 the future fifth by Robert Gurney, of Bury St. Edmunds. In 1755 bells were cast or recast and the ring augmented

to five by the Whitechapel Foundry, then owned by Lester and Pack. Finally, in 1851 Messrs. John Taylor and Son added the treble, a good-toned bell. At some later period the back five bells were equipped with clapper looking like sledgehammers, but the fifth became so seriously cracked that it was taken down and for many years stood at the back of the church. The other five were chimed, but no one remembers ringing them: inverted. They were unringable at the time of their removal for safety on the closure of the village in 1942—a situation which did not prevail at West Tofts, whose bells were pealed in 1938.

Particulars of these are as follows:—

Treble: (24½", 3-2-25 in F sharp) John Taylor and Son 1851. / Gloria : in : excelsis : Deo.

Second: (25½", 2-2-20 in E) LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT J755

Third: (26½", 2-3-19 in D) LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT J755

Fourth: (cracked; 27½", 3-0-0 in C sharp) LESTER & PACK FECIT (two ornamental loops). This inscription is very rough, on the waist (? an afterthought).

Fifth: (cracked; 30", 2-3-26 in B) ROBOARD * GVRNEY MADE ME * 1665

Tenor: (stolen; 34", 7 cwt., approx., in A) JOHN BREND MADE ME 1650

TRAINING RINGERS

Meanwhile a party of ringers had been in training for Seasalter; 14 have kept it up, eager enthusiasts who have tried their hand on the bells of Graveney (3), Whitstable All Saints' (6), St. Alphege, Canterbury (6), Herne (6), Hernhill (8), but chiefly Chislet (the grand old six—of which the 4th is cracked and disused—restored by Taylors in 1959, and for the use of which we are so grateful both to tower captain George Hartfield and the Rev. G. H. A. Stephens, Vicar). The learners' enthusiasm knows no bounds, and as this is being written the ringing room is being prepared by them, and the old single bell and tubes were removed by them to Whitechapel.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, the newest six in Kent were cast in the presence of some of the local band. An interesting tour of the foundry was conducted by Mr. Bill Hughes, to whom we are grateful for advice and a stimulating visit. Details of the new bells record their origin; the back five are the old Tottington front five recast, also recording details of past benefactors; the treble an addition by the writer's family in memory of his father, a former churchwarden. Details:—

Treble (17" diameter, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E): GILBERT WATSON CAWLEY / CHURCHWARDEN 1964-1967 / THE GIFT OF HIS FAMILY / 19(W)69

Second (18", 1-1-26 in D): 1851 / ALFRED & AUGUSTA NICHOLLS Third (19", 1-2-22 in C): 1755 / JAMES HUBERT BURROUGH

Fourth (20", 1-3-13 in B): 1755 / WYNN AND MARY ELLIS

Fifth (22", 2-1-15 in A): ∞ LESTER & PACK FECIT J755 / BARRETT BEQUEST 1968

Tenor (24", 3-1-13 in G). ROBOARD * GVRNEY MADE ME * 1665 / FIVE

BELLS FROM ST ANDREW, TOTTINGTON, NORFOLK / ALL RECAST 1969. / RECAST 19(W)69 WHITECHAPEL

2, 3, 4 and 5 also bear:

RECAST / 19(W)69 /

SPECIAL THANKS

It would be invidious to single out any person who has been helpful, and I hope that they will take this as acknowledgment of our collective thanks. Special mention must, however, be made of the generosity of the people of Thompson and Tottington in particular and the Norwich Diocesan authorities in general for allowing us to have the five Tottington bells; to the late Mrs. K. Barrett for money used in restoring the tower; and to the Barron Bell Trust for a handsome donation. The bells will be (D.V.) dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on Sunday, September 21st, 1969, at 11.15 a.m., and we hope that many ringers will join us then.

Over the Norfolk heathland the yellow charlock blows, turning the war-scarred fields into sheets of gold. Amidst the desolation of its village, the unscarred tower of Tottington church still proudly proclaims that God's Church transcends man's material struggles, though the bells which gave it speech are now gone. Out in Whitstable Bay the sea is dotted with sails, children play on its beaches, traffic roars up past the grey church tower which proclaims with new voice the triumph of God Himself over things material. A far cry from the lonely village in Norfolk, yet close in God's increasing purpose. Who has prospered the scheme to give new life to Tottington bells at Seasalter, bells which ring out in vibrant witness to the Resurrection of Christ; Sown in dishonour, but Raised in Glory.

BELLS STOLEN FROM ESSEX CHURCH

Three 17th century bells were stolen from St. Mary's Church, Little Oakley, near Colchester, Essex, on August 28th. This is the latest of bell thefts in Essex—there were earlier raids at Stores Green and Brentwood.

Thieves broke into the church by the west door, the first time it had been opened for 17 years. Slats from the windows in the belfry were torn out, and the bells dropped 60 feet to the ground. A fourth bell which was cracked was left on the floor of the belfry.

Valuable silverware including the chalice, flagon, patten and an alms dish were also stolen.

Mr. Claude Rush informs us that according to Deedes and Walters' "Church Bells of Essex", Little Oakley's four bells were all Miles Graye's of Colchester. They are all shown as inscribed "Miles Graye made me" with the respective dates 1612, 1615, 1633 and 1652. The treble was cast during the earlier years of Graye's work and, it seems, though the name Graye is shown, it should read Graie, the type being of medium size (larger than their earliest bells but smaller than from 1613 onwards). It is likely that these inscriptions will never be seen again whole, which is very unfortunate. The tenor was shown as cracked in 1909, when "Church Bells of Essex" was published.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

THE SECOND NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

By W. H. JACKSON

THIS is a story of how some English emigrés in the New World, for the second time in recent years, have contrived to re-unite for a weekend of what for all of them used to be a key pursuit in England—tower bell ringing. It is a story centred in beautiful New England, the north-eastern tip of the U.S.A. into which you could set Great Britain quite comfortably; centred there, because New England provides North America's only "weekend motoring" circuit of four tower bell rings.

KENT SCHOOL QUARTER LAYS GOOD FOUNDATION

Geoff Davies and his wife Liz had planned from experience. Living now on New York's Long Island with their 3-year-old son Warwick, Geoff and Liz had made this trip before, and they knew that our satisfaction depended on the reconciliation of long mileages and limited ringing times at individual towers.

And now, logistically, on a beautiful Saturday morning in May, the far-flung group of 15 (and two children), had converged on the school in Kent, Connecticut.

Liz and Geoff had brought Ruth Horwood, a Durham University graduate who had just finished a year's post-graduate work at De Pauw University, near Indianapolis, Indiana, 900 miles to the south-west. Her academic business over, Ruth was "mopping up" the campanological opportunities on the eastern seaboard, and soon was destined to score a handbell peal in Canada (Toronto) and hopefully a ring down at Washington Cathedral before returning to her home in Brampton, near Scarborough. Now, however, she stood by to treble us into the weekend's peal attempt, of Yorkshire Major; for we were not enough to ring the ten.

Kent School looks (and possibly is) for all the world like a superbly equipped English boys' public school. If you know it, you probably do so from its crews' appearances at Henley Royal Regatta; and sure enough, as we paused, the odd sculler was to be seen on the river flowing past the school, driving his shell through a bridge arch which bore patriotic battle cries like BEA TABOR. For far away, what looked like a huge covered stadium luxuriously afforded the boys alternative forms of exercise.

The chapel and its linked tower stand back some one hundred yards from the rest of the school up on a wooded hillside, reserving judgment no doubt on the secular activities down below, and reminding the boys, by half-an-hour's ringing each evening, of higher things. Mr. William E. Howard, one of the teaching staff, oversees the boys' ringing, which we gathered was mainly self-taught rounds and Doubles; and to him we owe our thanks for the use of the bells and the polite reception his boys accorded us.

In their lovely sylvan setting, Kent School's 25 cwt. ten, with their longish



At Groton: Back upper row, from left to right: Bill Jackson, John Owen, Derek Sawyer, Geoff Davies and Mr. Laker.

Centre row, standing: Reginald Reed, Ralph Putt, Martin Faulkes, Christine, Eric Roberts and daughter, Ruth Horwood, Sue Sawyer, David Ingram.

Front: Liz Davies with Warwick.

draught, are certainly men's bells. From 300 miles north in Canada, the willing Martin Faulkes had been designated as our tenor ringer. Martin was a Leicestershire ringer before coming out with his new wife Helen for post-graduate study at the University of Kingston, Ontario, a few months ago—surely not long enough, he mistakenly imagined, for his hands to have softened.

We did not get the peal of Yorkshire Major; but we afterwards did score a workmanlike quarter of Plain Bob Major that, new as we were together, laid a good foundation for the week-end's quality of ringing that was to follow.

SMITH COLLEGE—DEBUTANTES' UTOPIA

150 miles to the North-East of Kent lies the tower of Northampton, Massachusetts, the home of Smith College for ladies. It could have been Utopia, for all the mundanity of its name. Smith is a private women's university on which untold fortunes have been lavished deliberately and successfully. Later on that balmy May evening we were to wander through the porter's lodge into the quadrangle where were our guest rooms for the night, marveling at the traditional atmosphere that blended the poise of some Oxford or Cambridge women's colleges with the unpretentious wealth of Croesus. Tuxedoed young gallants were arriving in de rigueur Maseratis

(Jaguars would do) to claim each his eager-eyed nymph for an evening excursion; whilst her upright bicycle, having no doubt performed its academic function for the day, stood forgotten, with many another, in the quadrangle. From the bough of a tree in the lawned quadrangle hung a swing, on which some patient suitor was waiting like a meditative pendulum, casting the odd hopeful glance at a certain window in the lovely "Georgian" facade. Poor man! But consider, you wealthy English debutantes, whether this idyllic New England education might not be an alternative course of higher education for you.

The bells at Smith, a recent light eight by Mears, are merely part of the university's superbly equipped secular complex known as the Centre for the Performing Arts. Russ Carpenter, Administrative Secretary to the College, keeps a strong torch alight here with an evidently keen band of learners. It is a delightful experience to ring in this deep-pile carpeted little belfry, and we soon had the easy-going bells tinkling round merrily to Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman, as well as some rounds and call change practice. It was all too short an hour, limited by the imminence of students' examinations, and afterwards we sat overlooking the small weir, drinking in the serenity of it all and grateful to Russ for this munificent arrangements for our comfort.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor

MR. RUSTY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—A Surprise Major method first rung to a peal at Norton, Worcs, was published on page 571 of "The Ringing World" under the name of "Mr. Rusty". The undersigned members of the Central Council's Records Committee feel that this is a most unsuitable name for a method, and ask the conductor of the peal, Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew, and his band to consider renaming it.

It is realised that the name is one in a series being used by Mr. Drew and, while strongly preferring a completely new name, we accept that the deletion of the word "Mr." from the title would leave a name more in keeping with the traditions of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS
JOHN R. MAYNE
DEREK E. SIBSON
CLIVE M. SMITH
CYRIL A. WRATTEN

TUNE RINGERS' RALLY

Dear Sir,—I have read the two letters by Michael King in recent issues of "The Ringing World" and feel that it is my duty to intervene before the matter gets completely out of hand.

The committee are fully aware of the many problems which lie ahead and are endeavouring to make sure that any mistakes which have been made in the past will not occur again. As we are a very young organisation and growing very rapidly it is inevitable that certain teething troubles will be encountered, and I sincerely hope that all our members will accept constructive criticism as part of the Exercise and not take personal umbrage at any fair comment.

I am sure that all who attended the rally at Worcester will agree that Tony Brazier and the Offenham Ringers did a wonderful job. As the number of teams attending the rallies increases there are bound to be certain administration problems, and I appeal to all members to be tolerant and let us continue meeting in the same friendly atmosphere as we have done in the past. Since the first rally at Norbury in 1966 I have made many friends throughout the country, and I sincerely hope that other members have had a similar experience.

In conclusion, may I remind all members that a special committee meeting has been arranged for Saturday, October 4th, to discuss the problems and comments raised since the last rally, and I should appreciate it if anyone with new ideas (constructive or otherwise) would write to me direct so that they can be fully discussed, in an endeavour to make sure that the next rally is as great a success as those which have been held in the past.—Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM HARTLEY,

Chairman, Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.

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Great Moor.
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METHODS NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—The Central Council most certainly altered the names of methods already rung and named, in 1928, but as it has now repented of its folly and reverted to the ancient principle of first band to ring a method has the right to name it, all that remains is to give the correct names for such of the methods contained in the Council's Collection as have been altered from their correct names. These are as follows:—

Hereward Bob=Hendon Bob. No. 5, page 7.
St. James's Youths' Exercise=St. Lawrence Bob. No. 8, p. 7.
Lytham Bob=Lytham Pleasure. No. 14, p. 8.
Killarney=St. Guthlac. No. 16, p. 8.
Ennerdale=Long Stanton. No. 20, p. 8.
Cumberland=Stoke-by-Nayland. No. 21, p. 8.
Stedman Slow Course=Wrekin Court. No. 27, p. 8.
Nelson T.B.=Denton. No. 9, p. 11.
Trinity Sunday=Coventry. No. 15, p. 12.
Waterford=Shamrock. No. 16, p. 12.
Berwyn=Bluebell. No. 17, p. 12.
Cheviot=Daffodil. No. 20, p. 12.
Chiltern=Fuchsia. No. 21, p. 13.
Cotswold=Foxglove. No. 22, p. 13.
Mendip=Hyacinth. No. 23, p. 13.
Pennine=Marigold. No. 24, p. 13.
Ockley=Trowell. No. 25, p. 14.
Capel=Overton. No. 26, p. 14.
Quantock=Dahlia. No. 27, p. 14.
Snowdon=Geranum. No. 28, p. 14.
Willesden=Grove. No. 13, p. 24.
Clarence=Duke of Clarence. No. 24, p. 25.
Elston=Woodside. No. 25, p. 25.
London Victory=Sutton. No. 27, p. 26.
Kirkstall=Middlewood. No. 28, p. 26.
Melrose=Mumbles. No. 33, p. 27.
Newdigate=Poynnton. No. 34, p. 27.
Charlwood=Grove. No. 35, p. 27.
Donottar=Lily. No. 2, p. 15.
Kentish=Kenilworth. No. 7, p. 15.
Berkeley=Kellaway. No. 8, p. 15.
Pembroke=Tavistock. No. 10, p. 16.
Pontefract=Vulcan. No. 12, p. 16.
Pevensey=Leytonstone. No. 33, p. 20.
Rossendale=Lancashire. No. 22, p. 32.

There are also the Castles and Abbeys, some of which were first rung as Castles and Abbeys, others not. But the names did in fact start off with these descriptions.

The whole subject is, however, fraught with difficulties, as I have no doubt Mr. Wratten will confirm. For instance, so far as one can ascertain, Norwich Surprise was first rung as Victoria Surprise, but as the method appears in Annable as Norwich, it would be a bold man who contended that it had not been rung as Norwich before the 20th century.

Can anyone explain, please, how Alnwick Surprise and Canterbury Surprise came to swap names in the 1949 Collection?

I find that I was wrong in ascribing the "Flower" names to the Norbury band.

They were given to the methods by the Central Council itself; the Norbury band rang them for the first time under those names, and then the Council altered them.

The Council has this habit of giving Minor methods names. I understand, on excellent authority, that many of the Alliance methods were given names quite arbitrarily.

There is no need for an investigation into the sinking of Mr. Burton's committee report as it all appeared in "The Ringing World" at the time, and is, I believe, fully dealt with in the Council's minute book. It was very neat. And the Norbury "Flower" names have already been vindicated by the Council's recent resolution.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Manchester.

GREAT TOM OF LINCOLN

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago someone was asking about Great Tom of Lincoln. I have in my possession a piece of the bell, Great Tom, made into a lady's brooch set in old gold, and engraved with the name "a piece of Great Tom of Lincoln".

This came to be in our possession through one of my ancestors who worked for Mears and Stainbank. Being a Lincolnshire man, when the bell was broken for recasting he took a piece and had it made into a brooch for his wife or sweetheart. I think he had charge of bringing the bell back to Lincoln; I don't know about taking it to London. As a young boy I remember there was a notebook at home giving particulars of where they stabled the horses and what it had cost, but that is some 70 years ago before I started to ring. The bell metal is $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch \times $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch.

I have taken "The Ringing World" since the first issue, also the "Bell News" before. For many years I lived at the Blacksmith's Cottage, Stainton, near Rotherham. I am 82 and still good for a peal, sometimes with one of my old friends, James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY BARNES.

Woodhall Spa,
Lincolnshire.

DON'T DO AS I DO . . .

Dear Sir,—The report of the "R.W." Committee meeting at Rugby in the issue of August 29th reminds us to report, within one calendar month, news items and quarter peals "not in the clear interest of the Exercise".

I note in the same issue that there is a quarter peal rung as long ago as May 25th at St. Albans. By whom? Central Councilors, no less.

Refer that to the Convener for publication!—Yours sincerely,

J. K. FOOT.

Staverton, Daventry.

Note.—The quarter was received in the "R.W." Office before the decision was known to the Editor. Late quarters can always be inserted by paying.—Ed.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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University of Bristol Society Summer Tour

ON Friday, June 20th, six members met at Temple Meads for the start of another tour. At Paddington the numbers rose to seven when Clare joined the party, and this intrepid band set out on the most dangerous cycle ride of the tour. Somehow they all arrived intact at Liverpool Street in spite of the concerted efforts of numerous taxi drivers, and caught the train to Chelmsford. The first tower was at Danbury, where Mike and Colin arrived by car, and the eight were put to good use. After that the last few miles to Maldon Youth Hostel were covered, and by supper time various others had arrived, including Clarke.

The first tower on Saturday was at Goldhanger, then on to lunch in Tollesbury, where Christine joined the tour. Afternoon ringing was at Tollesbury, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Great Totham. After ringing some of us ascended sundry dubious ladders at Great Totham to examine the unusual wooden tower.

SONG OF THE WEEK

Ringling on Sunday morning was in the triangular tower at Maldon, and during the service the Vicar bade us welcome and thanked us for ringing. We much enjoyed the fine eight at St. Peter's, Colchester, in the evening, and ringing included Double Norwich. The hostelry we visited that evening had a juke box so our "song of the week" was played several times very loud just to make sure we learned the words; at least three were memorable, and "O happy day" was heard echoing intermittently (or was it interminably?) along the convoy of bicycles for the rest of the week.

Monday morning was dull and wet, which perhaps explains why nearly everyone had their heads down and missed a turning in Colchester. Four of us who were bringing up the rear found the right road so arrived first at Great Horkesley. After a few touches the fifth ran very dry and Mike just managed to struggle to the end of the touch of Bob Doubles. The next touch was to have been Cambridge, but Clarke failed utterly on the fifth and could hardly set it, so we dropped them very rapidly and adjourned to the local for morning coffee, etc. At Stoke-by-Nayland we eventually got the key and found them a very fine ring. Two very decorative brass rubbers accepted our invitation to come and watch, and saw a course of Yorkshire rung. After Polstead Sid and Lil again neatly overtook everybody by using the map and not the signpost, and led the way to Hadleigh, where we found the seventh lived up to its reputation, and a course of Stedman and a short touch of Grandsire left our tenor man completely shattered.

The hostel for the next two nights was Naughton Mill, and when we arrived we found J.T. waiting for us, complete with cine-camera, so from now on we had to beware of doing anything too memorable since it was likely to appear on the wide

screen in glorious technicolor at next year's dinner!

RANG CAMBRIDGE WITH VICAR

Next day we rang at Barking, and had lunch at the Ten Bells at Stonham Aspal before ringing there. Nick and J.T. then set off to "grab" Debenham on hearing that there was a visiting band there, but their journey was in vain, and they had to be content with listening to part of a peal. They rejoined us at Stowmarket, and here the Vicar rang a course of Cambridge with us before kindly arranging for us to ring at Great Finborough on our way back to the hostel. We thought we had had a long day, but we were put to shame by Ben, who was waiting for us at the hostel and looked extremely fit after an epic cycle ride of 75 miles!

That evening we all adjourned to the thatched pub, and the cider must have been very powerful because the girls thought they saw a ghost walk through their dormitory later that night. Mike was accused on the grounds that "no one else walks like that," but he was fast asleep in his bed at the time—well, in his bed, anyway!

On Wednesday morning our brass-rubbing friends met us again at Lavenham for a further explanation of the mysteries of our art—unfortunately we didn't have time to be given a lesson in brass-rubbing in return! At Long Melford seven of us went to look at the Expo belfry, and when Ernie Rowe heard that our next tower was one he hadn't rung at he needed no prompting

from us to offer a lift in the foundry van. We overtook the rest of the party en route and their expressions should make an interesting sequence in J.T.'s film—luckily the sound track is not recorded live! Tony was waiting for us when we got to Gestingthorpe and was quite disgusted on seeing our mode of transport—it was difficult to convince him that we hadn't been cheating all the week!

GRAY'S FINE ALES

In the evening we found there were two hostelries at Castle Hedingham so we chose the brew we'd heard of and soon regretted it. The following night we eased down a pint or two of "Gray's fine ales" and found them very much to our liking—very appropriately after ringing so many of "Graie's fyne bells."

On Thursday we had plenty of time for rowing on the lake at Gosfield, and after ringing the delightful six a few of us, led by Shelagh and Sue, ventured into the water. Lunch was eaten by the lake and we then had to tear ourselves away reluctantly to ring at Bocking and Halstead.

Gill joined the tour on Friday, and the first tower was Wethersfield, where the church was beautifully decorated for their flower festival the next day. This proved sufficient inspiration for us to bring round a touch of "spliced rhubarb" at last—to the amusement of one of the local ringers. At Finchingfield the ringing was decidedly uninspired, but after lunch it improved again and we rang a very musical touch of Spliced

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The participants.—Back row, left to right: Ben Walter, Ivor Newell, John Parsons, Colin Monson, Clarke Walters, Michael McTiffin.

Centre, left to right: Andrew Brock, Mike Platt, Mandi McCallion, Nick Simon. Front row, left to right: Shelagh Plumb, Gill Brearley, Clare Jarvis, Christine Webb, Sue Perry, Ro Worvill.

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HALF PEALS

LEIGH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 13th, 2,656 Kirklington Surprise Major: J. Ascroft 1, J. Andrews 2, D. McCormick 3, J. Illingworth 4, D. Makin-Taylor 5, R. Starkie 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Ashcroft 8. A miscalled peal.

OAKFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge 1, T. C. Hins 2, A. N. Hine 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY
On August 23rd

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Sansom 1, Mary Sutcliffe (first Stedman Triples) 2, A. Mason 3, D. Hughes 4, B. Walton 5, D. Fox (first Stedman Triples) 6, M. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. Tipper 9, LISS, HANTS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Fox 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, A. Mason 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hughes 6, B. Walton 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. First Cambridge Major 2, 3, 4 and 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper (first "inside" Caters) 6, A. Reeves 7, M. Uphill 8, B. Walton (first Caters as cond.) 9, D. Fox (25th quarter) 10. First on ten bells for 1, 2, 3, 7 and 10.

DARLEY DALE AREA QUARTERS

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Dakin 1, H. E. Taylor 2, M. St. J. Smith (first "inside") 3, Ann Noton 4, P. D. Taylor 5, Ann M. Smith (cond.) 6.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Davis 2, M. St. J. Smith 3, Ann M. Smith 4, G. H. Paulson 5, P. D. Taylor 6, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 7, J. E. Dakin 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 2, 3, 4, 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): M. St. J. Smith (first T.B.) 1, P. D. Taylor 2, G. Newman 3, A. Queen 4, Ann M. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Wyllie 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Pamela L. Newman.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone (first T.B.) 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Whitshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins and as a farewell to Nicky Bennett who is moving to Presbury.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Selway 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, D. Ellery 4, D. Beaufoy 5, M. J. Hiller 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, A. Dyer 8. Rung for the wedding of Michael Sandy and Carol Williams.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY TOUR—contd.

Triples at Great Bardfield before retiring to the churchyard for a much-needed nap. At Thaxted we were invited to tea by Mrs. Hunter, and we spent a very pleasant hour in her delightful garden before reluctantly setting out on the last journey of the day to Saffron Walden.

Next morning Mandi did an excellent job of organising the ringing and we rang Little Bob Maximus and two courses of Stedman Cinques, giving several people their first chance of ringing twelve. Other towers that day included Ickleton, Little Shelford and Trumpington en route for Cambridge where in the evening we took to the river and attempted to sample the delights of punting. Various Cambridge towers were visited on Sunday and further attempts were made on the river.

And so we came to the end of yet another very successful tour. Our grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers, and especially to Tony for organising it so well. S. C. W.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH.—At St. Matthew's, Widcombe, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. A. J. Burgess 1, Mrs. M. P. Newman 2, C. R. Newman 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, H. C. Newman (cond.) 5, G. A. Binstead (first quarter) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. Jennifer Manger 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Judy Brooks (first Bob Triples) 3, I. Hemsley 4, Pamela Court 5, D. Manger 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. A. Birch 8. Rung for the wedding of Lyne Payne and Ian Kett.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mary Sutcliffe (first in method) 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Tipper (first in method) 4, D. Fox 5, D. Hughes (cond., 200th quarter) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Griffiths 1, I. P. Sawford 2, R. F. Baker 3, P. P. George 4, P. S. Abbott 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Charles Bond and Andrea Winifred Usher.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Catherine A. Robbins 1, Betty Robbins 2, C. F. Longridge 3, P. L. Bill 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hodgson (first Stedman Triples) 1, Amita D. O'Brien (first Triples) 2, R. C. Christopher 3, R. W. Rex 4, A. R. Peake 5, H. E. Wells 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, R. M. Ashman 8. For the induction of the new Vicar.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stott 1, Gwen Hooper (first "inside") 2, H. Hooper (cond.) 3, B. Dodd 4, C. Field 5, J. Radford 6.

CORSHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Hampton 1, K. Godwin 2, P. Fleming 3, P. Fletcher 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, P. Hancock 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

CROSTHWAIT, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Bridge 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, Doreen Maclean 3, W. M. Price (cond.) 4, J. Whalley 5, M. L. Dobson (first attempt) 6. For Evensong.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Birkett 1, H. Denman 2, S. W. Knight 3, P. Rogers (cond.) 4, J. A. Waite 5.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Clark 1, I. Rees 2, P. Fox 3, G. Welch 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Waghorne 6. To celebrate the Feast of Tithe, and as a compliment to Ian Smith and Ann Harris, married this day at Battle.

ELSHAM, Lincs.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Single Oxford Minor: Hilary Hall 1, J. G. Hall (cond.) 2, H. Judd 3, P. Saunders 4, R. Hippisley 5, R. Hall 6.

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EPWORTH, Lincs.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Davis 1, C. Davis 2, W. Hawksworth 3, Verena Simpson 4, G. Newman 5, A. Queen (first as cond.) 6, I. Timons 7, T. Wylie 8.

EXHALL, Coventry, WARCS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. P. Unsworth (cond.) 1, H. D. Harrison 2, J. Taylor 3, T. C. Bonham (first "inside") 4, H. Curtis 5, G. W. Butler (first quarter) 6.

FRIITTENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Johnson 1, Pamela Court 2, Brenda Davies 3, A. A. Birch (first in method) 4, C. Wyld 5, N. Davies 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, I. Hemsley 8. To mark Mr. Harry Baker's 86th birthday.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Slipplitt 4, J. Fowler 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Over 8. In memoriam Robert C. Heazel, past Master of the Essex Association. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Anne Pullan 2, S. Penfold 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For Matins and as a welcome to Elizabeth Jane Fowler, a grand-daughter for the ringer of the sixth.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hill 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, Mrs. M. Medley 3, G. Novell 4, R. A. Welch 5, M. Medley 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, B. Brown 8. For Evensong.

ILTON, SOM.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Welch 1, R. Dean (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Dean 3, R. Welch 4, R. Burns (first "inside") 5, R. Spiller 6.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Karen Arnold (first of Minor) 1, Cheryl Chorlton 2, G. White 3, A. Craddock 4, J. Pardoe (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Doubles: Shelagh Graham (first quarter) 1, Susan Elliott 2, R. Yeates 3, S. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, J. Pardoe 6. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wheeler 1, Susan Elliott 2, G. White 3, J. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Yeates 6. All rung for Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sarah Dines (first quarter) 1, G. White 2, S. Pardoe 3, Susan Elliott 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Yeates 6, J. Pardoe 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Tutton 1, M. J. K. Griffiths 2, P. J. Sampson 3, T. Newlands 4, D. P. Treble 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Martin Griffiths.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Milligan (first quarter) 1, C. J. Jones 2, G. Green 3, H. W. Howard 4, R. Green (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

LEATHLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus Gail Cater 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, R. Cater 3, P. Dawson (cond.) 4.

NAMING MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re the first part of Mr. Jackson's letter on page 652, I assume that Warsop Delight should read:—

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56. L.e. 12.
165324

and not as printed.

All the other methods which appear as named were named since I wrote to "The Ringing World".

The method
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 14 x 56. L.e. 2nd was incorrectly named in my collection.

I have King Charles Delight as
34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 16. L.e. 12.
136245

and Mersey Surprise as the unnamed method of

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36. 2nd, 154632. The only other name that I have received which I originally referred to as unnamed is Loughborough Surprise, which is
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.56. L.e. 14.
135642

Yours sincerely,
A. BISHOP.
London, S.W.19.

ALAN R. BRIDGES' 100 PEALS

By ringing a peal of Plain Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on August 2nd, Mr. Alan R. Bridges rang his 100th peal. Born at Leiston in 1923 he learned to ring there in 1947 after leaving the Royal Navy, being taught by three of the famous Bailey brothers—Jim, Sid and Leonard. His first peal was Kent T.B. Major at Leiston on March 25th, 1950, the 100 peals being rung in 48 different towers. 13 at Leiston and 10 at Theberton.

Alan has been a member of Church Councils in three different parishes with other commitments, also a district secretary of the Suffolk for seven years and is now the editor of the Suffolk Guild Report. Most of the 100 peals were rung after contracting a spine disease.

Minor: Plain 5 (cond. 2), Cambridge S. 1, Oxford T.B. 1, 2-6 methods 20 (2), 7 methods 15, 8-19 methods 5. Total 47 (4).

Triples: Grandsire 3. St. Simon 1. Stedman 1. Total 5

Major: Plain 13 (1), Double Norwich 4, Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 11, Superlative S. 2, Yorkshire S. 2, Biddenham S. 1, London S. 1, Spliced (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob) 1. Total 44 (1).

Caters: Grandsire 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Cambridge S. 1. Total 3.

Grand total 100 (5).

With the exception of six peals of Minor on the treble the remainder were rung on "inside" bells.

DEATH OF MR. JACK ROBERTS

We regret to announce the death on August 9th of Mr. Jack Roberts, secretary of St. Crantock ringers, Cornwall. A fortnight previously he met with a motor-cycle accident while on his way to work.

Jack will be greatly missed in the church and belfry at St. Crantock, where he had been churchwarden for many years and was a keen ringer.

A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory on Aug. 21st by the band with whom he regularly rung. M.W.

Messrs. H. G. and W. P. White have together rung for 45 years at Bruton, Somerset.

Three schoolboys rang a quarter peal "in hand" to mark the passing of the halfpenny at Wickford, Essex.

Congratulations to Miss Maureen J. Caruthers on gaining a first-class honours degree in chemistry. She called her first quarter of Surprise at Chigwell on August 24th for Evensong and also to celebrate the occasion.

A strong Southern Counties flavour prevailed in the band who rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral for the Lancashire Association on August 23rd. Frank L. Harris was the conductor and on the tenor were Robert C. Kippin and David E. House.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Richard S. Dirksen, bell master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., is back in this country. He accompanied a number of old friends in the Yorkshire Association to Inveraray, Argyllshire, on August 23rd, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was successfully brought round in 4 hours and 13 minutes. Mr. Norman Chaddock ringing the 41½ cwt. tenor.

Comment

"In his speech at the Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev C. C. Marshall) emphasised the importance of loyalty in the success of the organisation. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members; it is the secret of success in all undertakings where success depends upon co-operation. Not a few of our associations suffer today from the lukewarm loyalty of the members. It may show itself in a general lack of interest in the association's work, a slackness in paying subscriptions and in numerous other small ways, but whatever form it takes it is a source of weakness to the society, as well as being a direct discouragement to those officers and members who strive to build up the organisation and make it worthy of the cause which it is established to promote.

"Equally necessary is it that ringers should be loyal to their own tower. The man who, to the detriment of his own band, neglects his own belfry, whether it be from apathy, or from a desire merely to be in better company, is a poor asset to the Exercise. The man who professes to be a ringer and lets his comrades assemble for service or practice ringing while he stays away for no genuine purpose, knowing that they will be short-handed, exhibits the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend. The man who is always late is another kind of bugbear to all who have a desire properly to discharge their duties or to make progress in the art. The success of an association is founded on the success of the individual bands and lack of loyalty to one is bound to react upon the prosperity of the other.

"Who among the enthusiasts has not had the galling and discouraging experience of meeting short for prac-

tice or peal, or of having to ring perhaps four, five or six bells for service in a tower where there are eight or more? And this not once, but time after time, not because there are not enough ringers in the parish, but because some, or maybe only one or two, are too indifferent to their responsibilities and to the loyalty which they owe to their colleagues to make just that little effort necessary to take their part in the ringing. They not only stay their own advance in the art, but are a distinct bar to the progress of the rest of the band.

"The ideal condition would be a Sunday service company in every tower, a company not only in name, but in desire and enthusiasm, keen upon its work, regular and punctual. Where such bands exist they are the backbone of any association, and it is to this side of their development that ringing organisations will have to turn in future if they desire to make real advance. Success in these days cannot be counted entirely by the number of peals that may be rung, but rather by the number of churches at which the bells are regularly rung for the Sunday services: not merely by counting heads, but by the sum of loyalty and keenness displayed by the members towards their association and in their work."

If the President of the Yorkshire Association thought it necessary to make an appeal to the loyalty of his own members, it is no less necessary that this same appeal should be brought home to the ringers in every county and diocese, comments "The Ringing World" of 1926.

This was also published in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual report for 1927. It is reproduced in the current newsletter of the Northampton Branch, with the comment that it is thought to be appropriate for this day and age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Fearn has reached another peal-ringing milestone. His 2,300th peal was rung at Tewkesbury on August 30th.

There were three first peals and two first of Minor in the band from Christ Church, Healey, Lancs, that Mr. Richard S. Starkie took to ring a peal at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on August 24th. We hope to hear more from this band.

St. Crantock ringers and friends were joined by ringers from Helston, Kea and St. Mawgan-in-Pydar for their annual outing on Saturday, August 16th. Towers visited were Poundstock, Launcells, Kilkhampton, Bridgerule, Werrington, Lifton, Lewannick and Altarnun.

A promising newcomer to peal ringing is Christopher Chaplin, who learned to handle a bell in January at St. Edmund's, Northampton, and rang the second to seven Minor methods at Bradfield-on-the-Green. He rang his first peal on August 12th at Piddington, Northants. In both these peals he rang without a mistake.

Our next week's cover picture is St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester. The ringing in this tower should make an interesting story.

We like to hear of veterans doing holiday duty with the Sunday service band. Mr. Chris. Lawrence, now 88, filled the gap at Chedworth, Glos, on Aug. 31st. Thanks, Chris!

The recast ring of eight bells (tenor approximately 9 cwt.) at St. Peter's, Ruddington, Nottingham, is now complete and will be available for ringing at the flower festival in September.

Katharine Thorley (13) and Christine Broadley (15) took part in six peals in a week whilst on holiday in Suffolk and Norfolk—and this was in place of a peal week which had to be cancelled. They would like to thank all those who turned out in support and enabled them to score two in a day for the first time.

CORRECTION

The ringer who rang his first quarter after 53 years at Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset, was Mr. J. T. Antell and not Mr. R. H. J. Mears as reported in Belfry Gossip last week.

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ALICK CUTLER'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

The bells of St. Mary's, Hendon, were put to good use by members of both Districts of the Middlesex Association on Aug. 16th, both before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Roy Southwell, with Mr. John Stuart-Smith accompanying at the organ.

The routine items on the agenda for the business meeting were speedily dealt with, the most interesting one being the congratulations extended to Mr. Alick Cutler who, by the completion of a peal at Willesden on the previous Thursday, had now rung peals in 300 different Surprise Major methods, and is the first ringer in the Exercise to achieve this feat. The applause of the members reflected their appreciation of this performance.

Before closing the meeting and returning to the ringing chamber the chairman, Miss G. E. Newcombe, voiced the members' thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the local ringers who arranged the tea.

E. H. K.

CHIGWELL OUTING

On a chilly August morning, about 25 ringers from Chigwell, Essex, and neighbouring towers met at Chigwell Church and set off in convoy to the first tower of a busy day. On the nice six at Stebbing the special method, Double Court, came round, as well as most others. As his band had all moved away, the Vicar said he'd have like us to stay to ring for the next day!

At Rayne (where it rained!) we rang several Minor methods, including Norwich Surprise; then off to Bocking, a good eight. Lunch was taken across the road in "the local". Later on, Gosfield, a new ring of six, sounded very well to Hull, Norwich and Plain Bob. Stedman and Cambridge were enjoyed at Halstead. Everyone reached their peak on Coggeshall's gorgeous eight, where Cambridge and Yorkshire really rattled round.

After Feering, the last tower of a very full and enjoyable day, we had very little energy left to "bump" one of the ringers on his birthday! However, we "recharged" ourselves on the way home! M. J. C.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

Under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, another successful day tour was held on August 30th, when North Devon was the venue. Accompanying him were the Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Messrs. D. J. Roberts and daughters, G. J. Roberts, J. C. Michelmores, A. N. Frost, J. N. Steere and S. Pierce. Towers visited were Bradworthy, Buckland Brewer, Wear Gifford, Landkey, Marwood, West Down, Berryarbor and West Buckland. The lunch interval was at Landkey and the tea interval at Coombe Martin.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY VETERANS ENTERTAINED

By the kindness and very generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bennett, a pleasant afternoon was spent on August 18th by an invited band of Veteran Ringers, with an average age of 70-plus, all being members of Staffs Archdeaconry Society. Ringing was first at Trysull, which is reputed to be Staffordshire's best-kept village and where various methods were rung for over an hour.

The party was then taken to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett. A welcome awaited us from our hostess, who had prepared a delightful meal. After tea the weather cleared and we were able to walk round and admire their pleasant garden.

Then on to the old-world village of Claverley and to the parish church with its fine-toned eight. We were welcomed here by Mr. Drew, who was qualified for membership of the party for he too had passed the age of 70. Our last call was the King's Arms, where many amusing stories of ringing experiences were exchanged. We ask Fred and Joan to accept our very sincere thanks and appreciation for such a delightful party.

The combined ages of the six members of this band totalled over 440 years, and the three senior members had a total membership of the Society for Archdeaconry of Staffs of 180 years. These three had also taken "The Ringing World" since its inception. B. H.

CHECKING STRESSES AND STRAINS

A perspex model of Horley Surrey, tower was an exhibit at a recent conversation of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The model was used to check the stresses and strains in the tower under various happenings including that of the bells being rung.

A short description of the work being carried out is featured in the August number of "Civil Engineering and Public Works Review".

BRAINTREE RINGERS' OUTING

Fine weather and good beer helped a party of 43 ringers and friends from Braintree to enjoy their outing to Warwick on July 15th. A very good selection of towers resulted in a tight schedule. Ringing took place at Woburn, Daventry, St. Nicholas and St. Mary's, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Adderbury. Banbury had to be sacrificed.

In view of the amount of leg muscle now being displayed in St. Michael's belfry, our contributor suggests that the coach be dispensed with next year, in the interest of economy and better time-keeping. Many people for their assistance in various ways are thanked, and also local incumbents and ringers for their hospitality.

COMBINATION OF HOBBIES

At the recent Swindon Amateur Radio Mobile Rally held at Lydiard Park, near Swindon, on August 24th, a band of radio amateurs rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Lydiard Tregoze. A quick verbal check with the operators of the mobile control station confirmed that the sound of the bells (which could be heard quite clearly over a range of 30 miles or more by radio!) was not causing severe interference, and a quarter peal, followed by miscellaneous touches, was rung. Conversation ranged from radio to ringing in both directions.

The band who rung the quarter peal and their station calls were: G. C. Bagley G3FHL 1, M. J. Peet GSWL 2, A. C. A. Newman G2FIX 3, J. R. Goodenough G3VHO 4, P. M. E. Pavey (cond.) G3NFT 5, D. G. Finnemore (first quarter) G3WJJ 6.

IN LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGES

Towers in North Lincolnshire were visited on August 2nd by a group of Derbyshire ringers, under the organisation of Tim Wylie. Ringing took place at North Wheatley, followed by a rather erratic navigation of country lanes and potato fields by Susan Davis to Belton, where lunch was taken before ringing on the pleasant six.

Ringing continued at Epworth with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major. Andrew Queen scoring a first as conductor.

Owston Ferry was the final tower of the day, where Bill Hawksworth chose to air his views on farming subsidies to a local farmer. Whereupon, feeling it was safer back across the border, three cars and eight ringers decamped, but not before sampling the hospitality of the Reindeer Inn, Newton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting on Aug. 16th was held at Essendon, and during the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going to methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise. There were visitors from as far afield as Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire and London and one late of South Africa and Prague. Afternoon ringing was followed by a service taken by the Vicar and tea prepared by the Essendon ringers. During the business meeting, for which Mr. H. V. Frost took the chair, people were reminded of the District outing to Oxford on September 27th, for which a 10/- deposit should be given to Andrew Wilby. The profit from the tea was donated to the Voluntary Bell Fund by the Essendon ringers, and it was suggested that in future a collection for the V.B.F. should be made at each meeting. Handbell ringing in the hall followed the business meeting before returning to the tower for evening ringing.

Next meeting: September 20th. Afternoon, St. Paul's Walden and tea; evening, King's Walden. K. S. H.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Taunton Branch.)

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., April 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Grandsire and Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	Keith E. Beale 4
Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon .. 2	Mervyn A. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Raymond F. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

Most Minor methods to a peal by all the band

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey W. Mayes .. Treble	Alan S. Smith 5
*David A. Hope 2	Roy V. Webb 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	Martin Major 7
*Philip R. Jewell 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Martin Major.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. E. Hall, who is leaving for Osmotherley, Yorkshire.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B., two of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Michael J. Mander .. Treble	David G. Carr 4
*Susan L. King 2	Anthony H. Smith 5
*Karen E. Baker 3	Alan D. Norman Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

* First peal.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Bruce Martin 5
Heather Kippin 2	D. John Hunt 6
Edward G. Mould 3	James R. Taylor 7
*Susan Moore 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by M. C. Bruce.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Major and of Surprise

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 63 methods: (1) Averham, Screveton, Armstrong, Barton-in-Fabis, Bathley, Aldrin Clayworth, Burton Joyce, Collins, Babworth, Brough, Redding, Flawborough, Car-Colston, Apollo, Bunney, Bothamsall and Tranquillity (18 methods), (2) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawton, Bilton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill (18 methods), (3) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redcar, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield (12 methods), (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (5) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet, (6) London and Wells, (7) Berwick and Hexham, with 112 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

David R. Randall .. Treble	Peter H. Mackie (1) .. 4
Anthony J. Cox (3) .. 2	Peter C. Randall (5) .. 5
Stephen F. Royal (2 & 7) .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall (4 & 6) Tenor

Jointly conducted by all the "inside" ringers. The figures in parentheses indicate the extent(s) called by each ringer.

The greatest number of Surprise methods rung by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Armstrong: —34—14—56—36—12—56. 12. 35264
Aldrin: —34—14—56—36.12—12.56. 12. 35264.
Collins: —34—14—56—1236—12—56. 12. 35264.
Redding: —34—14—56—36—34—56. 12. 35264.
Apollo: —34—14—56—1236—34—56. 12. 35264.
Tranquillity: —34—14—56—36.12—34.56. 12. 35264.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

David R. Randall .. Treble	Richard M. Andrews .. 4
Jill Riley 2	Richard J. Danby 5
Hazel A. Mackenzie .. 3	Peter C. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

Rung in memoriam John Alexander Mackenzie, who died on August 11th, 1968.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Timothy Wylie Treble	Geoffrey Gardner 5
Susan E. Davis 2	Denis R. Carlisle 6
Joseph C. Woolley 3	Rev. Fred Ross 7
Robert M. Chambers .. 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 136 changes of method.
Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble Alan D. Elsmore 5
*Richard Green 2 *Norman Summerhayes .. 6
Beryl R. Simpson 3 Michael J. Church 7
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4 Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of 10-spliced. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

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

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard H. Youdale .. Treble	David C. Brown 5
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	*Richard Green 6
Beryl R. Simpson 3	Michael J. Church 7
Norman Summerhayes .. 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden.

Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

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

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Summerhayes .. Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting 5
David E. Parsons 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
*Beryl R. Simpson 3	Michael J. Church 7
Rowan S. Bradley 4	†Peter J. Munday Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* 25th peal together. † First in the method. First of Bristol as conductor.
Tenor: 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.



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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Margery A. Wratten .. Treble	Cecil A. Wratten 5
*Anita D. O'Brien 2	*Michael J. Stanley 6
Martyn Hawkes 3	Lewis F. Cobb 7
Geoffrey R. Drew 4	Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake

* First peal of spliced.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Peake and Michael Daniells, married at Blunsdon, Wiltshire, on August 9th, 1969.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ALBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Alfred S. Kent Treble	†Douglas R. Hutley 3
†Peter J. Glazebrook .. 2	†Leonard Luck 4

Albert E. Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Richardson.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First "inside."
First as conductor. First on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*John A. Hemsley Treble	*Brian C. Johnson 5
Alexander Waddington .. 2	*Philip R. Staples 6
*Richard A. Birch 3	Mark S. Lancefield 7
*Peter Richardson 4	Crawford T. Hillis Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

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

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

P. Charles Sinden Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
David Grimwood 2	John L. Anderson 6
Peter F. T. Smith 3	Peter M. J. Bradford 7
Rhian N. Bagshaw 4	Paul J. Bagshaw Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.
Rung for the departure of Peter and Gwen Smith to Henllan, North Wales, and as a birthday compliment to John Anderson (20) and Pamela A. Court (23)

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

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Diana H. M. Bradford .. Treble	P. Charles Sinden 5
Pamela A. Court 2	Rhian N. Bagshaw 6
Gwen Smith 3	Paul J. Bagshaw 7
Richard A. Birch 4	Peter M. Bradford Tenor

Arranged by R. D. Bailey. Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Kenneth J. Rider Treble	Alan D. Flood 4
Dorothea Robotham 2	Keith G. Game 5
Judith M. Corby 3	John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Stephen Clarke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Aug. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*Carol M. E. Johnson .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Michael D. Fishwick .. 2	*Geoffrey Cheetham 7
Rupert A. Clarke 3	Richard J. Parker 8
J. Colin Ashworth 4	Derek Butterworth 9
*John S. Hopwood 5	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor on tower bells.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Wed., July 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 45 lb. in C sharp.

Richard J. Parker Treble	Margaret P. Booth 5
Michael Fishwick 2	Christine Andrew 6
Janet Lawson 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Neil Bennett 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

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

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

David Makin-Taylor .. Treble	Bernard Moss 5
Dennis McCormick 2	Brian A. Tomlinson 6
Albert Greenhalgh 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
John Illingworth 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

John Illingworth Treble	James Andrews 5
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	David Makin-Taylor 6
Richard Starkie 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Dennis McCormick 4	Frank Reynolds Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method for all the band. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

James Cunliffe Treble	Roy Jolley 5
Dennis McCormick 2	David Makin-Taylor 6
*Geoffrey Fothergill 3	James Andrews 7
Richard Starkie 4	John Illingworth Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by James Andrews.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to John Halsall, a ringer at this tower.

* 150th peal. Tenor 14 cwt.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

James Andrews Treble	Dennis McCormick 5
David Bennett 2	David Makin-Taylor 6
Neil T. E. Burnett 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
*John Illingworth 4	*Albert Greenhalgh Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SHEPshed, Leics.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A var of Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 16 cwt.
Tom Harris Treble	John W. Rawson 5
Arthur E. Rowley 2	John Manners 6
Frank Chambers 3	Roland Beniston 7
*Mary Barrass 4	Alec Jones Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. George Butler on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., July 31, 1969, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, comprising: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

G. Ronald Edwards Treble	Martin Green 4
John M. Jelley 2	David F. Moore 5
Monica M. Jelley 3	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

John G. Hall Treble	*John F. Underwood 4
Ronald Chafer 2	Roger Hippisley 5
Jack Bray 3	Harold Judd Tenor

Conducted by John G. Hall.

* First peal of seven-Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SLOUGH BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Derek Francis Treble	William H. Coles 6
William Birmingham .. 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 7
G. William Critchley .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Michael Hatchett 9
Malcolm Loveday 5	Frank C. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Christopher Venn Treble	†Jack Walters 5
*Monica Blagrove 2	*Brian C. Watson 6
*Ronald K. Russ 3	*Roger A. Gage 7
*Ruby Myllys 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Peter, Staines.

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

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Monica Blagrove Treble	*Michael Hatchett 5
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
*William Birmingham .. 3	*Frank T. Blagrove 7
*John R. Ketteringham .. 4	*Geoffrey Bridges Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in A.

Gordon D. Elvin Treble	*Adrial Walton 4
Clifford Bird 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 3	Henry Tooke Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

* First peal.

Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Adrial Walton, the first lady of the Wymondham company to ring a peal. Rung on the front six.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist

On Tues., July 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Variation of J. R. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Monica Blagrove Treble	*Michael Hatchett 5
Ronald K. Russ 2	Ernest E. Gosling 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 3	Albert C. Wenban 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* 200th peal.

Arranged for the investiture of H.R.H. Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Mary Wells Treble	Helen M. Diserens 5
Anita D. O'Brien 2	Ronald C. Christopher .. 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	William Butler 7
Robert M. Ashman 4	Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

BRIGHTWALTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) and 7) Plain Bob.

Ronald C. Christopher .. Treble	David L. Wilcox 4
J. Malcolm Tyler 2	*Michael Bishop 5
Reginald W. Rex 3	William Butler Tenor

Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Rosemary Bates, daughter of the Rector, on her forthcoming marriage.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETHER HEYFORD, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

*Celia M. Chown Treble	Brian R. Danby 4
*Edward C. Garrett 2	*Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
*Stanley F. Webb 3	*†Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal of Minor in eight methods. † 50th peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Malcolm R. C. Hensher (son of the Vicar of Nether Heyford) and Joan Cuthbertson, married at Ebchester, Co. Durham, on August 6th, 1969.

PIDDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, and Newdigate Delight, and Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher G. Chiplin .. Treble	Murray A. Coleman 4
David J. Morgan 2	Stephen B. Bell 5
J. Malcolm Tyler 3	Barry R. Care Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal.

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

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

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Terry R. Hampton Treble	James W. Belshaw 5
*Norman J. Goodman 2	Peter Border 6
*Roderick W. Pipe 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Vernon Green 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 300th peal together.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John R. Insley.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John N. London Treble	Terry R. Hampton 5
Norman J. Goodman 2	James W. Belshaw 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad

On Sat., July 12, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

G. Richard King Treble	Timothy Wylie 5
Charles A. S. Webb 2	Geoffrey Gardner 6
Eric Roughley 3	P. G. K. Davies 7
Michael J. Platt 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST DRAYTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal T.B., Cambridge S., Kent, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob Spliced.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Stephen Knights Treble	David W. Jack 4
William L. Exton 2	George A. Dawson 5
*Elizabeth J. Dawson .. 3	Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* 50th peal.

Rung with backstrokes muffled following the deaths of Alice L. Hallgate (former churchwarden) and Thomas E. Goulding of this parish.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.
F. William Midwinter .. Treble | Ruth Blackshaw 3
Pamela J. Clifton 2 | W. Gordon Marsh 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung for the ruby wedding of Alf and Wynne Fotherby.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 22 method/variations, viz.: Two extents each of Winchendon Place Bob and St. Miles, one each of Ryton and St. John, and two each of Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Colombo, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Old.

*Patricia M. Hayward .. Treble | †Richard J. Anthony .. 4
†Pamela J. Clifton 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 5
†W. Gordon Marsh 3 | †John R. Rigby Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* First peal at first attempt. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Twelve extents of Grandsire and six each of Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rushall and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Hazel M. Carter Treble | Pamela J. Clifton 3
*Edwina A. Dixon 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 4
W. Gordon Marsh Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Dixon and Carole Betts, who were married on August 9th, 1969, at the Church of St. Wendreda, March, Cambridgeshire.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 methods—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Ravingham, Dorton, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian and Minster—and 16 variations. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Joyce Marsh Treble | George A. Dawson 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2 | H. Geoffrey Wells 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung in memoriam George E. Foster, formerly of Southwell.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in the following extents: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble | George A. Dawson 4
Elizabeth J. Dawson 2 | Maurice W. Harrison 5
J. Roderick N. Lebon 3 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. Geoffrey Wells, of Lowdham. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

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

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten method/variations, being five extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Colombo and one extent Plain Bob and Seighford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh Treble | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Pamela J. Clifton 2 | *H. Geoffrey Wells 5
W. Gordon Marsh 3 | *Ruth Blackshaw Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

* Have "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to H. G. Wells, also congratulations to George and Elizabeth Dawson, married on July 26th, 1969.

ORDSALL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Wed., Aug. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Harold Archer Treble | *Margaret Womack 4
Mary C. Poyner 2 | †Philip Rogers 5
Bryan Birkett 3 | Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.

* First peal in two methods. † 25th peal.

Rung as a sincere congratulation by the ringers of North Notts to Mr. David Blagg, still an active ringer at this church after 75 years' service, on the completion of his 90th year. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble | Vernon B. Bedford 5
Christine Broadley 2 | Roger N. Scholes 6
C. Jack Gibson 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold 7
Thomas E. Spight 4 | J. Martin Thorley Tenor
Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

Frank C. J. Arnold .. Treble | Christine Broadley 4
Roger N. Scholes 2 | Katharine M. Thorley 5
J. Martin Thorley 3 | Rev. Peter N. Bond Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam William Green, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Muriel R. Page .. Treble | *J. Martin Thorley 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes 5
Christine Broadley 3 | Frank C. J. Arnold .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger N. Scholes.

* 50th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

TUNSTALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

C. Jack Gibson .. Treble | J. Martin Thorley 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2 | Roger N. Scholes 5
Christine Broadley 3 | Vernon B. Bedford .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Paddy and the conductor.

BLO-NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A sharp.

Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble | Christine Broadley 4
Roger N. Scholes 2 | Thomas E. Spight 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 3 | J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The treble ringer (aged 13) has now rung peals in 25 different towers.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., July 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Roger M. Heyworth .. Treble | Colin J. Butler 6
Richard H. Youdale 2 | David J. Forder 7
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3 | Michael J. Thomas 8
George E. Evenden 4 | R. Roger Savory 9
Richard Green 5 | Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David J. Forder.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., July 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Single Oxford and Wight Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst College Bob, (3) Andover, Basingstoke and Alton College Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and Rosehill College Bob, (5) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower College Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain and Rev. Canterbury Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*Catherine A. Law .. Treble | Anthony A. Nunn 4
Faith Riley 2 | Derek C. Jackson 5
A. David Leach 3 | Raymond E. Finch .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal. Largest number of Minor methods for the Guild on tower bells.

WIGHT: 56.14,—16,—16. 2nds.

BASINGSTOKE: 56.14,—36.12.56. 2nds.

ALTON: 56.14,—1236,—56. 2nds.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON STACEY, Hants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents containing the following 115 methods: (1) Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Shipway, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints, (2) Bedford, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Boveney, Eton, Stedman Slow Course, Carmarthen, Cardiganshire, Glamorgan, Anglesey, Middlesex, Denbighshire, (3) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. New Bob, Rev. Huntspill, Crane, Yeoveney, Scarlets, Harmondsworth, (4) St. Julian, Union, St. Faith, Colne, Poyle, Cambridgeshire, Runemede, (5) St. Gregory, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, Woughton-on-the-Green, Kiln Green, Weston-on-the-Green, Wisborough Green, (6) Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon, Bracebridge Heath, Hagworthingham, Yaddletorpe, Long Clawson, (7) Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Claypole, Bag Enderby, Frithville, Great Dalby, (8) Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Londonthorpe, Casthorpe, Manthorpe, Nunthorpe, (9) Maltby, Chevasse Place, Calender, Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, (10) New Bob, Huntspill, Oakley, Chipstead, Fornett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Screveton, (11) Westminster II, Blackburn, Broughton, Ockham, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Strelley, (12) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Thornborough, Hascombe, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ossington, (13) Shropshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Westmorland, Staffordshire, Sussex, Wiltshire, Monmouthshire, (14) St. Simon, St. Martin, Slapton, Merton, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-upon-Trent, (15) Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Rutland and 108 variations.

Tenor 7 cwt, 12 lb. in A flat.

David R. Fallick Treble 4	Anthony J. Mason 4
Barry R. M. Johnson 2	Derek C. Jackson 5
Katharine J. Maundrell 3	*Roger S. Parratt Tenor

Arranged by Anthony J. Mason. Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal.

The largest number of methods/variations yet rung in a peal.
78E Anglesey Place. 81E Carmarthen Bob. 85E Middlesex Place.
42U Kiln Green Bob. 48V Woughton-on-the-Green Bob. 54V Wisborough Green Place. 75S Scarlets Slow Course. 77U Weston-on-the-Green Place.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Superlative and 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 6 lb. in F.

*Ernest Betts Treble 5	Barry Sullivan 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	†Geoffrey Richardson 7
Vernon Bottomley 4	*Fred Hodgson Tenor

Arranged by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of spiced.
Rung for the wedding of Janet Marsden and John Wightman

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

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Wells, (4) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (5) Durham, (6) Norwich, (7) Ipswich.

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr, 23 lb. in A flat.

Ronald Crabtree Treble 4	Peter H. Gardner 4
Jane P. Lawrence 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Christopher J. Easton 3	David Featherstone Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.

On Fri., Aug. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Keith J. Walpole 1-2	*N. David Lane 5-6
Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	Robert Peers 7-8

Charles F. Pocock 9-10

Composed by Robert Peers. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* 25th peal.
Rung as a farewell to Dave Lane, who is leaving the area. Also to mark the birth of a daughter, Jane, to Bob and Angela Peers.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In eight methods, being 1,440 of Rutland, 720 each of Bollington, London (No. 3 version) and Wembley, 480 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 240 each of Albanian and Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Neil Bennett 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	J. David Atkinson 7-8

Gerald Moorhouse 9-10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

IVALO, Finnish Lapland.—At The Police Station.

On Wed., July 23, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

J. Geoffrey White 1-2	Rodney A. Yeates 3-4
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Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5-6

Believed to be the first peal north of the Arctic Circle.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Fri., July 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
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†Julia A. Fellows 3-4	John R. Mayne 7-8
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Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 200th handbell peal. † First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

First of York Surprise Major on handbells by all the band and for the Association.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 28, Jennings Road.

On Sun., Aug. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joyce M. Clarke 1-2	Kenneth J. Darvill 5-6
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Peter T. Dale 3-4	*Elizabeth Forster 7-8
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Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal on handbells.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.

On Tues., Aug. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe 5-6
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Julia A. Fellows 3-4	*Roger D. R. Brown 7-8
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Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods in the following extents: (1) Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Plain and Double, (3) London and Reverse (4) Double Oxford and Single Oxford. (5) Original and Single Court. (6) Hereward and St. Clement's College, (7) Double Court and College.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4
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†Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

* 100th peal for the Association. † 125th peal. 100th peal as conductor for the Association. First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

Rung in memory of Mrs. Lizzy Coward, wife of Mr. Fred Coward, ringer at Hawkshead who died recently.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leics.—At 128, Leicester Road.

On Fri., July 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
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*Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 3-4	†Len Goodall 7-8
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* 100th peal of Surprise "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5050 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C

John S. Croft 1-2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5-6
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Christopher J. Sharp 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
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Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor size 11 in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	*†Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4
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*Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) 5-6

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal "in hand."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising the following seven extents in four methods: (1) Ullswater Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4
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Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 5-6

* 100th peal.

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PAIN.—On August 28th, 1969, to Margaret and Chris. Pain, a son, Michael Colin. 7646

PURNELL.—To Bob and Christine (née Lansley), of "Grandison," 30, Avon Road, Melksham, Wilts, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, on August 30th, 1969. 7659

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MARCHANT—KENT.—The marriage of Geoffrey and Eleanor will take place at St. Mary's Church, Woolavington, Som., on September 20th, at 11.30 a.m. Ringing before and after. All friends welcome. 7654

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CARE.—The address of Barry and Mollie is now 12, Parade Bank, Moulton, Northampton. 7653

ROGERS.—Robin and Janet have now moved from Woodston, Peterborough, to "Dunmyatt," Station Road, Cantley, Norwich, NOR 73Z. 7671

PERSONAL

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All ringers will be particularly welcome at the service, and are invited to stay on for the ringing sessions.—David L. Cawley, Tower Captain 7746

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st

Ringing:
Saturday: 11-12, 2.30-4.30, 6-8 p.m.
Sunday: 5-6.30 p.m.
All visitors welcome. 7614

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 11th, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45-6.15 p.m. Tickets 30/- each. Now obtainable from the Gen. Sec., Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

Guests: The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester, Alderman and Mrs. R. E. France-Hayhurst, and the Lord Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D.) and Mrs. Ellison.

Evening dress optional. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 7535

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) IMPORTANT NOTICE

The bye-meeting due to be held at Lylinge on Saturday, Sept. 13th, will be held at Dover on the same date, owing to fire damage in Lylinge belfry. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Minor Church Hall next to church. Visitors welcome.—J. B. K. 7685

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NORTON-LE-MOORS STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd
8 bells available 20th and 21st, 2-5 p.m.
Tenor 12-22

Light refreshments available. 7664

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

There will be a General Meeting at Bradford on September 20th. General Committee Meeting in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 3.30 Service in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea in Eastbrook Hall at 5.0 Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. J. Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, by Wednesday, September 17th. Tea tickets will be issued on the Meeting day

Important alterations to the Rules will be proposed at the General Meeting after tea.

Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner at York on October 25th will be available.

The following towers will be open:
Dewsbury (8) 10.30-11.45. Batley (8) 11.15-12.30. Liversedge (8) 12.00-1.15. Cleckheaton (8) 2.0-3.15. Birstall (8) 2.45-3.45. Bradshaw (5) 10.30-11.30. Queensbury (8) 11.15-12.30. Denholme (8) 12.00-1.15. Oxenhope (8) 2.0-3.15. Keighley (8) 2.30-3.30. Bradford (10) 2.30-4.0 and 6.30-9.0. Idle (8) 6.30-7.30. Queensbury (8) 6.30-8.30.

W F Moreton.

ST. MARY and ALL SAINTS, WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

October 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Bells available:

Saturday, October 4th,
10-12, 2-5.

Refreshments

7657

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE

Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist
FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday, Sept. 12th - Wed., Sept. 17th

Times of Ringing:

Friday, 12th: 6.45-7.30 p.m. (for Evening-song).

Saturday, 13th: 10-12 noon, 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

Sunday: 9.45-10.30 a.m., 5.45-6.30 p.m.

Tuesday: 7-9 p.m. (normal practice night).

All ringers invited. Complete bands welcomed. Refreshments available. 7643

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Saturday, October 25th, 1969, half-day Ringing School to be held at St. Wulfram's C. of E. Secondary School, Grantham (1 p.m. to 9 p.m.).—For details and enrolment form, s.a.e. to V. P. Evans, 9, Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Branch Sec. 7665

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APPLEDORE, KENT

The Re-Dedication of the Bells by the Archbishop of Canterbury

Sunday, September 14th, 1969 at 6.30 p.m.

All ringers welcome. 7662

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild's 70th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, Lincoln, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 21/- each, from J. L. Millhouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Marne Gardens, Lincoln (Tel. 23662), or from Branch hon secretaries

Ringing: St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 2-3 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), 3-4 p.m.; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6), 3.30-4.30 p.m.; Wasingborough (8), 4.30-5.30 p.m.; Branston (6), 5.30-6.15 p.m. 7689

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TRIENNIAL DINNER

On October 25th, 1969

At the Green Man, Kingsbury

Tickets, 30/-, now available from E. H. Kilby, 190 Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middx

W. S. Deason, 78, Strathcona Avenue, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 7686

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Anyone entering the University in October please contact the secretary, Hamish McNaughton, Lowerfold, Fernhurst, near Haslemere, Surrey. The first practice will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd. Subsequent practices will be held on **TUESDAYS** at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. 7623

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

—First ring of term on Sunday, Sept 28th, at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, at 5.30 p.m. for Evensong. All ringers coming up to Birmingham (including Aston and Saltley) are most welcome. Further details from T. H. O. Lewis, The Rectory, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks. 7651

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The Guild invites new members of the University to contact Dale Barton (Selwyn). Myrtle Cottage, Codmore Hill, Pulborough, Sussex. First practice, Great St. Andrew's, October 8th, 8 p.m. 7551

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringers coming to Durham in the autumn are welcome. Please write to Miss H. Campbell, St. Hild's College, Durham. 7645

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE / MADELEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.—New students are invited to contact Miss Janet Lawson, 24, Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, Lancs, for details of the Keele Society. 7661

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Ringers coming up to Lancaster next term are invited to write to A. J. White, c/o Bowland College, Bailrigg, Lancaster, for details of ringing. 7658

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE SOCIETY.—Will all students coming to St. Peter's College, Saltley, this term, please contact Ross Bradley, 12, Southwood Drive, Cottingham, E. Yorks. 7677

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The first meeting of term will be held on October 10th, at St. Maries, Norfolk Row, at 8 p.m. All freshers very welcome at this meeting, or they can contact Janet Walker, Tipton House. 7564

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA

—Any ringers coming up to College will be most welcome. Please contact Miss Susan Jackson, Room 509, Physics Tower (Ext. 652), or Miss Janet Emms, 92, Glanbrydan Avenue, Sketty. 7652

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. Roydon.—No ringing until further notice owing to fire damage.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 7673

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown Friday, Sept. 19th. 7.30-9 p.m. 7650

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice Ashted, on Tuesday Sept. 23rd, 7.45-9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Ashted, Rutland. 7584

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Practices at Harmondsworth, Friday, Sept. 19th, and at St. Mary's, Staines, on Friday, Sept. 26th. Both 7.45-9 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7683

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6-8.30 p.m., at St. Peter's, Edgmond (6). Methods: Beginners, Plain Bob Minor: brighter ones. London Surprise Minor 7559

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening practice, Thames Ditton (6), on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey. Hon. Sec. 7577

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—Practice nights will now be on Tuesdays, 7.30-9 (alternately at St. Nicolas' and St. Helen's), instead of Wednesdays as previously. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Smith, 3, Westfield, Abingdon. 7630

MEETINGS

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be for the Swaine Cup on the second Saturday of September (the 13th). All bands welcome. Entrance fee payable on day. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road Hoylandswaine nr. Barnsley. 7588

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7635

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Practice meeting, Sept 13th. Foxton (5), 6-7.15; Harston (6), 7.30-9 p.m.—J. S. 7511

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 7 p.m. 7619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, September 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please to R. J. Harrison 32 Gilmore Way Great Baddow. 7545

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells available 6-9 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7571

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 7624

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lyminge (8), on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. R. Prebble, Little Garth, Brady Road, Lyminge, Folkestone 7637

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Chart Sutton, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. 7629

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Buckminster, on Saturday, Sept. 13th.—S. N. Hall Dis. Sec. 7644

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Sept 13th, Oaks-in-Charnwood (6). 2.30-4 p.m.; Shepsed (8). 4-4.30 p.m., and evening service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at St. Botolph's Church Hall. Names for tea please, to Mr G. Butler, 21 Bridge Street, Shepsed, Loughborough.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec. 7636

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton (Neath), Saturday, September 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Cowbridge Grammar School

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, September 13th St. Bodolph Bishopsgate. 3-4.30 p.m. (Liverpool Street Station), to be followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. Wycherley. 35d. Holland Park London. W.11 7488

ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tenby, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Jenkins. Nythfa, St. Mary's Street. Tenby. 7632

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Otley and Clopton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Clopton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting and S.E. District business meeting. Ringing at Otley (6) in evening. Guild executive committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Wightman, Shrubbery Farm, Otley, Suffolk. No names no tea.—W. L. Dis. Sec. 7598

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chew Magna (8). Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo Branch Sec. 7714

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbrittle, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street Taunton. 7618

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept 17th.—W. Kerr 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7674

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southn District.—Meeting, South Weald, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. R. Goddard 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. Essex. Further ringing after tea 7596

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pearse. Silver Street. South Cerney. 7668

HERTFORD AND ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint District meeting.—Bishop's Stortford and North West Essex. Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sept. 20th, St. Paul's, Walden, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Evening ringing at King's Walden 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Sellindge, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Silver Spray Restaurant, Sellindge, for those who notify Alan P. S. Berry, 7, Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone (phone Folkestone 75651). by Thursday, Sept. 18th. 7667

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Llanelli, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Also available: Gorseinon (8), 2-3 p.m. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 7642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Childwall, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Mack, 32, Alder Road, Liverpool, L12 2AY, by Wednesday. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 7656

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner on Sept. 20th, 6 for 6.30 p.m., at Stanford Hall, Stoughton Drive South, Leics. Bells: Wigston Magna, 3-4 p.m.: Oadby and Knighton, 4-5 p.m.—A. J. Poynor. 7638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moulton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to John Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel. 4462), by Tuesday, Sept. 16th. 7583

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Kent Treble Bob and Newdigate Group.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 7622

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, Christ Church, Southgate. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 7669

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual District meeting, Ludgarshall, Bucks, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, by Sept. 15th. 7660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Hurst on Sept. 20th and at Easthampstead on October 18th; both at 6 p.m. 7649

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldborne, Sept. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newman, The Green, Baydon, Marlborough, Wilts, by Tuesday, 16th. 7666

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canoniconum, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 7670

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Winthorpe, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. T. 7676

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Wingfield (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th, 6.30-9 p.m. 7663

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter, 7, Park Cottages, Park Road, Nutfield (Tel.: Nutfield Ridge 3394), by Wednesday, 17th, if possible. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7678

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening until 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex. BN1 7GE, by previous Wednesday. 7647

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Pennett bells (8) also available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the occasion of the Flower Festival. All welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore near Stourbridge. Worcs. Tel.: Stourbridge 3470. 7592

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Wilburton, Cambs, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the Rules can be obtained from Gen. Sec. Names for tea, please, except com-

peting teams, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, by September 24th. 7681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Chrishall (6) from 6.30-8.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7672

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Croome Trophy Ringing Competition, South Cerney, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Competition ringing 2-5.30 p.m. Buffet tea (4/-) 3.30-5. Service 6 p.m. Ringing in neighbouring towers afterwards. Names for tea to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by Sept. 22nd. 7680

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Bramley, Sept. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and quarterly meeting. Numbers for tea essential to Mr. D. A. Davis, "Mayfield," Linnersh Wood Close, Bramley, Guildford (Bramley 2610), by Tuesday, 23rd. 7655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Boardman, 3, Bath Street Lytham, by Sept. 15th. 7572

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Sept. 27th, West Hendred. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, please, to C. Corderoy, "West-Wyndy," Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 23rd. 7615

LATE NOTICES

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells: Rothwell (8), 4-5 p.m. and 6.30-8.30 p.m.; Woodlesford (6) 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Massam, 34, Park Lane, Rothwell, by Wednesday, Sept. 24th.—A. B. Sullivan, R. Cater. 7688

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying secretary. Phone: 051-652 5192.—Martin.



The 2nd Elburton, Plymouth, Cub Scouts photographed at St. Matthew's Church, Elburton, after ringing handbell tunes at the family service. The ringers were trained by Norman Mallett, a member of the Central Council, whose son, Paul, is on the left of the group.

[Photo by courtesy of South Devon Times.]

QUARTER PEALS

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On July 13th, 1,344 Bristol Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, Jennie Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Gebbett 5, G. A. Duke 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, J. R. Pratt 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jennie Brown 1, G. A. Duke 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Gebbett 4, S. Darvill 5, J. R. Pratt 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, D. G. H. Hollis (first in method as cond.) 8.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On April 27th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Jennie Brown 4, J. Ellams 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, G. A. Duke 7, S. Darvill 8. First in method by all except conductor. Also on May 11th, 1,344 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. Machell 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, G. A. Duke 4, S. Darvill 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. First in method by all except conductor. Also on June 8th, 1,344 Lincoln Surprise Major: C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, G. A. Duke 5, D. Gebbett 6, S. Darvill 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. First in method for all. All rung for Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, G. H. Walker 4, R. Burbury 5, P. W. Dickinson 6, K. A. Hughes (first Major as cond.) 7, J. E. Muffitt 8. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, Jill Wilson (first "inside") 2, R. N. Scholes 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Tatt (first Triples) 1, Gladys Northway 2, Susan Banks 3, Elizabeth Banks 4, T. Matchem 5, L. Smith (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. Hartless 7, B. Peachey (first Triples) 8. Rung for the "Alice in Wonderland" Festival of Art and Flowers. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Tatt (first quarter) 1, T. Matchem 2, G. Hardless 3, K. Tatt (first in method) 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, B. Peachey 6. For Matins.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Mrs. S. Jenner 3, Mrs. I. H. Oram 4, I. H. Oram 5, S. Jenner 6, T. Cullingworth 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, A. Kneeshaw 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5, C. Frankish 6. First Doubles 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter by a local band for over 20 years. For morning Eucharist.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Johnson 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Christine Inman 3, M. Foulds 4, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. E. Whiting 6. A wedding compliment to Joy Carver (daughter of the Vicar) and Rodney Lavin, who were married at All Saints' Church this day.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, R. F. Andrew (first Stedman "inside") 2, A. McFall 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, A. Whiting 6, F. Osbaldiston 7, P. Broadbent 8. First Stedman 6, 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. A. T. Carver, Vicar for the past 16 years. He was responsible for the augmentation of the bells in 1963.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: D. Roaf (cond.) 1, M. Lawrence 2, Margaret Aslett 3, Barbara Beeson 4, D. Taylor 5, M. Scowen 6, Jennifer Murphy 7, D. Heyes 8, H. Rossell 9, J. Roper 10, G. Heyes 11, A. Bolton 12. First on 12 bells for 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, D. Heyes 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Lawrence 4, R. Mordaunt 5, A. Bolton 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: R. J. Mears 1, Mrs. L. Mears 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, C. Tidwell 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, J. T. Antell 6. First quarter peal in 53 years' ringing for R. H. J. Mears. A 17th birthday compliment to 1.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Price (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Walters 3, L. Meadows 4, C. Biggs 5, J. J. Webb 6.

MOBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. Davies 1, M. Thomson 2, N. Thomson 3, C. J. Jones 4, R. Green 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6. For Festival of Flowers.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, Susan Thompson 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, F. Mead 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Susan Thompson and David Waterman.

NEW MILLS, DERBYS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, Susan Brocklehurst 2, S. Hammond 3, P. Broadbent 4, R. F. Andrew 5, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. E. J. Gunn, for ten years' ministry in this parish.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia White (first quarter) 1, V. Clifton 2, A. Cantwell 3, A. Dyer 4, F. White (cond.) 5, F. Triander 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Henry Webb, churchwarden for over 40 years.

NORTH SEA.—On July 7th, on the M.V. "Spero", 1,260 Minor (two methods): G. White 1-2, R. Yeates 3-4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5-6.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,200 Plain and Little Bob Minor: R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in two methods by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

NUNEATON, WARKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Mary Beebe 1, D. Barnacle 2, Mrs. G. Beebe 3, Kay Blackwell 4, Sheila Parkin 5, N. Parkin 6, W. Beebe (cond.) 7, Judith Ibbott 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Pat Billington, whose funeral was this day. She was a ringer at this church and a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sear 1, T. Smith 2, Christine Birks (first as cond.) 3, G. Scarsbrook 4, L. R. Porter 5, J. Overbury 6. Rung for the Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Carter 1, Margaret P. Byrne (first quarter) 2, J. J. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Sylvia Bedford 1, D. Sloman 2, Penny Halliwell 3, A. Cansdale 4, B. Sadler 5, S. Halliwell 6, P. Bedford 7, G. Bacon (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. E. Worth, grandfather of the ringer of the 2nd, on his 90th birthday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Nash 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, F. May 4, D. Bedford 5, J. Warboys 6, D. Belcham 7, E. Peet 8. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, Valerie Nash (first Triples "inside") 2, A. House (cond.) 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, R. Tomlin 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Sudbury 1, J. Connell (first "inside" and in method) 2, I. Messenger (first "inside") 3, J. Green 4, F. Roper 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. Ann Smith 1, B. Hodgkin (first Triples "inside") 2, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, Glyn Muncney 4, S. Hodgkins 5, T. Smith 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, D. Mason 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Claire, first child of Ann and David Mason, both ringers at this church.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Weston 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Docking 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Roberts, ringer and churchwarden.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBES.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: V. Martin 1, Rachel Williams 2, D. N. Collins 3, Janet Blake 4, H. Burnett 5, J. Keddie 6, P. G. Holden (cond.) 7, J. Prytherch 8. Rung to congratulate the ringers of 2 and 3 on their engagement.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On August 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Richardson 1, P. R. Staples 2, P. C. Sinden 3, P. M. Bradford 4, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. A. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. E. Finn 2, J. H. Selby 3, W. Bains 4, S. A. Selby (first Grandsire Triples) 5, F. T. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. R. Lacey 8.

SHADWELL, LONDON, E.—On Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Collis 1, N. Summerhayes 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, A. D. Flood 4, R. L. Jones 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill 8. Rung by members and supernumeraries of the St. Paul's, Shadwell, Guild for the Feast of St. Bartholomew; also as a compliment to Michael Palmer and Patricia Copas for their engagement. First quarter of Major on the bells since before the First World War.

SHAW, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bolland 1, R. Barrow 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Rex 4, R. Christopher 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDXX.—A: Christ Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Piper 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss S. Green 3, Mrs. J. Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. J. Hazell 6, W. C. G. Wainwright 7, A. Butler 8, D. F. Willocks 9, B. C. Watson (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1 and 10.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Cheeseman 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Burchall 1, Grace Burchall (cond.) 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, R. Moxon 5, R. Beresford 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. Rung in memory of G. E. Foster, whose ashes were buried at Southwell this day. He was always a very welcome visitor to this tower.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner (first quarter) 1, R. Rex 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Christopher 4, D. Muttram 5, W. Butler 6, A. Edens (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Butler (first quarter) 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Rex 4, R. Christopher 5, C. Tilling 6, A. Edens 7, A. Christopher 8. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Wells 1, R. Rex 2, Miss J. Barker 3, R. Barrow 4, R. Christopher 5, H. Wells 6, A. Edens 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, S. J. Bedford 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, A. R. Bridges 4, W. S. Girling 5, A. H. Archer 6. A crystal wedding compliment to Paddy and Martin Thorley.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, A. Dillely 3, R. Crooks 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Garrod, many years a ringer at this church, interred this day.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): Karen French 1, Mrs. G. M. Hall 2, H. T. Ronshor (cond.) 3, G. M. Hall 4, C. E. Cooper 5, A. French 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. J. Woods to Mr. D. J. Faulks.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Bedford 1, J. Pilgrim 2, A. Knights 3, J. Gibson 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, J. Elvin 6. For Flower Festival service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 29th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival. Also on July 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): C. J. Smith 1, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, P. J. Lankester 4, P. W. West 5. For the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. M. E. Edmonds 1, C. J. Smith 2, P. J. Verity 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. M. Edmonds 1, C. Smith 2, D. Edmonds 3, C. Chiplin 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Rev. H. C. R. Eltoft, Rector 1948-64.

WINSOMBE, SOM.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six): H. Hemming (first quarter) 1, C. Field 2, B. Dodd 3, J. Chaplin 4, C. Avery (cond.) 5, R. Shallish (first quarter) 6.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bridge 1, R. Chafer 2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3, P. Saunders 4, H. Hall 5, R. Hall 6. For Easter Evensong. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Hall 1, R. Chafer 2, R. Bridge 3, P. Saunders 4, J. G. Hall (cond.) 5, R. Hippiasley 6. For Evensong.

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314265	S	2
412365	—	2
213465	—	2

2153648709E	(b)	2
213465	—	2
314265	—	2
412365	—	2

412365879E0	(c)	2
213465	—	2
314265	—	2
312465	S	2
215463	—	3

2135648709E	(d)	3
314562	—	3
412563	—	3
214365	—	—

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