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**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON**

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## OUR COVER PICTURE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,  
NORTHAMPTON

By Major A. G. SMITH

THE Parish Church of St. Peter, Northampton, is one of the most perfect and beautiful specimens of Late Norman architecture to be found in England. Originally the boundaries of the parish were also those of the Saxon town of Hamtune, from which the present town developed. Subsequently it was very much the "Castle Church" until the Castle was demolished after the Restoration. In mediæval times a very much larger parish was attached to it, and the Churches of St. John Baptist, Kingshorpe, and of St. Michael, Upton, were built as Chapels of Ease.

The first Norman Earl of Northampton was Simon de St. Liz, who founded the Priory of St. Andrew; he is also credited with the foundation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, as a thank-offering for his safe return from the Crusades. He died some time between 1111 and 1113 and was succeeded by his son, Simon II (died 1153), who founded the Abbeys of Sawtre and Delapre and liberally endowed Croyland, and it is to Simon II that we almost certainly owe the fine Norman church which we now see. His son, Simon III, the last Earl of the line, died childless in 1184.

The church itself is a monument to the fusion of Anglo-Saxon and Norman craftsmanship. The richly-decorated capitals of the arcades, which run the whole length of the interior on both sides, continue the style and spirit of the cover to Ragener's reliquary, which is a late Saxon stone coffin lid and stands near the entrance to the chancel.

SIR GILBERT SCOTT'S  
CONTRIBUTION

The sanctuary is modern work built on the ancient foundations and in accordance with the features found during Sir Gilbert Scott's restoration of 1851-52. Before the restoration of the east wall, itself a product of a restoration of the time of Charles I, it coincided with the position of the present altar rails. The reredos of carved oak (1879), 15th century German Gothic in style, received four additional figures in 1914 as a memorial to Rev. E. N. Toms (Rector, 1873-1906). A mural tablet commemorates Rev. R. M. Serjeantson (Rector, 1906-16), a distinguished local historian. The only remains of the original Norman structure are the nave and chancel arcades and part of the clerestory above them. Their excellent preservation is largely due to their having been thickly covered in limestone for centuries. Miss A. E. Baker, sister of George Baker, the county historian, removed the accumulation of many coats before the 1851 restoration.

The tower arch at the west end of the church is one of the most striking features. It was obviously reconstructed when the tower was rebuilt in the reign of Charles I. In 1607 the tower was in ruins and the whole church in a state of grievous disrepair. The tower at its rebuilding was moved ten feet further east. This accounts for the mutilation of the westernmost bay of the nave. The tower was restored in 1960 at a cost of £2,000.

The richly decorative arch on the west face of the tower is the head of the old

west doorway, the several orders of which have been rebuilt in one plane. The triple round buttresses at the angles are thought to be unique in England; similar ones are to be found in French Norman building, as at St. Remi, Rheims and Aulnay.

## THE BELLS

The eight bells have the following inscriptions cast on them:—

Treble.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood 1734.

2.—Prosperity to this Parish.

3.—Fear God, Honour the King 1734.

4.—1734.

5.—Ab. Rudhal of Gloucester cast us all 1734.

6.—Prosperity to the Church of England 1734.

7.—Sir Arthur Hesilrige Baronet and Nicholas Battim Ald. Churchwarden 1734.

Tenor.—The gift of Sir Arthur Hesilrige Baronet 1734.

In the early 18th century there were only four bells. In 1734 they were recast and four extra bells added.

The bells were rehung in 1893 by Grose and Norman, Northampton.

In 1928 the bells were retuned and hung by Gillett and Johnston.

The following peals were rung at St. Peter's, as recorded:—

June 15th, 1739: 5,040 Bob Major (cond. Benjamin Annable) in 3 hrs 12 mins.

May 22nd, 1897: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs 8 mins.

May 26th, 1913: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs 18 mins.

Nov. 4th, 1935: 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs.

July 22nd, 1939: 5,040 Bob Major (cond. Tom Tebbutt) in 2 hrs 58 mins.

## RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Needless to say, every few years there needs to be further restorations: in 1951 the whole of the south roof was restored with Collyweston slates and in 1965 the north roof was similarly dealt with. During 1969-70 we are called upon to have all the interior roof woodwork treated against death watch beetles, and all other woodwork, and complete new wiring and lighting system; the decoration of the walls above the carved stonework and along the aisles; also to have the clock mechanically worked to save daily hand-winding. The exterior walls, especially the pillars of the tower, are sadly in need of restoration by modern methods. The total cost of what needs to be done at this time will be about £6,000. We have over £2,500 towards this, but earnestly seek the help from lovers of St. Peter's and its beautiful architecture.

Donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, the Ven. B. R. Marsh (Archdeacon of Northampton), 11, The Drive, Northampton.

The cover picture clearly shows the sad state of the tower stonework.

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## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at St. David's, Bangor, on September 6th, with representatives from nine towers being present. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Elwyn Roberts) and the lesson read by the president (Rev. Arthur L. Cooke).

In his address the Vicar welcomed the members and recalled how a former vicar of St. David's, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, an accomplished ringer, gathered a proficient band of ringers by obtaining jobs for them on the railway at Bangor. They included W. T. Peglar, A. E. Peglar, J. H. Midwinter, W. Crane and others who rang many peals for the Association.

At the business meeting the president congratulated the members who took part in the ringing for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

A small committee was elected to revise the rule relating to the constitution of the Association, as the qualification for life membership it was suggested should be more clearly defined.

The Rev. Ivor Rees expressed thanks to the women members of St. David's for the excellent tea provided.



# LINCOLN GUILD'S 70th ANNIVERSARY

There are five-yearly intervals between the dinners of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Guild was celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion at Moor Lodge Hotel, Branston, on September 27th. Under the genial chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Jack Bray, a record attendance of 170 had an evening of enjoyment, during which the charm of Lincolnshire was extolled by speakers who loved the county and its people.

Dignity was added by the presence of the mace of the Central Council, the formidable shillelagh presented by the Irish Association. This denoted the presence of the President of the Council, Mr. John Freeman. As one without honour in his own country John sat modestly at the top table listening to the brilliance of his clerical brother: his speeches and wit are for other ears.

The theme of the evening was redundant churches and their bells. Canon P. B. G. Binnall suggested surveys and recording where the bells were on a diocesan level. With this Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the Council's general secretary, agreed: his response on a national appeal had not been encouraging. The evening was admirably organised by Mr. J. Millhouse, Guild secretary, who postponed joining Mr. G. E. Fearn's peal party in Devon to give personal attention to the occasion.

The chairman in his welcome said it seemed incredible that the last dinner was five years ago—time went so quickly—and to think that there would be another five years before the next dinner was really frightening.

After apologising for the absence of the Bishop and the Dean, he said most of them would recall that at each of the previous dinners the President of the Central Council had attended. They had Mr. Lewis, Mr. Sharpe and Canon Thurlow. This year they also had the President, but he was "one of us. We have not had to send him a complimentary ticket. I am delighted to take this opportunity on behalf of everybody in the Guild to congratulate John on his appointment. You must work with a man closely for a long time to know his ability: I have worked with him and I know that he will be a worthy president of the Council. I want to assure him of our loyalty and to wish him well."

## ONE FOUNDER MEMBER

The Master expressed regret that they had not a founder member with them. They had only one founder member—John B. Hallifax—and he could assure them that he was with them very much in spirit, and at the age of 95 read "The Ringing World" through from cover to cover. He asked the secretary to send him a letter of good wishes from the company present.

He had received a letter from the president of the Hertfordshire County Association, Mr. Walter Ayre, who was still proud to be called a Lincolnshire man, although he had lived in Hertfordshire for over 50 years. Walter did a great deal of work for the Central Council as convener of the Peals Analysis Committee. He asked the secretary to send him their good wishes.

Mr. John Freeman's name was not on the toast list but his brother, Rev. P. M. Freeman, of Scunthorpe, was entrusted with proposing "The Diocese of Lincoln". He revealed a great love for the county and refuted those who regarded Lincolnshire as flat and uninteresting by telling of the many times he and his brother had run up the steep hill to Lincoln Cathedral on a Sunday morning only to find the door of the tower closed at 10 a.m. and they were debarred from ringing.

## A LAW JAMES MEMORY

As a boy, when people came to their house they were not allowed to meet them. The visitors were in the front room while they were in the back. He could still picture

the Rev. H. Law James sitting on a chair in the bay window. To many meetings in those days he went on the carrier of his father's bicycle. One of the things he would always remember was while at Messingham he watched the sun setting behind Manton Church, where Canon Binnall's father was rector.

The response was from the Sub-Dean of Lincoln, Canon P. G. B. Binnall, who confessed that although he was not a practical ringer he was enormously interested in bells. He had had many talks with Mr. Ranald Clouston, who had been making a survey of bells in the county. Thomas North did not succeed in examining all the bells in the county: there were difficulties about those in bell-cotes and working through supernumeraries. It seemed to him that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild could well undertake to bring Thomas North's monumental work up to date, and this could well be done by forming small voluntary committees to undertake different parts of the county.

## OLD BELL COPIED

Another thing which all of them must be most careful about was in regard to bells hanging in steeples of churches that had become redundant. A register should be prepared in the diocese of all these bells and a record of where they now were. In the small church at Clixby, near Caister, there was a large bell-cote. The bell could only be seen through field glasses and because it was long-waisted it seemed to him to be an old bell. It was removed to the Cathedral workshop where it was thought to be of the 12th century. Mr. Ranald Clouston examined it and came to the conclusion that it belonged to the 17th or 18th century. It was cast by a local bellfounder and all he had to go on was a copy of a 12th century bell, and he made it accordingly.

Concluding, Canon Binnall thanked all who "pulled a bell", whether they rang changes or not. It was a service to the glory of God and they owed them an enormous debt.

Bells in redundant churches was also mentioned by Mr. Vernon Bottomley in proposing "The Lincoln Diocesan Guild". He said redundant bells was a matter that was likely to concern them more and more, and Canon Binnall had suggested a record being made in the diocese.

Mr. Bottomley said he did attempt a register of redundant bells. He had letters from two churchwardens accusing him of trying to "pinch" the bells and a vicar also

took exception. He had come to the conclusion that in attempting to do this on a national basis was wrong and it would be better on a diocesan basis.

## A MORAL QUESTION

There was a moral question about bells in these churches. These had been provided by people in the past and they had a duty to see that the use of those bells continued. He thought the use of those bells could best be continued in the locality. He thought that each Diocesan Association should seek representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committee to make certain that bells were to be continued to be used for the purpose for which they were provided and not become a bonus to the scrap merchants.

Mr. Raymond F. Smith, the Guild librarian, replied. He mentioned the progress of the Guild by its festival and striking competitions and the promotion of one-day schools. He thought that the presence of such a large gathering at the dinner was an indication of the fine spirit that prevailed. He particularly welcomed the presence of Mr. Ken Crofts and his two sons, and mentioned the handbell peals he had rung with Ken and the Freemans.

The toast of "The Guests" was wittily presented by Mr. A. R. Heppenstall. He mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Randalls, former members from Wales, a group from the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Miss Iris Lemare, who frequently made the journey from Yorkshire to attend their practices, Mr. Bridges, from Derby, Canon and Mrs. Binnall, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. Tom White.

Mrs. G. H. Randalls, who replied, said her speech presented an opportunity for the ladies to have the last word. Their visit gave them an opportunity to meet many old friends at the Minster the previous evening. She first came to Lincoln in 1948 and again in 1953, when they remained there for 13 happy years. The Lincolnshire welcome was always sincere. She recalled the Rev. H. Law James coming to her father's house and Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was always a perfect host, and also the late Mr. Freeman, another perfect host. The Lincoln Guild was very fortunate in having such good men in the past, and those at the head today were nobly carrying on the tradition of the past.

Before concluding the evening the chairman thanked Mr. White for his services to the Exercise as editor and said he would like to endorse the tribute paid to him by Mr. Wilson in "The Ringing World".

Mr. White suitably replied, stating that for the next three months he would be with Mr. Denyer to help and advise him if necessary.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by A. R. Heppenstall 1-2, John Freeman 3-4, Richard Inglis 5-6, G. E. Fiern 7-8, A. S. Hudson 9-10.

## PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

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## THE BELLS OF INVERARAY

IT all began at Easter this year when John and his father, Norman Chaddock, spent two days working on this glorious ring of ten bells, prior to a peal attempt by East Riding and Rotherham ringers. Reports of previous visiting peal bands have referred to deteriorating conditions in the tower although the bells themselves are in excellent condition.

Following the peal, Elsie and Norman Chaddock were fortunate in having the opportunity of discussing the tower and bells with Mrs. Anne Noble, who is now secretary to the church vestry at Inveraray. Arising from this talk and subsequent correspondence Mr. A. Clayton, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., made a voluntary detailed inspection of the tower and bells when on holiday in Scotland in July.

As Rick Dirksen, Ringing Master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., with his wife, Elizabeth, were attending the Edinburgh Festival following a brief stay with Elsie and Norman at Market Weighton, it was thought opportune and appropriate to arrange a peal for him at Inveraray, en route to Edinburgh, and to do further maintenance work in the tower and assist Mrs. Noble in stimulating interest locally in the bells and tower.

Mrs. Noble, whose husband, Michael, is M.P. for Argyll, is determined to bring about measures to arrest further deterioration in the tower and to make good past damage, so that the bells will be available to all ringers, to give pleasure to local inhabitants and visitors to Inveraray.

It was with this background that the band for Rick Dirksen's first peal of Royal (his first blows of Cambridge Royal) gradually assembled prior to the peal on Saturday, August 23rd.

Ron Ducker and John Chaddock started maintenance work on the bells on Thursday morning, assisted by Maris Stephenson and Mrs. Noble herself. It is interesting to note that the 7th bell is named "Maris", which

means "from the sea", and during the visit Maris had the pleasure of ringing "Maris".

Rick Dirksen and Norman Chaddock joined them on Friday, when Mrs. Noble made time to be introduced to the rudiments of bell control, including raising, balancing and setting one of the lighter bells.

By mid-Saturday morning the rest of the band (Rod Pipe, Ian Campbell, Wilf Moreton, John Gilbert and Ian Holland) had all arrived safely.

### TALK TO SCHOOLCHILDREN

Whilst Ron, John and Maris continued their good work in the tower throughout Friday, Mrs. Noble had a busy day bringing local clergy of all denominations, church officials and townspeople to the tower to see the bells and to hear about the problems involved. In the afternoon Norman Chaddock gave a talk to the senior boys and girls in Inveraray School; Ron, John, Elsie, Maris and Rick assisted with handbell demonstrations. The boys and girls were split into two parties and conducted round the tower and bells. Mrs. Noble had invited local people to come and see the bells rung in the evening and the hour devoted to this was most profitable. All this was part of Mrs. Noble's plan to create local interest in the tower and bells and secure the co-operation of the townspeople and clergy in future plans for preserving the tower and bells.

Tasks completed included checking and tightening nuts on bells and fittings, greasing clappers and slides, lubricating dingles and pulleys, making and fitting new rope guides through the two concrete floors for the back four bells. The 8th pulley was warped and cracked and had to be dismantled and planed. The bearings were repacked with geoleum grease. The boarding-up of broken and missing windows in the ringers' room was replaced and made good. Much pigeon dirt was removed from the bell chamber and the rooms and staircase generally swept out.

After the peal the whole band, together with Gill Pipe, Elsie and Libby Dirksen, were guests for an evening meal with Mr. and Mrs. Noble. Other guests included the Bishop of Argyll, formerly from the East Riding of Yorkshire and with a brief personal experience of bellringing. During the evening Mrs. Noble, the Bishop and Norman retired for further discussions as to how the future of Inveraray bells could be secured. It is indeed fortunate that Mrs. Noble is so keen to ensure this.

As a very small token of appreciation for the tremendous hospitality shown by the hosts, the band presented a ringer's car badge to Mrs. Noble and a ringer's tie to Mr. Noble.

In due course there will be further news about the future of Inveraray bells and tower and how interested ringers can help to secure the future of these lovely bells.

### NOTE ON THE CONDITION OF THE BELLS AND TOWER

The basic problem and cause of past decay is the ease with which adverse weather affects the tower. (Inveraray has over 100 inches of rain annually.)

The tower has four large louvres filled only with stone fretwork, so that vast quantities of water can enter the tower with the following effects:

- (1) All floors are, at times, waterlogged.
- (2) The floor in the ringing room is rotting and becoming unsafe.
- (3) Interior stonework and concrete floors are being adversely affected.
- (4) The bell frame is corroding in parts.
- (5) The wooden rope guides through the concrete floor are rotting.
- (6) Fittings connected with the chiming apparatus are badly corroded and unserviceable.

If and when measures to keep out water are taken, sound control can be effected at the same time, thus making the bells more frequently available to visitors. N.C.

## Dedication of Seasalter Bells

A BRILLIANT, sunny day was the great day of St. Alphege's, Seasalter. Just before mid-day the third bell high in the tower rang out at the hand of the Bishop of Dover as he solemnly set apart the new ring of six bells which were featured in this journal on September 12th.

And what a crowd was there! The 400-strong congregation far from filled the great church, but it was a pleasure to see all manner of people—the regulars, the representatives from Tottington in Norfolk who had given us their old bells, tired but obviously very happy after the 54-hour journey; the members of the Cawley family who have given the new treble; Bill Hughes, from Whitechapel, obviously overjoyed with the loveliness of this little ring; Alan Berry, Bert Luck, Derek Chatfield, John Keeler, representing the Association; Randal Clouston, from the Council for the Care of Churches; the representatives from All Saints', Whitstable. Almost a polyglot company, but very pleased to be there.

Matins followed a fairly normal course, being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. D.

d'Esterre Meredith), and the special and appropriate lesson from Numbers X was read by the reader of St. Alphege's and captain of the ringers, Mr. David L. Cawley. The hallowing of the bells was preceded by an impressive procession of donors, ringers, choir, clergy and finally the Bishop himself (Rt. Rev. Anthony P. Tremlett, M.A.) in his dazzling scarlet chimere. As he dedicated the bells the church building was complete, 125 years after its first stone was laid.

The Bishop in his sermon alluded to the Battle Area from which the bells had come, and mentioned that he had been stationed there when the villagers were evicted. That was a great sacrifice, but it had probably saved many lives. He spoke of Matthew, whose day it was, and alluded to the appropriateness of remembering that Matthew had answered a call. And when he had answered it Jesus took him and his gifts and his failure, just as he was, just what he offered. The result was Matthew's gospel, and when they heard the bells let them remember that.

After the singing of the Ringers' Hymn the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. A guard of honour received him at the door, while overhead the first touch on the newly-dedicated bells (108 Bob Minor) was rung by D. L. Cawley 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. A. Hughes 3, R. C. Offen 4, Miss J. Steed 5, J. B. Keeler 6. Over 100 visitors enjoyed the bells during the day: only two stays were broken; the bells much approved by those who rang them, as well as the appointments of the ringing chamber (including a mounted bell wheel from the former treble of St. Margaret's, Canterbury, doing duty as a coathanger), even if it was rather hot inside the tower. It was good that a Seasalter band was able to ring them in call-changes for Evensong. We shall be glad to welcome visitors at Sunday ringing times (9.30-10, 6-6.30) and at the Tuesday practice. Visiting teams are requested to bear a little with the fact that this is a new ring in a heavily-populated area—no peals yet, certainly—and they may be refused permission until we have good public relations. D.L.C.



## Cambridge University Guild in County Durham

**T**HIS year members of the Guild travelled north to County Durham for the annual week. Arranged by Henry Fielden, it was based at Lumley Castle, the seat of the Earl of Scarborough. In spite of such an imposing venue, two stalwarts still chose to stay under canvas: luckily the weather was not unduly unkind.

During the passage north a peal attempt for London was lost (traditionally?) at SS. Mary and Alkeda, Middleham, on Saturday. As the party were arriving, ringing had been arranged at Bamburgh (I wonder if its claim as the most northerly ringable tower is of significance?) and at Embleton, where a certain Mini refused to move any further (the trouble was ably fixed by the A.A. in two days!). That evening a quick but thorough recce established the Lamp-ton Arms as worthy of patronage. A team of sword dancers from Durham University, raising money to travel to Yugoslavia, were given a mixed reception, a pursuit which seemed more energetic than ringing a certain seventh encountered later in the week.

### PEAL SUCCESSES

Monday morning found the party travelling south to St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, where we were grateful to be allowed to use the churchyard as a car park. Ringing ranged from Little Bob to Spliced Surprise before we moved on to Stockton-on-Tees. At the Parish Church Yorkshire Royal was rung prior to an attempt for a peal in the method at St. Oswald's, Hartlepool, that afternoon.

In between the ringing at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby, and St. Aidan's, Hartlepool, where the first invisible stay was encountered, the opportunity was taken to listen to a few courses of the peal which was duly scored. After ringing at All Saints', Stranton, the bands joined forces at St. Michael and All Angels', Houghton-le-Spring, before returning to Lumley Castle. Later that evening the real reason for the week emerged as dominoes were discovered at the L.A.

After attending Corporate Communion at St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday morning, eight hardy ringers were left at 9.30 a.m. to ring a peal of London whilst the others visited Durham Cathedral at a more leisurely hour; unfortunately ringing ceased prematurely owing to the demise of the fifth rope. A measure of the ringing can be gauged as 8-spliced was rung there at a time when only 21 people in total were on the week.

During the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was rung at St. Mary's, Staindrop, by a band who had been careful to hide their identity at lunch, as this was taken directly opposite the tower. Meantime the London band, having been successful, joined the "five" and proceeded to ring 8-spliced at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, followed by St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Barnard Castle.

### A BIG DAY

Having a 12 and two tens on the programme for Wednesday, there were no tower bell peal attempts and the assembled company moved off to All Saints', Gosforth, where the Course of the Week was rung, being London Surprise Royal No. 3, backed up by Double Norwich Caters and Cambridge. Our attention was then turned to the heavy eight at St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, where memories were tested as Glasgow was called for and rung. After lunch the bells of Newcastle Cathedral rang out to Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques—the light second was not used!

The opportunity was taken at St. Stephen's, Roker, before ringing Spliced Surprise Royal, to examine the pre-Raphaelite architecture, surely one of the best examples of its type. After mending another case of the reverse Indian rope trick we returned to the Castle via Holy Trinity—a test of any navigator's skill even though we were assured it was "just over the bridge". That evening, after what must have been the shortest Guild week business meeting, timed at 34 minutes, a peal of Bob Royal rung "in hand" was added to the total.

Fortified by the success of the week so far, a band set off with high hopes of ringing a peal of 4-spliced on the octave at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay; however this was not to be, it being stood after an hour's ringing. After lunch at Morpeth, Glasgow restored shattered confidences at the Watch Tower. All Saints', Rothbury, where the clear tone enabled some good striking, and Hexham Abbey rounded off the day. Thursday was not to be our lucky day for peals as Stedman Triples "in hand" refused to go after two attempts both lasting an hour.

The final day's ringing started at All Saints', Lanchester, the second six of the week, before moving on to Christ Church, Consett, for the final touch of spliced. This was followed by lunch, also by now traditionally at a chop suey house. We then travelled to St. Margaret's, Tanfield, to speed the final peal attempt on its way, the method being Stedman Triples. After hearing the first few courses of what was to be a successful peal the remainder retraced their steps to Blackhill and St. Cuthbert's, deep in the heart of Allendale. The final visit to the L.A. was made after dinner to drink pints of Scotch and to ring handbells before retiring to the Castle for the last time.

Saturday morning saw Guild members moving off in all directions. A band was off to ring Bob Major at Bamburgh and then on to Inveraray, suitably laden with ropes. Among those who had rung in the week were D. Barton, R. S. Bradley, W. T. Cook, J. B. Cooke, K. J. Darvill, J. H. Fielden, A. Friskney, F. E. Haynes, J. B. T. Humphrey, C. M. P. Johnson, Miss Susan Jackson, J. R. N. Lebon, A. S. Marland, V. Nutton, M. J. Pickup, W. J. Ridgman, C. H. Rogers, B. D. Threlfall, S. C. Walters, J. B. Williamson, A. T. Winter, R. H. Youdale and R. L. Underwood. Our grateful thanks go to Henry Fielden for a most enjoyable week, and we look forward to meeting again next year in Kent.

"THE CORRESPONDENT."

### TRURO BRANCH FESTIVAL ENDS IN A BARBECUE

The autumn festival of the Truro Branch was held at St. Kea on September 20th and was attended by 70 ringers. The service was conducted by Rev. Peter J. Larkin, Mr. Anthony J. Davidson read the lesson and Mr. Lance Foy played the organ. An excellent tea was served in the very pleasant grounds of the Vicarage.

At the business meeting the secretary was asked to write to Mr. A. F. Burley, who had left the area to take up a teaching post in Birmingham, expressing sincere thanks for the work as treasurer for the Branch.

The following officers were elected: Rev. J. R. Jose (chairman), Miss Barbara J. Duck (secretary/treasurer) and Mr. A. Locke (auditor). Crantock was proposed for the spring festival on April 18th, and the president (Mr. Alan Carveth) proposed the vote of thanks.

After ringing at the following towers—St. Clement, St. Gluvias, St. Euny, Kenwyn and Perran-ar-Worthal—some ringers returned to the Vicarage for a barbecue—a great success.  
B.J.D.

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### LADIES' GUILD

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held on August 30th at Willeliden. The ringing preceding the service took place between weddings. Mr. and Mrs. F. Collins, from Hampshire, and several other visitors were welcomed.

At the business meeting Mrs. Savory gave a brief résumé of the A.G.M. in Manchester. Two new members were elected—Mrs. Sorley and Mrs. Wright, the latter being re-elected to the Guild.

Discussion followed on the forthcoming ringing week-end in the Ringwood area on March 14th/15th, 1970.

Votes of thanks were conveyed to Rev. G. Oakley for the use of the bells and conducting the service, Mr. Derek Cullen for playing the organ, Mrs. Lankester and Miss Ware for preparing tea, and to the gentlemen for ably performing their traditional task of washing-up.

Next District meeting on November 30th,



## Letters to the Editor

### ALBURGH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the article written by Rev. P. Bond regarding Alburgh bells. The main reason these bells are silent is due to the fact that there have been no ringers in Alburgh and the declining of the Redenhall band who used to ring there very often for Sunday service and had a regular practice night there.

As one of the Redenhall band I admire Mr. Bond for his efforts to get the bells going again, but in his article he says the Rector will welcome bands for peals and outings but does not mention Sunday service ringing, which I think should come first. I am willing to make one for service ringing, if it is only once a month, but there are seven more ropes to be manned so, South Norfolk and East Norfolk Branches, what about it?

Also the volunteers to learn. This is another problem as I have found at Redenhall. I have several young people, very keen, who can ring call-changes very well but through the lack of help cannot get any further. Unless help is forthcoming (and I see the same problem at Alburgh) this will not get our Association new members. It is up to the officials and the committees of the South and East Norfolk Branches to make an all-out effort to try and help to solve these problems.—Yours truly,

W. J. FLATT.

Harleston.

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild striking competition was held at Stoneleigh (an easy-going 10-cwt. six) on September 20th, with 13 teams taking part from nine different towers in the diocese. The competition was ably judged by Mr. F. W. Hancock and Mr. E. C. Garrett from the Diocese of Peterborough and Mr. W. A. Stote from Coventry.

The standard of ringing varied widely, the winning teams being so close that it was not possible to distinguish between the first and second places. Consequently it was impossible to present the certificates as these had been prepared for first and second place, the results requiring two first place ones. The presentation will be made at the meeting at Salford Priors on October 18th.

The winning teams were Allesley and St. Nicholas', Warwick, each with 12 points, followed closely by Kenilworth "A" team with 14½ points. Other teams: Dunchurch, 29. Kenilworth "B" 32½. Rugby 34. Chilvers Coton 38½. Newbold 40. Harbury "A" 48. Warwick "B" 69. Alveston 70. Harbury "B" 80 and Harbury "C" 113.

An excellent tea was enjoyed by about 70 ringers at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Warwick, provided by the ringers of St.

### METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fidler's recollections are largely correct, but he does not appear to be in full possession of the facts.

The methods first appeared, unnamed, in the Central Council Collection of 1907.

In "The Ringing World" of May 26th, 1922, appears the report of the Council's Analysis Committee under the names of Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, A. T. Beeston and George Williams.

This gives (inter alia):—

Names of Unnamed Minor Methods

Treble Bob Methods—Flowers  
16 Shamrock, 17 Bluebell, 20 Daffodil,  
21 Fuchsia, 22 Foxglove, 23 Hyacinth,  
24 Marigold, 27 Dahlia, 28 Geranium.

The first 720s of these methods were rung at Norbury, as follows: Shamrock, June 3rd, 1923; Bluebell, June 3rd, 1923; Daffodil, June 7th, 1923; Fuchsia, June 21st, 1923; Foxglove June 28th, 1923; Hyacinth, July 15th, 1923; Marigold, July 5th, 1923; Dahlia, July 8th, 1923; Geranium, July 8th, 1923. A busy two months.

A peal was rung at Norbury consisting of seven 720s (not spliced) of Shamrock, Bluebell, Daffodil, Foxglove, Marigold, Dahlia and Geranium on May 8th, 1924. The report of this peal certainly sent the balloon up, although the names had appeared without comment two years before.

Fuchsia and Hyacinth had to wait until 1957 to be rung to peals: Fuchsia at Offley, Hertfordshire, as Chiltern, and Hyacinth at Edgware, Middlesex, as Mendip.

None of the flower methods were rung in the 35-method peal, although eight of the methods rung in that peal were re-named. That, however, was a different rumpus.

I am not clear what Mr. Fidler means when he says the 35-method peal was "neutralised". This was, and remains, a landmark in the history of ringing, and would be had the whole of the names been changed. It is also a lasting and fitting testimony to the greatness of the late James Fernley as tower captain and conductor of the Norbury band, who also influenced the Chester Guild band of the 1930s, again based at Norbury, who, in friendly competition with the Lincolnshire band, raised the number of methods rung to a peal to heights greater than was dreamt possible in 1924.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Burnage, Manchester.

Nicholas' and St. Mary's. The President, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, expressed his pleasure at the success of the occasion, to the extent that he proposed that the Guild would pay for the tea from Guild funds, thus making it free to all those taking part.

H.M.W.

### A YORKSHIRE ANGLE

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the correspondence on the nomenclature of Minor methods and in particular the letter of Mr. J. P. Fidler in which he discusses the flower names given by the Norbury band.

The first edition of "Minor Methods" published by the C.C. in 1907 was a careless and slipshod presentation. Not only did those responsible for its compilation fail to take the trouble to discover the names of many of the methods that had previously been named but some of those they named were wrongly named. For instance, only one of the 28 4ths place Delight methods was named, and that wrongly, and of the 39 3rds place Delight methods three were given names, two wrongly! Mistakes were also made in Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

Apparently the attitude was then as it was in 1928, as mentioned by Mr. Fidler, namely, that 6-bell ringers were "looked down on". Fortunately this attitude has practically died out and we have people of the calibre of Mr. Cyril Wratten studying and classifying Minor methods, something that gives me, personally, the greatest satisfaction.

The old Wath-on-Deerne band always stuck to the old names and in 1927, when they rang 197 720s in 194 methods, they went completely through the old collection of Treble Bob, 3rd and 4ths place Delights and Surprise methods (except Superlative), together with many irregular methods.

Daffodil, Fuchsia, Foxglove, Marigold and Hyacinth appear in succession with Bluebell close by and the "irregular" Primrose, Tulip and Snowdrop not far away. There was talk of ringing a "flower" peal in seven 720s, each one a flower. I wonder if one was ever rung? None appears in the collection of Arthur Gill's peals.

In between their "record" in 1927 and ours at Felkirk in 1929, when we rang 253 720s all in different methods, the 1928 list of names was approved and we at Felkirk worked to this. We were comparatively new to the field of method ringing and could not fully understand the resentment of the old Wath band to the names that had been foisted on them.

In the years following Dan Smith and I rang a great deal with the Wath band, particularly with A. Panther, A. Gill and A. Nash, so we had to get used to the old names to which they were accustomed, thereby developing a bilingual flavour to our jargon.

I am sure that Mr. Fidler will be interested to learn that when we started method splicing at Felkirk we each purchased a copy of his book on the subject, which subsequently became our splicing "bible".

I notice on page 749 a request for the names of several Minor methods. I suggest that the first be called Rubbish T.B. Minor. Some of the other deserve similar titles.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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## TOUR IN TROUBLED ULSTER

**SUSSEX** University Guild's summer tour in Ireland included the second week mainly in troubled Ulster. Ringing took place at Belfast and Londonderry. Travelling was undertaken by minibus.

The tour started on August 15th. and the ringing in Dublin the Sunday following included a touch of Erin Cinques with Charles Reede for a special service at St. Patrick's Cathedral. At the end of the fortnight's tour St. Patrick's was revisited, when a touch of 9-spliced (eight Surprise and Stedman) was rung—a measure of the progress achieved during the tour.

The only disappointment of the first week was that the builders had arrived ahead of schedule at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, preventing ringing there. However, Mr. Benson allowed an extended stay at Mount St. Alphonsus Church, where a quarter peal was enjoyed on the fine bells there.

Travelling north-eastwards, we crossed the border and reached Belfast. Here we stayed the week-end in War Memorial—a large hostel run by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The cell-like rooms were more than compensated by excellent breakfasts, porridge and kippers being available on the menu—a welcome change.

### WARTIME LOOK

Between service ringing in Belfast we were able to see some of the troubled areas. Although now much quieter, evidence of broken windows was widespread and many shops and public houses were boarded-up. This was characteristic of many towns in the north, giving them a wartime look. The west of the city had the worst damage, including rows of burnt-out houses. Most striking perhaps were the grim barricades of scrap and wrecked cars. Large numbers of soldiers maintained the uneasy peace.

Our second week was spent mainly in Ulster. A quarter peal was rung at Ballymena, but at Coleraine the need to replace a broken rope shortened the ringing. Then followed a visit to the Giant's Causeway. The sunny weather of the first week had changed and the sea was rough, enhancing the splendour of this curious landmark.

We were a little apprehensive about the next stop. Crossing the River Fogle into Londonderry, it was disconcerting to see Army machine-gunners guarding the bridge approaches. Our guest house was next door to the B-Specials' barracks and only a few hundred yards from Bogside. But the only unrest that night was when Peter caused a commotion looking for his pyjamas.

Before ringing at St. Columb's the next morning we had hoped to walk round the historic city walls, but the section overlooking Bogside was patrolled by the Army and out of bounds. The Cathedral stands in the centre of the old city and possesses a demanding Gillett ten. Only by seeing for oneself and talking to people from all over Ireland is it possible to appreciate the strong emotions behind recent events.

Our departure from Derry was delayed by Carol, who set off without her trousers! That day we toured Donegal and visited the Beltany Stone Circle. The following evening we rang at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen, at the end of a lazy day by Upper Lough Erne. On Thursday two quarter peals were arranged. At Lurgan two bells crossed over in Yorkshire, but a successful attempt for Bristol at Hillsborough was much enjoyed.

A romantic drive through the Mountains of Mourne brought us to the coastal town of Kilkeel for the night. Heading back to Dublin we stopped to view the fine example of a neolithic passage tomb at Newgrange and also explored the less-popular tomb at Louth with the aid of candles. Dorothy and Jonathan, of the Trinity Guild, joined the party at Drogheda and took us to an excellent pub in Clondalkin, where we feasted on chicken-in-the-rough. Our friends from Trinity College were good company and we much appreciated their hospitality.

A smooth sea passage preceded a far-from-smooth passage through the Customs at Holyhead. There our baggage was searched with embarrassing thoroughness, in strong contrast to the brief formalities of Irish Customs.

We were perhaps too tired to fully appreciate some of the best scenery in Wales as we drove south from Anglesey to stay the night at Sue's in Porthcawl. Sunday service ringing at Newton Nottage, Llandaff Cathedral and St. Mary's, Marlborough, featured in the last stage of a memorable holiday.

We are very grateful to Mr. Fred Dukes and the Irish Association for much help in organising this tour. A friendly welcome greeted us everywhere. T. G. W.

### SUSSEX UNIVERSITY TOUR

**ARKLOW, WICKLOW.**—On Aug. 18th, at Butler House, Main Street, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. S. Loveday 1-2, Susan E. M. Davis (first Major "in hand") 3-4, R. J. Talbot 5-6, R. H. Newton (first "in hand" as cond.) 7-8.

**LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.**—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, on Aug. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. S. Loveday 1, P. H. Mackie 2, Marion Kemp 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read 5, Carol Martin 6, T. G. Williams 7, R. J. Talbot 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, R. I. West 10. An engagement compliment to Marion.

**BALLYMENA, ANTRIM.**—On Aug. 25th, 1,344 4-Spliced Surprise Major (C, Y, Li, R): Carol Martin 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, M. S. Loveday 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read 6, P. H. Mackie 8, R. H. Newton (first spliced as cond.) 7, P. H. Mackie 8. First Spliced Surprise for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**HILLSBOROUGH, DOWN.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Carol Martin 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, M. S. Loveday 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read 6, P. H. Mackie 7, R. H. Newton (cond.) 8. First of Bristol for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. S. Loveday 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, Sue M. Hopkins (first Stedman) 3, Carol Martin 4, T. G. Williams 5, R. I. West 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, R. H. Newton 8. Rung for Matins.

## POTOMAC ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS' TOUR

**WE** have received an 8-page document giving the highlights of the 1969 European concert tour of the Potomac English Handbell Ringers of Washington, D.C., and which has been previously mentioned in this journal. The group consists of 14 young people between the ages of 14 and 19 years of age, with 100 handbells, who entertain as a non-profit educational team and whose director and bell master is Miss Nancy Poore Tufts, of 12001 River View Road, Washington, D.C. Among the many activities enjoyed by the group during the tour, which started on June 18th from Dallas Airport, were concerts in Holland at Gouda, Bergen and Madurodam, and at the American Cultural Centre in Paris.

On June 26th the party arrived in England, where they had a very interesting and exciting time, being fêted, dined and wined at many civic receptions and visiting places of cultural, educational and historical interest. A visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was of particular significance as this is where the bells which the team use were cast, and the employees at the foundry were entertained to a concert by the visitors.

The next few days were spent sightseeing before the tourists moved on to Oxford, where private and public performances were given, the latter in the Town Hall. The venue then switched to Llandaff, in South Wales, many beauty spots and places of especial interest being visited en route. On July 1st a concert in Llandaff Cathedral was very well received and a similar concert was given next day at Bromsberrow, Gloucester.

America's Independence Day (July 4th) found the party giving a concert in the Town Hall at Chester before travelling on to Cumberland to perform, with the Crowthwaite Handbell Ringers, in a joint concert at Keswick, the proceeds from which were given to the Rotary Club's fund for the aged.

Still travelling northwards, the party arrived at Edinburgh on July 6th, where the last of the concerts was given in the Wapole Hall and which, in spite of the stormy night, was well attended. The pleasures of shopping and coach trips to the delightful mountains and lochs in Scotland were enjoyed to the full and on July 9th, after returning to London by plane, the party left for home, which they reached at 4.45 p.m.

During the tour many gifts were exchanged and many friendships made, and the fact that so many civic dignitaries and other influential people attended the concerts will have tremendously good publicity for bellringing, whether "in hand" or in tower.

### CORRECTION

Peal Byron Surprise Major at Harrow-on-the-Hill (page 734). Time taken 3 hours and 7 minutes. The Tipler reference B58/M.

The peal at Pendlebury (page 773) was rung on the Eve of the Nativity of the B.V.M. and not the Visitation as submitted.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**BASLOW, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): T. Wylie 1, S. Davis 2, W. Hawksworth 3, A. Norton 4, A. Queen (first cond. Minor) 5, G. Newman 6.

**BENINGTON, HERTS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Clark (first quarter) 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 4, P. C. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6. Rung on the eve of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warby. Congratulations!

**BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.**—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Andrews 1, Susan Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, B. R. Jeans 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, R. Jeans 6.

**BRADING, I.O.W.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Squibb 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, S. Penfold 4, T. F. East (cond.) 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Evenong. Birthday compliments to Ann Duff (a local ringer) and to ringer of 3. A welcome to Paul John, son of Ann and Edwin Duff. A 44th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

**BRINKLOW, WARKS.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,680 Doubles (three methods): Susan Bagshaw 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, B. Elliott 3, D. W. Mountford 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5.

**BROMPTON REGIS, SOM.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, R. F. Arcsott 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Williams, second cousin of the third ringer.

**CALVERTON, NOTTS.**—On July 4th, 1,296 Lindisfarne Minimus: Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, J. C. Allen (first quarter) 2, C. J. Mobbs 3, R. N. Scholes (first Minimus as cond.) 4. First Minimus for all except conductor. First quarter in the principle: Lindisfarne Minimus 34.14.12.14.34 x.

**CHEDDAR, SOM.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,472 Tavistock Surprise Major: P. Bridle 1, Heather A. Kippin 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, S. Brown 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Jill Binning and Richard Pavey.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOM.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Childwall and Thelwall Bob Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. J. Chivers 2, S. Brown 3, E. T. Lee 4, A. E. Cox 5, P. J. England 6.

**CHISELDON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): C. Purser (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, Miss J. Purser 3, Miss M. Bowman 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, D. Herring 6. For Patronal Festival.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Eve Hodgson 1, P. J. Dye 2 Rosemary Morris 3, K. W. Johnson 4, W. J. Irving (cond.) 5, R. Hancock 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for Paul Dye, who had recently returned home from hospital.

**EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On July 27th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: J. D. Weaver 1, Felicity A. Benford 2, Valerie Howard 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard 5, L. R. H. Smith 6, M. P. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of Margaret, daughter of Jim and Louise Smith.

**FRENSHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Haytree 1, Mrs. C. J. Beadle 2, C. J. Beadle 3, D. W. Shephard 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, R. G. Townsend-Rose (first quarter) 6. To welcome the new Vicar.

**FULBECK, Lincs.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, S. Mitchell (first "inside") 2, M. Mitchell 3, W. King 4, H. Cloxtion (cond.) 5, C. Hencher 6. For Evensong.

**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Winderam 1, Mrs. J. Preston (first attempt "inside") 2, Miss J. Cleve 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Flecher 6, D. M. Graham-Service 7, M. J. Pink (cond.) 8.

**GODSHILL, I.O.W.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gill 1, A. D. Evans 2, B. Castle 3, D. Cooper 4, M. Cass (cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. A birthday compliment to Peter Mills.

**GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Mrs. J. Hall 2, E. H. Jones 3, Mrs. H. Horn 4, W. F. Gibbons (cond.) 5, P. W. Horn 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. O. Baker, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. C. Hall 1, Mrs. J. Hall 2, E. H. Jones 3, F. H. Bennett 4, D. L. Hall 5, W. F. Gibbons (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Bainbridge 2, S. A. Waters 3, T. M. C. Lyons (first in method) 4, Jane Foster 5, H. Carter 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, G. Smith 8. For the 87th birthday of Dr. D. P. Spencer-Phillips.

**GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bull 1, F. G. Edmans 2, J. Hall 3, H. France 4, P. Aslett 5, A. H. Wood (cond.) 6. To mark the wedding of Mr. R. F. Germans (son of the tower captain), a ringer.

**GRENDON, WARKS.**—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, Lin Cooper (first quarter) 2, E. J. Dicken 3, K. G. Parker 4, Sheila Parsons 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Edmondson (cond.) 1, B. J. W. Foley 2, D. J. Smith 3, Claire Higby 4, A. M. S. Stracey 5, D. C. Price 6, E. G. Bennett 7, S. Huckle 8. First Major 3, 5. A farewell to Rev. Mark West, Curate at Hatfield Church; also to congratulate the ringer of 3 on gaining a place at Loughborough University.

**HASELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Kathleen Andrews 1, Susan M. Corry 2, A. J. Paulley 3, C. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6. First in more than two methods for 2, 3 and 4.

**HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Potter (first attempt) 1, A. F. Ballam 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5, C. R. Nunn 6.

**IWERNE COURTNEY, DORSET.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Dennis 1, G. Eagle 2, E. Chant 3, R. H. S. Jeans 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. In memoriam Mr. W. C. West, late president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

**KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Adams 1, S. J. Bedford 2, A. Knights 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. B. Bedford 5, E. G. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, A. H. Archer 8. A birthday compliment to Leslie Ludbrook, ringer for over 50 years and tower Master locally.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Annas (first Caters) 1, Judith Robinson 2, Gillian Laver 3, Pauline Smith 4, Margaret James 5, A. H. Smith 6, P. Ford 7, D. Robinson 8, A. J. Smith (cond.) 9, J. Laver 10. For the visit of Princess Margaret to the opening of the Thorndyke Theatre.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): S. Ferneley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, J. Nelson (cond.) 3, L. Walmsley 4, G. Mee 5, D. E. Mersden 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

**LEYLAND, LANCs.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,269 Grandsire Caters: L. Walmsley 1, C. Crosshwaite (cond.) 2, J. Dilworth 3, John Dilworth 4, G. Cunliffe 5, J. Nixon 6, G. K. Austin 7, J. Brown 8, J. Ellison 9, H. Robinson 10.

**LISS, HANTS.**—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Celia Down (first quarter) 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Fox 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, Kathleen Fox 6.

**LONDON, W.C.**—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, Miss E. Spry 2, Miss R. Cheesman 3, Miss S. Davis 4, J. Cheesman 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. Fulwell 8. First "inside" for 2 and 3. For Matins. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, A. Weall 3, F. C. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Over 8. Rung for the service of commemoration and thanksgiving on Battle of Britain Sunday.

**LONGWOOD, YORKS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Burton and Rochester Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Wath and Pontefract Delight Minor, by the same band. Both rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 20th 1,272 combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Linfoot 1, S. Williams 2, Ann Barnby 3, A. Naylor 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John and Carole Wilks.

**LOWDHAM, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): G. P. Butler (first quarter) 1, P. R. Wild 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5. For the Patronal Festival.

**MARKSBURY, SOM.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): H. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, P. Blacker 5, N. J. Osmond 6. For the service of thanksgiving to mark the silver jubilee as a priest of the Vicar of Marksbury.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, A. McFall 2, P. Broadbent 3, R. F. Andrew 4, B. S. B. Kear 5, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 6.

**MELDRETH, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Harper 1, Pat Hurworth (first Major and first "inside") 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. Pearson 4, Jean Sanderson 5, J. H. Negus 6, J. Gipson 7, B. J. Couzens (first Major as cond.) 8.

**MIDDLETON, LANCs.**—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Kathleen Miller 1, J. Spencer 2, Jacqueline Duffield (first quarter) 3, A. Smethurst 4, L. Miller 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss Susan Leonard and Anthony Smethurst.

**MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET.**—On Sept. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge 5. First Grandsire 2, 3 and 4.

**MILDENHALL, WILTS.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Tricia Mundy 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Margaret Bowman 3, Ann Toomer 4, T. R. Jones (first as cond.) 5, M. H. Jackson 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 6. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, Wilts. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Herring 1, T. R. Jones 2, A. G. Keen (cond.) 3, Ann Toomer 4, Margaret Bowman 5, C. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival.

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Wendy R. Austin 1, I. E. Clark 2, G. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, L. W. Wraight 6. First Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung at Battle of Britain Week-end in gratitude to "The Few", as a farewell to Rev. Peter Lloyd, Vicar, who is leaving for Cambridgeshire, and as birthday compliments to Julian P. Mitchell and Bridget T. Leworthy.

**MILVERTON, SOM.**—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. M. Bellamy 2, R. Coleman 3, C. Barnes 4, J. M. M. Blanch 5, R. F. Arcsott (cond.) 6, R. Tricky 7, W. H. Ware 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Tricky on their wedding anniversary.

**MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Jane Bryant (first as cond.) 2, Mira Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. For Choral Communion, as a farewell to Mr. W. B. Reeves, Verger. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Mira Ford 2, Jane Bryant 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Singleton (parents of Jill). Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy (cond.) 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Caroline Embleton 6. For Matins, as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lynda Morris. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Ann Bryant 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Leworthy.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane Martin (first Triples) 1, T. Groom (first Triples) 2, R. Pettit 3, R. Agg 4, J. S. Dear 5, R. V. Webb 6, P. Mehew (cond.) 7, K. Webb (first Triples) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon John H. Bailey (aged 90), a former Vicar who was instrumental in augmenting the ring of three to the present ring of eight and is remembered with affection and gratitude. The funeral was at Norton earlier in the afternoon.

**PONTYPRIDD, GLAM.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: E. J. Evans 1, D. Evans 2, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 4, Desmond Kerley 5, David Kerley 6, W. H. Harford 7, L. Darch 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

**REEPHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Kelly 1, W. Ford 2, E. Durrant 3, J. Smith (cond.) 4, W. West 5, N. Fenn 6. For the wedding of Roy Smith (member of the band) to Miss June Westwood.

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Christine Yeomans 1, D. Atley (cond.) 2, L. Hallifax 3, P. Curtis 4, A. Marks 5, J. Althorpe 6. First quarter 1, 6. First in three methods by all. For Festal Evensong.



## OBITUARY

### MR. F. G. KINCHIN

It was with great sorrow that Mickleton, Gloucestershire, received the news of the sudden death of Mr. Frederick G. Kinchin, universally known and loved as "Roger". He died after an evening in his garden on September 5th, aged 61.

A self-taught ringer in boyhood, he became a master of the art, and for more years than any of us can remember was the captain of our tower. He loved to teach the young, which he did with infinite patience and kindness; and there were two young people, a boy and a girl, under his instruction when he died. Nothing pleased him better than to be tending his chiming tower clock and eight bells, and when I came as Vicar in 1952, and set in motion the repair of the clock and the rehanging, recasting and retuning of the bells, I earned his undying friendship. Without a word to me, he arranged a peal for my birthday, which incidentally was his own as well.

Sunday morning was the highlight of his week, faintly dimmed if ringers failed to appear, but "Come on, we'll make some sort of music" he would say. He had so many friends among neighbouring ringers and so great was their affection for him that he could always contrive a full team for special occasions.

It delighted him to welcome ringers' outings and requests for peals, and I was always asked whether I had noticed this or that about the quality of their ringing. For with true humility he credited me, an ignoramus, with the expert ear that he himself possessed. On Sunday evenings he was often the only ringer. He never let me down: "We must let them know we're in business" he would say, and taking three bells would chime them perfectly, hand and foot. He took one Sunday afternoon off a year, to go to Bristol,—yes, to ring with a friend there!

His good works were not confined to the bell tower. He gardened for our widows and the needy (and the Vicarage); he swept our village chimneys; shaved and trimmed hair for the old men, tuned and tinkered our machinery into life, and for years was church stoker, sexton and handyman. His neat churchyard was his pride. He loved the soil, and to give pleasure with gifts of his produce. He expected little, and often nothing, in the way of reward or remuneration for anything that he did—his one relaxation, a nightly abstemious drink with his friends at the Kings Arms. It was his

### CHURCH UNITY AND TEENAGERS

Dear Sir,

I recently returned from holiday with the depressing thought that, once again, it was time to remove six or seven sacks of sticks and dirt from the bell chamber, clean the ringing chamber and sweep the stairs. I was delighted, however, to find that the jobs had been done! In my absence, six of our ringers, assisted by two friends, had made everything spick and span.

Readers may think that this is a commonplace story, but those six ringers were all teenagers and active members of the Church; furthermore, two of them were Roman Catholics, two were Methodists and two were Church of England.

B. GREASLEY

Ringing Master, Breadsall, Derbys.

joy to live at full stretch exercising his many self-acquired skills and talents, and even when warned by ill health in latter years he refused to surrender more than a very few of his kindly activities.

May I conclude with some words from my appreciation of him in our parish magazine: "Our Lord spoke of the first stages of life in the World-to-come as being with Him 'in Paradise'. Paradise is an eastern word for garden. We can be quite certain that Fred will be at home in such surroundings, who never ceased to praise God in his devoted love and care for the good earth and its fruits. Nor will he ever forget his friends, nor fail to welcome us gaily home with a wave and the equivalent of a ring of bells when our time comes. May we be worthy of his welcome, and not forget to do our part in prayer for him." Our deep sympathy goes to Vera, his wife, and Roger, his son.

E.H.

### MR. B. THOMPSON

For some years Master of the Mancroft company, Norwich, Mr. B. Thompson has died. On September 17th, the day he was cremated, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a tribute by G. Sparks 1, E. G. Shorting 2, M. Tooke 3, M. Cubitt 4, T. E. Spight 5, G. Sayer (cond.) 6, C. Bird 7, H. W. Barrett 8.

### MR. JOHN NELSON

An in memoriam peal for Mr. John Glover Nelson was rung at St. James' Church, Leyland, Lancs, on September 21st. Mr. Nelson was a ringer at this tower for 50 years and churchwarden for 16 years. His son, Mr. John Nelson, conducted the peal.

For enquiries about Rochford, Essex, bells write to the Rector or Philip Bedford, 150, Eastwood Old Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

Conducted by David P. Hilling, a peal of Albanian Surprise Maximus was rung at Trowbridge on September 13th.

With a peal of Triples at North Stoneham on September 2nd, Mr. F. E. Collins has completed the Erin family from Triples to Cinques.

A peal of 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on September 13th, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

About 40 people from Whatton, Notts, went to see their two new trebles cast by Messrs. John Taylor at Loughborough. It is hoped to have the eight bells ringing by Christmas.

For the striking competition in connection with the Dorset ringing festival at Blandford on October 25th Durweston A qualified to represent North Dorset at the preliminary heat held at Okeford Fitzpaine on September 27th. Two other teams competed.

The 5th Plymouth Boys' Brigade Company have had their handbells stolen—a bitter blow as 60 awards have been gained in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, each boy being able to ring them. Will any readers with a set not in use please write to K. J. Banfield, 22, St. Martin's Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth.

## NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The National Police Guild had a most successful A.G.M. at Worcester on September 27th with 21 members attending and 39 with guests and friends at the lunch at the Talbot Hotel. Principal guests were Rev. H. L. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. J. B. Florintine (Assistant Chief Constable, West Mercia Constabulary) and Mr. David Beacham (general secretary to the Worcestershire and Districts Association).

The meeting was held at the main Magistrates' Court by permission of the Chief Constable (Mr. J. A. Willison). Guild subscriptions will be raised to 5/- a year from January 1st, 1970; the next A.G.M. will be held at Kettering on Sept. 26th, 1970.

### TAUNTON BRANCH MEETING

The Taunton Branch's quarterly meeting at Ashbrittle in September was poorly attended, only 18 members being present. The Rector (Rev. E. Heathcote) welcomed them warmly and used the new Guild office for the Service.

The Rev. M. Odlum, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, when suggested alterations to the rules were discussed. New members were elected from Sampford Arundel and Walton.

Next meeting, Milverton, October 25th, and Branch A.G.M., Wellington, January 27th (both subject to approval).

Grateful thanks to the Rector, the organist (Mr. Wotton) and the ladies for a delicious tea were voiced by Mr. A. H. Reed, the secretary.

### KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The above method was first rung as Basford Delight on July 18th, 1964, at Basford, Notts.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

London, W.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Warsop, Notts, has had its two new trebles cast by John Taylor and Co.

We are indebted to Mr. John L. Stanier for the beautiful picture of Adelaide Cathedral which we published in our last issue.

Wrexham's good company of ringers has none between 20 and 65. There are four in the veteran class.

The Standing Committee of the Central Council will be meeting on November 29th at the Winstanley Arms, Leicester, which is about half-a-mile from the M1.

Mr. F. I. Hairs is convalescing at Surfleet after an operation for strangulated hernia. He was present at the Lincoln Guild 70th anniversary dinner on September 27th.

A new ringing Society has found its way to our columns—the Society of New Forest Youths. A peal of Doubles was rung on September 6th as a farewell to Canon C. R. Macbeth, for 17 years Vicar of Brockenhurst.

Stephen Francis Davrill, on the day before he left to attend a teachers' training college at Coventry, rang his first quarter at SS. Michael and Paul's Church, Bath. His brother, Peter, conducted.

The quarter at Mildenhall, Wilts, on September 20th, by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, was the first to be rung by the school. The average age was 15. Eighteen ringers now attend the school, ten being change-ringers.



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### DAVID ROTHERA'S WEDDING

On September 6th, the wedding took place between David Edmund Rothera and Susan Joan Jenkins. David, a solicitor with Essex County Council, and junior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is well known to "R.W." readers as the leading peal ringer for the past two years. Susan, a teacher, is a graduate of Bristol University, while David took his degree at Cambridge.

The choice of Harrow Weald church for the wedding was very appropriate, it being on the pleasant light octave that Susan learnt to ring, and later that David, together with his best man, Jonathan Porter, learnt to ring Surprise.

On the wedding morning an attempt for a peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the A.S.C.Y. at Harrow Weald was stopped around the halfway stage, one of the band being taken ill.

The little church was well filled for the service by guests from ringing and other circles. Susan's dress, made by herself, was of Italian satin, trimmed with lace daisies, and she was attended by the Vicar's daughter, Fiona Bond, dressed in crimson.

At the reception, held at the Thatched Barn, Potter's Bar, a course of Grandsire Caters was well rung in hand by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hardy and Mr. M. L. J. Jordan. One of the ladies present was persuaded to try the swimming pool, and a very fine day was concluded as the happy couple set off to Austria for their honeymoon with our best wishes for future happiness.

O'D.

### BELLRINGING FEAT

"A great change-ringing feat has been accomplished on the Mottram (Cheshire) church bells, which is claimed as a record for the whole country. A team consisting of five Mottram ringers, two from Oldham, and one from Ashton, has set up this new record by ringing 16,800 changes in 9 hours 40 minutes. On the same bells 29 years ago eight Ashton ringers surpassed all previous records by ringing 16,608 changes in 9 hours 48 minutes. In this, the latest record feat, the ringing began at 6.30 in the morning and lasted until 4.10 in the afternoon, the ropes never for a moment having been let go.

Refreshments in the shape of dry toasted cake soaked in meat extract, pieces of meat fresh from the gravy and juicy fruit were placed in the men's mouths at intervals. The feeding process required skill, for every 'change' involved mental reckoning on the ringer's part. The feeding process was undertaken by a Stalybridge ringer, who would take up a piece of food and pitch it forward; there would be a movement of the ringer's head, like a dog catching a bone, and the morsel disappeared."

Extract from "Home Words", Sept., 1912.  
S. HOLT.

### BOYNE HILL DIAMOND WEDDING

The peal of Bob Major rung at All Saints', Boyne Hill, on September 20th was the 100th on the bells and was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lister on the occasion of their diamond wedding. Mr. Lister, who is 88 years old, served in the choir at All Saints' for 60 years; he has always taken a keen interest in ringing and is a life member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Two of his sons are ringers: Bryan rings at St. Mary's, Geoffrey at All Saints', Boyne Hill. Mr. Lister's grandson, Robert, is a ringer at Stoke Poges.

Among the many messages of congratulation was a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen and greetings from the members of Boyne Hill band.

### ST. MARY-DE-LODE BELLS RING AGAIN

The bells of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, were rung on September 7th, after being silent for a number of years. The silence had been due to the bad state of the masonry in the tower, which dates from the 12th century. It cost in the region of £2,000 to repair the tower and another £3,000 is still needed to complete the restoration of the church building.

The bells were rung for Evensong by an invited band from Barnwood, Hempsted and Churchdown, the general secretary representing the G. & B. Association. In the tower during the ringing were a number of young men of the parish who are being taught by the Barnwood ringers, who have a rota for the purpose. If these young people make the kind of progress that is expected of learners at Barnwood it will not be long before the bells are being rung by a band attached to the church.

### BACK FROM CANADA

The Slough, Bucks, bellringers are pleased to welcome home from Canada Mr. David Ward, after two years' residence there, during which time he had no opportunity to ring but time to find himself a wife. He has lost none of his old touch and "opened his account" with a quarter of Yorkshire S. Major for Slough Parish Church's dedication festival service. He has taken up a teaching post in Slough, where he hopes to remain if he can find suitable accommodation.

### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

Due to major repair work (including the replacement of the existing roof) being carried out to the Cathedral bell tower, all ringing has been suspended since mid-August, and it is expected to be late October or early November before ringing activity will be resumed.

We were sorry that many cross-Channel ringers were disappointed at not being able to ring at the Cathedral while visiting Limerick.  
G. H. E.

### SUMMER MEETING OF SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS

**N**ORTH Wiltshire and Oxfordshire provided the venue for the summer meeting of the Society this year, which was held over the Bank Holiday weekend.

On Thursday afternoon an advance party rang a peal of Minor, in ten methods, on the heavy six at Purton before moving on to stay with Lewis and Elizabeth Cobb, who were hosts for the weekend. Four more ringers arrived during the evening, albeit belatedly, after a circular tour of Swindon New Town's complex road network.

On Friday morning, "4 Spliced" was lost, after two hours at Stratton St. Margaret, due to a broken rope; one peal of Spliced too many here, presumably! However, in the afternoon Lincolnshire was scored at St. Mark's, Swindon, after persuading the builders to leave the parapet, David Wilson conducting his first of Surprise.

Saturday was the most successful day of the meeting with a peal of Rutland at Highworth in the morning and Cambridge at Bampton in the afternoon, where Ron Marlow, Jeff and Sandra Cloughton joined the party. A delay was caused at Bampton by the chiming apparatus, which required some discouragement before the bells could be raised, though afterwards it had its revenge by chiming "Home Sweet Home" for each hour of the peal.

Stedman Caters was attempted at Edington on Sunday afternoon, but the fully muffled bells proved difficult to hear and the peal was lost in a trip after about an hour. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung, with the bells "open", before attending Evensong at the Priory.

We travelled further afield on Monday to ring a good peal of Yorkshire on the glorious eight at Burford in the morning, and then on to Kingham in the afternoon for Double Norwich, which had it been successful would probably have been the quickest peal on the bells in an estimated 2 hours and 20 mins. However, the speed of the conductor's body exceeded that of his mind and a bob was missed in the second part of a well known composition. A quarter peal of Superlative was then rung at a pace more suited to the ringers and the bells.

The "Tuesday Workers" left for home on Monday evening, but a hard core, with the help of Maurice New, of Swindon, brought round a peal of Surprise Minor at Preshute on Tuesday morning. Our thanks to him.

In addition to the tower bell ringing, three quarter peals were rung on handbells over the weekend in places as diverse as a road "lay-by" and Lewis and Elizabeth's living room.

We are all very grateful to Lewis & Elizabeth Cobb for providing excellent accommodation (hoping that their home is back to normal now), and for making the ringing arrangements for the meeting.

MARSHMAN.



## JOHN KETTERINGHAM'S RINGING TOUR

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CRESWELL, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy Wylie .. .. .	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. .	5
Linda D. Shaw .. .. .	2	Robin A. Grant .. .. .	6
Robert M. Chambers .. .. .	3	John R. Ketteringham .. .. .	7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. .	4	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.  
Rung as a compliment to Anthony R. Carter and Christine M. Leslie, married at St. Albans Cathedral this day

BOLSOVER, Derbys.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Humphrey's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Peter G. Holden .. .. . 5
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 2	Robert M. Chambers .. .. . 6
Timothy G. Pett .. .. . 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. . 7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Rung as a compliment to Christopher P. Starbuck and Jennie Brown, married at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, this day.

DERBY, Derbys.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Aug. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 1-2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 5-6
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 3-4	*John R. Ketteringham .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

\* First peal on eight handbells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
*Arthur Hall .. .. . Treble	*Peter G. Holden .. .. . 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	*Robin A. Grant .. .. . 6
*Rev. Frederick Ross .. 3	Robert E. Hardy .. .. . 7
*Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 4	*Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.  
\* First peal in the method. First of Major in the method by all the band.

MOUNTSOREL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. . 5
†Alan H. Long .. .. . 2	Peter G. Holden .. .. . 6
Norman F. Edwards .. .. 3	Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 7
Robin A. Grant .. .. . 4	†Arthur F. Hall .. .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.  
\* Completes Maximus to Major in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

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

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	John E. Harrold .. .. . 5
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 2	Robert E. Hardy .. .. . 6
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. . 3	Timothy G. Pett .. .. . 7
*Burley P. Morris .. .. . 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

\* 100th peal for the Association.

MELBOURNE, Derbys.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Peter G. Holden .. .. . 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Robin A. Grant .. .. . 6
Arthur F. Hall .. .. . 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. . 7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 4	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Susan E. Davis .. .. . Treble	Timothy Wylie .. .. . 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. . 2	*Peter G. Holden .. .. . 6
*Robin A. Grant .. .. . 3	Robert E. Hardy .. .. . 7
*Alan H. Long .. .. . 4	Rev. Frederick Ross .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

\* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LATHKILL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Susan E. Davis .. .. . Treble	Robin A. Grant .. .. . 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Peter G. Holden .. .. . 6
Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 3	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 7
Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. . 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.  
First peal in the method.

## LATHKILL SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—14—38—123 4—78 B. f.c.h. b, d, o.

DERBY, Derbys.—At St. Osmund's House, London Road.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 1-2	Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4	John R. Ketteringham .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

DERBY, Derbys.—At St. Osmund's House, London Road.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

28-course block.	Tenor size 16 in B flat.
*Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 1-2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 5-6
Keith J. Walpole .. .. . 3-4	*Geoffrey Bridges .. .. . 7-8
*Robert E. Hardy .. .. . 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

\* First peal on ten handbells.

THE OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Arthur F. Hall .. .. . 4
*J. Charles West .. .. . 2	Peter G. Holden .. .. . 5
Alan H. Long .. .. . 3	Robin A. Grant .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by Robin A. Grant.

\* First peal "inside." First as conductor.

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**KETTERINGHAM TOUR—continued.**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.**—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

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

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	*Peter G. Holden .. .. 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 7
Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. 3	Norman F. Edwards .. 8
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 4	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 9
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 5	†Robin A. Grant .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

\* 100th peal. † First of Royal.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

M1, Leicestershire.—On the Grass Verge.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

Peter G. Holden .. .. 1-2	† Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 5-6	

**THE CANAL, DERBY, Derbys.**—Under London Road Bridge.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven slightly different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

Peter G. Holden .. .. 1-2	† Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 5-6	

Believed to be the first peal on a canal.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Alan H. Long .. .. Treble	Robin A. Grant .. .. 5
*Michael Rigby .. .. 2	Peter G. Holden .. .. 6
Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 3	Dennis A. Frith .. .. 7
Arthur F. Hall .. .. 4	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.

\* First peal of Major "inside."

**EDENHAM, Lincs.**—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Humphrey's .. .. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.
Alan H. Long .. .. 2	Robin A. Grant .. .. 5
Peter G. Holden .. .. 3	Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 6
Dennis A. Frith .. .. 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. 7
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 5	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor

Arranged by Chris. I. Rowson. Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.

First peal in the method by all the band.

**EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.**—At "The Retreat."

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5000 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR**

In ten methods, being 3,520 changes of Plain Bob. 512 Double Bob, 336 Little Bob, 192 Gainsborough Little Bob, 96 St. Clement's College Bob, 96 Lansdowne Little, 96 Crayford College, 72 Wellington Little, 48 Crayford Little and 32 Reverse, with 208 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 1-2	Keith J. Walpole .. .. 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3-4	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

**WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Kent T.B., one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Alan H. Long .. .. Treble	Norman F. Edwards .. .. 4
*J. Charles West .. .. 2	Arthur F. Hall .. .. 5
*Michael Rigby .. .. 3	Peter G. Holden .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

\* Most methods to a peal.

**ALFORD, Lincolnshire.**—At Resthaven, Chapel Street.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	† Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3-4
Peter G. Holden .. .. 5-6	

\* 100th peal for the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild.

**ALFORD, Lincolnshire.**—At Resthaven, Chapel Street.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

John R. Ketteringham .. 1-2	† Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) .. 3-4
*Peter G. Holden .. .. 5-6	

\* Most methods to a peal "in hand."

**SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Norman F. Edwards .. Treble	*Robin A. Grant .. .. 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	*Alan H. Long .. .. 6
Derek G. Astridge .. .. 3	Frank Reed .. .. 7
Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

\* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK, 1969****HARTLEPOOL, Durham.**—At the Church of St. Oswald

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. .. 6
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 2	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 8
*D. Barton (Selwyn) .. .. 4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

\* First peal of Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.

**STAINDROP, Durham.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

D. Barton (Selwyn) .. Treble	J. B. Cooke (Queens') .. 5
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 2	R. L. Underwood (P'house) 6
J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn) 3	*S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 7
W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by R. L. Underwood.

\* 50th peal with the Guild.

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, Durham.**—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.

On Tues., Aug. 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) Treble	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 5
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 2	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 7
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

**CHESTER LE STREET.**—At Lumley Castle.

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 1-2	A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 5-6
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. .. 3-4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 7-8
	R. L. Underwood (P'house) 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

Rung as a compliment to Miss J. C. Wittick and C. M. Tuckett, members of the Guild, who were married the previous Friday at St. Bene't's, Cambridge.

**TANFIELD, Durham.**—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Thurstans' 5-part (No. 1).	Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. .. 5
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 7
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 4	C. A. Friskney (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

**OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****DARESBURY, Cheshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

*David A. Godfrey .. Treble	George H. Randles .. .. 5
†Valerie Jamson .. .. 2	Michael Thomson .. .. 6
Norah M. Randles .. .. 3	Christopher J. Jones .. 7
Harold Worrall .. .. 4	*Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Composed by W. Nicolls.

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

\* 50th peal together. † First of Kent Major.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Cynthia Mary Woods, ringer at this church, and Ralph T. Taylor, who were married at this church before the peal.

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

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.****BALDERTON, Notts.**—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Beryl N. Reed .. .. Treble	Keith C. Vernon .. .. 5
F. William Midwinter .. 2	Colin W. Reed .. .. 6
James W. Raithby .. .. 3	Derek J. Tysoe .. .. 7
*Paul F. Curtis .. .. 4	Paul Raithby .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan.

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

\* First peal in the method and first of Triples. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals and is the first male to do so.

Rung during the Flower Festival at St. Gilestide.



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

On Fri., July 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR**

Comprising 198 methods in the following seven extents (1) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purlleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourne, Euston, Archway, Bloomsbury, Kenwood, St. Pancras, Highbury, Scarrington, Stoke Bardolph, Aslockton, Woodborough, Syerston and Cotham Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Besthorpe, Shelton and Hawksworth Delight (30 methods), (2) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow, Thorpe, Walesby, Askham and East Leake Delight, Caythorpe, Perthorpe, Hockerton, Kigull, Wigsley, Thorney, Winkburn, Maplebeck, Eakring, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (30 methods), (3) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Staythorpe, Upton and Oxtou Delight, Bilsthorpe, Halloughton, Smithfield, Bleasby, Calverton, Epperston, Cromwell, Kneeton, Flintham, Lambley, Darlton, Weston, Littleborough, Edingley, Halam, Habbleshorpe, Gonalston, Hoveringham, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise (30 methods), (4) Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whetton-in-the-Vale, Staines, Orston, Gunthorpe, Thurgaton, Kirton, Egmanston, Boughton, Ollerton, Ompton, Kneesall and Kersall Delight, Hatfield, Redcar, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick, Terling, Holloway, Pentonville, Brixton, Wandsworth, Soho and Waterloo Surprise (30 methods), (5) Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Colgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Misson, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton, Ossington, Owtorpe, Normanston-on-the-Wolds, Plumtree, Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Carburton, West Drayton and West Markham Surprise, Cropwell, Butler, Tithby and Tollerton Delight (30 methods), (6) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton Broomfield, Fyfield, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averham, Clayworth, Flawborough, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Burton-Joyce and Car-Colston Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Blidworth, Newstead, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods), (7) College Exercise, Ockley, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars, Capel, Kingston, Sandal, South Kirby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchamstead and Warsop Delight (18 methods), with 210 changes of method Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight .. .. Treble	William L. Exton .. .. 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith .. .. 5
Simon Humphrey .. .. 3	R. Brian Mills .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal. All extents by

Simon Humphrey.			
Scarrington:	36-36.14-56-36-12-36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Stoke Bardolph:	36-36.14-56-36.12-12.36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Aslockton:	36-36.14-56-12.36-12-36.	l.h. 12.	54632.
Woodborough:	36-36.14.56-12.36.12-12.56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Syerston:	36-36.14.56-12.36-34-56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Cotham:	36-36.14.56-12.36-12-56.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Besthorpe:	36-34.16-56-36-12-36.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Shelton:	36-34.16-56-36.12-12.36.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Hawksworth:	36-34.16-56-12.36-12-36.	l.h. 12.	56342.
Caythorpe:	34-36.14-56-36.12-34.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Perthorpe:	34-36.14-56-36.12-12.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Hockerton:	34-36.14-56-36-34-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Kigull:	34-36.14-56-36-12-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Wigsley:	34-36.14-56-12.36-12-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Thorney:	34-36.14-56-12.36-34-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Winkburn:	34-36.14.56-12.36.12-12.56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Maplebeck:	34-36.14.56-12.36-34-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.
Eakring:	34-36.14.56-12.36-12-56.	l.h. 16.	34625.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being two extents each of Grandshire, Newborough, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, three extents St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Peter Hayward .. .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 3
*Pamela Clifton .. .. 2	*W. Gordon Marsh .. .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

\* 25th peal together.

Rung with congratulations to Joan M. Wood and John D. Green, married at St. Edmund's prior to the peal.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*Sylvia J. Hodister .. .. Treble	David J. Bates .. .. 5
Christopher J. Bennett .. 2	Richard B. Dorrington .. 6
Alan J. Fletcher .. .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. .. 7
Remi M. Hodister .. .. 4	Stephen Yates .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Charge.

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Frank Powell, Mrs. Powell and their family.

**BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.**

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stanley W. Illidge .. .. Treble	Leslie F. Smith .. .. 5
Gillian B. Smith .. .. 2	Philip R. Johnson .. .. 6
*Graham S. Keay .. .. 3	Ian Friend .. .. 7
Barnabas G. Key .. .. 4	David R. Hawksworth .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by Ian Friend.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung in memoriam Roger L. Hawksworth.

**TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.**

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Hilary F. Pardoe .. .. Treble	*Kevin Taber .. .. 5
Nigel Thomson .. .. 2	Keith G. Game .. .. 6
Philip R. Johnson .. .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. .. 7
Juliet S. Stoy .. .. 4	Raymond J. Talbot .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Timmins and Richard Stevens, married here this day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

**SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.**

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.
William H. Watkin .. .. Treble	Robert A. Partridge .. 4
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 2	Frank Beech .. .. 5
Jennifer Beech .. .. 3	Edward R. Fairbrother .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

Rung as 21st birthday compliments to Michael Cope and Ruth A. E. Fairbrother

**BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.**

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. (C.C. Nos. 1, 2 and 21.)

Cyril T. Collins .. .. Treble	Leslie E. Monk .. .. 4
Margaret L. Ellwood .. 2	Brian Harris .. .. 5
*Martin W. Barrett .. .. 3	Clive M. Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith

\* First peal.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

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

On Sun., Sept. 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*Leslie P. Brain .. .. Treble	Vernon B. Bedford .. 5
*Robert J. Southgate .. 2	Adrian Knights .. .. 6
J. Martin Thorley .. .. 3	†Stephen J. Bedford .. 7
Michael J. Howes .. .. 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

**FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.**

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Muriel R. Page .. .. Treble	*Adrian Knights .. .. 5
Gilbert R. Goodship .. 2	Philip G. Erith .. .. 6
*Vernon B. Bedford .. .. 3	Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 7
Ernest G. Pearce .. .. 4	*Stephen J. Bedford .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

\* First peal of Kent.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Mrs. Alan G. Payne .. .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup .. .. 5
Katharine M. Thorley .. .. 2	Leslie G. Brett .. .. 6
Muriel R. Page .. .. 3	Alan G. Payne .. .. 7
Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 4	J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.  
Rung in memoriam Benjamin S. Thompson.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Julie S. Armstrong .. .. Treble	*Nigel Thomson .. .. 5
Alan D. Flood .. .. 2	Michael J. Uphill .. .. 6
Shirley M. Drew .. .. 3	John Pladdys .. .. 7
Norman Summerhayes .. .. 4	Geoffrey R. Drew .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.  
\* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Charles West .. .. Treble	*Peter G. Holden .. .. 5
John R. Ketteringham .. .. 2	Robin A. Grant .. .. 6
Lesley Warwick .. .. 3	Roy D. Mills .. .. 7
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. .. 4	Frank Reed .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.  
\* 25th peal together. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

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

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven differently called extents.	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Alan D. Flood .. .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. .. 4
Kenneth J. Rider .. .. 2	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. .. 5
John Pladdys .. .. 3	Keith G. Game .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

Rung with the good wishes of the band to the ringer of the 5th, who is shortly leaving the country.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Robert N. Harris .. .. Treble	John A. Howard .. .. 5
D. Paul Smith .. .. 2	Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6
Valerie J. Howard .. .. 3	*Ernest J. Ladd .. .. 7
Frank H. Hicks .. .. 4	*John W. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.  
\* 25th peal together.

Rung as first birthday compliments to Jonathan Noel Large, grandson of the conductor, and Peter Robert Jeffrey.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire and two extents of Plain Bob.	
*Kathleen S. Fuller .. .. Treble	†Robert J. Fuller .. .. 4
Christine M. Baldock .. .. 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. .. 5
†D. Roy Fuller .. .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods.  
Rung with best wishes to Kathleen Fuller and Mervyn Kerswell on the eve of their marriage. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

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

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
*David J. Woodward .. .. Treble	George Beeny .. .. 4
Paul Fox .. .. 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. .. 5
*Geoffrey D. Welch .. .. 3	†Alan R. Baldock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Reverse Canterbury Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Joan Beresford .. .. Treble	Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 6
Susan J. Newman .. .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. 7
Jane Foster .. .. 3	Norman Summerhayes .. .. 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. .. 9
G. William Critchley .. .. 5	Nicholas J. Davies .. .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

KEA, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Hallows

On Tues., Aug. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G

Michael H. O'Callaghan .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 2	Nicholas J. Davies .. .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3	G. William Critchley .. .. 7
Kenneth Newman .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Joan Beresford .. .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. .. 6
Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. 3	Nicholas J. Davies .. .. 7
*†Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 4	†Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.  
\* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5
Jane Foster .. .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 3	Nicholas J. Davies .. .. 7
Kenneth Newman .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Piran.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire—and five variations. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

*David J. Escott .. .. Treble	John J. George .. .. 4
†Robert Peel Pearce .. .. 2	W. Reginald Curtis .. .. 5
†Timothy J. Bell .. .. 3	T. Roy Hart .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy J. Bell.  
\* First peal attempt. † 25th peal together.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Katharine J. Maundrell .. .. Treble	Gareth H. Jones .. .. 6
Richard A. G. Inglis .. .. 2	Rowan S. Bradley .. .. 7
Richard L. Underwood .. .. 3	Richard H. Youdale .. .. 8
William T. Perrins .. .. 4	S. Clarke Walters .. .. 9
Dale Barton .. .. 5	John F. M. Maybrey .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

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

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Peter Watts .. .. Treble	Bradley Murdock .. .. 5
Philip Murdock .. .. 2	Robert G. Crocker .. .. 6
David Goss .. .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 7
Peter Furness .. .. 4	†Peter Stamp .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Groves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Balding and Miss Emma Hastings-Bass, married this day at St. Mary's Church, Kingsclere.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Bernard Doe .. .. Treble	*William Furness .. .. 5
David Goss .. .. 2	Peter Furness .. .. 6
Michael J. Goss .. .. 3	Philip G. Taylor .. .. 7
Robert G. Crocker .. .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.  
\* First peal of Major. First of Major by the local Sunday service band.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis back from a two-month exchange visit to America, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Turley. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Philippa M. Tubbs .. .. Treble	Richard L. Underwood .. .. 5
Alan T. Winter .. .. 2	Dale Barton .. .. 6
*Andrew S. Marland .. .. 3	William T. Perrins .. .. 7
J. Roderick N. Lebon .. .. 4	Rowan S. Bradley .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Richard Underwood.

\* First peal.  
Rung on the eve of the 1,318th anniversary of St. Aidan's death.



**NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.**—At the Church of St. Nicolas.  
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.  
Anthony J. Mason .. Treble Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5  
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2 Richard H. Youdale .. 6  
Thomas H. Francis .. 3 Charles H. Kippin .. 7  
Derek C. Jackson .. 4 David J. Forder .. Tenor  
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David J. Forder.

Most Major methods for the Guild by a resident band. First peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Major by all except ringers of 3, 5 and 6.

**UPHAM, Hampshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
In 25 methods—Huntsbill Bob, New Bob, St. Vedast Bob, Blaisdon Bob, Blackburn Place, Westminster II Bob, Dragon Place, St. Hilary Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas Bob, Huntley Bob, St. Remigius Bob, St. Martin Bob, St. Simon Bob, Eynesbury Bob, St. Osmund Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Place Shipway Place, All Saints Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian Bob, Grandsire Bob, Newark Place, Antelope Place—and 126 variations. Tenor 8 cwt.

Flora M. Stocker .. Treble Anthony A. Nunn .. 4  
Faith Riley .. 2 Derek C. Jackson .. 5  
Catherine A. Roberts .. 3 Walter J. Stubbington .. Tenor  
Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.  
First peal in 151 methods/variations for the Guild.

**ELLISFIELD, Hampshire.**—At the Church of St. Martin.  
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**  
Being 2,520 changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.  
Twelve callings. Tenor 9 cwt.  
\*Richard J. Wilson .. Treble R. Christine Hassell .. 3  
\*Alan Hoar .. 2 Lynette M. Holbrook .. 4  
Howard E. J. Smith .. Tenor  
Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.  
\* First peal.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
**EVESHAM, Worcestershire.**—At The Bell Tower.  
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
\*Heather A. Kippin .. Treble Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7  
\*Jean F. Woolford .. 2 Roger Baldwin .. 8  
Joan Beresford .. 3 John R. Pratchett .. 9  
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4 Robert C. Kippin .. 10  
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5 James A. D. Woolford .. 11  
G. William Critchley .. 6 John R. Mayne .. Tenor  
Conducted by John R. Mayne.  
\* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Rothera and Susan Jenkins.  
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

**NEATH, Glamorgan.**—At the Church of St. Thomas.  
On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
Being 13 methods in the following extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, (3) Cambridge, Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.  
Rev. G. Stickland .. Treble David G. Franklin .. 4  
\*Alwyn R. Lewis .. 2 Arthur C. Berry .. 5  
Geoffrey R. Drew .. 3 John Clements .. Tenor  
Conducted by John Clements.  
\* Most methods to a peal.

**LEIGH, Worcestershire.**—At the Church of St. Edburga.  
On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.  
Thomas W. Lewis .. Treble David G. Franklin .. 4  
Christina M. Bouldin .. 2 John Clements .. 5  
Leslie F. Smith .. 3 Reginald W. Rowe .. Tenor  
Conducted by John Clements.  
Rung as a farewell to Christina Bouldin, who is moving to Maidstone, Kent.

**LEIGH, Worcestershire.**—At the Church of St. Edburga.  
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings).  
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.  
\*C. Edwin Brooks .. Treble Thomas W. Lewis .. 4  
Reginald W. Rowe .. 2 John Clements .. 5  
Reginald Woodyatt .. 3 Cecil Deakin .. Tenor  
Conducted by John Clements.  
\* First peal.  
Rung as 21st birthday compliments to Christina Bouldin and David Franklin. Also a birthday compliment to Thomas W. Lewis.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 23 cwt 1 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.  
Margaret Warford .. Treble J. Henry Fielden .. 6  
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2 David Smith .. 7  
Vernon Bottomley .. 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 8  
Robert Cater .. 4 Frederick A. Munday .. 9  
Ronald R. Warford .. 5 Trevor Tarbatt .. Tenor  
Composed by R. Baldwin Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

**BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Tenor 34½ cwt.  
Iris Piper .. Treble Ian Booth .. 6  
J. Henry Fielden .. 2 Peter Church .. 7  
John R. Leary .. 3 Roderick Horton .. 8  
Maris C. Stephenson .. 4 John N. D. Chaddock .. 9  
Vivian Nutton .. 5 Ronald Ducker .. Tenor  
Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. N. D. Chaddock.

**OSSETT, Yorks.**—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.  
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.  
\*George D. Johnson .. Treble Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 6  
Gail Cater .. 2 David Lockwood .. 7  
Alan Clifton .. 3 Ian North .. 8  
Patricia North .. 4 Robin Brown .. 9  
†Robert Cater .. 5 Douglas Barker .. Tenor  
Composed by A. Tyler. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
\* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia and Ian North, married at this church the previous Saturday.

**SALTBURN, Yorkshire.**—At The "Expo" Belfry.  
On Thurs., July 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**  
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.  
Trevor Tarbatt .. Treble R. Anne Johnson .. 5  
Patricia Lockwood .. 2 Ronald Ducker .. 6  
Maris C. Stephenson .. 3 Alan Clifton .. 7  
Ian North .. 4 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor  
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

**BIRSTWITH, Yorks.**—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.  
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Philip Charlesworth .. Treble R. Anne Johnson .. 5  
Elizabeth Johnson .. 2 \*Robert Cater .. 6  
Ruth Richardson .. 3 David S. Johnson .. 7  
\*Gail Cater .. 4 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor  
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Christopher J. Easton .. Treble David Featherstone .. 5  
Robert H. Jordan .. 2 Frank D. Mack .. 6  
Peter H. Gardner .. 3 Ronald R. Warford .. 7  
W. Eric Critchley .. 4 C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor  
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

**GUISELEY, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Oswald.  
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.  
William Dixon .. Treble \*John Hopwood .. 5  
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 2 \*Alec Beaumont .. 6  
\*Patricia Lockwood .. 3 \*Alan Clifton .. 7  
\*Ian North .. 4 Stuart Armeson .. Tenor  
Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.  
\* First peal of Glasgow.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.  
**A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
In 13 methods, comprising 448 Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 122 changes of method.  
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.  
Graham J. Jones .. Treble \*Gerald Parsons .. 5  
\*Robert H. Jordan .. 2 \*Ronald J. Snack .. 6  
W. Eric Critchley .. 3 \*Ronald R. Warford .. 7  
\*David Featherstone .. 4 \*C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor  
Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
\* First peal of 13-Spliced Surprise Major.



# NOTICES

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## ENGAGEMENT

**BYRNE—EMMETT.**—The engagement is announced between Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Byrne, of Woking, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Emmett, of Stanmore. 7894

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

**PALMER—COPAS.**—The marriage between Patricia and Michael will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 12.30 p.m. All friends welcome. 7873

**GODDEN—RATHBONE.**—The marriage of Richard and Wendy will take place at St. Mary's Church, Little Baddow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address will be 27, Lewis Drive, Chelmsford. 7902

## RETURN THANKS

**BAKER.**—Mrs L. Baker and family wish sincerely to thank ringers and friends for the messages of sympathy received, and the kindness shown, in their recent sad bereavement. 7863

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**MOVLEY.**—The address of Christopher and Jane is now 9, Coverdale Way, Langley Lane, Baildon, Yorks. All friends welcome. 7876

**READING.**—Paul's address is now 17, Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester, 13. Telephone 061-224 0188. 7901

## PERSONAL

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover a multitude of sins."—I Peter iv, 8.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**"RINGING TOWERS."**—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges, the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts

## HANDBELLS WANTED

**HANDBELLS.**—5th Plymouth Boys' Brigade urgently require a set of handbells to replace set stolen from them at end of last session. Ring Plymouth 73863 or write to 22, St. Martin's Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth. 7883

## UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

**BATH UNIVERSITY SOCIETY** welcomes all ringers coming up this term. Please contact Peter J. W. Hardwick, Room IW.4035, for information of our activities.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.**—From Sunday, Oct. 5th, Cathedral Evensong will begin at 4 p.m. Therefore ringing from that date will be from 3-4 p.m. 7853

**ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOUR-BRIDGE, WORCS**—Dedication of restored and augmented ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after the service. All welcome. All enquiries re the bells to M. D. Fellows, Tower Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 7786

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Merchant Taylors' Hall, York, Oct. 25th. Towers available: Es-crick, 2-3 p.m.; Tadcaster, 2-3; Thirsk, 2-3; Pocklington, 2-3; Acomb, 2.30-3.30; Hunting-ton, 2-3.30; York Minster, 2-3.55, 4.45-5.45. Service, York Minster, 4 p.m. Parking in Dean's Park, York, for cars with Y.A.C.R. stickers. Tickets (27s. 6d.) from H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, York (s.a.e., please). 7862

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE**  
In the Shire Hall, Chelmsford  
On Saturday, October 18th  
6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 30/-  
S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road,  
Writtle, by Wednesday, Oct. 15th. 7723

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**  
Saturday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.  
Victoria Hotel, Preston.  
Tickets (27/6) from C. Crossthwaite,  
14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood,  
Preston. 7705

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Cambridgeshire  
Dedication of the new treble bell  
Sunday, October 12th  
at 3 o'clock.  
Ringing for all afterwards.  
Tea available. 7816

**NETHER WINCHENDON, BUCKS  
RECITAL**  
By Launton Handbell Ringers  
Conducted by F. Sharpe, Esq., F.S.A.  
In Church  
On Friday, October 17th, at 8 p.m. 7895

**DEDICATION  
MEOLE BRACE PARISH CHURCH**  
Shrewsbury  
On Sunday, October 12th, at 11 a.m.  
By the Lord Bishop of Lichfield  
A ring of bells augmented to six by the  
gift of Major R. and Miss M. Deeds.  
Bells NOT yet hung.  
A meeting of the Shropshire Association  
will be held at this tower on Satur-  
day, November 8th, at 3 p.m. See later  
announcement. 7896

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEET-  
ING** in Guildford Area  
On Saturday, November 8th.  
Full details will be sent to University  
secretaries.—T. G. Williams, Sussex  
University, c/o 217a, Preston Road,  
Brighton, BN1 6SA. 7889

## DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 25th  
**BLANDFORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Striking competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30.  
Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15 p.m. Open  
ringing afterwards. All Dorset ringers  
welcome. 7885

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER

King Alfred, King's Way, Hove.  
Saturday, October 18th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.  
Ringing arrangements:  
Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint (8), 3 to 5  
p.m.; St. Peter's, Brighton (10), 5.30  
to 6.30 p.m. 7877

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL DINNER**  
Saturday, October 25th  
at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m.  
The Trinity Ballroom, Worcester  
Tickets (18/6) from Branch secretaries  
and general secretary by Oct. 21st.  
All Saints', 4-5.30 p.m.  
St. Swithun's, 5-6 p.m.  
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea,  
Hallow, Worcester. 7856

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS QUARTERLY MEETING

Saturday, October 11th  
Clapham Park (8), 3-4.30 p.m.  
Tea in Clapham Park Church Hall,  
followed by business meeting.  
Evening ringing, St. Leonard's,  
Streatham (8), 6.30-8 p.m.  
Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56,  
Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent,  
BR6 9QB. 7797

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### 332ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 1st, 1969  
The 332nd Anniversary Dinner will  
be held on Saturday, November 1st,  
1969 (6 for 6.30 p.m.), at Walbrook  
Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance),  
Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, Lon-  
don. E.C., the Master, Mr. A. N.  
Stubbs, in the chair. Reception room  
and bar open at 5.30 p.m.  
Tickets (35/-) from hon. secretary  
Remittances to be made payable to  
the Society.  
Ringing arrangements will be pub-  
lished later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.,  
21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.  
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## OUR HISTORY

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## DORCHESTER, DORSET

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers  
RINGERS' FESTIVAL SUNDAY

October 12th

## RINGING:

7.30-8 a.m.

10.15-11 a.m.

2.30-5 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

7867

NORWICH DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION

Final of the Striking Competition at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Teams to meet 2 p.m.

Service 4.30, Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by results and entertainment by the Henley (Suffolk) and Norton Subcourse Handbell Teams.

Haddiscoe (5) available 2-4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, NOR 26W.—N.C. 7838

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## South West Branch

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Branch a meeting will be held at Petertavy on Saturday, Nov. 8th, followed by a celebration dinner at the Lewtrenchard Hotel, Lew-down. The programme will be as follows:

Ringling 2.30 p.m.  
Guild Office 4.30 p.m.  
Dinner 8 for 8.30 p.m.

Tickets for dinner are 30/- and may be obtained from the Branch secretary (cash with order). Bookings by the last week in October, please. All ringing friends and families welcome.—R. A. Southwood, St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 7831

## PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Mid-week meeting, Romford, Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. This is a learners' practice. 7869

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South West District.—Surprise Major practice, Hampton, Thursday, Oct. 16th. Visit to Christ Church, Ealing, on Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Friday, Oct. 31st. All 7.45 to 9 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 7893

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Surprise Major practice, Oct. 11th, St. Giles', Northampton, 7.30-9 p.m. 7880

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A District practice meeting will be held at Offton, near Ipswich (6), on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 7903

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—12-bell practice, St. John's, Croydon, Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 7.45 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 7828

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Kirdford (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Evening ringing 6-8.30. Please notify for tea R Wake 28, Key-nor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7860

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Fawley, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 Tea 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall Lymington bells (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, 10 Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL.—Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 7840

## MEETINGS

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. L. Hart, Hazeldine, Hemyock. Tel. 265.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 7865

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to I, Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley. 7872

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Worplesdon, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crimsote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—R. Shepperd. 7891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtie Crescent, Maidstone. 7834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Ashford, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford (Tel. 25388). Result of "Tidy Tower" competition to be announced.—A. P. S. B. 7825

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held on Oct. 11th at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. All names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104, Shipman Avenue, Canterbury. Ringing arrangements: Canterbury—St. Dunstan's, 2.30-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 2.45-3.45 p.m.; in evening after meeting at Canterbury Cathedral. 7858

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas', St. Helens, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Hurst, 107, Peter Street, St. Helens, (Tel.: St. Helens 23329). Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 7866

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 11th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 4-5 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.30-8 p.m. No business. Own tea. Nearest tubes Farringdon Street and Moorgate.—M. R. W., Sec. 7823

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road Newbury 7859

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Weekley (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 7-9 p.m. All welcome. 7875

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at King's Norton (10) on Oct. 11th. Competition ringing at 15.00 prompt. Service 17.15 Tea for those who notify R. J. Tibbetts, 54, Sandringham Road, Birmingham, 22B (Phone: 021-356 4509). 7822

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's Whatton. 7826

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Banstead, Oct. 11th. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 6. Tea for first 35 who notify Mr. H. N. Pistow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead. No name, no tea. Ringing arrangements: Mortlake, 10-10.45; Barnes, St. Mary, Lambeth, 10.30-11.15; Battersea, 11 a.m.-12 noon; Thames Ditton, Wimbledon, 1.30-2.15; Beddington, 1.45-2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham, 2-2.45; St. Martin's, Epsom, 2.30-3.15; Banstead, 3-4.30 and 6.30-8 p.m.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 7850

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Bredons Norton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3-4.30 p.m. followed by service, tea and business. Further ringing afterwards. Overbury (6) available from 6.45-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore. 7771

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## CHIPPING NORTON AREA RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11th, 1969

FESTIVAL SERVICE, Ascott-under-Wychwood, 4 p.m.

Preacher: The BISHOP OF DORCHESTER.

All visitors welcome.

## RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

9.30-11.00	Hook Norton (8)	3.30	Service Ringing
10.00-11.30	Chipping Norton (8)	4.00	FESTIVAL SERVICE
10.30-12.00	Enstone (6)	5.00-6.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)
11.00-12.30	Charlbury (6)	6.00-7.30	Churchill (6)
11.30-1.30	Spelsbury (6)	6.30-8.00	Kingham (8)
12.30-2.00	Chadlington (6)	7.00-8.30	Little Compton (5)
1.00-2.30	Leafeld (6)	7.30-9.00	Great Rollright (6)
1.30-3.00	Burford (8)	7.30-9.00	Hook Norton (8)
2.00-3.30	Shipton-under-Wychwood (8)	7.30-9.00	Chipping Norton (8)
2.30-3.30	Ascott-under-Wychwood (6)		

REFRESHMENTS: SPELSBURY 11.30 to 1.30, Tea, coffee, squash. Bring your own food—or write for light lunch.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, 5 to 6.30 Cafeteria.

Special Toilet Arrangements at Spelsbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood.

Public Conveniences at Chipping Norton and Burford.

Further particulars and lunch bookings:—

P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.

7755



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Practice meeting, Skipton (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Methods: Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 7881

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath and Frome Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meetings to follow. Names for tea, please.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7890

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Tickenham (6), Oct. 18th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7900

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Association striking contest will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Practice from 3 p.m. Draw 3.45. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and general ringing. Names or numbers for tea, please, to A. J. Collings, 19, Meadway, Harrold. Tel. No.: Harrold 522. 7886

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Most important: names for tea by Oct. 15th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7870

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Salford Priors on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 15th, please. Bidford-on-Avon bells available from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m.—H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). 7868

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting. Sawston (8), on the third Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Short business meeting, more ringing.—J. S. 7817

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Great Gransden, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Carlisle Surprise and Single Court.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7888

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7899

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Kempsford (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 5.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 7887

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Redmarley (6), Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Prout, Redmarley, Glos. 7879

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8), Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and service. Names, please, to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden (Tel.: 4621).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7871

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting, Northfleet, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Thompson, 4, Springhead Road, Northfleet, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton 7839

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting, Horncastle, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle, Lincs.—A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7855

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in the tower 6 p.m., followed by

further ringing in the evening. Good attendance, please. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7813

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Brownedge (Bamber Bridge) St. Mary, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Please note change from normal date. Bells (8) available 2.30–6 p.m., followed by cups of tea and business meeting. No evening ringing. Special method: Pudsey Surprise Major. All ringers very welcome.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 7819

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Helmshore (Musbury) (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 7864

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly general meeting, Oct. 18th. Bells: Whetstone, 10–11 a.m.; Blaby, 11–11.45 a.m.; Countesthorpe, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Oadby, 2–2.45; Knighton, 2.45–3.30; Aylestone, 3.30–4.50. Service, Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available in evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, Hon. Gen. Sec., 20, Kirkland Road, Leicester, LE3 2JP (Phone: 823117), not later than Oct. 15th. 7874

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7892

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Pewsey, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. L. Rouse, 11, Bassett Down, near Wroughton near Swindon, Wilts. by Tuesday, 14th. 7884

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Evening practice meeting at Great Barr, near Walsall, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7764

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, **A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	David Featherstone .. .. 5
Graham J. Jones .. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 6
*Maris C. Stephenson .. .. 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. .. 7
David Baker .. .. 4	Ronald Ducker .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
\* 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Movley and Jane Colley, married at Knaresborough earlier in the day.

**FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Tues., Sept. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Maurice Hillary .. .. Treble	Peter H. Gardner .. .. 5
*Ronald Crabtree .. .. 2	M. F. Digby Burton .. .. 6
Paul Norman .. .. 3	Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7
R. Malcolm Harker .. .. 4	David Featherstone .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Barrie Dove. Conducted by David Featherstone.  
\* 25th peal of first of Plain Bob.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

**A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Malcolm S. Turner .. Treble	Alec Beaumont .. .. 5
*Gail Cater .. .. 2	Alan Clifton .. .. 6
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 3	Ian North .. .. 7
Patricia North .. .. 4	Stuart Armeson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.  
\* 25th peal.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Holbeck.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5184 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Ronald Crabtree .. .. Treble	Robert H. Jordan .. .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. .. 2	Peter H. Gardner .. .. 6
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 3	David Featherstone .. .. 7
Christopher J. Easton .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

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

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

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

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

Janet R. Jurica .. .. Treble	*Robert H. Jordan .. .. 4
*Christopher N. Grandidge 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 5
*David Baker .. .. 3	Christopher J. Easton .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
\* First peal of nine-Surprise Minor.

**BLYTHE, Notts.**—At the Church of SS. Mary and Martin.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents—two Cambridge Surprise, one Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

P. William Brett .. .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton .. .. 4
*Joyce J. Barton .. .. 2	Roger A. Smith .. .. 5
John R. Whitham .. .. 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.

\* First peal of Minor in three methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**MARPLE, Cheshire.**—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

In six methods, being 1,440 each of Ealing and Wembley, 768 Rochester, 576 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 288 of Lincolnshire, with 99 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall .. .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith .. .. 7-8
Neil Bennett .. .. 3-4	J. David Atkinson .. .. 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6	Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

300th peal as conductor. This is the greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

**AUDLEM, Cheshire.**—At Churchfields.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 7200 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being ten different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Longest length by all the band.



# Crossword No. 15—Prize 10s. for first correct opened on Oct. 18th

By G. EDMANDS

## CLUES

## ACROSS

1. Unexpected kind of ringing (8).
5. A geometrical curve (6).
10. Every ringer should have this (3, 7, 5).
11. Competitor (7).
12. Less distant (6).
14. An Oxfordshire town (8).
16. Mermaid (5).
19. Not a liability (5).
21. Where pens and dies may be found (8).
24. A tap or a valve (6).
26. A book may be this if worn (7).
28. To whom bellringers owe a great deal (4, 6, 3, 2).
29. More than one is needed to play a game (6).
30. A Kentish village (8).

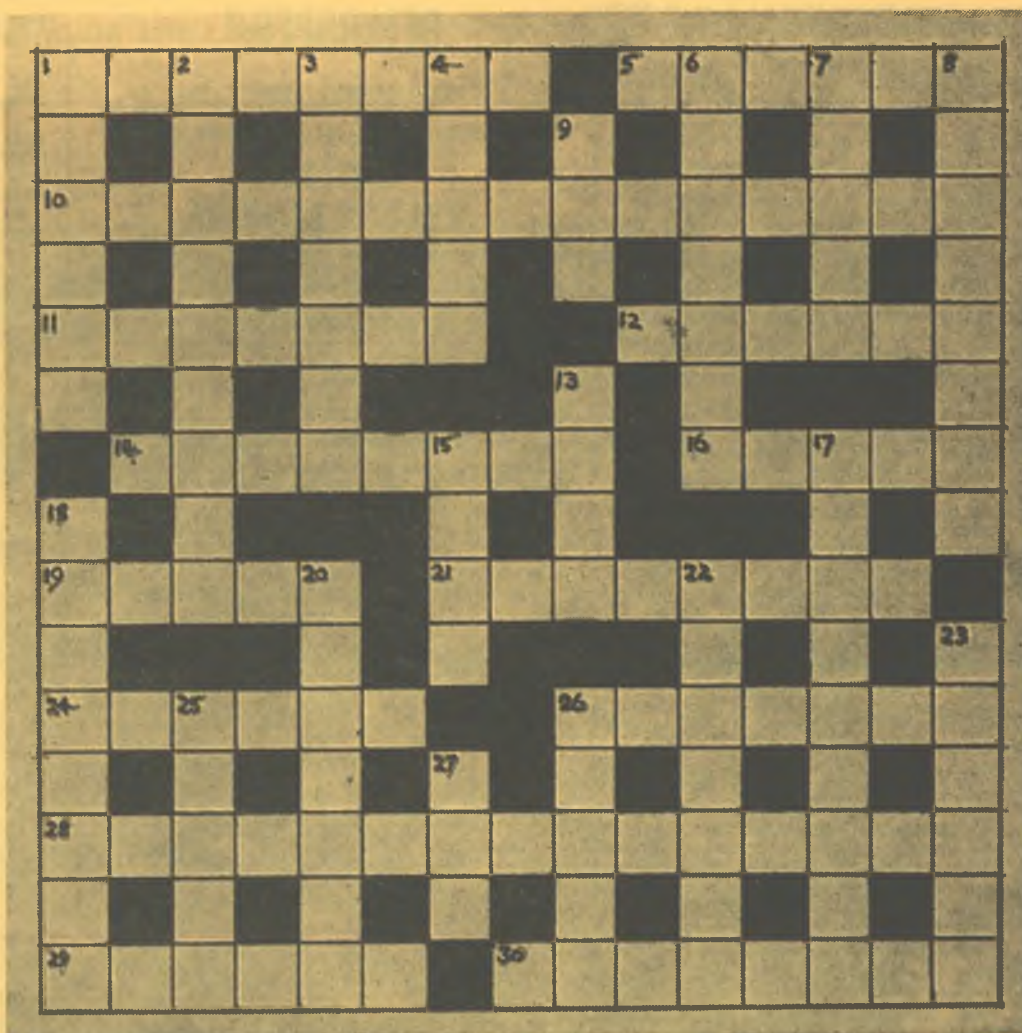
## DOWN

1. Piece of furniture (6).
2. Astronauts have to make these (9).
3. Sounds as though the entrance is twisted (7).
4. One must take this to fire (5).
6. Medicines or cosmetics (7).
7. Are in a motor-car (5).
8. Surprise ringers have often done this (3, 5).
9. See 25 down.
13. Poetry and music (4).
15. A period of twelve hours (4).
17. Blew the bugle twice (9).
18. Seen on many a tea-table (3, 2, 3).
20. An office for the dead (7).
22. To comprehend (7).
23. To be contiguous (6).
- 25 and 9 down. Not to his conclusion (2, 3, 3).
26. Right-hand one (5).
27. A kind of tooth (3).

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ROCHFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Lynn Woodcock (first away from cover) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, P. Sloman 4, E. Lucas (first away from cover) 5. A farewell tribute to the tower Master (E. Lucas), who is leaving the district.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine M. Leslie 1, Helen Dodds (first Cambridge) 2, R. E. Hardy 3, M. D. Frost 4, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 5, A. R. Carter 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. F. Ewer 8, For Evensong. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Carter 1, Elizabeth M. Barber 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, W. Little 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, A. R. Carter 8, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. C. Maylott. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Carter 1, M. D. Frost 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 4, W. Little 5, A. R. Carter 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. E. Hardy 8. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Little.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: G. Kenward 1, Joan Hayward 2, Wendy Austin 3, K. Clarke 4, F. Dadson 5, J. Clarke 6, L. Mitchell 7, B. Jemmett (cond.) 8.

**STANDISH, LANCs.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): W. O. Farrimond 1, A. H. Oakes 2, F. Bentham 3, J. Crikett (first quarter) 4, H. Grounds 5, K. Darbyshire 6, J. W. Horner (cond.) 7, G. Snape 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Robert Taylor, aged 85 years, a member of the local band for over 50 years.

**STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): I. L. Andrews 1, Helen Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, R. Haines 4, M. J. Hiller (50th as cond.) 5. First in 11 methods for all the band.

**STOTFOLD, BEDS.**—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Martin (first quarter) 1, T. Groom 2, R. V. Webb 3, K. Webb 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, T. Coxall (first quarter) 6. At Evensong to welcome Rev. F. Augustine Smartt, Rector of Grenada, West Indies, guest preacher. Also on July 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elisabeth Upchurch (first quarter) 1, Jane Martin (first "inside") 2, P. Mehew (cond.) 3, T. Groom 4, R. V. Webb 5, T. Coxall 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Martin (first of Minor) 1, M. Major 2, K. Webb 3, P. Mehew (cond.) 4, P. Jewell 5, R. V. Webb 6. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. V. Webb (cond.) 1, Jane Martin (first Minor "inside") 2, K. Webb 3, T. Groom 4, D. Saunderson 5, P. Mehew 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and a welcome to the two Methodist Churches and their new Minister, the Rev. David Woodward.

**TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Lin Cooper 1, E. J. Dicken 2, Sheila Parsons 3, A. A. Parsons 4, K. G. Parker 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6.

**WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—On July 13th, 1,320 Minimus (five methods): D. W. Flower 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells 4. Most methods on the bells. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,320 Minimus (11 methods): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A wedding compliment to David R. Mellows and Dianne Oliver. Most Minimus methods by all and on the bells. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,320 Minimus (16 methods): Patricia M. Hayward 1, H. G. Wells 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Most Minimus methods by all the band, and on the bells.

**WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Sunderland 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, J. R. Perkins 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. N. Scholes 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Mary Barry, of Birstall.

**WOODSTON, HUNTS.**—On Sept. 7th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: Gwen Roffe 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. Roffe 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton 5, R. Rogers (cond.) 6. First of London 4, 5. For morning service, and a farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers, leaving for Norwich.

**WORLE, SOM.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: S. Lewis 1, Miss M. Legg 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6.

**YARCOMBE, DEVON.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Travers (first Minor) 1, Mrs. G. Webb 2, A. Crabb 3, D. Salter 4, C. Webb 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6.

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## QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs (first Surprise "inside") 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus "in hand" (5 m/v): Lynette M. Holbrook 1-2, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4. Rung as an engagement compliment: to Miss R. Taylor.

**BATH, SOM.**—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Hawkins 1, B. Sarll 2, A. Adams 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, S. F. Devrell (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the 6th ringer, who leaves Bath to begin teacher training at Coventry.

**BLACKMOOR, HANTS.**—On Sept. 20th (St. Matthew's Eve), 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Cane 1, A. Gill 2, Mary Sutcliffe (25th quarter this year) 3, M. Cass (25th quarter) 4, D. Cooper 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival (St. Matthew's Day) in the centenary year of the foundation of the church and the installation of the bells.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 21st, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Margaret R. Chapman 1, A. P. Fester 2, Sue M. Hopkin 3, A. W. Bond 4, Caroline Mackie 5, M. S. Loveday 6, R. A. Birch 7, D. R. Cox (first Grandsire) 8, R. I. Vaughn 9, T. G. Williams 10. First on ten 1 and 3.

**CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B.): J. Connell (first T.B.) 1, Miss E. Campbell 2, A. Little 3, C. Gillingham 4, G. Jones 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6.

**CHURCHSTOKE, MONTGOM.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Savagar 1, M. P. Eisel (first quarter attempt) 2, V. Edge 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, J. C. Eisel (cond.) 5. For Churchstoke Flower Festival.

**DARRINGTON, YORKS.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 T.B. (Oxford, Kent): G. Johnson 1, Margaret White 2, R. Cater (cond.) 3, Gail Cater (bride's sister) 4, Patricia North 5, I. North 6. With wedding compliments to Lynn Blackburn and Dennis Davies, married at Castleford the previous day.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Blencowe 1, Miss D. A. Wood 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, Miss R. A. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Fletcher (cond.) 6, A. D. Elmore 7, M. Blencowe 8. To welcome Christopher Coney, ordained Deacon earlier this day at Esher.

**FINCHLEY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, J. Payton 2, P. Foote 3, R. Tompsett 4, M. Carter 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to local ringers Ian Campbell and Wendy Ferguson.

**HEXHAM, NORTHUMB.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. H. Hewett 1, W. Tyson 2, K. W. Cheeseman 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, M. Poppleston 6, D. A. Bayles 7, S. Dixon 8. Rung for Evensong at the opening of the Hexham Abbey Festival, 1969.

**HOLFORD, SOM.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. J. Smith (cond.) 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, J. Aldridge 5. A wedding compliment to Geoffrey Marchant and Eleanor Kent, married this day at Woolavington.

**INGRAVE, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagshaw 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, F. Porter (first "inside") 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, G. Bacon 5. To congratulate Christine and Mitchell on their engagement.

**LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Doubles (six methods): W. White 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Mason 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5. Most methods 2 and 3.

**LINCOLN.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Parkin 1, Julie Radley 2, Kathleen Fox 3, Gillian Radley 4, M. I. Minne 5, A. C. A. Hopkins 6, D. Phillipson (cond.) 7, C. J. Sharp 8. A teenage band (average age 17). A farewell compliment to Julie Radley, who is leaving for Norwich, and to C. J. Sharp, who is leaving for Newcastle.

**NEWTON FERRERS, DEVON.**—On Sept. 22nd, 2,160 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. Steere 1, A. N. Frost 2, S. Peirce 3, D. R. Boulton 4, P. L. Bill (first Surprise as cond.) 5, N. Mallett 6.

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