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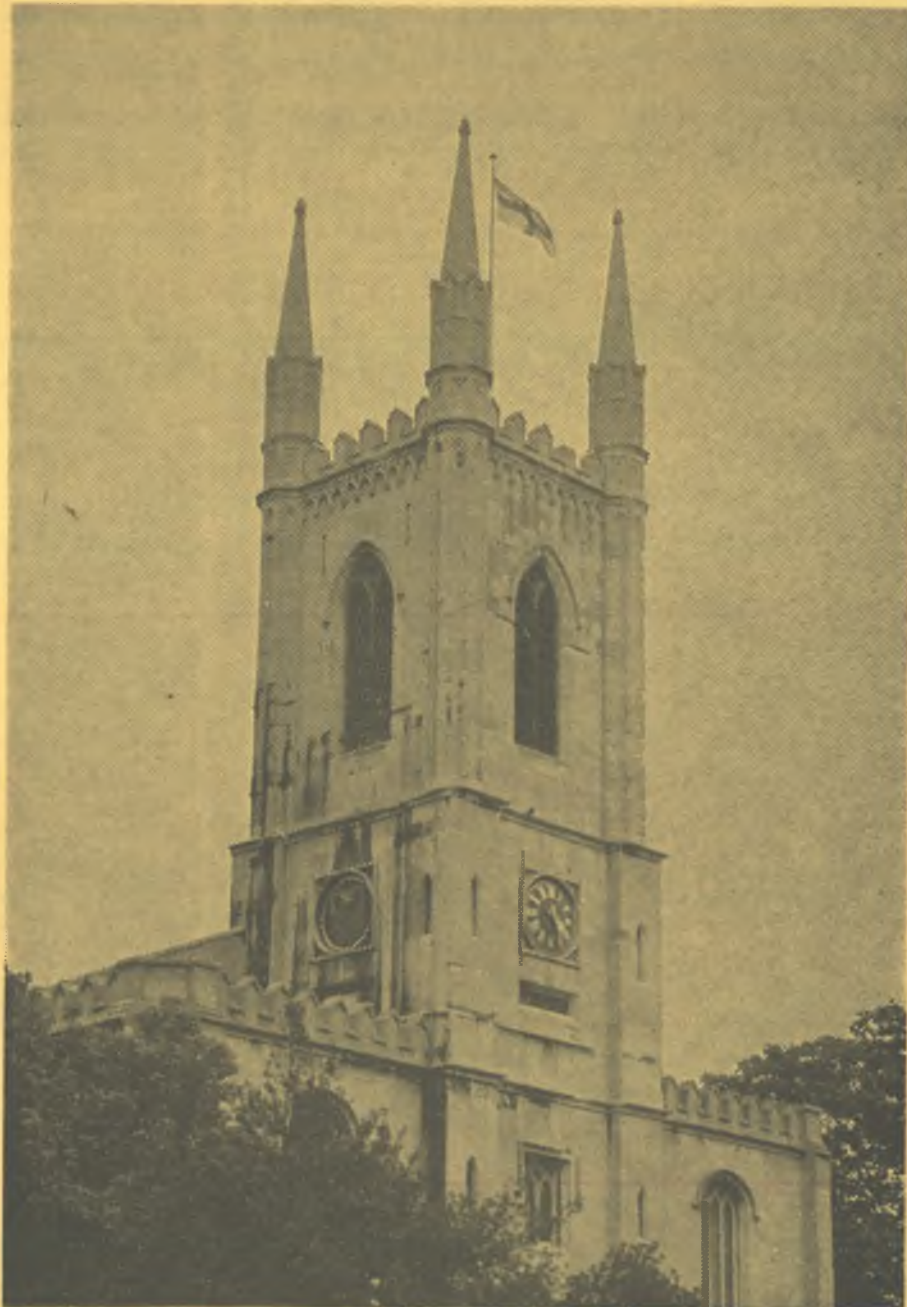
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The Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor

By WILLIAM BUTLER

THE Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Windsor, occupies a commanding position in the High Street, adjacent to the historic Guildhall built by Sir Christopher Wren and beneath the shadow of the "most romantic castle in the world". A church has stood on this site for nearly a thousand years; the whole area is steeped in history.

Records show that the first church was given, together with that from Old Windsor, to the Abbey of Waltham Holy Cross, Essex, in 1184 by Henry II. This church was almost completely destroyed by the three-month siege of Windsor Castle by King John's French and English opponents in 1216 and had to be rebuilt soon after.

The next church was "a vast structure, with at least eight gabled roofs". It had a central tower that supported a large turret which housed the bells and also the clock. In 1479 the church authorities sold this clock for 6s. 8d. to the Castle, and it was repaired so well that it kept going for the next 200 years! This was the church where Izaak Walton—the "Compleat Angler"—brought his son, William, to be christened in 1636. However, the church was neglected and by the mid-18th century only one service was held each Sunday, and this was only attended by the Mayor and Corporation and their personal friends. Most of the townsfolk worshipped at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, where four services were held each Sunday. The "Windsor Guide" for 1793 describes the church thus: "The Parish Church is a spacious, antient, ill-built fabrick, the pews being so constructed and appropriated as to exclude the majority of the inhabitants from attending Divine Service."

Eventually it was found that the foundations and walls were unsafe, and the tower was taken down by Easter, 1816. "The Times" of August 17th, 1820, carried the news that the final demolition of the church had begun.

The present building was started on September 15th, 1820, and was completed in June, 1822, at a cost of £14,000. The diocesan architect in 1869 advised against any attempt to beautify it as he regarded it as a waste of money. Fortunately, others did not agree, and Teulon made some improvements to give the church its present appearance.

THE BELLS

The bells have had an interesting and chequered career. Their first mention can be found amongst the extracts that Ashmole fortunately made of the old churchwardens' accounts for 1583 before they were accidentally lost. This entry records the sum of £21 11s. 6d. being spent on repairing the steeple and bells. About this time there were five bells, for an entry in the accounts for 1673-74 reads: "Agreed with Mr. Darby, Bellfounder of Southwark for £50, of which he hath received one pound five shillings in payement conditionally that he make of the five Bells six good and tuneable Bells: the five hinde being equal in the notes with the 5 that are now in being and to make a new frame for the treble, to cast new brasses for all the Bells and to be at the chardge of taking them downe hanging them upp making good all the wheeles defraying all chardges

of Iron worke and carpenters worke and to secure them for a year and a day."

Mr. F. Sharpe, in his excellent "Church Bells of Berkshire", notes that this founder was Michael Darby who although described as "of Southwarke" was actually an itinerant bellfounder. Further entries referring to the casting indicate that the bells were cast nearby.

These bells were only in use for the next 37 years, for in 1711 all the bells were recast into a ring of eight by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel. All the expenses for this were paid by the Hon. Samuel Masham, who was colferer to Queen Anne. Nineteen years later the third and seventh were recast by Richard Phelps, and there are many records of these bells being rung until the tower was pulled down in 1816. The bells were stored whilst the new church was built and were then rehung in a new frame, strengthened with some of the old wood from the earlier one. The sixth, seventh and tenor were recast by Thomas Mears in 1822, who two years later recast the fourth. These are the present bells, a fine, melodious ring, all from the Whitechapel Foundry. The inscriptions are as follows:

Treble.—THE GIFT OF THE HONOURABLE SAMUEL MASHAM, ESQ: COFFERER TO QUEEN ANN 1711. 5-0-5.
Second.—RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1711. 5-0-16.

Third.—R. PHELPS FECIT 1730. 5-3-15.
Fourth.—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1824. 6-3-19.

Fifth.—JOHN ELDRIDGE RICHARD MORRIS CHRISTOPHER CLARK CHURCH WARDENS 1711. 7-2-20.

Sixth.—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1822. 9-3-9.

Seventh.—MESSRS THOS. PHIPPS HY. COOMES & THOS. BIGG CHURCH WARDENS 1730. RECAST BY T. MEARS OF LONDON 1822.

I AND MY SEVEN SISTERS HERE WERE GIVEN BY THE COFFERER WHOSE NAME IF YOU DESIRE TO KNOW MY ELDEST SISTER WILL IT SHOW. 13-0-19.

Tenor.—THE GIFT OF SAMUEL MASHAM, ESQ. COFFERER TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ANN IN THE YEAR 1711. ALEXR. STAPLES THOS. BRYER RICHD HOPE CHURCH WARDENS NEW CAST 1822 THOS ADAMS THOS. JENNER WM. LEGH. CHURCH WARDENS T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. 17-2-11.

The frame was restored, the bells tuned and rehung in 1930 by Mears and Stainbank. The record book of "The Established Society of Ringers of New Windsor" dates from 1787 and was obviously continued from an earlier book. Although originally established to ring at the Castle and at St. John's, the Society split into two after an angry disagreement in 1813, never to merge again. The fascinating story of these ringers is worthy of a complete article. In 1715 one of them was called as a witness in the alleged "rigged" general election in Windsor. The next year the ringers were locked out of the Castle ringing chamber by order of the Lieut. Governor for not ringing when ordered! In 1824 one of the ringers was killed by one of the recently-rehung bells. The story of these and other interesting aspects of ringing at Windsor must wait till a more suitable time.

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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DAY OUT

The outing on September 27th got off to a flying start although the organiser, who had insisted on us all being at the Blacksmiths at 8 a.m., arrived ten minutes late. The first tower was Magdalen College, Oxford, and ringing here included Spiced Surprise Royal. A conducted tour of Oxford followed and we eventually arrived at New College and kept the bells going to a variety of methods. At our next tower, St. Martin and All Saints', having a good light eight, a course of Glasgow was successfully brought round. Lunch followed and there was just time for a quick drink before boarding the boat at Folly Bridge for a pleasant trip down the Thames to Abingdon, which we reached in good time to ring on the six at St. Nicholas' Church. The final tower of the day was at West Wycombe. Unfortunately we arrived here in the dark and as no one was very sure of the way to the church, which is perched on the top of a very steep hill, we left the coach and scrambled up the grassy slope. In spite of the climb we managed some reasonable ringing. After a stop for refreshments we arrived back at St. Albans, with half-an-hour to closing time, after a very enjoyable day.

K. S. H.

TOLERANCE BETWEEN YOUNG AND OLD

AN APPEAL TO THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. D. Paul Smith, at the annual dinner of the Kent County Association held at the New Hackwood Hotel, Bromley, on September 27th, called attention to the apparent antagonism which existed between the older and younger generation of ringers. Tolerance between the generations would help strengthen the Association.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, the Association chairman, presided over a company of 98 ringers and guests, and after the loyal toast he welcomed the company to the Lewisham District. He gave a special welcome to Mrs. Mitchell who, until her recent move to Sussex, had been an active Kent ringer, and her late husband was general secretary of the Association.

In proposing the toast of "The Church" Mr. D. Paul Smith spoke of their good fortune in having as guests Canon D. M. Oldaker, of Sidcup, and the Rev. Bryan Isaac, of Cudham, both of whom were staunch supporters of ringers and most generous in their attitude towards ringing activities in the district. Following on these remarks, Mr. Smith warned ringers of the danger of allowing selfishness to creep in where peal ringing was concerned. Many clergy willingly allowed peals to be rung, sometimes at short notice, yet they were unable to get their bells rung for services. Ringers were reminded that service ringing was their prime function.

Introducing the next speaker the chairman said that there was a belief in his family that the chairman's grandfather had, through a chance conversation with a stranger, been instrumental in having the original five bells at Cudham augmented to the present ten.

FOUR "THANK YOUS"

In his response the Rev. Bryan Isaac said he had four "thank yous" to make to Kent ringers. The first was for keeping Cudham's bells ringing for services as there was no local band. The second was for ringing for pleasure: under this heading he included ringing for weddings, at meetings and at practices. The third "thank you" was for ringing for honour, for muffled peals, tolling passing bells and marking great occasions by special ringing. The final thanks were for regular service ringing and calling the people to worship, also for all that ringers did for the Church in this respect.

The entertainment which then followed was given by the Mackman brothers, of Chilworth in Surrey, who demonstrated their expertise in tune ringing. Their programme of favourite and well-tryed tunes, some of which required ten and 12 bells for their performance, proved to be very popular.

Mr. R. B. Meadows, past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in his speech proposing the toast of "The Association" gave words of encouragement to the officers of the Association. He reminded them that the future of an Association lay with its officers and not with the absentee

members who were too busy to attend meetings because they were away either peal ringing or on an outing tower grabbing.

Before inviting Mr. A. S. P. Berry, general secretary of the K.C.A.C.R., to reply the chairman offered congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Berry on their recent marriage.

Prefacing his reply, Mr. Berry said that according to reports of other annual dinners he had concluded that the general secretary usually said little of importance—a remark which provoked much laughter, as the previous general secretary was one of the guests. Mr. Berry then thanked Mr. P. A. Corby very sincerely for all he had done for the Association in his term of office as general secretary. In recognition of these services he had been made a vice-president. Mr. Berry mentioned the deaths of two vice-presidents during the year—Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, and Mr. A. G. Hill, of Christ Church, Erith, and of the forms their memorials were to take.

Personal thanks were extended to Mr. W. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for his willing co-operation in the work of restoring several rings of bells in the county.

After the final speeches given by Mr. T. Lewis and responded to by Canon Oldaker, the chairman concluded the formal part of the evening by thanking Miss Mary Andrews, Lewisham District secretary, and her committee for making all the arrangements for a very enjoyable evening. P. M. F.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR

THIS year's tour—in Derbyshire, Notts and Lincolnshire—started at Breadsall on August 18th, some 21 members and non-members attending during the week. Encouraging was the attendance of past members; to be deplored was that the Colleges at Swansea, Bangor and Cardiff were not represented.

Ringling was of a reasonable standard at Breadsall, although there was an occasional shout from Margaret of "Mind your striking!". Horsley and Belper followed, the incumbent at the latter tower being a past student at St. David's, Lampeter. There was a traditional Chinese meal at Matlock before going to our temporary lodgings at Bakewell, where unfortunately we were unable to ring.

Tuesday was a long day with a circular tour of the Peak District, starting at Tideswell. With relief we left Wormhill without causing damage, even though a number of stays were missing. Fairfield, Hayfield and Hope were in the afternoon's programme. Visitors congregated to watch our efforts at Eyam and Tim Wylie met us at Baslow.

Wednesday brought us into the industrial area, Ashover, Old Whittington, Dronfield, Eckington, Staveley and Bolsover. At the last-mentioned tower members unable to stay the full week rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Evening ringing was at North Wingfield and there was a tasty supper at Bakewell Church Hall.

Thursday was a day of misfortunes, starting at South Normanton, where we had difficulty with the second. At Kirkby-in-Ashfield we could not get into the church; at Mansfield a touch of Yorkshire came to an abrupt end when the rope of the fourth broke, which was a poor way to repay the Vicar and the young ladies for a marvellous buffet lunch. London and Warsaw were rung at Warsop, but Worksop bells were found difficult to handle. We were impressed by the local turn-out for practice at Retford, where Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were rung successfully.

Friday's first tower was East Drayton, followed by Tuxford and Sutton-on-Trent, where we were met by the Misses Burchall. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung at Newark and then we travelled to Barnby-in-the-Willows and Ossington (the cupboard chamber). It was here we were given a barrel organ and played out of church to the hymn tune "Breathe on me, breath of God".

Saturday started in the Gainsborough area with the business meeting in Dunholme Church vestry. A change of programme brought us to Lincoln Cathedral, the climax of the tour. Unfortunately we did not ring any Maximus, but were con-

tent with Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major. At St. Giles', Lincoln, we rang some Triples methods and there was a quick ring at Saxilby.

The last day began for some of us at the celebration of the Eucharist at Retford, while for others it was ringing at Blyth, where another quarter peal was rung. The last lap was at Everton, where after ringing we were entertained to coffee at the Vicarage. The tour had been most beneficial and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Margaret and Sue for their help and guidance and to incumbents and those who met us.

Next meeting, October 25th, in the Swansea area. Details through college secretaries. D. J. M.

ILCHESTER BRANCH OUTING

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held its autumn half-day outing on September 27th. The weather was perfect, as were the excellent "sixes" of Buckland St. Mary, Yarcombe, Up Ottery, Corfe (where a first-rate "high tea" was enjoyed at the local inn), Pitminster and Trull. The Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, organised the trip.

On October 4th the Branch visited the pleasant, tuneful, heavy five (tenor 20 cwt.) at High Ham. The evening was enjoyed and a variety of methods rung, including St. Andrew's Bob. (High Ham Church is dedicated to St. Andrew.)

November meetings: 1st, Preston Plucknett, 7-9 p.m.; 22nd, Langport (with H.C.), 6-9 p.m.

OUR HISTORY

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TOM LOCK'S PEAL WEEK IN ESSEX

The true spirit of fellowship was well exemplified by the fourth day of this tour, when the organiser had no reason to waver from his usual imperturbable ease. In short, we had the East Anglian Bank Holiday traffic problems to contend with, we had the success of seven-out-of-seven but soon to be only eight-out-of-11 peals attempted, and most unfortunately we had a ringing couple arrive to join the party on the Bank Holiday evening but to be told of a family bereavement which naturally caused their immediate departure. We had come to do our best when ringing and to enjoy each other's company during the off duty periods and this was achieved.

The first band to meet and open the week's programme duly assembled at Rayleigh and enabled Win Keys to conduct her first peal of Cambridge S. Major. The remainder travelled to the county town, Chelmsford, where the Cathedral is identified by its well-proportioned flint and stone-dressed tower, on which rests a tall, slender spire. It is dedicated in part to St. Cedd, he being the Saxon bishop who built the first churches in Essex. The resulting peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus was made possible through the generosity of Jim Towler and others, who had received permission to use the bells before tour arrangements were made.

Headquarters were in Chelmsford, and after assisting in Sunday service ringing in nearby towers a band sought out Prittlewell, where a 5,000 of London S. Royal was accomplished. We had the pleasure of being met by the Rev. A. F. Ridley, who at Evensong preached a farewell sermon before his departure to Paulerspury, Northamptonshire.

On the Bank Holiday one band ventured to the ancient Roman stronghold of Colchester, but their efforts in bringing round Spliced S. in four methods prevented them giving much lasting thought to their forbears. Another band went to the village of Ardleigh, with its 15th century tower, in which hangs a bell cast in the years that

followed Agincourt, and an extent of Yorkshire S. Major was rung. Later in the day a band met at Great Holland, with its solid red brick tower which is all that remains of the old church. Here Spliced S. in six methods was completed on the eight bells which were placed in the tower by the Barron Bell Trust Fund in memory of its founder, Miss Emma Barron, who died on March 1st, 1930. The other band met at Bishop's Stortford and rang a peal of Yorkshire S. Royal, employing singles at four-and-a-half.

On Tuesday two London S. Major bands went to the towers of Great Dunmow and Harlow; the one at the former church stayed the required 24 courses, but the other stood the bells after 90 minutes due to a shift course. Later at Thaxted Spliced S. in four methods was lost after two hours due to a miscall, and at Epping Yorkshire S. was also lost after two hours due to a rope breaking. Later some of the party were passing through High Ongar and, being called by the sound of bells, were welcomed for the weekly practice.

On Wednesday an attempt to ring Rutland S. at Finchingsfield was halted after over one hour owing to indisposition of one of the band. This, however, enabled us to see more of "the prettiest village in Essex" with its large green open spaces on the banks of a river, its houses and cottages of attractive charm and its church with Norman doorways and arches standing high on the hilltop. Hatfield Broad Oak was also visited during the morning, where an extent of Rutland S. was completed without mishap. Following some regrouping of the bands, one attempt for Lincolnshire S. was made at Halstead, but was lost 70 minutes later. Here the 600-year-old church has a 19th century tower, which replaces one that fell and in which is an early 15th century bell and an earthenware pot used since 1658 for the refreshment of the bell-ringers. The other attempt, for Essex S., was made at Harlow Common and was successful.

The next morning over the county boundary, northwards into Suffolk, where the ten bells at Grundisburgh were set going to Yorkshire S. This was the third peal of Royal during the week and each had been comfortably brought round in under three hours, but at no time was the rhythm of the ringing ever in question. At Ufford Rutland S. was lost after only one hour. The afternoon's calls at Kirby-le-Soken (Spliced S. in four methods) and at Great Bentley (Bristol S.) upheld the traditions of the touring party. Through the thoughtful anticipation of Philip Mehew and the local ringers we spent a very pleasant evening really "in the cage" at East Bergholt. Philip had rung on these bells before, and after he had joined the local ringers in a demonstration an invitation was extended and three volunteers acquitted themselves well.

On Friday one band left early to get to Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, to record a peal of Cambridge S., whilst a second band had a shorter journey to Danbury, to the church that stands on the summit of a hill 365 feet high, its spire being a landmark for miles around. Here the conductor made all the bells do all the work of four methods spliced. Later in the day at Goldhanger London S. was attempted, but was lost after one-and-a-half hours owing to a shift course. During the evening the bells at All Saints', Maldon, were rung to the same composition as at Danbury; the church has an unusual mid-13th century triangular tower.

On Saturday the journey was made to Tollesbury, where a peal of Yorkshire S. was rung. The fifth bell of this ring is dated 1604 and was cast by Miles Graye I. The final peal attempt at Waltham Abbey was Cambridge S. Maximus. The ringing never settled down and after about half-an-hour was stopped.

To sum up a thoroughly enjoyable week's tour, we found nothing flat and everything interesting. We thank all incumbents, tower captains and correspondents for the privileges which were afforded us.

T. J. L.

Pipe's Pilgrims Tour Kent

This year it was Kent. It had taken us 20 years to make up our minds to visit the lovely Garden of England, and we had been told the majority of the bells were rough and odd-struck and our first sample soon proved that was no overstatement.

Maybe it was good experience for when we came upon such fine bells and easy "go" like those at Frittenden, Salehurst, Fairwarp, Brighton (St. Nicolas'), Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Wadhurst, it was like a ray of sunshine. But Pipe's Pilgrims tours were never intended for mere tower collecting. We go to enjoy England's delightful countryside; its churches, each one different in structure; for good food and, above all, social companionship.

The Pipes, Arnie Pearce, Vernon Bedford, Alan Munnings and Bob and Joyce Lester were the first to board the coach. At Colchester John and Neil Avis and Bernard Fairhead joined us. At the London pick-up spot, St. Paul's car park, we met Dan Dawson-Taylor, the four Lauds, Ian North, Harold (Vic) Frost, Juliet Stoy,

Keith Game, Dorothea Robotham, Dan Godfrey, Tom Clark, Hugh Faulkner, Norman and Elsie Bagworth, Bert and Marion Kynaston.

By permission of Michael Chilcott we climbed the steps to the vast ringing room of St. Paul's Cathedral and heard Siedman Cinques rung for the 10.30 a.m. service, and then on to Gravesend for lunch. Swanscombe, our first tower, was followed by Gravesend and Cliff-at-Hoo (nice old bells).

The Castle Hotel at Tunbridge Wells was home for the six nights' stay and everyone was happy and comfortable.

Monday gave us Benenden, Biddenden, Headcorn, Frittenden, Goudhurst, Horsmonden and Wadhurst, and on Tuesday we visited Brightling, Hailsham, Uckfield, Buxted and Rotherfield.

Wednesday saw us at Hawkhurst, Hastings (three towers), Battle and Salehurst and next day at Fairwarp, Fletching, Brighton (St. Nicolas'), Hurstpierpoint, Bolney and Cuckfield.

Turner's Hill, Crawley. Bletchingley, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Speldhurst were Friday's venues, and Saturday, our last day, was spent at Sittingbourne, Rainham, Chatham and Frindsbury.

Space does not permit more details of the splendid churches we visited nor all the grand people we met and to whom we tender our sincere thanks.

It was extremely kind of Phil, Lucille, Andrew and Judith Corby all to turn out to meet and ring with us on their fine new bells, which we greatly enjoyed.

So ended another jolly week.

A PILGRIM.

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Comment

THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET

Amidst the amazing spate of peals that has resulted in "The Ringing World" having some 150 peals in hand when we went to press with our last issue it is refreshing to find that one ringer has sufficient courage to announce that a peal be rang in during a tour when 22 peals were claimed was not of the standard required by the Central Council's definition of a true peal.

The ringer in question, Mr. Christopher I. Rowson, had previously written to the Editor asking him not to publish a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Melbourne, Derbyshire, because it was not in his opinion a true peal. The Editor is not the arbiter as to what constitutes a true peal: that responsibility rests with the Central Council, working through the Peals Analysis Committee and in some cases the Records Committee. Until a peal is published its authenticity cannot be challenged publicly.

The next step is for Mr. Rowson to write to the Convener of the Peals Analysis Committee and the secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association, submitting details of his claim that the peal was not in accordance with the Decisions of the Council. It is customary when an Association receives such a challenge to a peal to refer it to a committee or officers of the Association, and the conclusion reached reported to the Peals Analysis Committee. Piquancy is added to the situation by the general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association being a member of the peal band!

We feel that when individual members take a pride in their peals and courageously come forward and announce their opinion to the detriment of their own peal total the outcome will be a higher standard. Looking ahead, the day might come when the principle of umpires checking record length peals might well be universally accepted by peal ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD

About 40 members and friends attended the September meeting of the South and East District at Clopton.

Many subjects were discussed at the business meeting. Mr. G. W. Pipe spoke on silent bells. Where these occurred he felt that members should tell the P.C.C.s that bells should not be left to decay. Very often a little job could save a heavy expense later.

Mr. Pipe also appealed to members keen on peal ringing to raise the peal fee to 1/6. "The Ringing World" consisted of almost half of peals or quarter peals and help to the finances in this way would enable the journal to remain solvent.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION



COLIN J. E. WYLD

Owing to circumstances beyond our control we have not been able to publish before details of the entries of the winner and joint seconds in this competition, but now give the place notations of Mr. Colin J. E. Wyld (one of the second prize winners), conceived when he was 16 years of age, and also some biographical details.

Colin was born in 1950 at Wye, near Ashford, Kent, and learnt to ring under his father in 1963, scoring his first peal (one of Minor in two methods) in 1965. He has rung many more since, up to Spliced Surprise Major. He gained four G.C.E. "A" levels from the Simon Langton Grammar School and is now at Oxford University completing his studies.

WITHERSDANE

A Principle for even numbers of Bells
By C. J. E. WYLD

Place Notations:

Major

36.1458—36.18—18.36—1458.36.18

Royal

38.1470—38.10—10.38—1470.38.10

Maximus

30.149T—30.IT—IT.30—149T.30.IT

Major. False Courses: 12354—678 are fixed.

Royal: None 67890 are fixed.

Maximus: None 67890ET are fixed.

For Royal and Maximus it is only necessary to fix back three.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Puriton was the host on October 4th for the autumn meeting of the Bridgwater Branch, and when ringing started at 3 p.m. the bells had already been warmed up by the locals who had been ringing for a wedding. The church, including the ringing chamber, was decorated for harvest festival, and some 38 ringers attended the service conducted by Rev. A. Beck. An interesting address was given concerning the importance of order with regard to ringing, and two harvest hymns were then rung on handbells by the Polden Handbell Ringers, based in the village. At the school tea had been prepared, and was used for the meeting, at which a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Dyke (organist), the choir, Mr. Pope and to Mrs. Bawden for preparing the tea was passed. The silent towers committee asked for support for Monday practices at Shapwick and Moorlynch to help train bands, and it was noted that two of the committee had taught a band at Chedzoy who were ringing for service next day. Five new members were elected—four from Ashcott and Mrs. Beck (the Vicar's wife), from Puriton. A proposal that the Association A.G.M. should return to Easter Monday would be pursued at the meeting in 1970. Elly and Geoff Marchant were thanked for organising the outing, which had been a great success.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., various methods being rung. Practices for the next quarter: Woolavington (November 19th) and Wembdon (December 3rd).

Chew Deanery Branch

The September quarterly meeting at Chew gave the Branch an opportunity of thanking the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Luxmoore Bell) for his help and encouragement to the Branch. He has received preferment to Butleigh.

A splendid tea, prepared by Mrs. Bishop and helpers, followed the service, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting in

the unavoidable absence of the chairman. Mr. B. Fry was elected a non-resident life member.

The new rules, due to operate in 1971, were briefly explained by the general secretary, who gave an assurance that they would be circulated in good time for discussion before the 1970 A.G.M. at Bath.

Mr. Horseman outlined arrangements for the inter Branch striking competition on November 8th in the Bridgwater area. He also spoke of the death of Mr. A. R. Saye, a very faithful Sunday service ringer at Portbury, who came to Somerset from Calne.

In conclusion, the secretary was asked to convey thanks to Mr. T. W. White, the "R.W." retiring editor, and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

There was an excellent attendance at Aldbourne on September 20th, when the Marlborough Branch met for its monthly get-together. Besides Branch members visitors were present from Swindon, Southampton, Wroughton, Rodbourne Cheney and Chippenham.

Some good touches in a variety of methods were rung, under the direction of Mr. A. Keen (Ringing Master), until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. Chapman), who gave an address based on the history of the bells. Tea, prepared and served by Mrs. R. Jones and Mrs. G. Newman, was served on the Vicarage lawn.

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) presided and gave details of the Branch outing on September 27th. Ringing was then resumed at St. Michael's, with its majestic tower and tuneless ring of eight. W.A.E.

LETTERS

FINDING RINGERS FOR ALBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to learn from Mr. Flatt's letter that local interest in Alburgh bells has been stirred up by our recent efforts in this direction, as this is just what I hoped might happen. Perhaps I could point out, however, that apart from the fact that there is no local band at Alburgh, the Rector was under the impression that the tower and fittings of the bells were not in a sufficiently safe condition to allow ringing to take place at all. When approaches were made to him by myself, on behalf of a number of keen ringers from the area, to allow a check over of the condition of the bells, tower movement, etc., he was delighted to allow this, and equally delighted, I know, to learn that the bells could be safely rung—after several hours of work by these same keen ringers.

Our successful peal attempt and the "open ringing day" on the occasion of the Church Flower Festival did indeed arouse great interest in the village—it is rather a pity that more Southern Branch members were not able to come along on the open day—as did the ringing for the concluding Evensong of the Festival.

In the penultimate paragraph of my article on Alburgh bells, I did in fact express the hope that regular service ringing there might soon be possible—quite obviously, this must be the first aim. But it is far from easy for visiting ringers to be there on Sundays, as their first loyalty must be to their own towers; my mention of peal attempts and outing parties was made

"NO PEAL" SAYS RINGER

Dear Sir,—I must protest about the report on page 791 of a peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on August 20th. As I explained in a letter to your predecessor shortly after this date, no peal was rung, "within the Central Council's definition of the term." The ringing was in any case of far too low a standard, and I cannot have my name associated with any attempt to dignify this shameful performance with the name of a peal.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Maidenhead.

(Note.—See "Comment".—Ed.)

WANTS KILIFI MEETING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read about recent visits to Kilifi. I was there in May and felt sorry that so little could be done to help. If all ringers in East Africa will contact me I shall act as co-ordinator in trying to arrange a meeting at Kilifi to do some ringing (perhaps only a quarter peal in that heat) and teaching.

Also if anyone is near enough to Iganga, or is passing through and would like to do some handbell ringing, he would be more than welcome.—Yours faithfully,

L. BOUMPHREY.

Bishop Willis College,
P.O. Box 150, Iganga, Uganda.

because the more frequently a previously silent ring (silent for some 17 years) can be rung, the more local interest in the bells will be aroused.

The problem of training new local bands from scratch is always very difficult, unless there are one or two experienced change ringers nearby who are able to undertake the training, and I can fully appreciate the difficulties which Mr. Flatt mentions...but it CAN be done. In our own Branch, through the hard work of Mr. K. L. Brown and others, regular ringing has restarted at Blofield and Ludham, and ringers are now being trained for Ranworth—all of these were silent or nearly silent towers. I know I speak for all of us in the Eastern Branch when I say that we will do all we can to help at Alburgh—I have already offered to Mr. Close to come to Alburgh to talk to any potential recruits for the tower—but most ringers are, of course, already committed to Sunday ringing at their own towers. As priest-in-charge of a church with only one bell, Sunday ringing is normally impossible for me.

I do hope very much that it will be possible to arrange at least monthly service ringing at Alburgh and, as I say, I am sure that we shall give every possible support to Mr. Flatt that we can—let us hope that Sunday ringing at more frequent intervals may be possible, and that a local band for Alburgh can be started; it is much to be hoped, too, that the Southern Branch of the Association, in whose area both Alburgh and Redenhall towers are situated, will also rally round to help—we already have far too many silent and unringable towers in Norfolk.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND, Chairman,
Eastern Branch, Norwich Diocesan Assoc.

RHODESIAN RINGER'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I have just returned home after spending three months in Britain on holiday, during which time I was able to ring on 21 occasions in various parts of the country. I should like to express my very sincere thanks to all the ringers I met for their help and friendliness—coming from a country with just two towers and a total of less than 20 active ringers you can imagine what an unforgettable experience it was.

Everywhere I went I was made most welcome and there was no reluctance, even on the part of the most experienced ringers, to ring the simple methods for my benefit. Due to their efforts I have learnt to ring a new method, revived a forgotten one and increased my rope-sight from six bells to eight, all of which should now help to improve the standard of ringing in my home tower.

I should like to offer a special word of appreciation to the ringers of Silverdale (Lancs) and Windsor Parish Church, where I was able to take part in quarter peals during their practice times.—Yours sincerely,

FRANCES PELLATT.

Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers,
Salisbury.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—During the debate on the "Floral" Minor names at the Central Council meeting at Hereford in 1928, one of the Chester Guild's representatives, Mr. Elwell, caused some amusement by remarking that this dead horse had been flogged more than any other dead horse he had ever met. The extraordinary thing about it was that each time it was flogged it managed to gallop half-way up the hill before it dropped again.

My colleague, Mr. Arthur Whiting, seems keen to whip poor old Daisy into a trot once again. And after 40 years of apparently false security too.

There would seem to be only one possible ground for reviving these names: that the Norbury band that had first used them refused to acknowledge the Council's right to rename them. There was some discussion at the Hereford meeting as to whether the Council did in fact have such a right, and John S. Goldsmith (who had moved the motion) suggested that as the names had originally been allocated, not by the Norbury band, but by a committee of the Council, then the Council did. The Council giveth, the Council taketh away...

Be that as it may, the motion was passed by 40 votes to 19. And on September 21st, 1928, "The Ringing World" published a letter signed by James Fernley "for the Norbury company," in which he wrote that "in the interests of ringing we have decided to abide loyally by the terms of the resolution, and to accept the new designations in the future."

Sir, could the horsewhip now be laid quietly to rest beside this particular dead horse?—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. Whiting's proof that the "1922 Analysis Committee" gave the "Flower" names to nine methods. I must confess I did not know they had done so. The reason why I said the "35 Method Peal" was "neutralised" was on account of the attitude of many six-bell ringers of that period; they were of the same opinion as myself that by altering the names of methods future ringers could well ask "What methods did the Norbury men ring?" They did not wish to ring peals which in later years could be questioned.

Harold Chant's mention of Wath-on-Dearne brought back some happy memories: ringing with Arthur Panther, Arthur Gill and Albert Nash who, with his crippled hands, could handle a bell with the best. That band could strike and I should imagine that as far as striking went Harold will agree they set a pattern for his, and Dan Smith's, very high standard. It is nice to know the Felkirk men used "Method Splicing." Many said it was not even suitable for "Army Form blank."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Bow, Devon.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Trevor Bailey's Somerset Tour

Based in the West Country, proceedings commenced on the evening of August 15th at the Swan and Castle Hotel, Buckingham, where participants converged, and the pattern for the week was set by half of the party having a meal in the Old Gaol! Ringing first took place on the following morning on the fine heavy eight at Buckingham Parish Church, and we then journeyed westwards through the holiday traffic to Wincanton, some of the more enterprising spirits managing to get a pull at Christ Church, Swindon, en route. At Wincanton the party was further augmented by Rosemary Spicer and Michael Worthington and we settled to enjoy a very pleasant Gillett and Johnston octave, after which we investigated the potency of the local cider.

The next morning we were permitted to ring on the ten at Evercreech at the conclusion of morning service, and here we were joined by Mr. Harry Sanger. After a visit to the King Charles we joined the local ringers at Wells Cathedral to ring for Evensong. The remainder of the afternoon was spent on a visit to the famous Wookey Hole Caves, and the spectacular Cheddar Gorge, that other marvel of the Mendips, was viewed in brilliant sunshine before evening ringing on the eight at Cheddar.

The following day was the busiest of the week, four towers being visited. We began at Chewton Mendip before moving on to Wrington, Mr. W. H. Kingcott meeting us and joining in for some Cambridge Royal. At Congresbury some difficulty was experienced in getting the tenor up right side but once this was accomplished the usual repertoire was rung on this fine-toned, heavy ring, and our final tower of the day was at Yatton. Most of the party then adjourned to Bristol for a meal and some ten-pin bowling.

Tuesday's ringing began on the six at Brent Knoll and we were grateful for being able to ring here at short notice. Lunch was taken in Bridgwater before heading for Dunster, where we found the brand new eight, and soon made our way to Minehead for ringing on the light ten. The following day was the traditional free day, and this included paddling from Minehead beach before viewing the site of the Battle of Sedgemoor near Weston Zoyland. Others visited King Alfred's Fort at Burrow Bridge and an indomitable few conquered Glastonbury Tor with its fine view of Somerset and neighbouring counties. In the evening we joined in the practice at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, the bells being fully muffled because of local complaints.

Thursday was peal day, but first we set off to sample the heavy six at West Penward. A peal in seven methods was successfully rung at St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, and the evening's entertainment took the form of a skittles match. A delightful ride through the narrow lanes of Mid-Somerset brought us to Queen Camel next morning and further heavy bells awaited us at Sherborne Abbey in the afternoon. A

social evening was spent in Sherborne before the last full day of the tour, which began with the long drive to Marlborough. Another long drive was to Witney and later a few attended the practice at Appleton, whilst the remainder tried their skill at punting on the Cherwell. At our hotel we presented Trevor Bailey with a small token of our gratitude for arranging the tour before finally parting at mid-day on Sunday at Bladon, where we had made a pilgrimage to Sir Winston Churchill's grave. Our thanks to all who made bells available, and we look forward to the reunion in the winter.

J. B. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District was held at St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden on September 20th. A slow start was made at St. Paul's Walden, on an anti-clockwise six, in the afternoon, but a good touch was rung before the service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. Lewis Lloyd. Tea, prepared by the ladies of the local band, was served in the "local" close to the church. During the business meeting the secretary gave details of the 1970 ringing course and details of an assisted practice scheme at Radlett, starting on October 1st, were given. A collection taken for the V.B.F. realised £1 13s. 7d. Evening ringing followed on the six at King's Walden, some finding the long draught difficult.

Next meeting, Welwyn, October 18th. Next special practice, St. Paul's Walden, October 30th.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Tuckingmill on October 11th and was attended by some 60 ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. F. Edwards), after which a delicious tea was provided by the ladies, to whom appreciation was shown.

At the A.G.M. a minute's silence was observed to the memory of Miss Wintle, formerly of Mullion, who died earlier this year and who had been a ringer for many years. Congratulations were offered to Mr. A. H. Hitchens, of Ludgvan, on his appointment as a magistrate, and the next festival was provisionally arranged for April 25th, 1970, at Lelant. Ringing also took place at Camborne, Crowan and Gwinear.

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Reuben Clench, expressed his delight at the large number of ringers present and thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome to Blaenavon and also for so expertly directing the business of the meeting. Replying, the Vicar said he had enjoyed the meeting immensely and hoped that Blaenavon would be visited again in the not-too-distant future.

Mention was made of the next meeting, to be held at Chepstow on January 10th, 1970.

J. S. K.

A RECORD—FOR THREE DAYS!

The friendly rivalry that exists between two well-known handbell teams at Marple and Watford has delighted the Exercise for some time, and their efforts to outdo one another have culminated in one record made on the Monday by one team being broken on the Thursday by the other!

Mr. John R. Mayne successfully conducted his Watford handbell team on October 6th in a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in EIGHT methods, to create a new record on handbells—a record which existed for just three days, for the Marple team, under their conductor, Mr. Robert B. Smith, ousted Watford by ringing one in TEN methods on the following Thursday!

At the time of going to press we have not heard the date of the new attempt at Watford to regain the rosette, but everyone will eagerly await such an event. Ringers everywhere will join with us in extending hearty congratulations to both teams on their outstanding achievements.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at St. Peter's, Blaenavon, on October 11th, when the eight bells were well used from early afternoon by a gathering of "all sorts and conditions" of ringers, numbering between 60 and 70! The new Vicar of Blaenavon (Rev. R. C. Wright) conducted the service, assisted by the curate (Rev. R. Courage). Miss Elaine Davage, a Blaenavon ringer, read the lesson and Mr. Gordon Jones, in one of his many rôles, played the organ, which produced singing that had a quality of hearty enthusiasm! Tea was served in the Church School by Mrs. Wright and helpers and they were thanked by Mr. Alan Paton, and Mr. Brian Neale expressed the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Gordon Jones for his encouraging music.

The business was short and ably conducted by the Vicar in the chair, and new members were again numerous, including both the Vicar and the curate of Blaenavon, together with Mr. Eric Robinson. From Bassaleg came Mr. Richard Cox, Mr. Christopher Jones and Mr. Raymond Barnes; from Caerleon Miss Gillian Steele, Miss Georgina Douglas and Miss Jane Williams; from Usk (at last!) Miss Gillian Clench; from Mitcheldean Mr. Ralph Davies and Master Rowland Smith; and finally Rev. R. N. Thomas, Vicar of St. Julian's, Newport. Thus history was made in two parts, the Vicar and curate of the parish being elected to membership together and three clerical gentlemen made members at one meeting!

Mr. Brian Neal was congratulated on his fine work in producing a band of ringers at Marshfield and the Branch Master, Mr.

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LONG LENGTH

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 27th, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, G. R. Nunn 3, R. D. Hart 4, W. A. Perry 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Louise Powell 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. An engagement compliment to Robin Grant and Kathie Murrells.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Dolman 1, Margaret Boam 2, Julia Sanders 3, Margaret Ellwood 4, Lucy Smith 5, F. Boam 6, C. Collins (cond.) 7, L. Monk 8. Rung to mark the birth of a son, Christopher John, on Aug. 2nd, to John and Margery Dolman.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. K. Oliver 1, G. F. Oliver 2, G. Davis 3, F. E. Sismey 4, J. D. Cooper (first as cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles: J. H. Cook 1, H. Clayton 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. Looker 4, C. E. Cooper (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. L. Cox on her 80th birthday.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Miss H. Taylor 1, Miss V. Willard 2, C. Burridge 3, M. Maggs 4, E. Taylor 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Holman (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. J. Callow 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. For Harvest Festival.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Carole A. Fosbury (first "inside") 2, Margaret A. Robinson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, D. R. Tipler (first as cond.) 5, D. Woodward 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Lee 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, D. Francis 6, D. Wood (first as cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter J. Nott, instituted and inducted as Rector of St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, by the Bishop of Buckingham on September 12th.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Kathleen E. Chilcott 1, A. G. Clark 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Soy 4, R. J. Cook 5, D. G. Spittle 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

BEDFORD.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Paul's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: J. Piron 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, R. J. Sharp 5, G. F. Amor 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott (comp. and cond.) 8, S. J. Ivin 9, K. H. Fleming 10. For Harvest Festival and to welcome the new Vicar, Canon Robert Brown.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Walker 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Flower Festival.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bremner 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, E. W. Colley (cond.) 4, R. E. V. Cockle 5, Miss J. Miles 6, C. Parsons 7, G. Bladen 8. In memoriam Walter Linter, Ringing Master at Bishop's Waltham from 1936 to 1969.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): Anna Tobias 1, Pip E. Mennias 2, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J. P. Colliss 5, Ruth J. Alderson 6, A. L. Guille 7, B. C. Taylor 8. For Harvest Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 2,520 Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Dodd 1, G. Saunders 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, P. Dodd 4, H. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, R. Fuller 8. For the 974th Dedication Festival. The ringing was sponsored for the Church Restoration Fund. Longest touch by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Heath (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Rolfe (first quarter) 2, K. C. Vernon 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirtan (cond.) 5, F. G. Hooper 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rolfe.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Kent 1, D. Prime 2, D. Hutley 3, P. J. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6. Rung for "Old Man's" Day.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's, on Sept. 30, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Hopkin 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, R. A. Birch 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (cond.) 6, M. S. Loveday 7, D. R. Cox 8. Rung by Sussex University Guild for Brighton Colleges Service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Huckstepp 1, D. G. Mitchell 2, J. Hedgecock 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, T. H. Holmes 5, R. J. Elliott 6, C. J. E. Wyld 7, D. J. Carr 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet S. Evans 1, A. J. Davidson 2, T. J. Bell 3, J. J. George 4, A. Locke 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, R. P. Pearce 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Hannington 1, P. Thomas (first Stedman Triples) 2, Mary Pryor 3, D. Cornell (first Stedman Triples) 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6, T. Yeomans 7, J. Pryor 8. For Harvest Festival.

COMPTON DANDO, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sue Riley 1, J. Riley 2, B. Goodliffe 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Gillian Styles (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Pybus 2, J. I. Booth 3, D. Garner 4, G. Pybus 5, A. Spivey 6, C. C. Brown 7, N. Pailing (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, E. Packham 3, J. E. Herbecq 4, G. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Hudson 8. To celebrate the completion of 50 years as ringers by F. F. Godsmark and R. V. Johnson.

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DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Pratley 1, Miss B. Ivings 2, A. W. Ivings 3, M. Coleman 4, W. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the official opening of the new classroom at Deddington C. of E. Primary School. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. Butlin 1, W. J. Cowley 2, Miss B. Ivings 3, W. Minnear 4, C. C. Clarke 5, M. Coleman 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, W. Ivings 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. N. Clark 1, Miss J. M. Neal 2, G. Welch 3, H. Reynolds (cond.) 4, P. Fox 5, T. Barlow 6.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: I. M. McCallion (first of Triples) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, R. Le Marachel 3, R. S. Parratt 4, J. P. Colliss 5, I. H. Trueman 6, D. R. Fallick (first Triples as cond.) 7, M. K. Waldron 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Jones 1, C. Povey 2, J. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. Bunnell 4, V. Bedford 5, M. Fiander 6.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss H. Winfield (first quarter) 1, F. Godden 2, Miss K. Tuckwell (first quarter) 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6. Rung for Harvest Festival and as a farewell to Rev. K. St. C. Thomas, who is retiring.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Felkirk T.B. Minor: P. Carbutt 1, Gail Cater (bridegroom's sister) 2, H. Chant (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, P. J. Charlesworth 5, T. Tarbatt 6. A compliment to Averil Wood and George Blackburn, married in Minneapolis, U.S.A., the same day.

FINCHLEY, MIDDY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Warren 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, A. H. Richardson 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, R. G. Bateman 5, M. Carter 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, G. M. Pearce 8. Rung jointly by Finchley and Hendon bands as a compliment to Wendy Ferguson and Ian Campbell, married at Hendon the previous day.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. M. Dye 1, Mrs. R. Whitten 2, Mrs. A. Berry 3, B. L. Marks 4, Miss R. J. Sinden 5, L. Mannering 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. V. Godderidge, of the local band.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dawson 1, J. R. Rigby 2, S. Rippon 3, P. Wild 4, Susan M. O'Neill 5, J. R. Anthony (cond.) 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kate Mackenzie (first attempt) 1. M. Heighton (first "inside") 2, R. W. Worrall 3, Betty Lowe 4, J. Hallett (cond.) 5, D. Lowe 6.

GREAT NESS, SALOP.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, N. R. I. White 2, S. G. Pick 3, L. D. K. Roberts 4, M. J. A. Orman 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. An acknowledgement of Ven. S. D. Austerberry's ten years in the parish.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Spurr 1, T. Isom 2, Susan Wright 3, T. Gardner 4, P. Blackman (cond.) 5, Joyce Wright 6. First for 1, 3, 6. For Harvest Festival.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutley 1, J. Collins 2, C. Moore 3, F. Whitby 4, R. Prime 5, E. Elliott 6, R. Walker 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet I. Jennings 1, D. N. Jennings 2, Judy E. Couperthwaite 3, Dorothy L. Brookman 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, A. K. Brookman 6, A. D. Leach (cond.) 7, L. Boyles 8. For Harvest Festival.

HEATHFIELD, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale 2, A. W. Knight 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Court 1, P. Richardson 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, P. Staples (cond.) 4, A. P. S. Berry 5.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Piron 1, R. H. Youdale 2, M. J. Dew 3, Katharine J. Maundrell 4, Betty A. Christopher 5, R. L. Piron 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. W. Elmes 8.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Brenda Grainger (first quarter) 1, W. Scheerer 2, C. Sutcliffe 3, H. Winter 4, C. Maxfield (cond.) 5, P. Hunter (first quarter) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. B. S. THOMPSON

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost one of its oldest members by the death, on September 11th, of Benjamin S. Thompson at the age of 85. Born at Kelsale in Suffolk he learned to ring at an early age, with his three brothers, under the tuition of their father. His work as a railway clerk soon took him further afield and he became well-known in ringing circles in Essex and London, ringing quite a lot with the famous Pye brothers, and also at Birmingham and Norwich. Then in the First World War he served in France in the Rifle Brigade, attaining the rank of Captain, and suffered from severe gas-poisoning.

After the war he returned to railway service in Norwich and was one of the band of enthusiastic ringers who, under the leadership of the late George H. Cross, revived ringing in Norfolk in the 1920's, and became Master at St. Peter Mancroft 1935-36. Then ill-health, as a result of his war injuries, caused his early retirement and curtailment of ringing activities, but his enthusiasm never flagged and he attended meetings whenever possible.

For the last fifteen years he resided at Lowestoft and, although failing sight became another handicap, he remained very cheerful, and often attended practices there and was taking part in ringing only a few days prior to his rather sudden death from heart failure. He was very fond of reminiscing of his early ringing days and of the old ringers he knew, and his tales and company will be much missed by all who knew him. His ringing papers and records were lost in the Norwich "blitz" but he reckoned that he had rung about 400 peals in all.

His cremation at Gorleston was attended by representatives from neighbouring towers, and handbells were rung at the committal.

E.R.G.

MR. C. ERNEST SMITH

A contemporary of the late Alfred H. Pulling and Oliver Sippetts, Mr. C. E. Smith, of 94, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, died in Milford Chest Hospital on October 6th at the age of 65. Ernie was, in his heyday, a prolific peal ringer and had rung well over 500 before business commitments curtailed this activity. For a short period he was Ringing Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of the committee. The bells of Godalming Parish Church were rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral.

CORRECTIONS

The peal at Bolsover reported on page 791 was rung on August 23rd and the ringer of the 3rd was Timothy Wylie.

The handbell peal at Derby on August 30th was rung in not on the canal—the canal being dry at the time!

The handbell peal rung on the M1 on August 25th was also reported on page 738.

The peal of Lincolnshire S. Major rung at Putney and published on page 794 consisted of 5,088 changes and not 5,040 as published. This was, incidentally, the 175th peal on the bells.

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

ANDOVER DISTRICT

The Andover District held its annual striking competition at Goodworth Clatford on October 4th. Mr. Reg Rex, of Thatcham, the judge, in his comments stressed the need for good treble and tenor ringers.

Winners.—Aird Cup (change-ringing): Highclere, second Andover, five competing. Fred Gosling Cup (rounds): Upper Clatford, six competing.

A service held in Goodworth Clatford Church was conducted by the Vicar and the splendid tea was provided by Mrs. Richardson and Clatford Young Wives.

The business meeting was opened by the chairman asking members to stand in memory of the late Fred Gosling, a respected member. On a happier note the

chairman informed the meeting that Mrs. Dobson, of Longparish, was celebrating her 44th wedding anniversary and Mr. Jack Wimlett, of Andover, his 33rd wedding anniversary. M.G.

BATH DISTRICT

Ten teams entered for this year's striking competition held at Marksbury (6) on October 4th. Judges were the "Chew Branch Twins"—Michael Horseman and John Brain. The two teams entered by St. Michael with St. Paul's finished first and second, with Bath Abbey third and Corston fourth.

The Vicar (Rev. W. C. Mason) conducted a short service and presented the Branch shield. For the excellent tea in Corston Village Hall we thank Mrs. Parfrey. A.F.L.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Bernard Grove is moving from Marple to Reading at the end of October and will be a big loss to ringing at Marple. Bernard's latest feat is ringing in a peal of 10-Spliced Surprise Maximus "in hand" (a record number).

In memory of Mr. H. O. Baker, who died suddenly on September 14th, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Davenham, Cheshire, on the 22nd. Mr. Baker was outstanding as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

A similar peal on September 27th was completed at Pebmarsh, Essex, as a memorial to Mr. Frank Claydon, who at 88 was a life member of the Essex Association, which he joined in 1907. He died on September 25th. The band which rang the peal are grateful to Mr. George Trendle for his help in preparation for the peal.

Mrs. Agnes Muncaster, of Hawkshead, Lancs, recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and in honour of the occasion a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at the local tower on September 28th, the eve of St. Michael's Day, St. Michael being the patron saint of the church.

A quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the wedding of Miss Margaret Utting and Mr. Michael Utton at Kessingland, Suffolk, on September 13th. It was rung by an all-local band, with congratulations to Desmond and Philip Harrold on taking part and ringing their first quarter at first attempt.

The golden wedding celebrations of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Marks were enlivened by a peal of Bob Major at South Petherton, Som. on September 23rd, and the next day at Hindley, Lancs, the captain of the local company and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. Halsall) were similarly honoured by one of Grandsire Triples.

Recently Mr. W. Butler took a party of Thatcham, Berks, ringers up to Loughborough to see their two new trebles cast. It proved to be a most interesting day out and one which all enjoyed. On the way home they called at Launton, had a ring on the bells and a trip around Mr. Sharpe's "den", which has now been enlarged to accommodate the Central Council library. "I don't know how he finds time for all his work!" quotes Mr. Butler.

A dual purpose for ringing the peal of Yorkshire at Westhoughton, Lancs, on September 27th, was the 18th birthday of the conductor, Mr. J. E. Andrews, and the fact that he is now a student at London University.

Wedding peals were rung on September 3rd at Elstow, Beds, for Miss M. Pettitt and Mr. J. Clarke; on September 20th at Southampton for Roger Heyworth and Adrienne Gibson (married at Epsom); and on September 27th at Hawley, Hants, for Mr. and Mrs. B. Holliday.

Handbells and bell ropes were an unusual feature of the decorations outside the church porch when Penny Miller and Clive Kessell, both local ringers, were married at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford, Nottingham, earlier this year. The decorations were arranged by Mr. Wilfred Ratcliffe, the tower keeper.

The bells at Ludham, Norfolk, were rung for the Harvest Festival service on October 5th for the first time for many years. The company—R. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. Clarke 2, D. Mattocks 3, N. Boldy 4, N. Gower (captain) 5—is thought to be the first local company to include a lady ringing on this heavy five.

Fifty years as a ringer at Chatteris, Mr. William Seekings' service was marked by his friends with a peal of Minor, rung at March, Cambs, on September 13th, and the ringing friends of Mr. H. S. Cooper, of Hindley, Lancs, rang one of Grandsire Triples to mark a similar record on September 24th.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Beck, who recently moved from Crookham, near Aldershot, and where Mrs. Beck took an active ringing interest in the area, were welcomed to Puriton, Somerset, on August 2nd by a peal of Doubles. The church in their new living is to be restored and efforts are being made to raise funds for that purpose.

Seven towers were visited by Twerton-on-Avon (Bath) ringers on their annual outing, held in glorious weather on September 20th. These were Norton, Ombersley, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Hallow, Powick and Upton-on-Severn, and the organiser is grateful to the incumbents and ringers at these churches for their consideration.

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COCKCROFT SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

A visit to the Edinburgh Festival was an added attraction to the participants in the tour to Scotland at the end of August, organised by Mr. Harry Wells and others, for the Cockcroft Society (the employees of the U.K.A.E.A. establishments) who recently formed an Association (see "R.W.", page 601). A minibus and private cars conveyed the ringers and others to a caravan site on the banks of Loch Leven, Kinross, and found the Scottish Highlands, its towns (and shopping), castles and lochs most interesting and refreshing. Certain difficulties were experienced in obtaining permission (and keys) at some of the towers before the actual organised part of the tour commenced, but generally all was satisfactory.

The towers where ringing took place included St. Cuthbert's Church and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh; St. James', Leith; Alloa, Dunblane Cathedral, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and the Old Steeple, Dundee; Fettes College and St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. Two thousand miles were traversed and a good deal of Scottish history digested. There was a wealth of good company, some good ringing on fine bells and kindness and good humour abounded, all of which enhanced the success of the tour and the certainty of a similar function next year.

A WORTHWHILE EFFORT

The "First Peal Week" of the Suffolk Guild, which took place from September 20th-27th, was organised with one object in view: to get as many "firsts" in as possible; and as can be seen from the footnotes under the 13 peals recorded the aim was very successful. Congratulations to all concerned.

DOUBLE EVENT RECOGNISED

Two days after taking up his duty as editor of this journal Mr. C. W. Denyer was installed as Worshipful Master of the Wm. Cobbett Lodge of Freemasons at Farnham, Surrey. To mark the occasion and in honour of his appointment to this ringing office a peal attempt was made at Aldershot by eight brother Masons, culled from a wide area. Unfortunately this was not successful, but a quarter was brought home and later the team, together with many other ringing Freemasons, took part in the ceremony of installation, followed by an excellent repast. The Master's song, sung by Bro. Harold Cole, was accompanied by piano and handbells. Altogether a most convivial evening.

MR. FRANK CLAYDON

News has just been received of the death, on September 26th, of Mr. Frank Claydon, of Earls Colne, Essex, at the age of 88, and whose funeral took place on October 1st. A full report and an appreciation will appear in our next issue.

PETERBOROUGH ST. MARY'S IN SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY

"We'll go to Shakespeare country for our annual whole day outing," said the Ringing Master. "It will do you all good to have a two-and-a-half-hour's drive before starting at the first tower at 9.30 a.m." Alarm and despair all round and wild talk of buying alarm clocks, etc. Then reprieve at the last moment when we were refused permission at the first tower—so we hope Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, don't feel they spoiled our outing by delaying for several weeks their reply to our request for the bells; nor were we upset to get a refusal signed by the tower secretary the day after permission to ring had been granted by the priest-in-charge. No tears were shed when our request for clarification of the position brought no response—we were too relieved at the prospect of an extra hour in bed. It was not very helpful though.

We began September 27th at "Drunken Bideford", a nice church set in a pretty spot on the banks of the Avon. We hope none of the villagers had indulged in an evening's drinking, as practised by Shakespeare and his companions, for our ringing would not have helped a sore head at all. In fact our senior ringer threatened to go home if we didn't improve. Happily our next tower, at Great Hampton, was without doubt the best of the day and we really enjoyed ourselves.

Every member of our party of 25 had a good lunch at Evesham before visiting the bell tower, where we amazed ourselves by ringing a plain course of Plain Bob Royal. No one was surprised when we managed to raise the tenor wrong side, and then could not set it. From Evesham to a nice eight at Hinton-on-the-Green and then the sixes at Ashton-under-Hill and Ashchurch, where we picnicked under the "conker" trees.

Our last tower was Tewkesbury Abbey, where we managed to fall the back ten very nicely. During the day we rang a wide variety of methods, under the capable guidance of Ann Smith and Frank Sismey, and our thanks to all incumbents and especially to those local ringers who met us and made us so welcome.

THIS YEAR'S GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The tenth annual week-end residential course in bellringing at the West Riding Adult College, Grantley Hall, Ripon, will be held from November 14th-16th.

The lecturers—Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Norman Chaddock—will offer a wide range of topics. Tutorials will cater for students' personal needs. Parallel elementary and advanced lectures are planned and special attention will be given to teaching aspects along the lines of the new Tutor's Handbook. Handbells and local towers will be used for practical sessions.

N.C.

MR. T. T. YEOMANS' 200 PEALS

Mr. T. T. Yeomans, of Canton, Cardiff, has rung his 200th peal, all having been rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Details:—

Grandsire: Cinques 1, Caters 24, Triples 51, Doubles 6.

Stedman: Caters 14, Triples 16, Doubles 1. Erin Caters 1.

Little Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Royal 3, Little Bob Major 3, Plain Bob Major 34, Plain Bob Minor 6.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major 16, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 5, Quedgeley Surprise Major 1, St. Clement's College Bob Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Minor in three methods 3, Doubles in two methods 1.

Total 200.

TOM BEVAN'S BIRTHDAY

The quarter peal rung at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on October 11th, coincided with the birthday of Mr. Tom Bevan, and the band wish to associate the quarter with this occasion. After ringing the band were entertained to a lavish tea, provided by Tom and Daisy, who had previously warned the ringers "No quarter, no tea"; however, the outcome was never in doubt. Birthday greetings and good wishes were expressed with the hope of seeing them both around for many years to come, and thanks were extended to Miss Julie Armstrong who, owing to the indisposition of one of the original band, was "roped in" at the last minute.

"OUR CHURCH BELLS—WHY AND HOW WE RING THEM"

The best possible way to advertise your hobby is to get out amongst people and talk about it to them. This is just what is being done by the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, October 23rd, and continuing again a week later, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of the Priory company, visited St. Thomas's Parish Hall, Lymington, to lecture and demonstrate on church bellringing. He was assisted by other ringers (no doubt his family being included!) and Christchurch Girl Guides proved their abilities on handbells.

PIPE'S PILGRIMS

Pilgrims? How got they that title? Well, at Glastonbury in 1950 one or two were waiting in the lounge of the George Hotel for the visitors to arrive. When the coach drew up someone exclaimed: "What's this lot?" and a local wag loudly replied: "Oh, another lot of pilgrims."

MR. TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR

THE FOLLOWING PEALS WERE RUNG FOR THE
ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Eric Edmondson Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Alick Cutler 2	John W. Stephenson 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
First peal in the method as conductor.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of
St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Thomas J. Lock 7
Susan Rothera 2	Gerald Penney 8
Joe E. G. Roast 3	Stuart Armeson 9
James L. Towler 4	Neil Donovan 10
W. Eric Critchley 5	Richard E. Price 11
R. Kingsley Mason 6	Philip Mehew Tenor

Arranged by P. Border. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Eric Edmondson Treble	Thomas J. Lock 6
W. Eric Critchley 2	Stuart Armeson 7
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Philip Mehew 8
Gerald Penney 4	R. Kingsley Mason 9
Neil Donovan 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
Rung as a farewell and with best wishes to the Rev. A. F. Ridley,
senior curate, before moving to Paulerspury, Towcester, Northants.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,856 of Cambridge, 1,344 Superlative,
992 London and 832 Bristol, with 105 changes of method and all
the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Neil Donovan Treble	Gerald Penney 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Philip Mehew 6
*Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stuart Armeson 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* 50th peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Frank H. Hicks Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
Alick Cutler 2	R. Kingsley Mason 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Rev. Fred Ross Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 640
each of Cambridge and Superlative and 320 each of Bristol and York-
shire, with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

E. Winifred Keys Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Eric Edmondson 2	Stuart Armeson 6
Gerald Penney 3	Richard E. Price 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Robert L. Piron 6
Yvonne A. Murray 2	Rev. Fred Ross 7
Frank H. Hicks 3	R. Kingsley Mason 8
Ronald J. Sharp 4	James L. Towler 9
Gordon A. Halls 5	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

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

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Eric Edmondson Treble	*Gerald Penney 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Richard E. Price 7
Frank H. Hicks 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 450th peal.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of
St. Mary the Virgin.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Eric Edmondson Treble	George E. Fearn 5
E. Winifred Keys 2	Stuart Armeson 6
Frank H. Hicks 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

HARLOW COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason Treble	Neil Donovan 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	Gerald Penney 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the
fourth.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 of London, 800 each of Bristol and
Superlative and 640 Cambridge, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Stuart Armeson Treble	Gerald Penney 5
Neil Donovan 2	Rev. Fred Ross 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Philip Mehew 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

(Tour continued overleaf.)



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MR. TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR —continued.**GREAT BENTLEY, Essex.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb. in A flat.

Eric Edmondson Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	George E. Fearn 6
Frank H. Hicks 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of Great St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

George E. Fearn Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
E. Winifred Keys 2	Stuart Armeson 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Richard E. Price 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

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

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,568 of Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 992 Superlative, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Frank H. Hicks Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
Gerald Penney 2	Neil Donovan 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Rev. Fred Ross 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,568 of Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 992 Superlative, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	*George W. Pipe 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	James L. Towler 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stuart Armeson 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* 400th peal.

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

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler Treble	E. Winifred Keys 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Neil Donovan 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard E. Price Treble	*Neil Donovan 6
W. Eric Critchley 2	Eric Edmondson 7
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Stuart Armeson 8
Gordon A. Halls 4	Gerald Penney 9
Cecil W. Pipe 5	Philip Mehew Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 250th peal.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.****OXFORD.**—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Roger F. Overington .. Treble	David P. Hilling 7
David E. Parsons 2	John H. Napper 8
Albert M. Tyler 3	Brian R. White 9
William T. Cook 4	James Phillips 10
Edward R. Venn 5	Alan R. Fatterson 11
John W. T. Hibbert 6	John Chilcott Tenor

Composed by Michael V. Chilcott.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH PETHERTON, Som.**—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	*John Cornelius 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	Frederick T. Sandy .. 6
Trevor E. Marks 3	Albert W. Dyer 7
Derek S. Beaufoy 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal of Major.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILTON, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Leslie H. Arscott Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 2	Arthur H. Reed 6
Brenda M. Bindon 3	Keith E. Beale 7
Alan Pendlebury 4	Raymond F. Arscott Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

First peal of Little Bob by all the band and on the bells.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lawrence, married at this church on September 20th, 1919, where Stan has been a regular chorister for many years.

PURITON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Mrs. J. Broom Treble	Graham Nabb 4
Ronald D. Short 2	Michael J. Stone 5
D. Keith Lane 3	E. J. Louis Pope Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.

* First peal.

Rung in aid of the church restoration and as a welcome to the Rev. A. and Mrs. Beck.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ELSTOW, Beds.**—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Plain Bob and Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt.

Simon T. Perry Treble	Robert Wood 4
Michael Down 2	Martin Major 5
Philip Jewell 3	Alan D. Norman Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Norman.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Yorkshire Association.)

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.	
Elizabeth Ewan Treble	John Brook 5
Stephen Thompson 2	Ronald Ducker 6
John R. Leary 3	Ian G. Campbell 7
Peter Church 4	John N. D. Chaddock Tenor

Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**CONGLETON, Cheshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Ian M. Holland 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Harold Dowler 6
Raymond J. Ballard .. 3	Paul J. Atkins 7
*Roy Worrall 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Arranged by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

(1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (3) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (2, 4, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.	
Gordon K. Green Treble	John R. Scott 4
Harry W. Howard 2	Frank R. Morton 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	Roland W. Morant Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Allman, of Nantwich.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Ashley C. P. Pugh .. Treble	John G. Hallett 4
David A. Godfrey 2	Stuart W. Bracegirdle .. 5
John Moore 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry O. Baker, secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who died suddenly on September 14th, 1969.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Newborough, one extent each of 26 variations and one extent each of seven spliced variations. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green Treble	*Frank R. Morton 4
Roland W. Morant 2	Frederick S. Sutton 5
John E. Brough 3	Michael J. Crawley Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* 300th peal for the Guild and 50th peal on the bells.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Henry O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

HARTFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green Treble	Harry W. Howard 4
David A. Godfrey 2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards 5
Roland W. Morant 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal in 11 Minor methods.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*Derek H. Walters Treble	*John F. Thorne 5
*R. David Baker 2	Peter C. Randall 6
*Hazel A. Mackenzie 3	John K. Foot 7
Frederick Shallcross 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Proposed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson, this parish forming part of the Diocese. Also as a farewell to Peter C. Randall, leaving for Bristol University.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter C. Randall Treble	Stephen F. Royal 4
Raymon A. Sheasby 2	Anthony J. Cox 5
Paul Reading 3	Charles P. Quartley Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

David R. Randall Treble	Stephen F. Royal 4
Hugh J. Baker 2	John F. Thorne 5
Paul Reading 3	Peter C. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in A.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

LEWTRENCHARD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

John C. Mitchelmore .. Treble	John F. Steere 4
George E. Mudge 2	Alan N. Frost 5
Stephen G. Peirce 3	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HEXHAM, Northumberland.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

Stephen Yates Treble	Michael J. Platt 5
Christine L. J. Mills 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Raymond J. Ballard 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 32 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill Treble	Alan M. Barber 4
*Georgina C. M. Carter .. 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
Brian B. Hullah 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal of Surprise.

MARCH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Wendreda.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*Roger W. Edgley Treble	William Seekings 4
Wilfred Young 2	Donald F. Murfet 5
Trevor A. Bevis 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal in five methods.

STRETHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet Treble	Harold J. Hazell 4
David Prescott 2	Harold S. Peacock 5
Roger J. Palmer 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.

Rung with memories of the "Battle of Britain."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Philip N. Tubbs Treble	Michael J. Church 7
James A. D. Woolford .. 2	John Hartless 8
Brian D. Threlfall 3	Michael J. Best 9
John R. Pratchett 4	Richard H. Youdale .. 10
Gwilym Salmon 5	Edward J. Chivers 11
Frank L. Harris 6	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

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

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Philip J. Rothera Treble	James L. Towler 5
*Keith W. Brown 2	Joe E. G. Roast 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Peter G. Brown 7
Donald F. Murfet 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of 8-spliced. † 350th peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

R. Threadgold Treble	C. H. Gillingham 4
A. R. Syder 2	C. J. Barker 5
*Susan Burdon 3	R. J. Lindsell Tenor

Conducted by R. J. Lindsell.

* First peal "inside."

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 of Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

Norman Summerhayes .. Treble	Alan D. Elsmore 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Peter J. Munday 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Michael J. Church 7
Rowan S. Bradley 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 448 of Bristol and 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method.

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

Donald N. Jennings .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Peter J. Munday 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	Michael J. Church 7
Rowan S. Bradley 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Guild.

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

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

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

Reginald W. Rex .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Rowan S. Bradley 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 6
Richard Green 3	Michael J. Church 7
Beryl R. Simpson 4	*Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal in 10-spliced.

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

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Felicity S. Hamilton .. Treble	Rowan S. Bradley 5
Peter J. Munday 2	John N. Diserens 6
Beryl R. Simpson 3	*Michael J. Church 7
Alan D. Flood 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* 100th peal.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*Marilyn A. Reay .. Treble	Jeffrey P. Ladd 5
Louise A. M. Evans .. 2	Anthony K. Fortin 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	Peter J. Munday 7
Donald N. Jennings .. 4	W. John Couperthwaite .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by W. John Couperthwaite.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	David A. Carpenter 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Christopher W. Woolley .. 6
Alick Cutler 3	Michael P. Moreton 7
Michael R. Worthington .. 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band.

OXHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*Martin T. Howard .. Treble	Frank Reed 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Roger I. Kendrick 6
Peter J. W. Hardwick .. 3	David G. Massey 7
George W. Massey 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal.

Rung in the Octave of the Patronal Festival and for the Harvest Festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, Norwich, York, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Christine M. Carter .. Treble	†Anthony R. Carter 4
†Roy K. Williams 2	†John E. Ewer 5
Robert E. Hardy 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of seven-Surprise.

Rung with best wishes to Marion Perry and Graham Ridgway, married this day at St. Albans Cathedral. Also to Anne Widger and Richard Porter, married this day at Kimpton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Richard Hayes .. Treble	Kenneth J. Rider 7
*Beryl R. Simpson 2	*John Pladdys 8
Ann M. Tubbs 3	John A. Howard 9
Ann Jenner 4	Richard H. Youdale .. 10
Michael J. Uphill 5	Stanley Jenner 11
Michael J. Church 6	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † Has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

EAST MALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob and four Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe .. Treble	Peter F. T. Smith 4
Stephen P. Garner 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
*Stuart Taylor 3	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

* First peal. First on the bells since rehanging.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent.—At the Abbey Church of

SS. Mary and Sexburga.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 16 methods/variations, being 360 changes each of Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob (methods), Kennington, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps (variations), Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Seighford, Little Aston, May Day, Royston (spliced compositions) and 120 changes each of Bluebell, Daffodil and Newborough (variations).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Ann Bryant .. Treble	Marianne Leworthy .. 4
Mira Ford 2	David P. Leworthy .. 5
Jane Bryant 3	*Joan Exeter Tenor

Conducted by David P. Leworthy.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ralph D. Wain (Vicar for the last nine years) on his last Sunday in the parish.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*Alison M. Levick .. Treble	Martin L. Howe 4
*Rosemary Ellis 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
Geoffrey Pearson 3	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

John B. Keeler .. Treble	Dawn V. Petts 4
Leonard G. Huckstep .. 2	*William H. S. Seward .. 5
*Peter S. Philpott 3	Cyril W. J. Beeching .. Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.

Rung with the band's best wishes to Miss Dawn V. Petts, who is leaving to attend Teachers' Training College in Worcester.

ALDINGTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Taylor .. Treble	Brian G. Butcher 4
James Hedgecock 2	Colin J. E. Wyld 5
Elizabeth A. Todd 3	Philip R. Staples Tenor

Conducted by Colin J. E. Wyld.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the ordination on September 21st of the Rev. R. Frank, son of the Rector of Aldington.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 45 lb. in C sharp.

F. John Nelson Treble	Margaret P. Booth 5
Neil Bennett 2	Michael J. Platt 6
Michael Tompsett 3	Derek Butterworth 7
David W. Howarth 4	Michael D. Fishwick .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

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

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' five-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.
Albert Greenhalgh Treble	James E. Andrews 5
Norman Tompkins 2	John Ashcroft 6
Frederick W. Brownlow .. 3	R. Keith Lister 7
Harry S. Cooper 4	John F. Wood Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Keith P. Tompsett Treble	David W. Howarth 5
Geoffrey Fothergill 2	Michael D. Fishwick 6
Neil T. E. Burnett 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Michael H. Tompsett 4	*James E. Andrews Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by James E. Andrews.

* Has "circled the tower."

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Joseph Whalley Treble	John Bagnall 5
James E. Dickinson 2	Nicholas M. Newby 6
Alan Capstick 3	Kevin M. Price 7
Stanley Walmsley 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds.

Conducted by Kevin M. Price and Thomas F. Metcalfe.
(alternate parts).

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

On Sun., Sept. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.

John Nelson Treble	Stanley Anderton 4
Lawrence Walmsley 2	David L. Marsden 5
John D. Nixon 3	James E. Sumner Tenor

Conducted by John Nelson.

Rung in memoriam John Glover Nelson, father of the conductor, a ringer at this tower for 50 years and a churchwarden for 16 years.

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Mary W. Whalley Treble	Alan Capstick 4
W. Stephen Walker 2	Kenneth J. Foster 5
Joseph Whalley 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal of Original on tower bells by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver 6
*David F. Moore 2	*Martin Green 7
*†Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 8
*John M. Jelley 4	Roland H. Cook 9
*Monica M. Jelley 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal † 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Peter J. Staniforth Treble	*Roland H. Cook 6
Martin Green 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Neil Bennett 3	John H. Fielden 8
Rupert A. Clarke 4	R. Kingsley Mason 9
David F. Moore 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* 325th peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Owen Homewood Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	K. Paul Gilliver 6
†Peter A. Slight 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Rupert A. Clarke Treble	Martin Green 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	R. Brian Mills 6
David F. Moore 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Roland H. Cook 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Sept. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*Cherrill L. Everard .. Treble	Frank Chambers 5
Clive J. Mobbs 2	E. Guy Slater 6
Hazel J. Nichols 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
Rupert A. Clarke 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Martin Green 5
Roland H. Cook 2	R. Brian Mills 6
David F. Moore 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Garry W. Mason 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

COPT OAK, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's Cambridge and one each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Hazel J. Nichols Treble	Guy Slater 4
Ann Gardner 2	Raymond H. Martin .. 5
John Hunt 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift Treble	Alan D. Flood 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	Richard L. Underwood .. 8
M. Susan Jackson 3	Rowan S. Bradley 9
David J. Llewellyn 4	Ellis N. Thomas 10
Alan T. Winter 5	S. Clarke Walters 11
Gareth H. Jones 6	Paul A. Williams Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

* 200th peal for the Association.

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

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

William T. Petty Treble	*Thomas T. Yeomans .. 5
Susan Harber 2	Trevor M. Roderick .. 6
William J. Thomas 3	Gwyn I. Lewis 7
Edmund J. Morris 4	Alwyn R. Lewis Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 extents.

*Michael J. Clarke .. Treble	Nigel V. Hill 4
Peter G. Mayle 2	Raymond J. Mayle .. 5
William T. Petty 3	Graham A. Evans Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal (aged 14 years).

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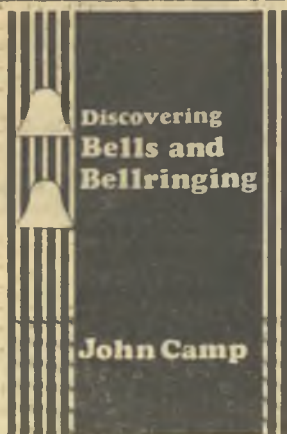
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November 1st

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2.30- 3.30 St. James', Clerkenwell (8).

3.00-4.00 St. Giles', Cripplegate (12).

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4.30- 5.30 St. Mary-le-Bow (12).

J. G. A. P.

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PRACTICE MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Luxborough (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m., and at Brushford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7966

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meetings: Nov. 1st, St. James's, Preston Plucknett (6.11 cwt.), 7-9 p.m.; Nov. 22nd, All Saints', Langport (6.15 cwt.), 6-9 p.m.; incorporating Holy Communion.—M. M. L. 7940

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mottram District.—There will be no practices at St. Michael's Church from Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, until further notice, owing to lack of ringers.—Susan Brocklehurst. 7992

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting was on Oct. 18th and not 25th as published. Intermediate practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 8-9.15 p.m. 7985

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Benington, Tuesday, Oct. 28th, from 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, Friday, Oct. 31st. Bells 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 7939

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne. 7937

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Evening meeting, St. Peter's, Macclesfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 6.30-9 p.m. 7932

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to D. Bunting, 25, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield. No name, no tea.—L. G. S., Treasurer. 7927

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday Oct. 25th. Bells (8) from 4-6 p.m. 7958

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting will be held at Kingsbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells, recently augmented to eight, available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 7904

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Oct. 25th, Hughenden. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham. 7936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Northleigh, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Stonesfield (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Northleigh (6), 3-4. Service 4. Tea and business meeting from 4.30. Northleigh (6), 6-7.30; Combe (6), 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. D. Patching, 19, Common Close, Northleigh, Witney, Oxon.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 7949

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—A.G.M., Stonham Aspal (10), Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket. 7922

SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting, Beccles, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk 7907

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Faith's, Havant, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m. in Black Cat Café. Business meeting in church 6.15. Evening ringing till 9. 7897

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Harvest Festival and the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Frankland (first quarter) 1, Jane Reynolds 2, P. J. Spice 3, C. J. Mundy 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (720 each of Cambridge and Kent): H. F. Myers 1, J. C. Mitchemore 2, S. C. Peirce 3, A. N. Frost 4, O. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. St. Peter's, Bedford, bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements. Further ringing after tea. 7980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Stretton (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Witter, 9, Hillside Road, Appleton, near Warrington, by Monday, Oct. 27th. No name, no tea!—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 7957

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Studley, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley.—H. A. M. 7977

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Bobbingworth (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by ringing at North Weald (6) from 6.30-8.45 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Boreham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7968

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bridgnorth Branch of Hereford Guild and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION to be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Valerie Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop, by Wednesday before. 7986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st: Gravenhurst (5), 5.30-6.30 p.m.; Meppershall (5), 6.30-7.30; Pilton (5), 7.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7979

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, St. John's, Stanmore, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing.—G. W. Seaman and E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7973

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bexley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Oct. 29th. Foot's Cray bells available 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Wratten. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Heversham, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available 2.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Crake-trees, Whinfell, Kendal. 7971

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Collingham (8), Nov. 1st. Annual striking contest in afternoon, general ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Gail Cater, 12, Longlands Road, Towngate, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 7945

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Kirby Muxloe, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. L. Achurch, 6, Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe. Leicester 7969

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rose Davies 1, J. D. Weaver (first "inside") 2, Valerie Howard 3, M. P. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, A. J. Hart 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, P. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Fletcher 5, J. A. Collier 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. First quarter in the method by all.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, B. H. Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, Clare Taylor 4, T. Stephens 5, E. J. Taylor 6, H. Read (cond.) 7, R. Webb 8. First of Triples 1 and 2. Rung for the Dedication Festival.

(Tel.: Kirby Muxloe 3479). Fancy methods, St. Chrysostom and Cassington.—Ron Hughes. 7967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch) at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. L. Walley, 49, High Street, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, by previous Wednesday. 7955

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual striking contest at Dore (8) on Nov. 1st. Draw at 3 o'clock. Rules obtainable from the secretary at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN. Cups of tea only. Open ringing in the evening. Names of teams by previous Wednesday.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 7983

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7974

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Yateley, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, please. 7917

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Thorne, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea to 8.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, before Oct. 29th.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead, Secs. 7964

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Limpsheld Chart, 2.30-4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service at Oxted 6, with ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffery, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent, by Nov. 6th. 7938

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Leyton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea and business. Further ringing in evening till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hazleton, 60, Thornhill Road, E.10. 7989

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Pendoylan, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 7987

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury (new six). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Bennett, 37, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Nov. 5th. No name, no tea. 7988

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Please note that the date of the nomination meeting, due to be held at Yorktown, has been changed to Nov. 29th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7969

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, M. Harbord 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betworth 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. A compliment to Valerie Rushforth and Stanley Gunn on their engagement.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: B. J. Fry 1, Jennifer L. Quafe 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berriman 4, C. G. Bryant 5, W. Willans (arr. and cond.) 6, A. Hicks 7, A. Hoodless 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Collecta East 1, Mrs. G. East 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, H. W. Cox 5, H. Burrell 6. For the christening of Gregory David, son of Peter and Janet Herbert.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Adrian P. Knights Treble	*Rev. Lawrence Pizzey 6
Cecil W. Pipe 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Roger L. K. Whittell 3	*Vernon Bedford 8
*Michael J. Howes 4	*Stephen J. Bedford 9
*J. Martin Thorley 5	†George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
 * First peal of London Royal. † 300th peal for Suffolk Guild.
 Rung in memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell (1953).

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.
*J. Duncan Weaver Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 4
Charles B. Skinner 2	E. Winifred Keys 5
†Felicity A. Benford 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
 * First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor.

BOSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's	Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
*Christopher Renyard .. Treble	E. Winifred Keys 4
Patrick M. Wills 2	Philip Stevens 5
†Ruth E. Halford 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
 * First peal attempt. † First of Minor.
 Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGFELACH, Glam.—At the Church of SS. David and Cyfelach.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 105 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Marilyn E. Evans Treble	Gillian B. Armstrong 3
John T. Williams 2	Paul Mainwaring Tenor

First peal on the bells and first of Minimus for all the band.
 First of Minimus in two methods in Wales.
 Rung in memoriam Will Dobbins.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Lewis F. Cobb Treble	Timothy F. Collins 6
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	Rowan S. Bradley 7
Mary E. Elmes 3	William T. Perrins 8
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4	George E. Evenden 9
Graham W. Elmes 5	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Graham W. Elmes Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson 5
*Mary E. Elmes 2	Frederick E. Collins 6
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	*William T. Perrins 7
David Wilson 4	Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
 * 50th peal together.

First peal of Erin Triples by all the band and for the Guild. Mr. F. E. Collins has now completed the Erin family from Triples to Cinques.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert Treble	Geoffrey W. Pilkington 5
David J. Kelly 2	†David Williams 6
Judith J. Gilbert 3	Cyril Rusby 7
*Alan Bower 4	John E. Turley Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
 * First peal. † First on eight bells.

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

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Frederick A. Munday .. Treble	Ian North 5
Giles C. Galley 2	Trevor Tarbatt 6
Patricia North 3	David Smith 7
Arthur Rogers 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David Smith.
 First peal as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

DRIGHLLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Sept. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Jersey, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

Peter H. Gardner 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 20-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) ..	5-6

Rung in memoriam Henry O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12, Hever House, Cypress Court.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer 3-4	Peter S. Muchlinski 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
 The conductor's 600th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At 15, Piethorne Close.

On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1969, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 16 in B.
*Michael Fishwick 1-2	*Michael J. Platt 3-4
†Derek Butterworth (cond.)	5-6

* First peal on handbells. † Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand." First on handbells as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Sept. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College and Original and five of Plain Bob	Tenor size 15 in C.
Joseph Whalley 1-2	*W. John Couperthwaite .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5-6

* First peal in three methods "in hand."

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, W.—At 73, Mill Hill Road, Acton.

On Wed., Sept. 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 19 in F

Jennifer Dunning 1-2	Len Goodall 5-6
Alan R. Patterson 3-4	Stephen P. Darvill 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Len Goodall.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants.—At Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue,

Southbourne

On Tues., Sept. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor size 15 in C.
*Ivan J. M. Saunders 1-2	Arthur V. Davis (cond.) .. 5-6
†William T. Perrins 3-4	†Rosemary Shearing 7-8

* First handbell peal † First of Triples "in hand." ‡ First on eight bells.

BASINGSTOKE, Hants.—In the Belfry of All Saints' Church

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Tenor size 5 in E.

Lynette M. Holbrook 1-2	Howard E. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4
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First handbell peal by both ringers. First of Minimus "in hand" for the Guild.
 Rung as birthday compliments to the brother of the treble ringer and the mother of the conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At Lyndhurst, Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

On Sun., Sept. 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

*Stella M. Brown 1-2	†Robin Brown 5-6
†Patricia North 3-4	†Ian North 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian North.
 * First peal. † First of Major "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Skinner 1, Miss J. Green 2, G. Green 3, N. Davies 4, C. J. Jones 5, R. G. Green (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. O. Baker, for many years secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. C. Newman 1, I. M. Manby 2, H. R. Taylor 3, C. R. Taylor 4, H. C. Taylor 5, H. Read 6, T. Stephens 7, E. J. Taylor (first as cond. in the method) 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEIGH, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Brookes 1, R. J. M. Grosvenor 2, A. Morgan 3, L. F. Smith 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, C. H. Deakin 6. A farewell to Reginald Rowe, who recently moved to Bristol.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Sept. 14th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Overington 1, R. Jane Cotton 2, G. A. Duke (first as cond.) 3, Jennie Starbuck 4, R. Grant 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, D. Gebbett 7, C. P. Starbuck 8.

LILLESALL, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Talbott 1, W. Reynolds (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fearn 3, B. Cotton 4, E. Lane 5, D. Cartwright 6. First by 1, 3, 4, 5. A compliment to Miss M. Fearn, leaving for university.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. Phillipson 1, Miss J. Freeman (first quarter) 2, H. Lowman 3, J. Freeman (cond.) 4, W. Tomlinson 5, P. C. Pitchford 6, C. J. Sharp 7, J. Walden 8, P. A. Sharp 9, G. R. Parker 10.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Frost 1, H. B. Whitney 2, W. Inley 3, R. Gaylor 4, P. G. Williams 5, J. Vickers 6, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 7, Miss R. Dudley 8. For Harvest Festival; also in honour of 50 years' service by the ringer of the third.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Wright (cond.) 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Susan Turcan 3, D. Wright 4, Valerie Jones 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, S. Halliwell 7, D. Ellidson 8, D. Hewitt 9, M. Hollis 10.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Jones (first quarter) 1, Ann Baggs 2, Kathryn Jones 3, Mrs. R. Jones 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, M. Few (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MARE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Janet S. Evans (first "inside") 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. J. Davidson 5, Kathryn R. Pearce 6.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Diane Carter (first on eight) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, J. J. George 3, G. W. Taysom 4, A. P. Smith 5, W. R. Curtis 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, J. W. S. Troon 8. Rung as a compliment to the Guild president on his nautical achievement.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, R. Lee 2, M. Goakes 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Karen French 1, O. Homewood 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, R. Preston 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, W. Holmes 8. For Harvest Festival.

MORETON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Deborah Knewstub 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, D. Gower 4, D. Ellidson (cond.) 5, M. Hollis 6. For Harvest Festival.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Wilson 1, M. Sinden 2, S. Sinden 3, M. Minns 4, W. Booth 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Sharon Moore (first Major) 1, Patricia Mills 2, I. J. Midgley 3, R. Mitchel 4, G. A. Moore 5, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 6, C. S. Ryles 7, T. L. Walley 8. For Harvest Festival.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Mackreth 1, E. A. Flint 2, F. Hayes 3, R. Dorling 4, D. C. Makin-Taylor 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6, K. Edwards 7, D. Burgess 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge S. and Kent T.B.): D. Wilson 1, T. F. Collins (cond.) 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Claire E. N. Brown 4, Mary E. Elmes 5, Katharine J. Maundrell 6. Rung on the front axis. A compliment to Katharine J. Maundrell on her 18th birthday.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): R. East 1, D. Smith 2, I. Peacock 3, Mrs. Elsie Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with T.B. by 1, 2, 3, 5. For Harvest Festival.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Lees 1, P. Hart 2, C. D. Collin 3, J. M. Warinton 4, P. V. W. Feast 5. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2. Conducted by P. Feast and C. Collin. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Minimus (four methods): A. Tanner 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, J. M. Warinton 3, P. V. W. Feast 4. First Minimus for all the band on tower bells. Rung as a farewell tribute to Mr. T. W. White on retirement as Editor of "The Ringing World". Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sally Holmes 1, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 2, I. F. Taylor 3, P. V. W. Feast 4, J. M. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6. First quarter in five methods for all the band. Rung for Harvest Festival.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, A. F. W. Burbridge 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, M. Siddorn 8. For Harvest Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. L. Quaife 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, W. P. J. Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, A. F. W. Burbridge 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, P. Page 8, J. H. Hunt (first Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, J. F. A. Rolph (first on ten bells) 10. First Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Giles (first of Caters) 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sadler 3, Mrs. S. Bedford 4, Mrs. J. Hallett (first of Caters "inside") 5, S. Halliwell 6, P. Bedford 7, B. Sadler 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, G. Eve 10. A welcome to Matthew James Sloman, born September 21st.

QUORN, LEICS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline I. Rankin (first quarter) 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Janet E. Lord (first "inside") 3, J. C. Allen 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 1, Margaret S. Allen 2, Margaret Hockham 3, Susan A. Alexander 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, P. Dianna Jones 6. Thanksgiving for the life of Miss Vera Alston, of this parish; also a farewell to the conductor on leaving the parish.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Mitchell 1, M. L. Northway 2, H. J. Page 3, R. S. Parratt (first Triples "inside") 4, D. R. Fallick 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8.

SHABBINGTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Tyler 1, Christine Baker 2, G. J. Tyler 3, E. F. Putt (first quarter) 4, R. T. Corker (first as cond.) 5, Hazel Baker (first quarter) 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. Rice 1, J. Cornelius (cond., "circled the tower" to quarters) 2, F. Welch 3, A. Drayton 4, A. Rowswell 5, L. Pond 6, R. Welch 7, G. Glyde 8. For the wedding of Mr. D. Stockford and Miss S. Cornelius. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,320 Shepton Beauchamp Doubles: A. F. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius (200th quarter) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First quarter in the variation. For Patronal and Harvest Festivals, and as a 51st wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arscott.

SHRUB END, COLCHESTER.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Brunt 1, A. Wright 2, D. Whent 3, H. Millatt (cond.) 4, D. Cobb 5, P. Schaffe 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Glover 1, J. Lunham 2, Jacky Holmes 3, Celia D'aeth 4, R. Guy 5, R. Kenrick 6, D. R. Jones (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Jack Fuller and Cynthia Snape. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Elliott 1, Marion Glover 2, J. Elliott 3, Celia D'aeth (first as cond.) 4, R. Guy 5, M. E. Snape 6, R. Kenrick 7, B. J. Glover 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving; also as a wedding compliment to Elisabeth Whitfield (sister of the conductor) and Leslie Short, to be married at St. Mary's, Battle, on October 11th.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Marriott 1, C. M. Orme 2, R. L. Piron 3, M. Major 4, A. D. Norman 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Festival.

STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R. Bould 1, A. N. Frost 2, J. F. Steere 3, D. G. Pearce 4, J. C. Mitchelmore (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): F. Hill 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, J. Evans 3, G. Pluckrose 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Moncur.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, G. Button 3, N. Orman 4, E. Davey 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob): E. Button 1, R. Orman 2, G. Button 3, E. Davey 4, K. Whittell 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, E. Button 2, G. Button 3, N. Orman 4, E. Davey 5, A. Andrews (cond.) 6.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Stamford Surprise Minor: S. B. Bell 1, D. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, B. Spiers 4, J. Clements 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Barnfield, a respected villager, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine French (first quarter) 1, Helen M. Julius (first Triples) 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Rosemary M. Julius (first Triples) 4, R. F. Shepherd 5, R. J. Edden 6, J. L. Read (first Triples as cond.) 7, S. G. French 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. King (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, R. D. Divall 2, Jane Osborn (first Grandsire Triples) 3, R. Jean Osborn 4, C. Bassett 5, J. E. Warner 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, I. Cochrane 8. A 70th birthday compliment to B. V. Collison.

TYTHERRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. E. Bell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, E. G. Mould 3, C. Bell 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, S. Poole 6.

UPPER WESTON, Bath, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. V. Wiltshire 1, Mrs. E. Potchary 2, P. J. Devrell (cond. half) 3, B. Sarll 4, R. L. Coles (cond. half) 5, Miss R. Loader (first quarter) 6, G. Potchary 7, M. Wiltshire 8. For baptism of Julia Ann and Robin Mark Wiltshire; also for Miss J. Brain, local ringer, attaining Queen's Guild Award.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sara E. Elmes (first on eight) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first in method) 2, Claire E. N. Brown (first in method) 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, P. R. Keough 8.

WARWICK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Dolphin 1, Mrs. D. Randall 2, Miss P. Adams 3, P. Border 4, E. Gower (cond.) 5, D. Randall 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Payward 8. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to Peter Randall on going to university.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, J. Ferris 2, A. Dando 3, Margaret Wilcox 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, B. Angell 6. For Harvest Festival, and for the 50th wedding anniversary of John Ferris and silver wedding of Herbert T. and Anne Ferris.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Gamm (first quarter peal) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, S. Gay (first as cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHEATLEY, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. E. White 1, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first "inside") 2, Brenda Arnott 3, C. Smith (cond.) 4, L. R. Porter 5, C. Sparling (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Sparling on the birth of a daughter.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. R. Bould 1, A. N. Frost 2, G. E. Mudge 3, J. F. Steere 4, S. G. Pierce 5, J. C. Mitchelmore (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, W. Youngs 3, D. Murfet (cond.) 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Yarrow 6. For Harvest Festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Peckham 1, A. Plaster 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, C. Robinson 5, P. Stone 6. Rung for the marriage of Wendy Everest and Roger Peckham.

COMPOSITIONS

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(6 methods)

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
65432	—	—	—	Lond. Yorks. Eal.
46532	—	—	—	Wig. New.
54632	—	—	—	New. Wig.
23645	—	—	—	Eal. Yorks. New.
42635	—	—	—	Yk. Lond.
63425	—	—	—	New. Yorks. Eal.
46325	—	—	—	Eal. Yk.
34625	—	—	—	Eal. Yk.
62345	—	—	—	Yk. New.

Four times repeated.

Contains 1,200 each of Ealing and Newgate, 960 of York (Yk.), 720 of Yorkshire (Yorks.) and 480 each of Londinium and Wigston; with 89 changes of method.

Rung at 15, Harford Drive, Watford, September 29th, 1969.

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(8 methods)

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
65432	—	—	—	Lond. Yorks. Eal.
46532	—	—	—	Leics. New.
54632	—	—	—	New. Leics.
23645	—	—	—	Lond. Yorks. Lond.
42635	—	—	—	Wig. Eal.
63425	—	—	—	New. Yorks. Leath.
46325	—	—	—	Eal. Yk.
34625	—	—	—	Leath. Wig.
62345	—	—	—	Yk. New.

Four times repeated.

Contains 960 of Newgate, 720 each of Ealing, Londinium and Yorkshire (Yorks.) and 480 each of Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Wigston and York (Yk.); with 99 changes of method.

Rung at 15, Harford Drive, Watford, October 6th, 1969.

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by R. E. J. DENNIS

231456789	1	5	16	
231465879	4.8.9.10.11.13s.14			
3142		—	2	A
4123		—	2	
4132		S	2	B
2143		A	2	
214365789	S		2B	
214365978	—		2B	
214365798	S		2B	
(214365879)	—			

This peal may be rearranged in many ways, e.g.:-

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213465879	4.8.9.10.11.13s.14		
4123			A
213465789	S	C { —	
4123			A
412365978	—		C
412365798	S		C
214365879	—		B
214365789	S		C
214365978	—		C
214365798	S		C
(214365879)	—		

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