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Christ Church, Bristol

AN 18th CENTURY SOUND

FIRST-TIME VISITORS to Christ Church, Bristol, are sometimes heard to compare the sound of the bells unfavourably with utensils not usually found in a tower. Yet Bristol ringers down the ages have been extremely fond of their sound. I have known quite a few of the first-time detractors join the ranks of the admirers later. An ear accustomed to the richer fullness of modern tuning needs a little while to adjust, just as one does on hearing familiar Bach played on a harpsichord instead of a Bechstein grand. The sounds are not to be compared but each enjoyed in its own right.

It must be admitted that Christ Church bells are not the easiest to ring well. They are rather odd-struck and must be rung briskly with absolute precision. They are not the bells to flatter indifferent striking, but how well they satisfy when the right rhythm is obtained and the striking is clean!

Christ Church bells are the authentic 18th century sound. It must be rare to find a whole ten in which not a single bell has been recast or retuned since 1789. It may be unique. The back eight were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, as the fourth proudly proclaims: "Abr. Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all 1716." All are dated and most bear the well-known founder's mark flanked by the initials "A.R." The lettering on the crowns is a model of even, clear and artistic casting; so too is the moulding which embellishes the crown staples.

Rudhall's eight were hung in an older church and tower which were completely replaced by a lovely Wren-style church in the 1780s. It is in a style developed by two or three generations of architects since Wren, and if less grandiose than the great London churches has an intimacy and wholeness which are quite delightful. The Harris organ is another 18th century masterpiece which is justly famous and has only this year been restored to full working order.

Christ Church stands on a crossroads which was the centre of the mediæval city of Bristol, and in the 18th century two other churches, St. Werburgh's and All Saints', stood at the same crossing. St. Werburgh's was removed stone by stone to the suburbs in the 1880s, but All Saints' is still there. All three churches had bells: St. Werburgh's a six and All Saints' an eight, also by Rudhall. The rebuilders of Christ Church were not going to have their close neighbours outdo their bells so they decided to add two more. William Bilbie, of Chewstoke, near Bristol, was commissioned to cast two trebles and rehang the ten in the new tower. Local legend has it that Bilbie was a perfectionist, and no one who has been privileged to see one of his exquisite clocks can doubt that. His two bells, cast in 1789, are longer-waisted than Rudhall's, and having cast them and tuned them he must have decided that they did not match the other eight to his complete satisfaction. So he proceeded to retune each of Rudhall's bells with a hammer and chisel until he had all ten perfectly tonally balanced. The neat radial chisel marks inside the sound bow of each bell are quite a work of art in themselves. Standing outside the tower it is impossible to detect that the trebles have been added to an eight, and there are not so many eights augmented to ten in this age or any other of which that is true.

Not only did Bilbie adapt Rudhall's bells to his needs; he seems to have done the same with the frame. I do not know how else to account for the deep gouging-out of the upper members to allow the bells to swing through. It seems improbable that Rudhall would have done this for a custom built frame for his eight, nor that Bilbie would have done this if he had supplied a completely new frame for the ten. However it came about, the frame today is as sound, square and steady as it ever was.

Christ Church bells have always been popular with Bristol ringers, and in a city with 25 rings they have plenty of choice. Many peals have been rung on them but perhaps the most notable was the 10,133 Grandsire Caters on March 14, 1837, in 5 hours and 44 minutes, conducted by William Smith. It is known that this was a Bristol band but otherwise very little about any of the ringers. Extant records of 19th century ringing in Bristol are regrettably meagre.

For the past few years Christ Church has again become the unofficial headquarters of Bristol ringing. The City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association look after the Sunday ringing there. On the second and fourth Mondays of each month the branch practises its Caters and Surprise Royal and welcomes regular visitors from North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and South Wales. Fortunately the attendances are now so good that one is not missed for ten minutes if you slip down the stairs into Broad Street and listen to a touch of Caters. London or Bristol Royal from there. This is a well-worth-while experience.

PHILIP GRAY.

"WHEN A PEAL DOESN'T APPEAL"

Under this heading a journalist writes in *The Swanage Times*, giving the pros and cons of bells and bellringing as he finds them in this delightful Dorset town. It followed a letter from an irate lady who had complained about man's inhumanity to man (R.W., page 79). Mr. Hugh Falkner, of Swanage, sends us the following letter.

Dear Sir,—A peal at Swanage on Boxing Day has caused a furore locally. The tower is in the midst of a built-up area, and in the past peals have been few and far between. On this particular occasion the peal was to welcome a new incumbent. But a letter in the local press (*The Swanage Times*) quickly followed the peal. The wording was, to say the least of it, extreme . . . "man's inhumanity to man," etc.

Whilst one person thought fit to write such a letter it is, of course, not known what others think. Accordingly I set myself the task of carrying out a sort of Gallup poll, and called on 20 people at random; all but one proved to be strangers to me and all living within about as many yards of the church as the lady who wrote the irate letter. As a matter of fact, I called on 21 people, but the odd one said she was no ordinary person, having had an intense dislike for bells from youth upwards . . . it was all the same to her and her dislike whether they rang for three minutes or three hours . . . and she begged not to be included in my survey. However, even she said that if anything was legal she had to put up with it!

All 20 people liked to hear the bells, but as many as five out of the 20 thought that

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non-stop ringing for three hours was too long. But none of the five were hot enough under the collar to want to protest, other than to me in consequence of my enquiry.

Only one out of the 20 had any idea why the bells were ringing for three hours, i.e., for a "peal"—5,040 different changes meant nothing whatever to them!

Practice night ringing is usually for about an hour or slightly more. And recently there have been some quarter peals in Swanage. No mention of protest has been made of such ringing, and I think it safe to assume that there are very few (like the lady above) who object or even dislike bells ringing for that length of time. I wonder if my little survey is representative of people all over the country, namely that 25% of the population have no sympathy for peal ringing?

£50 LEGACY

The Yorktown (Camberley) ring of eight has a very long draught, and the P.C.C. want to put a new floor in to make the ringing chamber up in the tower and to use the present space for a choir vestry. This alteration, when carried out, will benefit everyone, but the costs will be rather heavy.

The ringers at St. Michael's have promised £25 from their funds and the late Mr. Fred Farr left £50 in his will for the tower and this also will help towards the cost of the work. A faculty has yet to be applied for, but it is not anticipated that it will be refused.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES HELPED

Bob Smith's articles on Kent and Oxford T.B. in *The Ringing World* gave Derek M. Sawyer many tips which makes the method far easier. Derek, who writes from Clarkson, Ontario, "with tremendous pleasure," sends a handbell peal report of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at McMaster University on January 6. It was the first in the method by all and in North America. [Congratulations to you, Derek, and your team.—Ed.]

About the Central Council

2.—THE SECRETARY (MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY)

THERE must be few people who do not experience some thrill of expectation when the postman calls. The secretary of the Council has this pleasure almost every working day. The packages come in all shapes and sizes and there is even more variety in the contents. There are inquiries from members of the public as well as from ringers, and dealing with these is very much a public relations exercise. There has been a spate of inquiries in relation to The Noise Abatement Act, which indicates that people generally are taking the trouble to inform themselves about their "rights."

I am one of those impatient individuals who cannot live with arrears of work and I try to reply to letters by return, or at any rate to dictate my letters without delay. Implementation of this policy means that almost every day some duty is performed on behalf of the Council. I suppose the job must be well above average in size in the voluntary category. A postage bill of over £11 on day to day correspondence in 1969 is an indication of the volume. (I rarely take a fivepenny gamble!) The Central Council is not entirely free from Government interference and my duties include attending to S.E.T. and P.A.Y.E. returns. Insurance of the Council's property and investment of its funds are other matters which concern me.

Accountancy responsibilities are not onerous and nearly all the work is concentrated in the first three months of the year. It is certainly desirable to have the accounts complete before



the increase in work which comes with the preparations for the annual meeting. The local arrangements are the responsibility of the host association, fortunately, but we in Halifax have to attend to the committee reports—cutting and checking stencils (at least four for the Peals Analysis Committee) and printing on a rotary duplicator. We have free use of a temperamental old machine and we have learned a few hard lessons from it. First of all, it is courting disaster to try to print on both sides of the paper, and, worse, that if I dare to interfere in its manipulation it will exact a terrible revenge by chewing the stencil to bits only about 30 copies from the end of the run. My typist does not like cutting stencils!! Fortunately, the old thing (the

duplicator) responds very well to the feminine touch, so Jeanne (my wife) has the job which she does at two or three visits.

We learned another lesson the first time we made up the sets of reports, agendas, etc. We arranged them in order round a large boardroom table and then walked round and round, 115 times each, bending to pick up each sheet in the set. We were still, for days. The only disability now following this operation is a sore hand with thumping the stapler. For the record we each make up a set of 30 papers in two minutes and we complete the job of making 250 sets in one session.

The "Wilsonade" week-end is quite hectic and there is always the lurking fear of something forgotten. In the early days of my tenure I dreamed quite regularly of turning up without the attendance roll and of sitting up all night typing another with one finger. And of course it was never ready in time for the meeting.

Inevitably the job has its irritations. There are the treasurers who will not send the athletics fees until they have been asked three or four times. I know they are not half as busy as I am; but then I must be mistaken. There are the Council members who will not be persuaded, cajoled or kicked into the meeting when it is past starting time. Then there are the secretaries who will not notify the names of representatives. (I am still without one for 1969.)

But these are more than compensated by the many sources of pleasure. There is the delight of the occasional abusive letter from Jafus and the satisfaction of replying in similar vein. There is the friendship of a countless number of ringers, some of whom we haven't even met. There is the enjoyment of a quiet dinner on the Tuesday evening after it is all over.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

The first general meeting of the Yorkshire Association for the year drew an attendance of 150 members to Wakefield on January 17. After ringing at several churches during the morning and afternoon they filled the nave of the Cathedral for a short service, conducted by two clergy who are ringers—Rev. P. Brothwell, sacrist at the Cathedral, and Rev. N. Webb, who only that week had given up his precentorship to become Rector of Thornhill. A buffet tea was provided in the Youth Centre by the ladies of the local band, with valuable help from some of the new Wragby ringers.

At the business meeting, with Mr. Vernon Bottomley presiding, seven members were elected: Mrs. Mollie Toy, of York (formerly of Bridstow, Herefords); Anthea Cryer (Walkley), Susan Brown (St. Marie's, Sheffield), Estha Sharp (Dewsbury), Fred Shaw (Thornhill), Ian Bell (Handsworth) and Simon Fisher (Rotherham).

The proposed alterations to the rules was the item on the agenda for which some had been waiting anxiously. These resulted from the suggestion made by the Leeds and District Society 14 months earlier for fusion with the Association. The most controversial point, introducing associate membership so that ringers not qualified by a 720 might belong to the Association, and be entitled to vote, but with a subscription of 3s., was accepted by a very large majority. So, for the first time since being established in 1875 the Y.A.C.R. is to have ringing members who have not "rung at least 720 changes." (Y.A.C.R. Rules, 1876.) Several associate members were elected during the meeting.

The other alterations were also accepted, with very little or no opposition. In future

districts will be called "branches" and the chief officer of the branch will be its "chairman" rather than its vice-president. Branches may decide the size of their own committees, but representation on the general committee is not changed.

Immediately following these important changes Mr. Robin Brown proposed that the Western District be divided into two branches, one of these roughly coinciding with the Leeds and District Society's area, the other being the remainder of the old district. This was accepted enthusiastically, as were the new members who formerly belonged only to the Leeds and District Society.

The fusion of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association with the Northern District was also agreed; the branch in the north will be called "The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Association." Elections for the officers and committees of the new branches will be held within the next few weeks.

Mr. William Barton gave notice of a proposal to retain the office of vice-president, not as the chief officer of a branch but as a position to be given to members the Association might wish to honour. There will be voting on this at the A.G.M. at Ormesby in May.

In conclusion, the president gave members some details of the plans being made for the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Members of the Association would be asked to assist with ringing on the tours on both the Saturday and Monday, and were invited to go to the welcome extended to the Council on the Monday evening as well as to the events on the Tuesday.

RINGERS IN KILIFI, AFRICA

Over 60 members and friends attended a very successful quarterly meeting of the Rochester District of Kent County Association at Shorne on January 17. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of the ringing masters and the service at 4.30 p.m. included an amusing address given by the vicar, Rev. G. Taylor. Tea was served in the nearby village hall.

An interesting business meeting ensued, with the district chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans, presiding. Members were distressed to hear of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Dunk, the wife of the late Albert J. Dunk, who had been a very active member of the district until his death in 1964. All stood in silent remembrance.

A good start to the new year was made with the election of 15 new members, many of whom come under the definition of "young people," and Mr. Trevor A. Cross gave a report on the business transacted at the November meeting of the general committee. Members were interested to hear of the application by the ringers at Kilifi (Africa) for non-resident membership of the Association. A decision on this matter was to be left for a period to see how things progressed in Kilifi before membership was granted. At the suggestion of the Rochester District, a county striking competition is to be organised, but another proposal from the district re the printing of reports in a cheaper form was defeated. An application by Newington-next-Sittingbourne for a grant from the Association's belfry repair fund had been rewarded by the promise of £15 upon the satisfactory completion of the work on the bells.

Miscellaneous items under Any Other Business were discussed before adjournment to the tower for further ringing. L. M.

MAKE OR BREAK

A rather colourless year was reviewed by Mr. D. J. Tubbs, district ringing master, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Holy Trinity Hall on January 17. Membership at 110 was approximately the same and the new band of five at St. Peter's, Hascombe, under the leadership of Mr. B. Burnett, had joined.

The striking competition, continued Mr. Tubbs, was disappointing, with only three entries compared with five the previous year. Two were from the Cathedral and the other from Stoke. Of tower captains, he said, they could either make or break the district. He urged them to persuade young people to go out and get more experience and to support the district's combined practices and meetings.

Miss Y. Eloie, district secretary, said an appeal for help had been received from Dunsfold. Losses by death included Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, and Mr. Hagley, of Witley. The accounts showed a balance of £70 16s. 10d., an increase of £4.

Because of pressure on his leisure, Mr. Tubbs resigned the mastership and was succeeded by Mr. D. Struckett (Haslemere). Mr. Tubbs, however, is holding office as assistant ringing master and treasurer. Miss Eloie was re-elected secretary, Mr. J. Horsman (Shalford) auditor and Mrs. Carolyn Tubbs to the committee.

The meeting was attended by the guild master (Mr. Douglas May) and the hon. secretary (Mr. Charles Munday), both of whom were renominated for office.

The district attended evensong at Holy Trinity Church, conducted by Rev. Warren Sellers, and tea for 54, provided by Mrs. Tubbs and her helpers, was much enjoyed.

SUPPORT LACKING

The recent North West District of Suffolk Guild quarterly meeting at Mildenhall on January 10 attracted ringers from the adjoining counties, even though it was a rather unfavourable day. Good use was made of the bells and there was some excellent ringing. Members were sorry to hear that both the ringing master and chairman were ill and it was disappointing to see that guild support was so lacking, considering that the meeting was at a 10-bell tower.

District practices were arranged at the Norman Tower in February and at Brandon in March, and the next quarterly meeting is at Lakenheath in April.

PROVING THEMSELVES

The quarter peal rung by the regular Sunday service band at Hoddesdon, Herts, on January 25, was a notable achievement in that it was the first quarter for all the band, except the conductor. Ringing has been at a low ebb for some time at Hoddesdon, but there is now a band of ringers keen to learn. For the last few months Sunday service ringing has been regular (alternating matins and evensong) and Grandsire Doubles has been mastered. The practice night is on Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and all ringers are welcome, especially those who can help with teaching the band more method ringing. R. L. H.

MODERN STYLE

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held in the parish hall of St. Martin's Church on January 3.

Miss Muriel Reay was re-elected master and Mr. Roderick W. Pipe was elected as ringing master and Central Council representative. Mr. Henry H. Fearn retired from the office of auditor, in which capacity he served the guild for 28 years, and Mr. Ray Aldington was elected to that office. Mr. Richard J. Tibbetts was elected as secretary on a more permanent basis.

One item in the balance sheet raised observations from Mr. Bryan Woolley, who suggested that a modern style of peal writing be adopted. A committee was formed to review the subject.

Mr. Eric Cole informed the meeting of the proposed augmentation of Hampton-in-Arden bells to an octave. It was decided to plan for a donation of £100 from the guild's bell fund in 1975, the 250th anniversary of the present bells.

The secretary informed members of arrangements for the Henry Johnson memorial dinner and Bishop Sinker, the Provost of Birmingham Cathedral, was elected as chairman for this year's dinner. R. J. T.

FREE PARKING!

"Welcome to Aldershot! If you see in this 'Home of the British Army' men in dark blue uniforms with yellow badges, they are traffic wardens, not a new brigade of Guards, but by the way they pop up when you have parked in the wrong place there must be enough to form a platoon. However, whatever traffic problems there are in the town, you can come to St. Michael's and park free, without the fear of a parking ticket, and enjoy a comfortable ground floor ring of eight."

This was the unusual opening written by Mr. Tom Page for the ringing master's report at the A.G.M. of the Farnham District held recently. The meeting, usually in Farnham, was this year transferred to Aldershot and about 100 attended.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT HART STREET

After ringing a peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on New Year's Eve, 1968, the rector invited the same band to make an attempt in 1969.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, the same band could not be assembled, but an attempt for Yorkshire, to be conducted by Ian Dear, one of the band that rang Rutland in 1968, was arranged to commence at 8.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. a 'phone call to the organiser informed him that Ian had 'flu and couldn't ring. After several 'phone calls a substitute was found and the band met as arranged. At 9 p.m. Andrew Slade, another of last year's band, hadn't arrived and at 9.15 it was decided to attempt a peal of Minor, but this failed after two-and-a-bit extents. After an interval the New Year was duly rung in and the band entertained by the rector and his wife. The mulled wine made up for the loss of the peal, and we are very grateful to Norman Summerhayes for going out of his way to ensure that everyone arrived home safely. T. P. K.

INTEREST ABOUNDING

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable annual meeting at Chepstow on January 10. The ten bells were well used throughout the afternoon and evening by members and friends from Gloucestershire.

The vicar, Rev. J. Barrie-Evans, took the service, Mr. Richard Owen read the lesson and Mrs. John Sims kindly played the organ.

Despite the miserable, wet day some 85 persons sat down to tea in the Cavill Hall. New members were again elected, being Rev. Hoyle (Vicar of Trellech), Mr. Gwilliam Hayes, of Bassaleg, together with David and Steven Everett and Paul Phillips, of All Saints, Newport.

Meeting places for the year were chosen to be held on the second Saturdays in May, July, October and in January, 1971, at Caerleon, Ebbw Vale, Mathern and Marshfield.

It was reported that Mathern bells had gone to Taylor's for rehanging as a memorial to the wife of Brig. Vaughan-Hughes, and that interest abounded at Trellech, where a handbell team had been formed by the vicar in anticipation of a ring of bells in his tower.

THREE TOWERS IN EAST NORFOLK

A few weeks ago Rev. Peter Bond mentioned Blofield, Ludham and Ranworth as being towers where beginners have been assisted by Mr. Kenneth Brown, who reports as under.

Blofield ringers have the help of Mr. Jim Morley and are capable of ringing Bob Doubles. The very enthusiastic band at Ludham, helped initially by Rev. P. Bond, David Ralls from Great Yarmouth and Derek Platford from Catfield, is now under the leadership of Mr. Neville Gower. The bells are being well looked after by Mr. Ray Osborne, whose son is also ringing. The band must go from strength to strength and the practice that would help them, I think, would be a quarter peal of Bob Doubles.

Two members from Thorpe Grammar School can now handle a bell at Ranworth and another student has recently been cycling over from Coltishall. Unfortunately the rector, Rev. E. D. Everard, who is so keen to have his bells rung, cannot get any recruits so practices have been abandoned for the winter. Some readers in this district may remember Mr. George Allen, who has promised to come back when more beginners start in the spring, on Wednesday evenings at this "Cathedral of the Broads."

K. L. B.

NOT "OPENING TIME"

When the St. Albans District members made arrangements for social visits in 1970 these included a request for a district outing and a trip to the TV studios as last year. There was also a request for an outing to one of the local breweries, but on enquiry it was found that "not even for their best customers" (ringers?) would the brewers open their doors to parties on Saturdays!

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Obituary

MR. MAURICE KEARNEY

At one time known as tenor king of Drogheda, Maurice (Moss) Kearney died in Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, on December 3, aged 76. He learned to ring at St. Peter's, Drogheda, about 1940 and had been a member of the Irish Association since 1945.

MR. S. E. WRIGHT

The death occurred on January 9, 1970, of Sidney Ernest Wright, at the age of 82. Sid learned to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, about 1910, and came to St. John's, Peterborough, in 1911, serving this church faithfully as a Sunday service ringer for 52 years. He was born on January 21, 1887, and was married in June, 1924. He was a foundry moulder and worked for British Railways. He rang a few peals and many quarters and his name appears on the peal boards in St. John's belfry, including his first of Grandsire Triples in 1920. Belfry records show that he rang a peal of Kent T.B. Major in 1923 and that his next was Grandsire Triples in 1948—a gap of 25 years. At one time he was the tower captain. Sid's last recorded quarter peal was in 1959, at the age of 72, and he retired from ringing in September, 1963. As a memorial token a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the day of the funeral.

R. H. D.

MR. K. D. ESSAM

A former tower captain at St. Mary's Church, Warmington, near Peterborough, from 1958 to 1966, Kenneth Douglas Essam collapsed and died at his home at School House, Warmington, just after noon on Jan. 17. Although he never did master change-ringing he was a regular Sunday service ringer and rarely missed a branch meeting. He held the office of branch auditor from 1963 to the time of his death. Mr. Essam was 56.

The funeral service was on January 22 at Warmington Church, followed by cremation. The church was filled with fellow school teachers, friends and bellringers.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in his memory at Warmington on January 23 by members of the branch.

A. H. H.

MR. E. J. BLOWER

Jack Blower, who died on January 8, aged 79, was a loyal member of the Rayleigh band for nearly 60 years. He started his ringing career at Great Dunmow and came to Rayleigh as a young man.

For many years his ringing ability was restricted to the plain standard methods, but the development of the Rayleigh area in the 1950s brought with it a dozen experienced ringers, and he took up the challenge and learned new methods. St. Clement's Triples was his favourite and he participated in a peal in this method rung on June 7, 1960, to mark his 50 years of service in Rayleigh tower, which gave him great pleasure, and in the same year the Essex Association honoured him with life membership.

Jack Blower's loyalty to his band was an example to all, he being regular in attendance at all times. Jack was a very humble man who realised his limitations, and was secretary to the local band for many years until ill-health limited his appearances.

M. J. H.

Letters

THE PEAL DISEASE

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the recent correspondence concerning peal ringing, mainly by active peal ringers, and would like to put forward my views as a former peal ringer.

Until a short time ago I was what is usually termed a "peal-grabber," ringing one, sometimes two peals, Saturday after Saturday and an occasional weekday one as well. Although I enjoyed it at first, it degenerated into a habit and one I just could not get out of. I rang the same methods over and over again, with two or three different bands. And what a lot of "firers" they were, I regret to say! Time and time again (and here I disagree entirely with one correspondent) it came home to me that taking part in lots of peals does not necessarily make one a good ringer. In the course of my travels I have met prolific peal ringers who are shocking strikers, poor bell handlers and who, after two or three hundred peals, cannot even ring a bell down properly.

Inevitably, I gave up peal ringing for more worthwhile activities, much to my later satisfaction. I think I am now leading a far fuller life, having taken up a variety of interests, from cycling and nature rambling to keeping budgerigars. True, I ring the occasional peal, but only for special occasions or to help someone along.

The peal disease seems to have two main drawbacks. First, it is so time-consuming. Secondly, it takes so great a hold on the system that, although the actual business of ringing the peal is such a bore, the patient is compelled to go on attempting even more. So many of the victims (with obvious notable exceptions!) seem to be of the weaker, insecure personality type—perhaps they crave the satisfaction of seeing their name in print. In this respect, I am all in favour of the reduced peal format and hope that it will, to some extent, eliminate this element in peal ringing.

Fortunately the disease is not permanent, usually giving immunity to further attacks (often the former sufferer is allergic to the word "peal" itself), but owing to its very contagious nature soon infects a fresh generation.

In conclusion, I might say that there are many people in this area alone who have shared my experience. Close examination of the R.W. over a period of two or three years will show any number of individuals who ring a vast number of peals and then fade out altogether, as dramatically as they began. Many give up ringing completely. Not a desirable state of affairs at a time when more and more towers are silent on Sundays.—Yours faithfully,

PETER E. THOMPkins.

Crowborough, Sussex.

P.S.—I would be very happy to correspond with any other young ringer, peal ringer or not, who is interested in cycling or stamp collecting.—P. E. T.

MR. C. W. RIGBY

Known to his many friends as "Rig," the death occurred recently of Mr. Clayson W. Rigby, at the age of 64. He was not a peal ringer but regularly rang at Greens Norton, Northants, and visited Towcester Branch meetings regularly. All his life he was a faithful servant at his own church.

W. A. Y.

IN DEFENCE OF PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Following the latest instalment in the anti-peal ringers' saga (Mr. Taylor, page 30), may I be permitted to put the case for the defence?

What is the definition of a peal ringer? I don't think your correspondents know. The old dividing line between peal ringers and Sunday service ringers is hard to determine because the majority of the former are in fact the backbone of the latter. So who, then, is criticising who?

Mr. Taylor says the majority of peal ringers are of little service to the Exercise. I agree with Mr. Wycherley on the same page—without them the Exercise would collapse and so too would the R.W. Mr. Taylor comments about the enormous expenditure on bells, etc. If this is unjustified then one could extend the argument to other ecclesiastical furniture and indeed to church buildings. He concludes by suggesting four rules under which peals should be rung:—

(1) "One or more firsts." First in what? may I ask—first pealers or first in 100 Spliced Surprise Maximus?

(2) "Special occasions should be observed, preferably connected with the Church." There are hundreds of saints' days to choose from, so that should not be difficult.

(3) "A tower fee of 2s. 6d. per head." This practice is fairly widespread today anyway, but why the refund?

(4) "A 2s. levy to R.W. news." The R.W. exists for the purpose of recording news, and peals are news. Surely the privilege of printing news should be paid for by the newspaper not by the contributors. The publication of peals is governed by the rules of the Central Council. Quarter peals, on the other hand, are not controlled and the necessity of having them published does not arise. Thus peal ringers should not be asked or expected to contribute to help pay for the printing of news, whereas quarter pealers should.

The circulation, I believe, of the R.W. is approximately 6,000. There are approximately 40,000 ringers in existence, of which about 3,000–4,000 ring peals each year. Given that the majority of the latter purchase the R.W., it cannot fall upon them to support it more than they do at present.

A certain Mr. Marsh's letter (R.W., Dec. 12, 1969) did not contribute much towards Christian unity. He asks: "How many peal ringers are committed Christians?" I have experienced during the past five years the humiliation of being prevented from ringing at my local tower for Sunday services. The reason for this is the fact that I ring peals and enjoy a higher standard of ringing elsewhere. The clergyman involved in the above case is now, I understand, a bishop!

Finally, Mr. Marsh complains of the leading peal ringers' list. Has anyone read of complaints in the national newspapers about the publication of county cricket averages and football league goal scorers, and a volume of other statistical data? No, sir!—Yours faithfully,

Cambridge.

G. E. THODAY.

Note.—There are numerous cases where items regarded as news have to be paid for, such as lists of names at many functions. Even the Football League makes a charge for its fixtures to certain bodies dealing with news!—Ed.

ACCEPTED

Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Prestbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire, expresses thanks to Mr. Jonathan Porter for his generous apology, which is gladly accepted.

(Letters continued overleaf)

More Letters . . .**NOT RESCUED**

We the undersigned wish to refute the statement made under the heading "Handbell Enthusiasts" (R.W., page 20) that pupils of Clere Secondary School "rescued" a set of handbells from the local tower, where they had lain idle and neglected. This statement suggests that the bells have not been looked after by succeeding rectors and tower captains to which their care has been entrusted, and we hope the following facts will help to prove this has not been the case.

No one would claim that all 37 bells have been in use at any one time, but single octaves have been used over the years for tune ringing by the local band and by several parishes who have handbell teams.

Concerning the claim of neglect, we are of the opinion that the bells were in no worse condition than any to be found in the average tower where handbell ringing is not the first preoccupation of the band. The bells for many years hung behind the seat along one side of the belfry. This was a perfectly safe position when the tower was not so active in district functions, but due to increased participation in these activities it was decided to move the bells to a position under the clock case, the necessary fittings being made by the ringers. It was from here that the music master collected 24 of the bells, the other 13 being collected from the home of a ringer where they were in use by four members of the band.

We would also like to make it clear that the bells are the property of the church and as such are freely available to Burghclere Church organisations and to other bodies at the discretion of the rector.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate the pupils of Clere School on their achievements with the bells.

REV. JAMES CRAIG,

Rector of Burghclere.

PETER WATTS,

Captain, Burghclere tower.

PHILIP MURDUCK,

Chairman, Andover District.

G. K. DODD,

Ringing Master, Andover District.

M. J. GOSS,

Hon. Secretary, Andover District.

[We have also received individual letters on the same subject from G. K. Dodd and Ann Stradling.—Ed.]

CLOCK DIALS

Dear Sir,—May I comment on items appearing in the R.W. of January 23?

In partial reply to John Holloway's letter, the use of IV rather than IIII was not common in Augustan Rome, and I believe it was only with the Christian monks of the Middle Ages that it took precedence. I imagine that while the Renaissance took its orthography from the monks, the various timekeeping devices retained their longer-standing tradition in this respect.

Secondly, I am sure that the London University Minor ringers will be delighted to see the Professor's work on page 62 took precedence in this field some months ago with his suggestion of Major spliced at the cross-section. "Very satirical, but I pity the tiger."—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON,

Maidenhead, Berks.

DIAL IIII

"The clock faces at the Memorial, Hastings, have the Roman IV," writes C. A. Levett, of Hastings.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Dear Sir,—As a former member of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers I still retain my love for bellringing. I have here at the University of Buffalo a group of students who upon hearing tales of my bellringing days expressed a desire to ring also. There are only three or four towers here in the States and none in our area; we thus hope to set up a band of handbell ringers. To obtain a set of bells is now our problem. I would like to ask the readers of *The Ringing World* for their help in locating a suitable set of handbells. I can arrange for them to be brought back to the States. I have given the group my copies of *The Ringing World* to give them some idea of the atmosphere of bellringing, and this has increased their interest.—Yours faithfully,

MARIAN MAY,

Assistant Professor.

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[Please write direct.—Ed.]

GRANDSIRE SIXTEEN

Dear Sir,—When I was making a study of old peal boards in Hertfordshire I came across the name of Thomas Powell on a board at St. Peter's, St. Albans. It recorded a peal of Stedman Caters by the College Youths in 1865, composed and conducted by Henry W. Halev, with many famous London ringers in the band.

I discovered that Powell came from Waltham Abbey and kept the Three Tuns there. Now, thanks to Mr. J. E. G. Roast's very interesting letter, I find that both Powell and Britten rang in the first Stedman Triples in hand but that Powell rang 5-6 in the first Holt's Original in hand.

The information that he came from Birmingham soon led me to Samuel Lawrence's statement that after the long peal of 7,700 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, April 17, 1820, several courses of Treble Bob Maximus were rung on the handbells and one course of 16 in the Grandsire method: James Jarvis 1-2, Thomas Chapman 3-4, Henry Cooper 5-6, Thomas Thurstans 7-8, Joseph Riley 9-10, Thomas Worrall 11-12, Samuel Lawrence 13-14, Alexander Sanders 15-16. I shall not be surprised if other letters are sent in containing this information as it can easily be found in Ernest Morris's book *The History and Art of Change Ringing*, published in 1931.

Thomas Powell may have rung in courses of Grandsire Sixteen or heard his father talking about such activities. It all goes to show that we should never underestimate the ringers of long ago.

Such letters as those of Messrs. Barnett and Roast do provide us with some names to conure with. We started at the Three Tuns, then to the Whittington and Cat. Bethnal Green (not Whittington Hat, Mr. W. G. W.), and finished up at Birmingham. Perhaps Mr. E. C. Shepherd can give us the name of the tavern? Before leaving the subject of "Sixteen," Elijah Roberts could tap courses of anything up to Treble Bob on 16 bells in 1874 when he was in his 17th year.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans, Herts.

The heights by great men reached—and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight.

But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night.

—LONGFELLOW

MULTI-SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drew's band have scored again—Artaxerxes! Who do they think they're kidding? Surely this is only Xerxes, rung earlier last year, with Kent places in 3-4 at the half lead. Of the other dozen or so new methods rung by the same band last year, Elmore, Jonah and Bromyard are only variations of Turramurra, together with Papanui, Lathkill, Easingwold and Aswarby rung by other bands during the same year. Tuffley and Bedwardine are simple variations of Grundisburgh, only the places made in the last section when the treble is behind being different. Omega, Florence, Mr. Rusty and Zebedee (rung in 1968) are all closely related and little different from the Turramurra variations.

I do not wish to single out Mr. Drew's band as being the only offenders in this matter—indeed they are not; nor do I wish to seem over-critical of what appears to be a very keen peal ringing band, some of whom I know personally. But please, with at least a million new Surprise Major methods still to be rung, many with very interesting "blue-lines," let us stop ringing methods which are only "variations on an old theme," and some of them poorer variations at that. If Mr. Drew or any other interested ringer would like a thousand or so tailor-made methods, right and wrong place, with or without adjacent place making (34, 56, 1234, etc.), please let me know and I and a sympathetic computer will be only too pleased to be of assistance.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN W. BARTON.

Halesowen, Worcs.

"GLORIOUS VICTORY"

Dear Sir,—Being rather surprised to read (R.W., page 46) that the ringers of Farnham rang a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the "Glorious Victory at Cape Trafalgar" on the very day of the battle, I went to my bookshelves to check when the news arrived at Falmouth in the Pickle. The first book I laid hands on was *A Personal Study of Admiral Lord Nelson*, by Carola Oman, and the first paragraph of the Notes reads:

"In January, 1946, at the village of Maidwell, in Northamptonshire, at five minutes to eight in the evening, a curious rang out from the little church, and in its ringing carried us back a hundred and forty years: for this peal was last heard in 1805, when the ringer was turned out of the belfry for becoming too merry after hearing the news of the battle of Trafalgar. This man must have been one of the few to greet the tidings with rejoicing, and it is probable that his offence was not the natural one of indulging in a celebration, to honour an event in which all his fellow-countrymen jubilated, but rather considered to be the ill-taste of a drunkard at a funeral. The victory was nothing, the loss everything. When, on November the sixth, the newspapers appeared, headed:

GLORIOUS VICTORY

OVER THE

COMBINED FLEETS.

DEATH OF LORD NELSON.

the nation knew a sorrow in inverse ratio to the size of the print."

Were the ringers of Farnham at one with the unfortunate ringer of Maidwell, or are we suffering from an excess of author's licence?—Yours faithfully,

J. MERRITT, Cdr., R.N.

Alverstoke, Hants.

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TAKE PEALS SERIOUSLY

Dear Sir,—My main hobby-horse, and one that I have "ridden" for some years, is the fact that people do not take peal ringing seriously enough. Over the last 20 years I have yet to go for a peal with five, seven or nine other people that I am sure really wanted to attempt it. One arrives at the church to find people bewailing the fact that they have had to get up at some ungodly hour. One person thinks it is too hot or too cold to ring a peal. Another feels too ill. Someone else says he could think of far better things to do—watch football, for instance. Yet all these people agreed to "stand in" in the first place and would probably become offensive if they were being missed out. That doesn't alter the fact that before and during the peal attempt they have a "couldn't care less" attitude to the whole proceedings.

The primary concern in present day peal ringing seems to be to get the bells round at all costs, regardless of what happens between "Go next" and "That's all." Although there are notable exceptions, one must lament a definite drop in standards between peal ringing now and 50 years ago.

I can remember the odd peal I rang with the regular weekly band at Crayford, Kent. The slightest clip, the slightest hesitation, the slightest misblow and all eyes were upon you. Today there are those who seem to think that most peals have rough patches—and I would hazard a guess there are certain of our brethren who regard a peal as very dull indeed unless it contains a "fire-up."

We took peals seriously years ago. Travel was much more difficult, opportunities to ring peals were less frequent, there was less leisure time, fewer ringers were advanced enough (we certainly did not have the benefit of the knowledge and experience of previous ringing generations as the youngsters have today). But one could be sure on arrival at the tower that everyone really wanted to ring a peal and would put his very best into it. One thing that sticks in my mind is the fact that people always used to turn up in their "Sunday best," a significant indication of how seriously they were taking the thing.

No, Mr. Marsh, it is not time to stop ringing peals: it is time to start taking them seriously.

At the risk of incurring the scorn of our less-Christian brethren, may I offer, in conclusion, the text of II Timothy ii, 15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of God."—Yours faithfully,

New Milton. CHARLES DENTON.

Barry F. Peachey, of Lyndhurst, Hants, comments on Mr. E. Taylor's letter—

"... To have rung a good peal is an achievement and everyone like to achieve something; even having done it several times before doesn't quite take the spice out of it."

"If the Central Council were to condemn peal ringing as 'stunts of strength and endurance' (the opinion of a neighbouring tower captain), it is a certainty that many young people such as myself (I'm 14) would decline to take up the exercise as they would have nothing to aim for. In my opinion a peal provides this aim."

QUARTER PEAL MONTH

When the idea of ringing a quarter peal in each tower in the branch during the last month of the decade was put forward at the autumn meeting of the South Oxfordshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild it received the full approval of members present. It was felt that a large number of people ringing the simpler methods would be of far greater benefit to the branch as a whole than a small number ringing more advanced methods, so towers were asked to arrange the quarters between themselves and ask for additional help if needed. By the end of November well over half the quarters had been arranged, and branch officers arranged the remainder. The inter-tower co-operation had been very high at this point, for the branch has a large proportion of young ringers who, in many cases, had only previously rung the treble to a quarter peal, so a certain amount of exchange was needed. Snow and bad weather had been anticipated, but sudden widespread 'flu in the area caused havoc to well-laid plans. Often frantic phone calls were made to replace ringers struck down the day before a quarter! To a certain extent this curtailed the variety of methods rung and, together with some lost quarters early in the month, meant that there was quite a rush after Christmas.

31 FIRSTS

The benefits to the branch and to ringing in the area were very great. Actually 54 ringers were involved, whereas others unable to ring methods gave their support by helping with arrangements and sometimes waiting in the tower to hear and benefit from the ringing. Altogether 31 "firsts" of varying kinds were achieved, and younger ringers in particular gained valuable experience. Some villages with "silent" towers heard their bells ringing again and the interest of incumbents and "lapsed" ringers was aroused. Generally, branch affairs benefited considerably. Two towers asked for help in starting new bands; the bells of Aston Rowant, which will not now be available for ringing until after rehanging, were rung for a carol service, special permission being given. This was the hardest quarter that any had ever rung, and although because of the cold their breath could be seen in the ringing chamber before starting, there were no complaints of cold when they had finished!

It would be inadvisable to thank any one particular person for the work during this month because the event was a corporate effort. In looking over the past ten years, however, the branch members realise that the quarter peal month would not have been possible had it not been for the work of the officers during the 1960s, particularly Frank Absalom, the ringing master, and Jim Godman, secretary until May, 1969.

I. O'R.

South Oxon Branch Quarter Peal Month

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Doubles (eight m/v): C. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, B. Gray 3, T. G. Pett 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): C. Woodward 1, J. Godman 2, T. G. Pett 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, D. C. Woodward 6.

SHABBINGTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. J. East 1, A. D. Tyler 2, Mavis Clarke (first inside) 3, E. F. Putt 4, Christine Baker (first as cond.) 5, R. T. Corker 6. Also on Dec. 6, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mavis Clarke 1, Christine Baker 2, C. W. J. East 3, A. D. Tyler 4, E. F. Putt 5, R. T. Corker (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1 and 5.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Woodward 1, V. Fox 2, B. Gray 3, P. G. H. McIlhone 4, J. Godman 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8.

THAME, OXON.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (480 Pl. Bob, 780 Grand-sire): R. L. Pilcher 1, E. E. Harmsworth 2, R. G. Hazell 3, F. Keen 4, Brenda M. Arnott (cond.) 5.

WHEATLEY, OXON.—On Dec. 15, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: K. J. Harris 1, E. E. Harmsworth 2, C. Smith 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, H. J. Baker 5, L. R. Porter (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: E. F. Putt 1, Christine Baker 2, G. J. Tyler 3, R. T. Corker 4, C. W. J. East 5, A. D. Tyler 6, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 7, A. J. Cherry 8. First in method by all except conductor.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Moore (first quarter) 1, Paul Smith (first inside) 2, Peter Smith (first quarter) 3, R. Witney 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Paul Smith (first quarter) 1, Anne Elkington (first Doubles) 2, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, R. Witney 5, E. J. Aldridge 6.

ASTON ROWANT, OXON.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. E. Fulker 1, F. Absalom 2, F. Godden 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4, R. P. Tuckwell 5.

BENSON, OXON.—On Dec. 21, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Woodward 1, G. A. Pett 2, A. Howes 3, J. Godman 4, V. Fox 5, B. Gray 6, T. G. Pett (cond.) 7, C. Holloway 8.

EWELME, OXON.—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Bradshaw 1, F. Godden 2, Miss K. Tuckwell (first in two methods) 3, R. Baker 4, R. P. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Tyler 1, G. J. Tyler 2, Christine Baker 3, E. F. Putt 4, R. T. Corker 5, Mavis Clarke 6. Conducted by 5 and 3. First in the method by all except 2.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (480 Pl. Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. J. Harris 1, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, C. Smith 4, F. Absalom 5, P. A. Reynolds 6.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Wilkinson 1, E. E. Harmsworth 2, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 3, P. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6. First by local band for 15 years; first since restoration by J. Taylor and Co.

DRAYTON, OXON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. J. Harris 1, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 2, F. Absalom 3, D. Exon 4, I. M. M. O'Reilly 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

WARBROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Hague (first quarter) 1, Jane Belcher (first Doubles) 2, Anne Elkington 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4, F. Absalom 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

TOWERSEY, OXON.—On Dec. 29, 1,296 Minimus (three methods): Hilary McGowan 1, E. E. Harmsworth 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4. First Minimus by all.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 30, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Absalom 1, P. G. H. McIlhone 2, C. Woodward 3, F. Godden 4, J. Godman 5, V. Fox 6, C. Holloway 7, T. G. Pett (cond.) 8.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): V. Fox 1, A. Howes 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, C. Woodward 6.

These quarter peals were rung to mark the end of the decade, and ten years of progress in the branch.

Quarter Peals

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. J. Davis 1, Jean Davis 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, J. Carter 4, P. Davis 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Paul R. Davis, brother of 1 and 5.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, two spliced comps.): Mrs. M. Ann Durbin 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, P. J. Kingscote 5, M. Durbin 6. Also on Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, two spliced comps.): Mrs. M. Ann Durbin 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, W. J. Berry 6. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, one spliced comp.): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, A. W. Knight 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, L. T. Hancock 5, W. J. Berry 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, W. Simmonds 5, P. Shipp 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Catherine Chambers (first in method) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. Wayman 5, W. Simmonds 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. L. Read 8. For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, K. Lewis 2, Hilary Derham 3, E. Davey 4, E. T. Lee 5, R. J. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, W. J. Lott 8. First Triples 3 and 4. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): E. M. L. Macadam 1, Miss H. J. Osborne 2, R. R. Kennard 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, S. J. Osborne 5, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 6. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): Miss H. J. Osborne 1, R. R. Kennard 2, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 3, E. M. L. Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For the Festival of Light Service.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynne Brookes 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 2, 1,440 Bristol Surprise Royal: C. E. Jeffries 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, A. H. Smith 5, S. Ivin 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme 10. For Evensong.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Ruth Alderson 1, Rogenia Bond 2, R. Le Marechal 3, I. M. McCallion 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, J. P. Collis (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. Half-muffled by fellow members in memoriam C. William Nutt, a member for 50 years.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 10, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Miles 1, G. W. Taysom 2, Marion L. Lidgley (first Kent Major) 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Canon A. S. Roberts 6, T. J. Bell 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Susan King 1, Alison J. Mager 2, M. J. Down 3, D. A. Hope 4, C. R. Hardy 5, P. R. Jewell 6, M. Major 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8. For morning service by a Biggleswade District band, at the invitation of the Vicar.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Gorrod (first quarter) 1, Susan Davies 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, M. Davies 4, P. Kindred (cond.) 5. To celebrate the birth, on Jan. 1, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tovell.

CASTLE EATON, GLOS.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, S. E. Mitcheener 2, T. R. Collins 3, D. I. Herring (first as cond.) 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. Austin 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts (first as cond.) 2, Marion A. Cass 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfit 5, G. M. Bubb 6. For Evensong.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—On Jan. 9, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. N. Sloan 1, S. H. Barnett 2, R. G. T. Bennett 3, R. J. Stevens 4, A. P. Whitehead 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 9, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Retter (first in method) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, J. Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOM.—On Jan. 9, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Morpeth, Canterbury): R. G. Beck 1, P. J. England 2, J. Brain 3, S. Brown 4, P. H. Jones 5, A. P. Beck (cond.) 6.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 8, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Bellamy 1, R. Lewis 2, I. M. Bellamy 3, J. Bury (first inside) 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Sayers (first as cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William C. Nutt, frequent ringer at this tower; also in memoriam Mrs. Ada E. Pearce.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 7, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Humphries 1, E. Razzell 2, G. Fisher 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, R. Grant 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, N. G. Steere 8. For Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 8, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Elizabeth Davis 1, Pamela Heath 2, A. Weeks 3, D. Burgess 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6, W. Beaven 7, W. Davison 8. Half-muffled in memoriam F. V. Weaver, organist.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 31, 1,969 Plain Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples (1,872 Pl. Bob, 97 Grand-sire): H. G. F. Reynolds 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Smith 3, G. Welch 4, I. Rees 5, T. M. Barlow 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 2, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. Newton 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, A. Armeson (cond.) 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Bestwick (first quarter) 1, Barbara Hooks 2, T. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob): Helen M. Simpson 1, Barbara Hooks (cond.) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, T. Ford 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. Both rung for Evensong.

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTS.—On Jan. 10, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford, Cambridge): R. Hayden 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, R. Prime (cond.) 6.

GREINTON, SOM.—On Jan. 16, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var. and spliced comp.): M. R. Arscott 1, R. Cross 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 4, M. A. Arscott 5, A. Cross 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Mary A. Coburn 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, A. Day 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, J. D. Painter 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for Biafra appeal.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDY.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: L. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Norris 2, J. Smith 3, C. K. Hill 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, M. Thompson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, J. Woolley 8. To commemorate the dedication of the new side chapel.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 11, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Hart 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Beverley and York Surprise Minor: M. Goss 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in both methods for all except the conductor. By the local band for Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Sippitts 4, J. Fowler 5, C. E. Brown 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For annual rededication service of the William of Wykeham Guild.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Tickner 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Deborah Bishop 3, T. G. Fox 4, E. R. Rappley 5, J. A. Smith 6, M. R. Reed 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 6. A compliment to Rev. P. Gillingham on being made Canon of Chichester Cathedral; also a thankoffering for his ten years of devoted service at Horsham and on the acceptance of his son into the ministry.

HUYTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: K. M. L. Richardson 1, G. K. Austin 2, D. C. Simpson 3, J. P. Richardson 4, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 5, P. G. Bell 6. A farewell to Rev. J. H. Richardson, to become Vicar of Ormskirk.

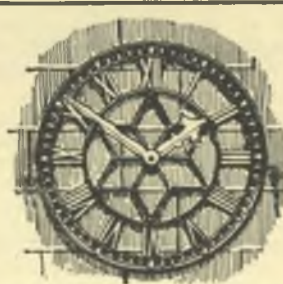
JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Graham (first quarter) 1, Sarah Dines 2, May Graham 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Yeates 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,360 Spliced Minor (four methods): A. Dines (first quarter) 1, R. Yeates 2, J. Pardoe 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, G. White 5, S. Pardoe 6. Also on Jan. 18, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dines 1, Susan Elliott 2, A. Dempster 3, J. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6, G. White 7, D. Wheeler 8. All by local band for Evensong.

KEMPSFORD, GLOS.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins 2, D. I. Herring 3, S. E. Mitcheener 4, A. B. Rogerson (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Hooper 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newton 2, R. Harrop 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Cousin 5, J. I. Margetts 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8. For morning service. Also on Jan. 6, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain): W. Curston 1, W. W. Cousins 2, O. A. Needham 3, R. Newton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6, R. Harrop (cover). At St. Margaret's.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine, on Nov. 30, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, S. Harrison 2, L. Greenhow 3, R. Starbuck 4, H. Bray 5, I. Frazer 6, P. Staniforth 7, M. Bray 8. For Evensong, the last service for vicar (Rev. Basil Williams) before his retirement.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 9, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgley (first Kent inside) 2, T. E. Howarth (first Kent) 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6.



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LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes Church, on Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mann (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Sippitts 8. (c)

LONG SUTTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Townsend 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, M. Crowther 6. Prior to Nativity play. (c)

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Alison Sugg (first quarter) 1, Glynis Perry 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, Christine Neville 4, R. E. Bury 5, D. Riley 6, F. W. Tomlin 7, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 8. (c)

LUTTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 5, 1,320 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): R. M. Ragsdell 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, P. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, Susan Rudd 6. For Epiphany.

MANSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Pl. Bob): Susan M. Corry 1, A. J. Paull 2, M. J. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5. (c)

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Minor (720 London Surprise, 540 Pl. Bob): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, D. Smith 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with London Surprise by all except 6. For silver wedding of the parents of A. Kneeshaw, whose great-uncle's name was cast on the bells when tower captain here.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 7, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Bills 1, Margaret Aslett (first as cond.) 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Graeme Heyes 5, Jeffrey Bills 6, Henry Rossell 7, Gordon Stewart 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Jan. 6, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, J. Brain 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Also 1,260 Doubles: J. Brain 1, L. Childs 2, E. Davey 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, A. Tovey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. M. Chaplin, member of P.C.C. and leader of Mothers' Union, aged 80. (c)

NETHER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Celia Chown 1, E. Garrett 2, W. Collins 3, M. Weatherhead (first quarter) 4, R. Danby 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Horace George Gunthrup. (c)

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: D. Booth (first Little Bob) 1, A. Sindén 2, W. Booth (first Little Bob inside) 3, D. Phillipson 4, M. Sindén 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, F. N. Instance 2, W. J. Clayton 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, B. Giddings 5, R. Preece 6. To welcome Rev. S. Trickett on his appointment as priest-in-charge. (c)

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—On Jan. 9, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, John Dilworth 2, D. Simpson 3, E. Garner 4, J. P. Richardson 5, G. K. Austin 6, J. N. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. To welcome the new vicar, Rev. J. N. Richardson. (c)

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND.—On Jan. 11, at the Parish Church of St. Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. M. Clayton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. W. Spence 2, S. H. Barnett 3, R. H. Idle (cond.) 4, R. J. Stevens 5. (c)

PINHOE, DEVON.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Panter 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Panter 3, G. P. Reiter (cond.) 4, F. Willmington 5, H. Willmington 6. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Reeks. All members at Sowton except the conductor. (c)

PINNER, MIDDx.—On Jan. 6, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Edm. M. Bardsley 1, Mary E. Took 2, Janet M. Walker 3, M. R. Hickman 4, K. B. Sanders 5, R. W. Sanders 6, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 7, H. B. J. Paull 8. First quarter in the method by all. For Sung Eucharist on the Festival of Epiphany, and with congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Tony Lee on the birth of a son, Mark, on December 30, 1969. (c)

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 18, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Newton 1, Elizabeth Waite (first inside) 2, Marianne Baker 3, M. S. Turner 4, A. Holroyd 5, R. Harper 6, S. Armeson 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Dodds 1, Christine M. Carter 2, A. R. Carter (cond.) 3, J. G. Cull (first Stedman) 4, R. E. Ewer 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney 7, W. A. Nicholls 8. Thanksgiving for the work of the Rt. Rev. Edward Michael Gresford-Jones on retirement.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 7, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Dawn Owen (first quarter) 1, H. v. Frost (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Joyce M. Clarke 4, Frances Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, F. W. Ellis 7, J. E. Ewer 8. Also on Jan. 4, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Dawn Owen (first on ten) 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce M. Clarke 3, Barbara Morland 4, Frances Dodds 5, T. C. Holland 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, R. W. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, F. W. Ellis 10.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Copsey (first quarter) 1, Jane Foster 2, G. A. Bainbridge 3, R. C. Chamberlain 4, G. Smith 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Jan. 5, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. G. Owen 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, Vivienne B. Bennett (first inside) 3, A. M. Glover 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Jan. 6, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Smith 1, R. H. Newton 2, Vivienne B. Bennett 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. Birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

SILVERDALE, LANCs.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Barbara Gibson (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Patricia James 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Bounphrey 4, A. Brown 5, K. J. Foster (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. Bounphrey (70 years this day); also an engagement compliment to K. J. Foster and Pauline Ellis, ringers at Burton-in-Kendal and Heversham. (c)

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOM.—On Jan. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Holman (first quarter) 1, C. Glyde 2, R. A. Welch 3, E. Rice 4, R. C. Beale (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy (first quarter) 6. An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Glyde; also 51st wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bool (South Petherton). (c)

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Titcombe (first inside) 2, T. R. Collins (cond.) 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6. (c)

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 11, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Croft 1, P. Harrison 2, K. S. Croft 3, W. S. Croft 4, B. V. Butler 5, J. S. Croft 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8. First Stedman 2, 4, 5 and 6. (c)

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice Hawes 1, C. Martin 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5. (c)

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Olive L. Rogers 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, P. N. Felton 4, R. J. Collis 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. T. Richards 10. For Southwark "Ordination Course." (c)

STAINES, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's Church, in 1969, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 1,260 Bob Minor. Rung by S.W. District for third Sunday Evensong. (c)

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 9, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: M. J. Turner (cond.) 1, J. E. Judge 2, G. Elms 3, C. P. Turner 4, W. F. Judge 5, G. J. Collett 6. 70th birthday compliment to wife of 5th ringer and grandmother of ringers 1 and 4.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): H. Thorne 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, J. Brewer 3, K. Manley 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Cresswell Higgs. (c)

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, S. G. Peirce (first as cond.) 3, G. E. Mudge 4, A. N. Frost 5, J. F. Steere 6. (c)

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Bronwen Davies 2, Susan Rilton 3, Jean Horton 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson 6. For Epiphany.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Oct. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Martin 1, D. R. Sanderson 2, K. R. Webb 3, R. V. Webb 4, T. W. Groom 5, P. Meheew (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. W. Groom 1, P. Meheew (cond.) 2, Jane Martin 3, D. R. Sanderson 4, K. R. Webb 5, B. Thompson (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday. (c)

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss R. Porter 1, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, R. Sheppard 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. Jopp (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merriman.

STOW, Lincs.—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss M. Scott (first quarter) 1, B. J. Bull 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, E. Dallingwater 4, J. F. Underwood 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Christmas Evensong. (c)

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, P. D. Naylor 2, A. R. Strickland (first quarter) 3, R. F. Fry 4, Miss A. D. O'Brien 5, I. S. Campbell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. Field, 33 years lay reader and curate at the local church.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 21, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Lorna J. Huckstep (first quarter) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Christine M. Harbott 4, J. W. F. Rea 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. For candlelight carol service. (c)

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Bettley-Cooke 1, C. H. Rogers 2, D. Pickett 3, P. Cranham 4, D. Brock (cond.) 5, C. W. Longden 6. (c)

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 1, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: T. R. Collins (cond.) 1, D. I. Herring 2, S. E. Mitchener 3, A. B. Rogerson 4. Also on Dec. 8, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins 2, S. E. Mitchener (cond.) 3, D. I. Herring 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, D. Jones 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Phillip Gwyther, aged 17, killed on December 4, 1969. (c)

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. Watts 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, K. Westwood 3, T. Camp 4. Also on Jan. 14, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): D. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, Mrs. J. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6. (c)

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Karel Parsons 1, Katie Parsons 2, E. Watts 3, N. Carter 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, S. Watts 6. For Evensong.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHs.—On Jan. 13, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Miss B. Carter 2, Mrs. N. Randles 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathall 7, R. Davies 8. Half-muffled in memoriam John Edward Barber, a fellow ringer at Wrexham for 50 years. (c)

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins 2, S. E. Mitchener 3, D. I. Herring (cond.) 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6. (c)

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- 5—Ian G. Campbell
- 6—M. Alec Beaumont
- 7—Christopher I. Rowson
- 8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

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St. Mary Magdalene, Debenham, Suffolk.

Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (21 cwt.)

5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(5 methods, 1,088 London, 992 Bristol, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, 992 Pudsey, 101 changes of method and all the work).

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- 2—Maris C. Stephenson
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- 4—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5—Ian G. Campbell
- 6—Neil Donovan
- 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Richard E. Price

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Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (16½ cwt.)

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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- 1—Stuart R. Armeson
- 2—Maris C. Stephenson
- 3—Neil Donovan
- 4—Ian North
- 5—Patricia Lockwood
- 6—M. Alec Beaumont
- 7—Ian G. Campbell
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Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (23 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1—Christopher I. Rowson
- 2—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4—Cecil W. Pipe
- 5—John S. Seager
- 6—Giles C. Galley
- 7—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)
- 8—David Nichols
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Tues., Aug. 12, 1969, 3hrs. 14mins. (194 cwt.)

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- 2—Patricia Lockwood
- 3—Maris C. Stephenson
- 4—Ian G. Campbell
- 5—Neil Donovan
- 6—Ian North
- 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Richard E. Price

(c)

St. Mary the Virgin, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (84 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.

- 1—Ronald Ducker
- 2—Christopher I. Rowson
- 3—Ian North
- 4—Patricia Lockwood
- 5—M. Alec Beaumont
- 6—Giles C. Galley
- 7—Ian G. Campbell
- 8—Neil Donovan
- 9—John N. D. Chaddock
- 10—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

(c)

St. Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.

Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 22mins. (22 cwt.)

5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(4 methods, 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, 106 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

- 1—Ian G. Campbell
- 2—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4—Neil Donovan
- 5—Cecil W. Pipe
- 6—J. Henry Fielden
- 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Richard E. Price

(c)

St. Peter, Henley, Suffolk.

Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (8 cwt.)

5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Ronald Ducker
- 2—John N. D. Chaddock
- 3—Maris C. Stephenson
- 4—Giles C. Galley
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- 6—John S. Seager
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All Saints and St. Margaret, Pakefield, Suffolk.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (9 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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- 1—Ian North
- 2—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3—Neil Donovan
- 4—Giles C. Galley
- 5—Patricia Lockwood
- 6—M. Alec Beaumont
- 7—John S. Seager
- 8—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)

(c)

SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, 3hrs. 20mins. (21½ cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1—Maris C. Stephenson
- 2—Ian G. Campbell
- 3—Christopher I. Rowson
- 4—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5—David Nichols
- 6—John N. D. Chaddock
- 7—Ronald Ducker
- 8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

(c)

SS. Peter and Paul, Clare, Suffolk.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, 3hrs. 30mins. (28 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1—David Nichols
- 2—Christopher I. Rowson
- 3—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4—Cecil W. Pipe
- 5—Ian G. Campbell
- 6—John N. D. Chaddock
- 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Ronald Ducker

(c)

St. Mary, Halesworth, Suffolk.

Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, 3hrs. (18 cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1—Ronald Ducker
- 2—Ian North
- 3—Patricia Lockwood
- 4—David Nichols
- 5—M. Alec Beaumont
- 6—Giles C. Galley
- 7—John N. D. Chaddock
- 8—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)

(c)

SS. Peter and Paul, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (114 cwt.)

5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1—David Nichols
- 2—Christopher I. Rowson
- 3—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 4—Ian North
- 5—Patricia Lockwood
- 6—John S. Seager
- 7—Giles C. Galley
- 8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

(c)

St. Mary, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (16 cwt.)

5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(8 methods, 736 Superlative, 704 London, 704 Rutland, 608 Cambridge, 608 Lincolnshire, 608 Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

- 1—M. Alec Beaumont
- 2—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3—Ian G. Campbell
- 4—Christopher I. Rowson
- 5—Neil Donovan
- 6—Richard E. Price
- 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
- 8—Ronald Ducker

(c)

ANDREW WILBY'S ST. ALBANS WEEKEND**ALL PEALS (unless otherwise stated) FOR HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****St. Peter's Priory, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.**

Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (25 cwt.)

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(8 methods, all the work), composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Mary E. Elmes
- 2—Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 3—Anthony R. Carter
- 4—Timothy F. Collins
- 5—Graham W. Elmes
- 6—George E. Bonham
- 7—George E. Thoday (Cond.)
- 8—Philip Mehew.

(Also the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)

St. Leonard, Sandridge, Hertfordshire.

Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (6 cwt.)

5040 TURKISH DELIGHT MINOR

(2 2160s, 1 extent.)

- 1—Graham W. Elmes
- 2—Mary E. Elmes
- 3—Philip Mehew
- 4—George E. Bonham
- 5—Timothy F. Collins
- 6—Andrew W. R. Wilby (Cond.)

First in the method. To mark the 850th anniversary of the founding of the church.

—36—1456—56—16.34—12.5. h.1.

l.e. 156342. 2nds.

St. Mary, Aspenden, Hertfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (10 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(1 2,160. 4 extents.)

- 1—Joyce M. Clark*
- 2—Elizabeth Forster*
- 3—John R. Ketteringham
- 4—Frank B. Lufkin
- 5—George E. Bonham
- 6—George E. Thoday (Cond.)†

*First of Cambridge S. Minor. †100th of Cambridge Surprise. After meeting short for Major.

SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket, Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1—John R. Ketteringham
- 2—Christine M. Carter
- 3—Eric Edmondson
- 4—Alice Talbot Ponsonby
- 5—B. William Shanks
- 6—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)
- 7—Stephen P. Darvill
- 8—Anthony R. Carter

Prior to St. Albans District Dinner.

St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet, Herts.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (23 cwt.)

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(9 methods, all the work), composed by Norman Smith.

- 1—Mary E. Elmes*
- 2—Graham W. Elmes*
- 3—Gerald Penney
- 4—Timothy F. Collins*
- 5—George E. Bonham*
- 6—Andrew W. R. Wilby*
- 7—George E. Thoday (Cond.)
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason*

*Most Surprise Major methods. Birthday compliment to the twins Mary E. Elmes and Ruth E. Blackwood. Prior to St. Albans District Dinner.

23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.
 Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (11 in G.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by C. K. Lewis.
 1-2—Dianne M. Hatfield*
 3-4—Katherine S. Hardy
 5-6—Robert E. Hardy (Cond.)
 7-8—H. Lyndon Hatfield†
 *First in hand †50th peal.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Mary, St. Neots, Huntingdonshire.
 Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 3hrs. 31mins. (29 cwt.).
5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. Ivin.
 1—George E. Bonham
 2—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)*
 3—John W. Blackwood
 4—Keith J. Walpole
 5—Graham W. Elmes
 6—Andrew W. R. Wilby
 7—George E. Thoday
 8—Philip Mehew
 *100th this year. First in method as conductor.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Yeovil, Somerset.
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 41mins. (40½ cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Composed by John H. Fielden.
 1—Martin Major
 2—John N. Longridge
 3—Graham W. Elmes
 4—Timothy F. Collins*
 5—George E. Bonham
 6—David G. Massey
 7—Leslie F. Cobb
 8—Andrew W. R. Wilby
 9—Ronald N. Marlow
 10 Philip Mehew (Cond.)
 *150th peal.

All Saints, Martock, Somerset.
 Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 13mins. (25 cwt.).
5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Arranged by R. F. B. Speed.
 1—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
 2—William T. Perrins*
 3—George E. Bonham
 4—Graham W. Elmes
 5—David G. Massey
 6—Lewis F. Cobb
 7—Timothy F. Collins*
 8—George E. Thoday
 *75th together.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Nicholas, Norton, Hertfordshire.
 Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
 1—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
 2—Keith R. Webb*
 3—Sally K. Diamond*
 4—Martin Major
 5—David A. Hope
 6—Trevor W. Groom*
 7—Roy V. Webb
 8—David R. Saunderson
 *First of Major. (c)

St. Leonard, Old Warden, Bedfordshire.
 Sun., Oct. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (19 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents (C.C.)
 Nos. 21, 23, 10, 8, 12, 2, 1), 5-6 the right way).
 1—Trevor W. Groom
 2—David A. Hope
 3—Martin Major
 4—Philip R. Jewell
 5—Roy V. Webb
 6—Philip Mehew (Cond.) (c)

St. Mary the Virgin, Stotfold, Bedfordshire.
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (11cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2
 2160s, 1 720 (C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56, et var.,
 and 31).
 1—Keith R. Webb*
 2—Trevor W. Groom†
 3—Ronald J. Sharp
 4—David R. Saunderson
 5—Roy V. Webb
 6—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
 *First of Treble Bob. †First of Cambridge S.
 All are Sunday service ringers at this church
 except 3. To mark the retirement of Miss J.
 Rosser, 28 years headmistress of Stotfold Girls'
 and Infants' School. (c)

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY
St. Andrew, Cromhall, Gloucestershire.
 Thurs., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (15 methods: Water, Double
 Bob, London S., Cambridge, Beverley, Sur-
 fleet S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Ox-
 ford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Child-
 wall, Buxton, Plain Bob).
 1—Peter C. Randall (Cond.).
 2—Ivor Newell*
 3—Peter J. Kingscote
 4—Stephen F. Royal
 5—Michael J. Platt
 6—Anthony J. Cox.
 *Most methods.

WATER SURPRISE MINOR
 —36—36.14—12—36.14—14.3. 1.h. 16. 64523.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (12 cwt.).
5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
 (T'keston variation.)
 Composed by E. Timbrell.
 1—G. Richard King
 2—Eric Roughley
 3—John Bell*
 4—F. John Nelson
 5—Timothy Wylie
 6—Alexander Richardson
 7—Geoffrey Gardner
 8—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
 *First of Treble Bob.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, Derbys.
 Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (25½ cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
 1—G. Richard King
 2—F. John Nelson
 3—Richard S. Starkie
 4—Timothy Wylie
 5—John Robinson
 6—Kenneth R. Davenport
 7—David Bates
 8—Philip G. K. Davies
 9—Geoffrey Gardner
 10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
St. Brandon, Brancepeth, Co. Durham.
 Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by A. Knights.
 1—Nicholas J. Webber (John's)*
 2—Gwen Bidgood (Mary's)
 3—Philip Rodgers (V. Mild.)
 4—Joana Mount (Aidan's)
 5—Rev. Brian Redgers (John's)
 6—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (John's)
 7—Stephen C. Wells (Grev) (Cond.)
 8—Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)
 *First peal. (c)

**St. Michael & All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring,
 Co. Durham.**
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by A. Craven.
 1—Jean M. Berriman (Hild's)
 2—Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)
 3—Philip Rodgers (V. Mild.)
 4—M. Alec Beaumont (V. Mild.)
 5—Peter H. Gardner (Cuth's)
 6—Colin C. Monson (Grey)
 7—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (John's)
 8—Stephen C. Wells (Grev) (Cond.) (c)
 Both on the day of Annual Dinner.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary the Virgin, Fardisland, Herefordshire.
 Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
 1—James E. Wightman
 2—Peter J. Wycherley (Cond.)
 3—Elizabeth Wycherley*
 4—Peter L. Hughes
 5—Adrian G. Semkent†
 6—Peter D. Sell
 7—Leslie Evans
 8—Sidney J. Daniels
 *First of Triples †First of Grandsire Triples
 First odd-bell method as conductor. Wedding
 compliment to Vicar's daughter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Mary, North Mymms, Hertfordshire.
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (13 cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
 1—Janet L. Pearson*
 2—Helen Dodd†
 3—Christine M. Carter
 4—Jennifer M. Indge‡
 5—Eric Edmondson
 6—Anthony R. Carter
 7—Geoffrey Dodds (Cond.)
 8—Thomas J. Lock
 *First on 8. †First peal. ‡First of Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent.
 Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (16½ cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Arranged by P. M. Wilkinson.
 1—Christopher Simms*
 2—Jennifer L. Quaife†
 3—Percy J. Spice
 4—Christopher J. Mundy*
 5—Tony Lewis
 6—Maxwell F. Oakshett
 7—Michael H. O'Callaghan
 8—D. Paul Smith (Cond.)
 *First on 8 bells. †First of Plain Bob Major.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, Lancashire.
 Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 21mins. (25½ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Composed by J. A. Burford.
 1—F. John Nelson
 2—Timothy Wylie
 3—G. Richard King*
 4—Eric Roughley†
 5—Dennis Latham
 6—Michael Thompson*
 7—David Bates
 8—Neil D. Lomas
 9—Geoffrey Gardner
 10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
 *First of Royal. †First of Royal inside. (c)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, E.C.
 Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 47mins. (41½ cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Composed by Peter Border.
 1—Barry E. Saunders
 2—Richard F. B. Speed
 3—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
 4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
 5—Roger W. Smith*
 6—Malcolm J. V. Chown
 7—David J. Marshall
 8—George E. Green
 9—Murray A. Coleman
 10—George W. Holland
 11—Alan A. Paul
 12—Patrick I. Chapman
 *250th peal.

St. Mary, Easton Neston, Northants.
 Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (9½ cwt.).
5088 TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
 1—Roger W. Smith
 2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
 3—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
 4—Raymond A. Vickers
 5—George W. Holland
 6—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
 7—Barry E. Saunders
 8—Alan A. Paul

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. John the Divine, Leicester.
 Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.)
 1—David F. Moore
 2—Ian J. Fraser
 3—G. Harry Bray
 4—Lawrence Greenhow
 5—John E. Harrold
 6—Rupert A. Clarke
 7—Peter J. Staniforth (Cond.)
 8—Malcolm Bray
 With best wishes to the Vicar, Rev. Basil Wil-
 liams, on retirement.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SS. Mary and Margaret, Norton Subcourse,
Norfolk.

Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 of Double Court, St.
Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1—John M. Clarke
- 2—James W. Forder
- 3—Norman P. J. Cossey
- 4—Thomas J. Brock
- 5—Frederick C. Gunton
- 6—E. William Barrett (Cond.)

The fifth anniversary of the rededication of
the bells: also in memory of Godfrey G. Wal-
pole, late ringing master. (c)

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
STAFFORD

St. Leonard, Bilston, Staffordshire.
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by Cornelius Charge.

- 1—David Walton*
- 2—Alan J. Fletcher
- 3—Ivan A. Sheffield
- 4—Richard B. Dorrington
- 5—Christopher J. Bennett
- 6—David J. G. Bates
- 7—Stephen Yates (Cond.)
- 8—Philip G. K. Davies

*First attempt. By the Sunday service band as
a sponsored peal on behalf of church funds.

St. Peter, East Tytherley, Hampshire.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (14½ cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Richard Green
- 2—Christine M. Carter*
- 3—Richard H. Youdale
- 4—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 5—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
- 6—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 7—Martin Major
- 8—Graham W. Elmes

*First of Surprise.

St. John the Baptist, New Abresford, Hants.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (15½ cwt.).

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1—Lewis F. Cobb
- 2—Mary E. Elmes*
- 3—George E. Bonham
- 4—Graham W. Elmes
- 5—William T. Perrins
- 6—Timothy F. Collins†
- 7—Philip Mehew
- 8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

*First in method inside. †100th different tower
for peal's.

St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 32 mins. (10½ cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

- 1—Philippa M. Tubbs
- 2—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 3—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)
- 4—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 5—Richard H. Youdale
- 6—John W. Blackwood
- 7—William T. Perrins
- 8—Frederick E. Collins

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Tredington, Glos.
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

- 1—Shirley Drew
- 2—Geoffrey R. Drew*
- 3—Hugh Evans
- 4—Peter S. Robertson (Cond.)
- 5—Roger Hunt

*Has completed Stedman from Doubles to
Cinques.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 24mins. (35½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- 1—R. Anne Johnson
- 2—Ruth Richardson
- 3—Maris C. Stephenson*
- 4—Robert Cater
- 5—Peter Carbutt
- 6—George E. Hancock
- 7—Rev. Nicholas Webb
- 8—Ian G. Campbell
- 9—Ronald Ducker
- 10—Wilfrid F. Moreton (Cond.)

*First of Plain Bob.

St. Mary the Virgin, Berkeley, Glos.
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (24 cwt.).

5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by S. Armeson.

- 1—Edward G. Mould
- 2—Bruce Martin
- 3—A. Pattie Clapham
- 4—Robert A. Beresford
- 5—Stephen Fenwick
- 6—Graham J. N. Colborne
- 7—John J. Durham
- 8—Paul A. Williams
- 9—Ronald R. Warford
- 10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)*

*475th peal. First in the method by all and
for Association.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS
St. Leodegarius, Old Basford, Nottingham.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (14½ cwt.).

5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1—Joan Carter
- 2—Sheila M. Anthony
- 3—Susan M. O'Neill
- 4—Simon Humphrey (Comp. and Cond.)
- 5—J. Richard Anthony
- 6—Peter L. R. Hayward
- 7—Richard A. G. Inglis
- 8—George A. Dawson

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Margaret, Warnham, Sussex.

Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (14½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Composed by H. Hubbard.

- 1—Gillian Skelton*
- 2—Elizabeth Watts*
- 3—M. Iain Davey
- 4—Geoffrey C. Rix
- 5—Neil Carter
- 6—Tim D. W. Banner
- 7—David D. Smith (Cond.)
- 8—Michael Davies*

*First attempt.

St. Michael and All Angels, Withyham, Sussex.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (15 cwt.).

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by H. Johnson.

- 1—Caroline Harris
- 2—Jean F. Woolford
- 3—Robert N. Harris
- 4—Arthur F. Lewry
- 5—Edwin A. Barnett (Cond.)
- 6—Frank I. Hairs
- 7—Ernest J. Ladd
- 8—James A. D. Woolford.

81st birthday compliment to F. I. Hairs.

Holy Trinity, Bosham, Sussex.

Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (13 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 each Double Oxford, Cam-
bridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St.
Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

- 1—Christopher Remyard
- 2—Anne M. Stevens
- 3—E. Winifred Keys
- 4—Patrick M. Wills
- 5—Philip Stevens
- 6—Frank H. Hicks (Cond.)

Half-muffled in memoriam Bernard A. F.
Clutterbuck, churchwarden and ringer at this
church.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary, Overton, Hampshire.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (10½ cwt.).

5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Cox.

- 1—Ruth A. Blackwood
- 2—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 3—Martin Major
- 4—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 5—John W. Blackwood
- 6—Anthony R. Carter
- 7—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 8—Richard H. Youdale (Cond.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
SS. Candida and Holy Cross, Whitechurch
Canonicorum, Dorset.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (17 cwt.).

5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Paul Mehew
- 2—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 3—Mary E. Elmes*
- 4—Martin Major†
- 5—William T. Perrins
- 6—George E. Bonham
- 7—Graham W. Elmes
- 8—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)

*150th peal. †First of Rutland. First in
method as conductor.

Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset.
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (15½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1—Ruth A. Blackwood
- 2—Claire E. N. Brown
- 3—Timothy F. Collins (Arr. and Cond.)
- 4—Mary E. Elmes
- 5—Michael J. Dew*
- 6—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 7—John W. Blackwood
- 8—Graham W. Elmes

*First of Major. A wedding compliment to
Philip and Sue Keogh.

St. Mary, Bidoort, Dorset.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.).

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

- 1—Graham W. Elmes
- 2—Mary E. Elmes
- 3—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 4—Ross G. W. Robertson
- 5—Martin Major
- 6—John W. Blackwood
- 7—Frederick E. Collins
- 8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

St. Giles, Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (15½ cwt.).

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1—William T. Perrins
- 2—Christine M. Carter
- 3—George E. Bonham*
- 4—Martin Major
- 5—Timothy F. Collins
- 6—Anthony R. Carter
- 7—Philip Mehew
- 8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)†

*250th peal. †400th of Major.

St. Mary, Staindrop, Co. Durham.
Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2 hrs. 46mins. (15 cwt.).
5152 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Humphrey.
1—Rosamund M. Brown
2—John J. Durham
3—A. Pattie Clapham
4—David Featherstone
5—Malcolm E. Johnson
6—Peter H. Gardner
7—Robert A. Beresford
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
First in method by a.l. and for Association.

All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield.
Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins (14½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1—Robert Cater
2—George D. Johnson*
3—Anne E. C. Whittaker*
4—Wilfrid F. Moreton
5—George E. Hancock
6—A. Colin Banton
7—Trevor Tarbatt
8—Rev. Nicholas Webb (Cond.)
*First of Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (17 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—David Kealey
2—Christopher J. Easton
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Graham J. Jonts*
5—David Featherstone
6—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
7—Robert A. Beresford
8—John J. Durham
*First of Spliced inside.

St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (17 cwt.).
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods, 3,392 Rutland, 448 Yorkshire, 416 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, with 110 changes of method).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—Ronald H. Dove
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Graham J. Jones*
4—Robert H. Jordan*
5—Christopher J. Easton*
6—Peter H. Gardner*
7—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
8—Ronald R. Warford*
*First of 5-spliced.

St. Paul, Drighlington, Yorkshire.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (14 cwt.).
5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by M. Hodgson.
1—Ronald H. Dove
2—Iris M. E. Lemare*
3—Ronald R. Warford
4—Robert H. Jordan
5—David Whitehead*
6—Alan T. Winter
7—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
8—Peter H. Gardner
*First of Watford Surprise Major.

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
St. Olave, Hart Street, London, E.C.
Sun., Jan. 11, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).
5024 ALDGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roger D. Bailey.
1—William A. Theobald
2—John R. Ketteringham
3—James E. Andrews
4—Frederick W. Ellis
5—Nigel Thomson
6—Philip Bosworth
7—David E. Rothera
8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)
First in the method.
ALDGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—58—1236—14—58—16—58.
2nds. 157 h d k.

Holy Trinity, Cookham, Berkshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (14½ cwt.).
5152 RAGLAN SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Philip Bosworth
2—John R. Ketteringham
3—William Birmingham
4—Ronald K. Russ
5—Nigel Thomson
6—James E. Andrews
7—Timothy G. Pett (Comp. and Cond.)
8—Frank Reed
First in the method.
RAGLAN SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1458—56—16—12—58—56—18.
2nds. 142 b.

St. Peter, Burnham, Bucks.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Simon Humphrey.
1—Timothy G. Pett
2—William Birmingham
3—John R. Ketteringham (Cond.)
4—James E. Andrews
5—Nigel Thomson
6—Philip Bosworth
7—Christopher Forster
8—Andrew W. R. Wilby

SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 35mins. (25 cwt.).
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (1,680 Londinium, Lyddington; 864 Cambridge; 816 Yorkshire; 104 changes of method).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—David P. Hilling (Cond.)
2—W. Eric Critchley
3—G. William Critchley
4—James R. Taylor
5—John H. Fielden
6—Andrew N. Stubbs
7—John N. Diserens
8—David J. Purnell
9—David E. House
10—D. John Hunt
11—Robert C. Kippin
12—Michael P. Moreton

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Wellington, Somerset.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (19½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
1—Arthur H. Reed
2—Mrs. M. Ann Durbin*
3—Ivor G. Hughes
4—Andrew D. Kingscote*
5—Peter J. Kingscote†
6—Rodney A. C. Cross*
7—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)
8—Frank H. Morris‡
*First on 8. †First of Triples and 25th peal.
‡First attempt. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Ann Durbin. (c)

Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity, Somerset.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES (four callings).
1—Alan G. Kent
2—Geoffrey Marchant*
3—Ronald D. Short
4—Michael J. Stone
5—Cecil T. Clarke (Cond.)
*First in method. First on the bells. To mark 80th anniversary of the founding of the Association. (a)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. George, New Mills, Derbyshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins (13½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by H. J. Howlett.
1—Michael Foulds
2—John D. Broadbent*
3—Peter Broadbent
4—Brian S. B. Kear
5—Arthur Whiting
6—Brian S. Schofield
7—Alan F. Scholfield
8—Stuart I. Bamforth (Cond.)
*First inside and first of Major. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elisabeth, to Jenny and Alan F. Scholfield.

All Saints, Church Lawton, Cheshire.
Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (8 cwt.).
5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
1—William H. Dowse
2—Derek F. Yates
3—Frank R. Morton
4—Roland Morant
5—Ivor R. Nichols
6—Roy Worrall
7—Raymond J. Ballard
8—Ian M. Holland (Comp. and Cond.)
First in method by all except conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Botolph, Newbold-on-Avon, Warwickshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).
1—Aubrey G. Eveleigh (Cond.)
2—Michael D. Fiander*
3—Philip M. Edgson
4—Christopher M. Povey
5—Julian G. Edgson
6—Keith Rigby†
*First of Grandsire Doubles †First peal. In aid of Biafra, each ringer being sponsored on the number of extents rung. (c)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Helen, Pimston, Derbyshire.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (5½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 var. of Thurstans'.
1—Gordon A. Halls
2—David W. Friend
3—Brian A. Tomlinson
4—Timothy Wylie
5—Harold Taylor
6—Rev. Frederick Ross
7—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
8—Arthur F. Hall

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
St. Margaret, Littleham, Devon.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland; 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—Martin Major
2—Richard A. G. Inglis
3—Anthony R. Carter
4—John W. Blackwood*
5—Richard H. Youdale
6—Melynn J. Hiller
7—William T. Perrins
8—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)†
*First of Spliced S. Major. †75th of S. Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire.
Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
1—Anthony R. Peake
2—P. Donald Naylor*
3—Ann Toomer†
4—Roger Fry
5—Peter Heritage†
6—E. William Ford
7—Anita D. O'Brien (Cond.)
8—Ian S. Campbell‡
*First on 8. †First Triples in method. ‡First peal. First as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Holy Trinity, Bosbury, Herefordshire.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 3hrs. 10mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (2 ext. Clifford's Pleasure. 4 Southrepps, Kennington, 6 April Day, 8 Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire).
1—Jack Lane
2—James Ranford
3—Peter L. Hughes
4—E. Charles Biggs
5—James Ward (Cond.)
6—George Gynne
Half-muffled in memoriam C. William Nutt, a member of Bosbury band and past master of Ledbury and District Guild. (c)

St. Mary, Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire.
Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- 1—Peter L. Hughes
- 2—Elizabeth Wycherley*
- 3—Peter J. Wycherley†
- 4—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 5—Robert A. Hatcher
- 6—Norman Mattingley (Cond.)

*First of Minor and Treble Bob. †Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. 129th anniversary of Samuel Thurstans' death.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Emmanuel, Everton, Lancashire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents.)

- 1—David Ellison*
- 2—James Dunbavin
- 3—Richard G. Latham
- 4—James Hedgcock
- 5—Graham K. Austin
- 6—John R. Ridley (Cond.)

*First attempt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Andrew, Billingborough, Lincolnshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3 hrs. (8 cwt.).
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Barker.

- 1—Peter A. Slight
- 2—David E. Leaf*
- 3—Denis A. Frith
- 4—Alec C. Crawford*
- 5—James Holmes
- 6—John E. Colman
- 7—David R. Baxter
- 8—Brian Buttery (Cond.)

*First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

St. Peter, Netherseale, Derbyshire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 44mins. (11½ cwt.).
5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.

- 1—Joseph W. Cotton
- 2—Jennifer M. Beech
- 3—Frank Beech
- 4—Gordon H. Lane
- 5—Neville R. Holland
- 6—Norman W. Attaway
- 7—Arthur E. Rowley
- 8—Derck P. Jones (Cond.)

To welcome the Rev. B. Everett, inducted to rectorate of Seale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter and Paul, Dorchester, Oxon.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 17mins. (16 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1—Ronald Hancock*
- 2—Carol N. J. Tull
- 3—Rosemary E. A. Morris†
- 4—Ian G. Judd
- 5—John Hodgson
- 6—Paul J. Dye
- 7—William J. Irving
- 8—J. Anthony Beaumont (Cond.)

*First peal. †First of Plain Bob Major.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Tysul, Llandyssul, Cardiganshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (5 methods: St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Cant., Plain Bob, Grandsire).

- 1—Arthur F. Walters
- 2—Philip C. Rogers
- 3—Simon P. Rogers
- 4—John Prytherch
- 5—Richard L. Underwood (Cond.)*

*25th for Guild. First on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 14mins. (31½ cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1—Maurice F. Edwards
- 2—Muriel Reay
- 3—Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 4—George E. Fearn
- 5—Vernon Green
- 6—James Insley
- 7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8—Terry R. Hampton
- 9—Norman J. Goodman
- 10—Roderick W. Pipe (Comp. and Cond.)
- 11—David J. Purnell
- 12—John A. Anderson

Prior to enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Laurence Ambrose Brown as Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

St. Martin, Birmingham.

Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (37 cwt.).
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1—John N. Lindon
- 2—Stephen W. Barton
- 3—Maurice F. Edwards
- 4—James Insley
- 5—Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6—George E. Fearn
- 7—Norman J. Goodman
- 8—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)
- 9—David J. Purnell
- 10—John A. Anderson

A farewell to Alan Ainsworth.

St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (10½ cwt.).
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1—Muriel Reay
- 2—Peter Border
- 3—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)
- 4—Terry R. Hampton
- 5—Vernon Green
- 6—Norman J. Goodman
- 7—Maurice F. Edwards
- 8—George E. Fearn

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary, Thorncombe, Dorset.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (20 cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 2—Sandra L. Claughton*
- 3—Philip Mehew
- 4—Jeffrey L. Claughton
- 5—Graham W. Elmes
- 6—George E. Bonham
- 7—Frederick E. Collins
- 8—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

*First in method

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Oswald, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.).
5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

- 1—Christopher I. Rowson
- 2—David A. Town
- 3—Peter F. Town
- 4—Jennifer A. Dunning
- 5—David R. Cox*
- 6—Peter Wishart
- 7—Thomas M. Cox
- 8—Jack Roach
- 9—Thomas Cooke
- 10—John Pladdys (Arr. and Cond.)†

*First on 10 bells. †200th peal.

St. Botolph, Carlton-in-Cleveland, N. Yorks.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (15 cwt.).

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (960 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, 768 Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, 143 'changes of method).

- 1—Enid Lawson
- 2—Ann Lawson
- 3—Jennifer A. Dunning
- 4—Peter F. Town*
- 5—James W. Belshaw
- 6—David A. Town
- 7—John Pladdys
- 8—Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)

*First spliced.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

15, Hatford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (15 in C.).
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12 methods: 960 Newgate, 480 Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Lodingium, York, 240 Cambridge, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Wigston, Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method).

- 1—2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3—4—John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
- 5—6—Roger Baldwin
- 7—8—Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 9—10—Julia A. Fellows
- 11—12—Frank C. Price*

*400th peal. First of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods by all and for the Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Vicarage, Charing, Kent.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 20mins. (13½ in E.).
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. Day.

- 1—2—Margaret D. Woolley
- 3—4—Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)
- 5—6—Betty Robbins
- 7—8—Rev. Peter T. Robbins*

*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 1hr. 43mins. (13 in E.).
5040 HORSMONDEN BOB MINOR
(7 different extents.)

- 1—2—Joseph Whalley
- 3—4—Mary W. Whalley
- 5—6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

First in the method by all. 125th as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (24 in D.).
5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1—2—Noel J. Diserens*
- 3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5—6—Frank C. Price
- 7—8—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
- 9—10—N. David Lane

*First of Treble Bob in hand.

6 Barn Close, Southcote, Reading, Berkshire.
Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 9mins. (27 in A.).

5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by W. Harrison.

- 1—2—Frank C. Price
- 3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport*
- 5—6—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
- 7—8—N. David Lane*

*First in the method in hand.

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AUSTRALIA BOUND

Off to Sydney, Australia, shortly will be Mr. and Mrs. William Page and their two small sons. Bill, who learned to ring at his home on the Isle of Wight, joined the Police Force as a cadet and was in Farnham for a time before moving to Guildford, Godalming and finally Haslemere. Whilst at Farnham he met Miss June Whittaker who was learning to ring, and they were married when he became a constable.

"We feel there are far better opportunities there than in this country," said Bill, who when he leaves the Force will train for the probation service.

More Letters . . .

SPICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—Having just rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods on handbells in the Watford area. I would like to offer congratulations to the Marple band on the rapidity with which they outstripped us to this goal. I am sure the other members of our band will join me in this.

Obviously a race was on when they knew we had rung a peal of 4-Spliced in July, a few days after them, and they beat us to 12 methods by almost three months! They must be disappointed that Bernard Groves had to move away and thus prevent their further progress, as it means, I expect, that they will soon lose their record. Had he remained in Cheshire one wonders how far behind we would now be! We would like to think we would have caught up ultimately, but I wonder.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, JOHN R. MAYNE.

"READING" SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—The correct name for the method rung to a quarter peal at Highclere on December 14 and to a 5,000 at Burghclere on December 29 is Redding Surprise and not Reading as published in page 57 of The Ringing World for January 23.

The method first appeared in print in the 1677 Campanalogia as Redding Bob. Benjamin Annable mistranscribed the name as Reading Bob 60 years later. It is, of course, possible that Redding was in fact an error for Reading in the first place. However, this is now a fairly academic point, since the inclusion of Reading Surprise Maximus in a peal at Walsall earlier in 1969 means that the name is no longer available for any Surprise Minor method.

Incidentally, the method was included (as Redding) for the first time in a peal at Church Lawford, Warwicks, on July 21, 1969.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

Belfry Gossip

Rung for the first time.—Turkish Delight Minor and Water Surprise Minor.

The bells of Christchurch, Hants, which were broadcast at Christmas, were on the 41 metre band, Station T.W.R., Monte Carlo.

Married for 65 years—and a very good reason for a quarter! Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman, of Market Bosworth, were deservedly honoured by the ringers of their local church.

A local team of all ladies rang a quarter at Minster Abbey, Sheppey, on January 17—the first time ever that ladies have had a complete team at Minster for a quarter.

Ex-Reigate ringer Terry Jones is now at 19 Orchard Hill Apt., Highland, New York 12528 (Tel. 914-691 8649), and would be pleased to hear from any ringers visiting New York.

Coincidence!—Having written about a possible record of 400 peals together, the next post brought a peal report of another such event—Richard J. Clifton and Joseph W. Cotton.

First peal congratulations to Nicholas J. Webber, Helen Dodds, David Walton, Gillian Skelton, Elizabeth Watts, Frank H. Morris, Keith Rigby, Ian S. Campbell, David Ellison, Ronald Hancock and Michael Davies.

The Guider for January, 1970, bears a fine action front cover picture of Guildford Cathedral bells being rung—unfortunately upside down—the frame being at the top of the page and the bells ringing below. Presumably the ringers were standing on their heads!

Handbell Music Wanted.—Arrangements for 15 bells or fewer (two-octave diatonic set in C) required by inexperienced but keen handbell ringers. Please write to Basil Potts, St. George's Cathedral, 38 St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia, 6000.

The Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Vicar of Tanfield, is becoming chaplain at St. Peter's School, York. He learned to ring at Tanfield, where he was largely responsible for getting the bells rehung. A farewell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on January 17.

An enthusiastic young handbell team has been formed at Long Sutton, Lincs, under the supervision of a local schoolmaster and ringer. Mr. G. Hayward. After a very successful Christmastide of tune ringing the youngsters are now learning to ring the tower bells.

A copy of the Welsh Churchman, which is a well-produced octavo monthly magazine, carries a cover photo of the ringers of St. Augustine's Parish Church, Penarth, and is a view looking down on to the circle of ropes with ringers at the "ready."

Phew! "I am just off to India, Nepal and Ceylon. Best wishes for 1970"—Mr. C. W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, writes a postcard to our office! Presumably he intends to return when winter has gone—or next year—he did not say, but we wish him a pleasant trip!

Mr. John T. Dunwoody, Master of the Irish Association, is still suffering from the consequences of his car accident some weeks ago. Central Council members in particular will send their good wishes to John, who has represented the Irish Association on that body since 1948.

When Miss J. Rosser retired as headmistress of Stotford Girls' and Infants' School the local band rang a peal of Cambridge Minor to mark the occasion. No doubt a number of Miss Rosser's former pupils have become bellringers, and perhaps some of those who rang were in her infants' school at one time.

Irish Bell News.—Now entering its 19th year, the Irish Bell News has increased its price to 3s. 6d. per year or 10s. for those who subscribe for three years. This quarterly, the mature and delightful product of F. E. Dukes, is full of interest to those who enjoy bells and ringing, and is enlivened with flashes of Irish humour.

Two peals rung simultaneously is very unusual, if not done for the first time, but this occurred at Leckford and Longstock for the induction of the Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell to the living, both churches now being in his care.

The Arbuthnot Report, which deals with the splitting of the Southwark Diocese and the possible creation of a new diocese, is the subject of the Bishop of Southwark's newsletter. The Bishop, like many living in South London, is opposed to the plans laid out, but admits it will be many years before decisions are implemented.

In the Ministry of Public Building and Works staff journal is reproduced a picture of Robert Tregillus, a 17-years-old fitter apprentice at Stonehouse Depot, Plymouth. He is being congratulated by the area officer on his workmanship of a brass model of an American Civil War cannon. He is a regular ringer at Plymstock Church, taking part in competition (? striking) bellringing.

Progress is being maintained, although rather more slowly with the father than the son, we hear from Mrs. E. Barnett, of Crayford. Another victim of the ice and snow was Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Warminster, Wilts. The day before his 72nd birthday (January 6) he fell and jarred his spine and it is still very painful—and no ringing! All his friends will wish him a quick and complete recovery.

There is no doubt at all that the success of a district meeting depends largely on its officers and their enthusiasm. The ringing should have a wide range of methods and the business side be well prepared. Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, Farnham District secretary, has just completed her first year in office and the many and various duplicated sheets distributed giving details from agenda to proposed towers for the district's outing were a credit to her capabilities. The wise choice of the members reflects on the district as a whole.

"London Bells and Bellringers" was the title of a talk and demonstration given to members of the London Appreciation Society on January 15. Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths explained to an interested audience the basic principles of bell-handling and change ringing, and demonstrated the art with courses of Stedman Triples and Grand-sire Caters on handbells. The evening concluded with a selection of tunes rung on the handbells.

We apologise to correspondents who have sent peal reports in promptly and that have not yet been published. Unfortunately we have recently had many "late" peals come in—some as far back as August last, and these have had to receive publication priority to help association peal recorders—but to the detriment of others. We feel this is unfair to those who do send peal reports promptly and wonder if these late peals ought not to be printed in smaller type and perhaps in quarter peal style. This would enable us to keep faith with peal ringers generally by printing their peals nearer the date of the events.

ACCIDENT AT WORK

Mr. Charles Rouse, general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is in Ward 4/5, Cheltenham General Hospital, Gloucester, following an accident at his work. He is flat on his back and seems likely to remain so for some weeks, we learn. Letters would be welcomed by Charles and all his ringing friends and acquaintances will wish him a complete recovery.

OBITUARY

MR. GORDON MELVILLE

The death is announced of Gordon Melville, brother of Rev. Malcolm Melville, after a short illness, on January 24. As a cadet on the P. & O. Barrabool he accompanied the Great Adventure I ringers to Australia in 1934. He learnt to ring as a boy at Exhall, near Coventry, and rang three peals.

PURBECK YOUTHS CELEBRATE

THE first car load of visiting Purbeck Youths arrived at Wareham on Boxing Day, so a bright start was made on Saturday morning with a peal of Rutland at Whitchurch Canonorum. More P.Y.'s arrived over lunch, and the week started off well when Yorkshire Royal was scored at Yeovil, making up for the one lost by several of the same hand in the summer.

Sunday morning was spent locally. The Wareham "regulars" scored Plain Bob Major in the afternoon, a wedding compliment to Philip Keogh, of the Wareham band and a P.Y. The first loss was at Kingston, where "the rest" lost London Major. Both bands rang for Evensong at Wareham and all returned to the Scott Arms at Kingston. Here a telephone message told us that David Wilson had 'flu, and arrangements had to be made for a replacement.

Monday saw the week begin in earnest. One morning peal was scored at Bridport, where we were joined by Fred Collins, but there was a message waiting for the second hand at Litton Cheney. John Longridge had mumps and neither he nor the replacement he was bringing for David Wilson would be coming! Undaunted, the keen souls drove through the falling snow to ring in the darkness at Long Bredy (5) and Burton Bradstock (6) before joining the rest at Bridport for lunch, and it was decided to cancel one of the afternoon peal attempts. The cars set off for Martock, the roads having turned very icy and giving rise to hair-raising episodes en route. Eight were left adjusting ropes and the remainder set off for Dravton to have a short ring warm up over coffee and return in time to hear the end of the successful Martock peal. A merry evening was spent at Winfrith, where the "outsiders" were really nipping up the Dorset accent! On arrival back at the Red Lion at Wareham, blow number three fell—David Massey had gone down with 'flu! More late-night phone calls and re-announcing.

A bitterly cold Tuesday morning saw the convoy moving east to Hampshire. An attempt was lost at St. Mary's, Southampton, but a quarter of Yorkshire Royal was rung. A peal of Yorkshire Major was scored at East Tytherley. Winchester for lunch—the full company now being assembled. Twin Ruth was talked into ringing her second peal in two years and both afternoon peals were scored, the other twin, Marv, ringing her first of London (at long last!).

Wednesday morning saw blow number four! At an early hour Ross Robertson phoned to say he also had you-know-what! More re-arranging of bands and transport and we set off in more snow. Sadly the peal at Sheffield never really started. "London" didn't go and time was limited, but a peal of Cambridge Major was enjoyed on the back eight at North Stonham. One of the planned peals, at St. Paul's, Sarum, was then cancelled as numbers were slowly dwindling but a peal was scored at Wimborne St. Giles, giving George Bonham his 250th and an excuse for celebrating.

The highlight of the week arrived when everyone, still fighting fit, arrived at the Red Lion at Wareham for the annual dinner. The meal was excellent and Philip Mehew welcomed those returning for the first time since marriage and new faces, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collins. Fred proposed a toast to Marv Elmes for making the usual excellent job of the organisation and afterwards everyone made their way to the New Inn. Lewis Cobb soon got busy at the piano, and celebrations were especially in order as Graham and Tim had both rung over 100 peals in 1969, and Marv will be high in the list.

Most managed to make their way to the tower. Fortunately Tim was able to tackle the third without a stay and the New Year was rung in with a "long length" of spliced.

RULES DISCUSSED

The Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association A.G.M. was held on Jan. 10 at St. John's, Frome. Attendance at the business meeting and evensong was disappointing, but the ringing was distinctly better than average.

The two main items on the agenda were the proposed revision of the Association's rules and the retirement of Mr. Ted Chivers, branch secretary for 20 years. Several of the proposed rule alterations were controversial and involved much discussion. Members' views were also sought on their preference of date for future A.G.M.s of the Association and probable increase in annual subscription. It was proposed that P.C.C.s affiliating their towers to the Association should all be asked in future to contribute £1.

Tributes were paid to the retiring branch secretary and it was announced that in his honour a peal of Wye Surprise Major had been rung at Beckington that morning by branch members from Frome, Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton and Farmborough. The peal was conducted by the new branch secretary, Philip Jones, of Midsomer Norton.

Meetings in 1970 were arranged for High Littleton, Mells and Bathwick (with Bath Branch), and the annual Corporate Communion will be at Farmborough. The general secretary requested as many towers as possible to attempt a quarter peal on or near May 31, which is the Association's 80th anniversary. A vote of thanks to the rector of St. John's, the organist and the Frome ringers who arranged an excellent tea was proposed by Mr. Ted Chivers.

New Year's Day saw the convoy moving west to Devon. The day was somewhat marred by funerals, at St. Mark's, Exeter, cancelled because of three, and at Littleham, Exmouth, stopped right at the beginning while a funeral finished. However, it restarted and a peal of four-spliced was scored. On arrival at the Trood House Hotel that evening we were met by John Longridge, who assured us his mumps were just after-effects of 'flu!

On Sunday, at Silverton, Tim shamefacedly misalled Heywood's Doub'e Norwich, even after his confidence the previous evening. The band then went to Thorverton, where Lincolnshire seemed to be going very well, but the latter band arrived in the pub after 5,000 changes to announce that on correcting one of the band Philip had misalled it right before the end. The afternoon attempt was at Culmstock, where Willy Perrins managed to cross two bells over and had to set up eight-spliced. The remainder rang a Uffculme (8) and then back to Wareham, where Julia joined them, having scored the only peal of the day—on handbells.

Saturday was slow to start. A handbell peal lost at Durweston, 14 Minor methods lost at Milborne St. Andrew, and Cambridge Major stood up at Cattistock. Everyone made their way to Buckland Newton for lunch, all very tired. Piddlehinton was cancelled due to loss of numbers, and no one could decide what to ring in the afternoon at Thorncombe. All was not lost, Tim redeemed himself by successfully calling Double Norwich. All were reunited in Dorchester and the past and future discussed.

Thanks were extended to John Longridge for arranging the Devon ringing and a gift to Marv from everyone for the hard work she did in the face of extreme difficulties. Twenty-nine towers were involved, 12 peals scored out of 20 attempts, with 28 ringers taking part and everyone scoring one peal. Tim had the highest individual score with 10.

May the Purbeck Youths wish everyone a good year ahead.

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PURITON DINNER

The Puriton ringers held their second annual supper at the Crooked Chimney Restaurant on January 15. Ringers and friends were present with the Vicar. After an excellent dinner, Louis Pope, tower captain, gave an account of the achievements during the last 12 months, stating that the bells had been rung for every morning and evening service and a regular practice maintained. A sponsored peal had brought in £38 towards the church roof restoration fund, and 1st and 4th places were gained in the striking competition. It was hoped to have the bells rehung and retuned later.

The vicar, Rev. A. Beck, replying thanked the ringers for their services; in particular Louis and Elaine, his wife. Mrs. Beck then presented Clare Evans with a ringers' diary for the best attendance: Leslie Bawden was a close second and Louis Pope had attended on all 154 occasions. G.N.

VICTORIAN GARB

The annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at Tunbridge Wells on January 10, and following the meal and the loyal toast Mr. R. J. Everest proposed "The Church" to which the president (Rev. J. R. Missen) responded. The toast of "The Guild" was honoured on the call of Mr. B. E. Jeffrey (chairman) and Mr. R. V. Johnson replied.

For the entertainment Mr. K. Game was M.C. and was attired in Victorian garb. R.J.E.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch, L.A.C.R., was held on January 17 at Leyland Parish Church. The ten were put to good use during the afternoon with ringing from rounds to Cambridge Royal. At the meeting, which followed an excellent "hot pot" tea (provided by the Leyland ringers), branch officers were elected, viz.: C. Crossthwaite (ringing master), R. Barnes (assistant secretary) and R. Palmer (committee member). New members were admitted from Brindle, Leyland, Higher Walton and Samlesbury, and Mr. J. Jackson, of Bamber Bridge, was proposed for life membership of the Association. The Vicar of Leyland and the local ringers were thanked for the use of the bells and supplying the tea. Later those present were able to inspect an exhibition of photographs and books on bellfounding and change-ringing which had been arranged by the local tower captain (Mr. G. Cunliffe). D.L.M.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES

The Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held a striking contest at Spottborough in November. The ten affiliated Societies had entered for the contest in which bands were permitted to ring on either six or eight bells. First to ring were the Halifax and District Society band, who rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The last team to compete was that from the Leeds and District Society with Little Bob Major.

Mr. Ernest Short and assistants provided tea for over 100. The judges, Harold Chant and Jim Thorley, gave a detailed commentary on each performance, and the Halifax and District Society band were worthy winners. The Leeds and District Society band were second, and last year's winners, the Yorkshire Association, were third. The winners' certificate was presented to Arthur Farrand. E.H.

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ENGAGEMENT

Pilkington—Washbrook. — The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pilkington, of 407 Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, and Shirley, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Washbrook, of Halcyon, Whalley Road, Clitheroe. 8144

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Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Practice meetings to be held at Bedworth on Feb. 9 and 23, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8150

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Haddenham, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) 6-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Trinity Sunday T.B. and Double Oxford. 8904

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Barkingside, Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 6.30-8 p.m., followed by St. Valentine's Day Social. Everybody welcome.—K. W. 9030

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Chippenham Branch.—Monthly practice at Colerne, Tues., Feb. 10. Bells (8) from 7.30.—M. E. Stracey. 9019

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—Practice, Frensham, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 6 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8149

Ladies' Guild.—Western District.—Practice, Trowbridge (12), Wed., Feb. 11, at 7.30 p.m. Members and friends welcome. 9021

Ladies' Guild.—Western District.—Advance notice.—A.G.M., Sat., March 14, at Chewton Mendip. Details later.—B. J. 9022

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Bardney, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (6) from 6-9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8143

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: All Hallows' (10), Twickenham, Thurs., Feb. 12, 7.30-9 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), Staines, Fri., Feb. 27.—C. H. Rogers, 25 Windsor Drive, Ashford. 9027

Suffolk Guild.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—A. F. Bailam, Dis. Sec. 8966

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Allman, The Limes, 41 Main Road, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon.—H. A. M. 8986

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Arlecdon, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 8970

Guildford Guild.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, on Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. P. Smith, 25 Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—J. P. O. 8963

Hertford County Association.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131 Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel.: 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8975

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Feb. 7. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral House, followed by the business meeting. 8953

Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) and Selby and District Society.—Meeting, Snaith, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—R. Ducker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 8985

Beverley and District Ringing Society.—A.G.M., Feb. 14, Walkington (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m. Service 4, St. Mary's, Beverley (10). Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beverley afterwards. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Brook, 2 Langdale Avenue, Beverley, by previous Wednesday. 9032

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 14, Fletching. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36 Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, by Tues., 10th, please. 8944

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Trumpington, Feb. 14. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting. Ringing afterwards from about 6.30 p.m.—J. S. 8436

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8987

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Ashleworth (6), Feb. 14, 3 p.m. Service, Maisemore, 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing (six bells). Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, GL1 2QB, by Feb. 12. 9017

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Wotton-under-edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Vicarage, 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, or Rev. A. E. King (Tel. Falfeld 277). 9031

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. P. Davis, 22 Peaslands Road, Sidmouth. 8984

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, on Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to me: J. Ward, Woolfields Farm, Coddington, Leabury. 9023

Ladies' Guild.—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), on Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Reynolds, 74 Gore Park Road, Eastbourne, by previous Wednesday.—R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Feb. 14, at Dalton-in-Furness. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19 Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9011

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, 24 Link Avenue, St. Helens, by Wed. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8972

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Hoghton (8), on Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Cups of tea provided, but please bring own food. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods: Cambridge S. Major and Bristol S. Major.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8978

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Walsden, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Hot tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. Brown, St. Peter's Vicarage, Walsden, Todmorden, by Wed., Feb. 11.—G. Cheetham. 9015

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Quarterly general meeting, Sat., Feb. 14: Great Bowden, 2-3 p.m.; Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a Coventry Road, Market Harborough (2166), Leics, not later than Feb. 11. Any proposed alterations to rules and nominations for guild officers by this meeting.—A. J. Poyner, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9020

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting, Penarth (St. Augustine's), Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

London County Association.—A.G.M., Feb. 14. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12 noon–1 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5 p.m. Service to follow, then tea and meeting at the Essex Head, Essex Street. Business to include the election of officers. Names for tea essential to M. R. Wycherley, 35d Holland Park, W.11, or ring PAR 5658, by previous Wed. 8943

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Feb. 14. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 2.30–3.30; St. Giles' (8), 3–4.15. Service at St. Giles' 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Lawrence's (12), from 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Vernon, 7 Bryants Avenue, Caversham, by Feb. 9. 8964

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton, by Wed. previous. 8973

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Chichester, Sat., Feb. 14. Cathedral bells 3 p.m., followed by Evensong at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Whyke Road, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Essential to notify for tea by Wed., Feb. 11. Notifications to R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 8147

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Bishopstoke, Feb. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mrs. Cull, 29 St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants, by Feb. 11. North Stoneham bells available after meeting.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 8980

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bury, in conjunction with Association committee meeting, Sat., Feb. 21. Everyone welcome for ringing, 2.30–5 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 2 Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham Green, Bury, Lancs, BL9 6SS, by Sat., Feb. 14. No names, no tea.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec. 8927

Barnsley and District Society.—Hemsworth, Sat., March 14. Bells 3–5 p.m. Cups of tea at Felkirk and ringing in the evening. 9028

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Annual general meeting. The A.G.M. will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, Easter Monday, March 30, at 12 noon. Nominations for officers and notices of motions must be sent to me by Feb. 16.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 9016

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in Village Hall 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) from
F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon,
Berks, before February 21. 8157

ENGAGEMENT

Kench—Buxton.—The Master of the Ancient
Society of College Youths, Antony R. Kench,
pleased to announce his engagement to Miss
Gail V. Buxton, of 107 Hatherley Court,
Hatherley Grove, London, W.2. 8159

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Stroud
Branch.—Meeting, Woodchester (6), Feb. 21,
3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lower 7.30 but Rand-
wick (6) available 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea
to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford,
Glos. 8155

Peterborough Guild.—Daventry Branch.—
Meeting, Willoughby (6), Sat., Feb. 14. Names
for tea to Mr. F. Hancock, Church View, Wil-
loughby, by Wed. previous.—I. Webb, Sec. 8153

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Evening
practice meeting, Norton Canes, near Cannock,
Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Anyone welcome.—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 8151

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quar-
terly meeting, Sat., Feb. 14. Covehithe (5)
2.30-4 p.m. Service, Wrentham, 4.30. Tea 5
p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. D. Marsh, The
Rectory, Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wed.,
Feb. 11. Wrentham (6) available during the
evening.—T. N. J. B. 8154

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—West Lindsey
Branch.—Meeting, Lea, Sat., Feb. 21 Bells
afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea
5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn,
Crow Garth, Lea (Tel.: 2623), by previous
Tuesday. Special methods: London Surprise
and Plain Bob. 8160

Hendon, Middlesex.—During Lent, practice
Tuesdays.—R. Foreman. 8161

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Central District.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 14, Hough-
ton-le-Spring (8). Ringing from 3 p.m. Names
for tea to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27 St. Aidans
Terrace, New Herrington, Co. Durham. 8166

TWENTY-FIVE PRESENT

The A.G.M. of the Elloe Deaneries
Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held
at Spalding (8) on January 17, when the
service was conducted by the curate (Rev.
J. Crust) and tea was served in the church
hall. The meeting was attended by about
25 members, including the guild secretary,
Mr. J. Millhouse. Ringing continued until
9 p.m. under the supervision of the ringing
master, Mr. F. Taylor.

The next quarterly meeting will be a
joint one with the Eastern Branch at Bicker
in April. G.C.

YOUTHFUL QUARTER

The young members of the Mitcheldean
Sunday service band had intended to ring a
quarter peal for Christmas, but unfortu-
nately the 'flu epidemic incapacitated one
member of the band after another, and it
was not until January 18 that the full team
could assemble. A well-struck quarter of
Plain Bob Doubles was rung by a band of
average age 13 years, at their first attempt.

All are regular Sunday service ringers at
Mitcheldean and are full of enthusiasm for
future achievements. A.A.P.

DEATH OF MRS. G. FRANKLIN

We learn, as we go to press, of the death
of Mrs. G. Franklin, of Staverton. A re-
port will appear next week.

TWELVE SPLICED IN HAND

Watford team has now equalled the
Cheshire record by ringing an excellent peal
on Jan. 19 and the friendly rivalry is "on"
again.

Amendments Notified:

- Page 38. Crowthorne: Plain Bob Royal conductor
Frank Price.
- Page 16. Holme Pierrepont: Judith M. Miller (not
Pilgrim).
Monken Hadley: Plain Bob Major, 1,264
changes and ringer of 6 F. Mead.
- Page 36. Peterstone Wentloog, Monmouth: add (c):
Composer Sir A. P. Heywood and Conduc-
tor Nicholas W. H. Simon.
- Page 58. Llys Esob: Plain Bob Major.
- Page 76. North Muskham: 12 Doubles methods/var.
in eighteen 120s.
- Page 75. St. Mary's, Hampton: ringer of 2 Dorothy
Robotham.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for

February 2, 1945

A peal of Bob Royal at Southover was
rung to commemorate the foundation of
the Sussex County Association on January
24, 1885.

The proposed Southwell Guild and the
future of the Midland Counties Association
was the subject of the leading article and
at a meeting held at Sutton-on-Trent a
resolution was adopted favouring the for-
mation of a Southwell Diocesan Guild.

At St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford a peal of
St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung
for the University Guild, conducted by J.
E. Spice, it being the first in the method
by all.

The Oxford Society held their annual
lunch at the Town Hall and Mr. F. Sharpe
spoke about the age of the Society and
said many prominent men of the Exercise
learned to ring in their undergraduate days
at Oxford.

Sgt. K. Arthur, R.A.F., commended Mr.
D. Bayles' suggestion for a school of
ringing.

At a meeting of the Leicester District of
the Midland Counties Association it was
reported by Mr. H. W. Perkins, hon. secre-
tary, that 57 new members had joined dur-
ing the year and six old members had re-
joined. The total membership was 275.

Mr. G. E. Symonds wrote regarding call-
ing peals of Treble B. Maximus and stated
he had called Oxford T.B. with 60 bobs—
the greatest number ever called in T.B.
Maximus.

At Queensbury, Bradford, a peal of Bob
Major was composed and conducted by
Vernon Bottomley, it being his first as
conductor.

50 YEARS AGO

February 6, 1920

Two handbell peals of Bob Minor at
Longstanton, Cambs. were rung by J. B.
Woolley 1-2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3-4, C.
W. Woolley 5-6. In one J.B. conducted
his first peal and Rev. H. B. first Minor in
hand and in the other C.W. (aged 13) con-
ducted his first peal.

Mr. R. F. Deal wrote regarding the
youngest ringer, stating that J. W. Wash-
brook raised and tolled the bell for Queen
Victoria's death and had rung a peal shortly
after his 8th birthday.

At the Cumberlands' A.G.M. during the
proceedings it was stated that some mem-
bers, in common with other Societies, felt
that the benefits derived from the Central
Council were hardly worth the expense. It
was also decided to revive the annual
dinner.

At the quarterly meeting of the Midland
County Association at N. Wingfield it was
proposed to raise the yearly subscription
from 1s. to 1s. 6d.

At Harborne, Staffs, W. B. Cartwright
rang the treble to Stedman Triples for his
first peal, conducted by George Pigott,
whilst at Barton-on-Humber Miss M. L.
Mobbs was the first Barton lady to score
a peal.

At a meeting of the Middlesex County
Association at Southgate, the hon. secre-
tary, Mr. C. T. Coles, said the district was
recovering quickly from wartime losses. A
bob course of Stedman Cinques was rung
by J. B. Williamson, J. Thomas, W. Pye,
G. R. Pye, W. Hewett and G. M. Kilby.

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| 236514 | | | | | | | x |
| 342516 | | | x | x | S | | |
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