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**St. Nicholas,
Warwick**

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St. Nicholas, Warwick

THE ANCIENT PARISH of St. Nicholas, Warwick, comprised the south-eastern portion beyond the walls of the town. The site on which the church is built has been hallowed for nearly a thousand years of Christian activity, and possibly a religious house existed here prior to the Norman Conquest.

Little is known of the old church. It is thought to have been smaller than the present building and in a 1654 review of Warwick the church is shown with a tower and spire, as an entry in the accounts of 1570 confirms. Amongst the church plate are two Commonwealth chalices, each bearing the inscription "This belongs to the Parish of Nicholas in Warwick, 1657."

In the latter half of the 18th century the church had fallen into decay and was taken down. The present church was built in 1779/80, although the tower and spire may be 30 years older.

MISSING METAL

Records of 1552 indicate that the church had five bells; the church accounts mention five bells with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 qr. In 1695 reference is made of six bells with a tenor of 15 cwt. 21 lb. When these new bells were delivered it was discovered that they fell short by 3 cwt. 10 lb. in weight of the old five bells, so that this weight of metal remained to the parish at the foundry of Keen's. What happened to this metal is not known.

In a memorandum of a meeting of the parish council on January 7, 1694, in connection with the hanging of these six bells

and the paying for same, the name of Mr. William Tarver is mentioned, who was a prominent townsman of Warwick and was Mayor of the town in 1684, 1689 and 1704. At the present moment a Mr. William Tarver is a member of St. Nicholas' Parochial Council and has also served as Mayor of Warwick 1964/65, and is at the present time a serving alderman of the town.

SEVEN RANDALLS

In 1887 two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank to complete the octave. Only two peals are known to have been rung on these bells, one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. It would appear that these bells were most difficult to ring and were silent for over 30 years before they were broken up and recast into a new octave in 1957, with a tenor of 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. by Taylor's, of Loughborough. They were rededicated on St. Nicholas' Day, December 5, 1957, by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. The first peal on these bells was rung on December 7. This was of Bob Major and conducted by the tower captain, J. L. Garner-Hayward. Over 30 peals have already been rung.

The present band can boast a family of seven Randalls, with ages ranging from Jane, 10 years, to father, 51 years. With the aid of a tenor man this family rings touches of Grandsire Triples, with Jane on the treble. The remainder of the family are all capable of the four standard methods, with Geoffrey and Peter both very capable conductors. With the exception of the father, all have been taught to handle a bell at St. Nicholas' Church.

J. L. G. H.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for
April 20, 1945

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters at Solihull was conducted by D. T. Matkin and was rung in memory of the late President Roosevelt. Others taking part were Edgar C. Shepherd, Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn.

At the Cathedral, Leicester, Peter J. Staniforth and Charles Marshall rang their first handbell peal and Jill Poole her first of Plain Bob Major.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was in the chair for the business meeting of the S.W. District of the Middlesex Association, held at Christ Church, Ealing. Mr. W. G. Wilson was appointed assistant hon. secretary.

"The covering tenor forces itself so much on the ear that it tends to obscure the finer points of striking."—From the leading article on "covering bells."

At Overton, Hants, a peal of Bob Minor was conducted by C. H. Kippin and was the first peal for Andrew Taylor and the first of Bob Minor for Ernest R. Warner.

The total funds of the Kent County Association had increased to £1,137 5s. 8d. it was announced at the A.G.M. at Maidstone.

Mr. C. W. Pipe was elected hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild in succession to Mr. H. G. Herbert and the Bishop of Dunwich wrote resigning the office of president.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, in a letter from India Command, gave details and information about the bells of St. George's Cathedral, Madras.

50 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1920

"This musical composition contains the 6th behind the 8th and 9th in alternate courses."—Footnote to a peal of Stedman Caters at Croydon. George Marriner rang the 2nd.

At Linton, Kent, a peal of Bob Major was rung after the two trebles had been dedicated. Thomas and Leonard Mannering and Thomas and Charles Sone took part.

At Witley, Surrey, Mrs. Hazelden rang in her husband's 100th peal—the first time this had been done. William Moorey rang the second. The method: Grandsire Triples.

The Worcestershire Association at its A.G.M. decided that it was not in favour of giving the C.C. more powers. 128 members sat down to tea.

Ex-Cpl. Churchill rang a peal at Belton with one arm, he having lost the other on the Somme in 1916. The peal was by all ex-Servicemen.

St. Peter Mancroft had its 14th bell—a sanctus bell—given as a war memorial.

At the Norwich and Ipswich Association Mr. George E. Symonds was appointed hon. secretary to convene a general meeting of the Ipswich Branch.

Mr. Henry Lewis, who died aged 74, was one of the pioneers of St. Albans. His father was Mayor in 1856 and raised money to add the two trebles to St. Peter's, making a ring of 12.

The centenary of the first peal of Kent T.B. Maximus was commemorated at Birmingham, where the St. Martin's Youths rang the peal—7,200, called New T.B. Maximus—in 5 hours 8 minutes.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED . . .

Page 210.—"Twenty were Called": last paragraph, for Surrey Association read **Guildford Guild**.

Page 215.—Grandsire Caters (Essex Association), Guildford Cathedral, Feb. 21, **duplicate**, p. 275.

Page 236.—Spliced Minor, Edwinstone (Southwell Guild): conductor, **George A. Dawson**.

Page 254.—Bristol Society, 5024 Rutland, Saturday, February 28: 2 hours 48 minutes, (13 cwt.).

Page 256.—Doubles at Marston (Oxford Guild): transpose names of 4th and 5th ringers.

Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.

Swift.

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INCREASING IN POPULARITY

THE 3-DAY EASTER COURSE AT HEREFORD

Through rain, sleet and snow showers, but with occasional periods of brilliant sunshine, 80 students of church bell ringing, together with tutors and assistants (numbering another 20), assembled at the College of Education, Hereford, during the afternoon and evening of April 9 for a three-days intensive course in all sections of the Exercise. Arranged by Mr. W. F. Moreton (of Wakefield, Yorks), a member of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee of the Central Council, he was assisted principally by Mr. G. T. Cousins, of Hereford, and a number of other competent ringers and lecturers.

The students, of both sexes, whose ages ranged from 11 years and upwards, assembled after supper on the first evening and were welcomed by Mr. Moreton, who also introduced the lecturers and helpers and briefly explained the domestic and other arrangements.

This was followed by an illustrated lecture on bellringing, bellhanging and bells and carillons of other countries given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who is well known for his concise and thorough explanation of this subject, which he has studied for so many years. His collection of books, photographs, handbells and models were well displayed and used to emphasise certain parts of the lecture. Mr. Austin Wingate operated the projector.

On each of the following days a well-planned programme was adhered to, the five or six groups being given every opportunity for advancement in knowledge of what all consider to be the most fascinating of all hobbies—campanology—the art and science of bellringing. In various rooms in the college, groups with pencils and paper, with blackboard and chalk and with handbells and bellropes, were to be seen enthusiastically and with avid concentration studying the particular section each student had chosen. During intervals for coffee and meals the topic discussed was always the same, and it is probable that considerable knowledge was also gained during these breaks and which helped in future studies.

The practical side was thoroughly explored, and loaded cars were seen at intervals careering through country lanes en route for some village church where the lessons learned in the classrooms were put into practice, and many miles were

traversed to accomplish a couple of courses of Bob Minor or one of Oxford Treble Bob. Everyone entered into the spirit of the course: the instructors were forthright and insistent on discipline, whilst the pupils—young and not so young—persevered and at times sweated to attain something not before accomplished. And then, back to college for more lessons, more handbells and further lectures and discussions. A late drink with biscuits about 9.30 to 10, and so to bed, although several small groups are known to have been struggling with handbells until the early hours, but all were at breakfast at 8 a.m. next morning.

PRACTICAL SESSIONS

Among the subjects studied and practised were single and double-handed change-ringing on handbells, tune ringing, basic method structure, basic conducting and conducting Grandsire, composition, working out easy touches and conducting Plain Bob, whilst there was also a session on instruction on rope splicing. The practical method ringing ranged from Doubles and Minor to Cambridge Royal, and in the former the progress made in 24 hours was remarkable.

Mr. Sharpe spent considerable time with a handbell group, some of whom had never before handled a bell, ringing tunes, and on Saturday evening he wrote the score harmonising the hymn tunes for his handbell team to lead the singing at the short service he conducted the next morning. He also gave a further illustrated talk on the care and maintenance of bells, bell fittings, frames and towers, which was well received.

A period towards the end of the course was set aside for discussion connected with the general syllabus and considerable con-

structive information was obtained. The “break-up” started soon after lunch on Sunday and everyone, without exception, felt satisfied that it had all been well worth while and tremendously successful. Plans are already in hand for the next course in April, 1971.

Responsible for the organisation and instruction were:—

Tutors: Messrs. George T. Cousins, Philip C. K. Davies, John C. Eisel, Wilfrid F. Moreton, Frederick Sharpe, Wilfrid G. Wilson and Peter Wycherley, with the Editor of *The Ringing World* as guest/observer.

Assistants: Messrs. F. Harris, I. Campbell, Cater, L. Evans, R. Hatcher, N. Mattingley, M. Powell, M. C. W. Sherwood, I. R. Pantan, J. F. Turney and A. Wingate, and Miss V. M. Edge.

Those attending the course were:

The Misses M. A. Butcher, F. Brown, C. Brown, F. M. Pollock, M. J. Wiltshire, G. M. White, C. J. Dearden, C. Caröe, P. Freeland, M. Keen, N. Jordan, M. Somme, N. M. Paton, A. Brain, S. M. Paton, C. Slater, J. Downes, L. Hogarth, C. Edwards, M. L. Ellwood, G. Simms, P. Hughes.

The Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth and Messrs. P. E. Hines, J. L. Findon, S. C. Walters, P. Randall, E. J. Cole, R. Poole, W. Chalklin, A. Roberts, D. Peers, M. J. Whiteley, J. Wheeler, I. M. Bellamy, N. Bellamy, C. L. Barr, J. Ranford, N. E. Cronin, C. Mountjoy, C. G. Jones, G. Davies, N. Brain, R. K. Smith, R. Davies, W. D. Walters, A. A. Paton, J. Hyden, R. Cooper, G. S. Butler, R. C. Sayers, J. A. Foster, A. Moreton, G. Lloyd, C. A. Davis, A. Osbaldiston, P. Hughes, C. L. Hawkins, M. Jackson, F. B. Comer, M. I. Davey, T. Harrison.

Medames P. M. Hine, S. Aldridge, D. J. Cleaver, J. Kelly, E. Cole, R. M. Carden, M. R. Paton, A. Turney, R. Cooper, T. Maybury, M. Eisel, N. Marshall, E. Wycherley, L. Lloyd, P. Price, S. E. Parry, E. Gusterton, S. Randall.

RESTORATION FUNDS

Considerable discussion took place at the final meeting of the course about the amounts paid by ringers for annual subscriptions, which in most cases were not realistic in these days, and also the necessity for starting and supporting, in various ways, a Restoration Fund for towers and bells. This, it was suggested, could be done by legacies, by a set amount from each tower (2s. per bell per tower?) and also by a percentage of the members' annual subscription being transferred (25%?) to supplement it. Other ideas were: rope tax for visiting teams, i.e., outings, meetings and peals, etc., and jumble sales, sales of work and sponsored walks.

Although no decisions could be made, all present agreed that such restoration funds were essential at Guild or diocesan level.



A happy photo, taken by the R.W. during the first morning coffee break at the bellringing course at Hereford, when the Lord Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. A. Hodson) visited the ringers. L. to r.: Mr. John Eisel, Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood, the Lord Bishop, Miss Margaret Ellwood, Mr. Peter Wycherley and Mr. George Cousins.

Overheard at Hereford.

"We could do with a few more Wilf Moretons in the bellringing world."

"I'm finished with you! You gave your sausage roll to a perfect stranger!"

"Oh no I didn't; he swopped his hard-boiled egg for it."

"Gosh! She's changed her outfit again! Wonder how many more clothes she's brought with her."

"Oh, I don't mind being shouted at by him 'cause he's quite dishy really."

"I got up at 7 o'clock to learn Oxford Treble Bob—so was determined to have a go at it during the day."

"My wife's from Scotland and we always have salt on our porridge, but when I'm away I have sugar."

"I've rung Bob Major before, but I didn't tell the tutor. It will make him feel he's accomplished something if I get through without a mistake."

"Oh, I'm more experienced than she is, but then I'm older."

"How old are you?"

"Nearly 13."

And happenings.

One couple's Vauxhall "blew up" at a church miles from anywhere and had to be towed in for repair.

A handbell peal attempt for Bob Major came to grief after an hour. Maybe the room number was responsible—No. 13!

A well-known Jaguar and a yellow Morgan semi-sports battled it out on several stretches of the open road—the latter always managing to arrive ahead of the Jag.

The saloon bar at a village pub was crowded when two groups met for picnic lunch and a drink but the landlady was all smiles as she had not had so many customers for a long time.

A blue Austin was standing in the car park at 10 a.m. with headlights full on. Following an announcement, a very attractive young lady arrived to correct her omission with the explanation: "I dashed in five minutes late and didn't want to miss anything—it's all so interesting."

A visit to Hereford Cathedral on Friday morning by one observer found the usual peace and tranquillity shattered by a host of young people dashing from place to place—whistling, shouting, and one even smoking—whilst they erected scaffolding for lighting, scenery, curtains and furniture for an evening production of "Give me your hand." Comment by one elderly lady as she retreated: "Oh dear! I suppose God does approve all this, but I'm afraid I don't!"



Mr. Frederick Sharpe with students, working out the harmonies for the hymns which the handbell team accompanied at the Sunday service, which Mr. Sharpe conducted.

POINTS FOR OUTING ORGANISERS

With the introduction of the 1970 Transport Act on March 15th, coach operators are faced with regulations regarding the length of the coach driver's working day, hours of rest both during the day and between each day's work and also the number of hours he might spend at the wheel. Generally these new conditions need not have a very great effect on the normal ringers' day tour, with the exception that the overall mileage might need to be a little less than in the past.

The main condition is that a coach driver is now restricted to an **overall day of 14 hours**, that being the total length of his day from the time that he leaves his garage until he gets back there at the end of his day's work. During this day he must not spend more than a total of **10 hours actual driving** and the remaining four hours must be taken as rest periods, away from the coach, so that he is free to obtain refreshment and at the same time not be responsible for his coach or his passengers. The driver must have a rest period of at least **30 minutes within 5½ hours of the commencement of his duty**—this break can be part of the 4-hour period—and further he must during the day have **one rest period of at least two hours in duration**. This last condition can be met by arranging the lunch stop at the same place as one of the towers being visited; this period will usually total two hours, remembering, of course, that the coach will not be available to transfer the party from the tower to a restaurant or vice versa. The other two hours of the day's rest period can be made up by the times that the ringers are at other towers on the tour, providing that no stop is of less than 30 minutes' duration.

It is possible for a driver to work an overall day of 15 or 16 hours, once a week only, but with days of this duration the rest period of five or six hours respectively must be taken as consecutive hours. Generally this exemption would not be suitable for a ringers' tour unless they were prepared to spend up to five hours in a coach getting to a point, then spending the next five or six hours visiting towers on foot, or

even hiring a coach based in that locality, then another up to five hours run getting back to their home base. Of course, if a coach was hired to tour the local towers this would add considerably to the cost of the day's outing. It is possible to "double-man" a coach, i.e., use two drivers, but in this instance both drivers have to take their rest period for that day as a continuous rest, and if the coach is moving there must be a seat for them to rest in. This again will naturally mean a large increase in the cost of the hire.

This new Transport Act will obviously have an effect on the cost of hiring coaches. In the future more labour will be required to get the maximum revenue from coaches in the normal coach season. Any driver on duty after 10 p.m. will not be available until after 9 a.m. the following day, and so additional labour will have to be employed to take the coach out if required before that time. Nevertheless, if tour organisers bear these new restrictions in mind when planning tours there is no reason why ringers should not be able to enjoy their day's outings as well as in the past. Remember that if a coach driver is prosecuted for breaking these new regulations he is liable to be fined up to £200 and also lose his driving licence. If in doubt about any tour do not hesitate to contact your coach operator before finalising the tour arrangements.

F.W.S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Arrangements for the 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association on May 16 were discussed by the general committee meeting at Beddington Church vestry on April 9. The dinner committee reported that 90 tickets had been sold and an early application for the 60 still available was requested. Grants of Croydon had placed their car park in Park Street at the disposal of ringers attending the dinner.

Ringings on the occasion of the A.G.M. at Kingswood on May 2 will be at St. Martin's, Epsom, Banstead and Kingswood before the service. Grants of £30 to Horley and £72 to Benilton from the Belfry Repair Fund were approved.

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Leicester Diocesan Guild**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

After ringing during the day at 22 towers in the city and county the annual service was held in Leicester Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. and 25 members formed a choir to lead the singing. The Precentor conducted the service, the lessons were read by the general secretary and president of the Guild and the Lord Bishop preached. Tea followed in the Alderman Newton's Boys' School next to the Cathedral and about 125 members were present.

Mrs. Jill Staniforth (president) opened the meeting by expressing thanks to the Lord Bishop, the Precentor, the Provost, churchwardens and vergers for their assistance at the service, and to Dr. Gray, former master of music at the Cathedral. The choir had worked very hard before the service and all appreciated their efforts. The incumbents of the towers open during the day were thanked, as were those clergy who had accepted invitations to join the ringers for the service. The members who had made the arrangements for ringing and the ladies who had prepared tea were also thanked by the president.

Certificates of membership were then presented to new members. The reports of the general secretary, treasurer, peal secretary and auditors, as printed in the annual report, with some minor adjustments, were adopted. Mr. P. J. Staniforth thanked the officers who had worked so hard during the year. Confirmation of the election of seven ringing, five non-resident life members and three honorary members was followed by the election of officers for the year ahead.

Mrs. Staniforth, president for the past three years, did not seek re-election, and hoped that the new president would be supported as she had been, adding that next year the Guild would be celebrating its 25th year. Mrs. Staniforth expressed thanks to the retiring general secretary (Mr. A. J. Poynor) and then vacated the chair for the new president, Mr. John Bramley.

Mr. Bramley said it was a great honour for him to be following Mrs. Staniforth, and expressed his gratitude for her hard work during her years in office. The vice-presidents (Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. J. H. Cook) were re-elected and Mr. R. D.

Hughes was elected general secretary. The treasurer (Mr. J. M. Jelley), peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook), trustees (Mr. B. G. Warwick and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth) and librarian (Mr. J. Bramley) were all re-elected. Mr. Bramley reported that the Ringing Worlds were being bound and that when completed he would not seek re-election as librarian. Mr. W. J. Root and Mrs. S. E. Poynor were re-elected auditors.

Mr. Poynor spoke on the motion to increase the annual subscription and the proposed alterations to rules—all regarding price increases. Mr. Bramley suggested that the annual subscription ought to be nearer 10s. not 6s. After a lengthy discussion a motion increasing the subscription to 10s. for members of 18 and over was passed and the alterations to rules then carried were (1) to increase entrance fee to 6s., (2) to increase life ringing membership to £6, (3) to increase honorary members' fee to 6s., (4) to increase the non-resident life members' fee to 10s., (5) to increase the peal booking fee from 6d. to one shilling per rope. These alterations included the decimal currency equivalents so that rules would not need altering next year.

A proposal to give life ringing members the right to a postal vote for items on the A.G.M. agenda was discussed and carried by 30 votes to 27, the majority of members abstaining.

Grants from the bell repair fund had been made to Sapcote (£50), Kibworth (£20) and St. Margaret's, Leicester (£10). It was announced that the next quarterly general meeting would be in June at Bottesford, the northernmost tower in the diocese, and Mr. Bramley asked for good support at this meeting.

Some discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding a special festival to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation from the Midland Counties Association of the Leicester, Derby and Southwell Guilds.

A collection for binding Ringing Worlds in memory of Mr. Joe Carter, of Wigston Magna, was taken, and after Mr. Bramley had thanked everyone for their attendance the meeting closed. Further ringing took place at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A. J. P.

WHY RING?

A controversial editorial on "Why Ring?" appears in the Irish Bell News. It is based on a question by a well-known and popular lady ringer in England, that runs: "We are frequently told that we ring to bring people to church. Do we? If the aim is to bring people to church, is the ringing of bells the best way to do it?"

"Would any good publicity or marketing agent use bells to achieve the object in an age of advertising, television and free samples? If for no other reason, he would reject the idea for having lost its impact due to familiarity. When done badly, with striking which leaves much to be desired, it is more likely to antagonise the public than attract.

"Would it not be more sincere to admit that ringers ring because they enjoy it and perhaps because they believe they are perpetuating a tradition worth maintaining? From this it follows that, in an age of noise, ringers are imposing yet one more on the population with their pleasure. Thus it behoves them all the more to have regard to what they ring and how they ring."

A MUSICAL ART

Writing on the "Treble Clef" page of the RSCM News, David Harding, of Addington Palace, asks for a short article on bell-ringing. He says:—

"Reading RSCM News I am struck by the fact that bell-ringing is so seldom mentioned. I am firmly of the opinion that campanology should feature as one of the interests of the RSCM—it is a musical art only to be found in churches, and is not only highly specialised but also exclusively English. You don't find any continental church ringing Cambridge Surprise or Bob Major—and yet many of our choristers will be found pulling the ropes before Mattins or after a wedding. I would very much like to introduce bell-ringing to readers of TC, and would be very glad if any reader would care to write us a short article explaining it. Any offers?"

Tis not the man who has the most
That gives the most away,
Nor yet the man who knows the most
That has the most to say.—Anon.

CANON R. O. STEPHENSON LEAVING

The peal rung at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on March 7, was arranged as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, Canon R. O. Stephenson, who is shortly to leave the parish after 23 years. It was the personal enthusiasm of Canon Stephenson that was largely responsible for the installation of the ring of eight in this fine, modern church in 1957. This achievement involved building a considerable extension to the tower before work could begin, the purchase of the redundant six bells from St. Maurice's Church, Winchester, the recasting of the cracked tenor and the casting of two new



trebles, none of which was cheap. Funds, however, followed from enthusiasm; the writer well remembers, as a child at Sunday School, contributing to the fund for the Children's Bell and receiving a bell certificate for each five shillings saved!

Canon Stephenson has always taken a keen interest in his ringers and is proud of the fact that the ringers have always been a valuable part of the church family.

Amongst his other services to the parish have been the building of a splendid new daughter church (with a ring of one, hung expertly by a well-known rotund London bellhanger), the provision of a series of stained glass windows on themes from the hymns of Isaac Watts, the only permanent memorial to the hymn writer in his native town, and a fitting addition to a church which already has the finest modern stained glass in the South of England, and the creation of a fine tradition of churchmanship which has made these improvements worth while.

His friends in the parish are glad that he is remaining in the county and that he will still have 12 bells (in two towers, unfortunately) in his care. They wish him well.

D. H.

**Lincoln Diocesan Guild
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A quarterly meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held jointly with the Eastern Branch at Bicker. Ringing on the pleasant light eight (tenor 8 cwt.) ranged from rounds to a variety of Surprise methods. Over 60 members from the two branches, and visitors, sat down to tea in the village hall. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. The next meeting will be at Luton (6) in July.

G. C.

Letters

CENTRAL COUNCIL MATTERS

Dear Sir,—I have read the correspondence on last year's Council meeting, and on its minutes, with increasing impatience. Mr. Game's letter is the last straw. What on earth are Mr. Mew and Mr. Game trying to do? And for what has Mr. Bottomley to apologise?

Is it supposed to be for the fact that Mr. Exton's motion was not printed on the agenda? That this was a misunderstanding and no more is clear, since Mr. Bottomley suggested three ways by which the motion could be debated, and Mr. Exton, obviously, accepted one of these suggestions. In view of these two facts, it is those who try to imply that there was some sinister motive who owe an apology to Mr. Bottomley. This was asked for but has not been given, as far as I can see.

Is it supposed to be for the word "vary" in the minutes? Your readers may not realise that no mention of Mr. Exton's motion need have been included in the minutes since there was no vote taken on it. The secretary chose to include a brief report, however, but it was obviously a précis, and rightly so.

There is one point to do with Mr. Exton's motion that has not, I think, appeared in *The Ringing World*. Council members in general, and its officers in particular, were concerned to give Mr. Exton a fair hearing, and they listened with interest, at first, to the case he put. After ten minutes or a quarter of an hour one member got up to suggest that Mr. Exton should conclude his speech, but the president emphasised that Mr. Exton be allowed to continue, which he did. I felt that Mr. Exton lost the sympathy of members by going on for so long, and the motion for "next business" might have been moved from any corner of the hall. The overwhelming vote in favour of the latter motion had little to do with Mr. Exton's arguments.

The statements in the last three paragraphs of Mr. Game's letter make curious reading. The Council's instruction to the Standing Committee was a fresh wind, if anything was. And does Mr. Game really want all the rules and customs of the Council to go? And I fancy that the Council has the confidence and respect of the Exercise now. Some will always be dissatisfied.

Is there a more traditional art than bell-ringing? What is this "reactionary traditionalism" that Mr. Game objects to? — Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

TOO LATE

Dear Sir,—While it is interesting to read in *The Ringing World* of television programmes in which bellringing featured (e.g. pages 47 and 239, 1970), how much more interesting it would be if such information could be given in the pages of *The Ringing World* two weeks before instead of two weeks after the event. Perhaps the appropriate C.C. committee would consider providing us with this service.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL BISHOP.

Didcot, Berks.

[We agree. It was pure luck that we heard of the programmes, and too late for early publication.—Ed.]

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Dear Sir,—In my younger days, when I thought I knew something of the French language, I would occasionally buy a copy of *France Soir*, and have never completely forgotten a sentence from a leading article of one issue. It read: "The Anglo-Saxons are past-masters in the art of masking the emptiness of their diplomatic expressions behind beautiful, moral and virtuous phrases."

That sentence came to mind again as I read Mr. K. G. Game's letter (page 270) on "Council Matters." That some reorganisation of the Council is desirable I would not question—indeed, in my last report as secretary I made this very point, whilst pleading guilty to being by nature a traditionalist. But what on earth is the value of writing, as Mr. Game does, of his hope that "the odour of musk and mothballs will not too obviously pervade this fresh wind and that it is not only the weak that will go to the wall but many if not all of the entrenched rules and customs of the Council which have become sacrosanct by the passage of time," and more in the same strain? What, if anything, did Mr. Game contribute in response to the secretary's invitation last year for ringers to send in their ideas for reform?

Has "the wind of change" blown through the Southern District of the Surrey Association since he became its secretary, or does it still work to entrenched rules, smelling of musk and mothballs, that have become sacrosanct by the passage of time? The latter, I expect.

How right *France Soir* was about people like Mr. Game! However, he will have another opportunity, when the account of the last Standing Committee is published, not only to mix his metaphors a little further but, more important, to make some constructive contribution to the discussion. I hope he will take it.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SPICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate Mr. C. A. Wratten on his excellent "History of Spliced Minor," which must have involved a tremendous amount of research.

He speaks of the peal at Felkirk on January 29, 1961, in 125 methods in a 5040 as marking "the end of an era" in so far as the peals up to that point had been composed "within quite rigid limitations." His subsequent remarks imply that this is because peals which followed exceeding 125 spliced made use either of "single-change" or "irregular" methods.

May I point out that on May 26, 1961, a peal on handbells in 130 methods was rung by Howard Scott 1-2, Wilfrid F. Moreton (cond.) 3-4 and W. Eric Critchley 5-6. All the methods were "regular" and there were no "single-change" methods.

Mr. Moreton pointed out at the time that under these conditions it was not possible to exceed 130. This, so far as I am aware, is still true.

Two of the 720s were by A. G. Driver, one by C. K. Lewis, another was the Lewis/Chant mentioned by Cyril A. Wratten and I was responsible for the other three.

Although the number of methods since that time has increased I do not think there have been any new developments in the technique of Spliced Minor composition.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield.

RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be able to help. The booklet *Ringing in Hertfordshire* is being brought up to date. Most ringing towers have returned my questionnaire with a fund of information, but I need more.

Where are the up-and-coming lively youngsters and middle-aged youngsters smitten with the bug to ring, who are fighting to get their first quarter peals or peals? And where are the present-day handbell ringers who strive in their lunch hours to master a plain course or who sit silently thumbing it on trains and buses?

You must be somewhere. It will give heart to others to hear about you. Write and tell me who you are, which is your tower, how many other towers you visit for practices, what handbell group you belong to and, altogether, how you contribute to ringing in Hertfordshire.

Postal expenses are high, so please accept thanks now for any effort you may make. It will be carefully sifted and used in the book.—Yours faithfully,

L. G. GOODMAN (Mrs.).

The Bury, Brent Pelham,
Buntingford, Herts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band in Cheshire who until recently held the record for the number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells, I would like to offer congratulations to the Hertfordshire band on achieving a new record of 14 methods.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

From Mr. A. Colin Banton:—

The peal of Bob Minor rung on Easter morning by members of the Huntingdon Guild in York is of particular interest. It was rung at the Arts Centre, which was, until recently, the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies and before that the Church of St. John, Ousebridge. Only two previous peals on the bells are recorded, the last in 1959, and both of these being Bob Minor. The tower became unsafe about five years ago when, as a result of redevelopment, property surrounding the tower was removed. Now that redevelopment has taken place the tower has been shored-up with concrete buttresses and ringing can again take place. In the meantime, however, the former church has ceased to be used for the architectural studies and has been taken over by a city trust for use as an arts centre. The part of the building which comprises the tower is normally used as part of a bar, and it is thought that this peal must surely be the first tower bell peal ever to be rung in licensed premises. The bells are very noisy inside and date from the 14th century but nevertheless go quite well, though several of them are particularly odd-struck. A good peal was, however, rung on these bells on Easter Monday.

Also noteworthy was the quarter of Minor in hand. It has been customary to attempt a handbell peal on Holy Saturday, and a number of Doubles peals have been rung in the past. This year it was decided to ring Minor, but after a late start and everyone not being in practice it was agreed to be satisfied with a quarter. The Good Friday peal is an "institution" at Huntingdon and is always rung muffled after the three-hour service. A good peal was again scored.

The Story of the Thousand Pealers

On Sunday, March 22, 1970, at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, Bernard F. L. Groves and Robert B. Smith rang their 1,000th peal and thus became the two youngest ringers ever to achieve this total. Bernard is 26 years and 11 months and Bob is 32 years and 2 months old. It is also the shortest time in which any ringer has scored his first thousand peals, but George Fearn rang his second thousand in less time.

They are both natives of the village of Marple in Cheshire, where they were taught to ring by the writer on the old, not-too-easy-going six bells. Bernard came along in the late summer of 1954 whilst Bob started in January, 1955. A group of very enthusiastic youngsters, all members of other Church organisations, started at the same time and rapid progress was made to establish change-ringing in the tower. Their first peal was arranged by Brian Woodruffe on October 6, 1956, at Burbage, Buxton. The methods were Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, conducted by William A. Smith, the other members of the band being Alan McFall, from Marple, and Mrs. Gladys Richardson, from Buxton. Following this a whole series of peals in Minor methods was arranged by B. Woodruffe with most of the ringers from the new Marple band, the highlights of this series being a peal in 73 methods in July, 1958, and the first of what was to be many long lengths, 10,000 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Fairfield in December, 1957. The average age of that band was exactly 17 years. Bob scored his first peal as a conductor—Plain Bob Major—in May, 1957, and Bernard followed with a peal in nine Minor methods in October.

During 1957 they took part in Brian Harris's peal weeks, the aim of which was to encourage ringers on to Surprise Major ringing, and both pay tribute to him for advancing them into this field. Later they attended practices regularly at Norbury, where "The Cheshire Band," under the late John Worth, expected a very high standard from all newcomers. They were quickly accepted into the band and accompanied it on peal ringing tours in many parts of the British Isles. They took part in four peals of Surprise in one day—London Royal at Wells, the first peal ever of Londinium Maximus, the first peal of Cambridge S. Maximus at Buckfast and the first peal of London Royal in Scotland, at Glasgow, with this band.

PARTED COMPANY

In September, 1959, they parted company for the first time when Bob went to Loughborough University of Technology, where he studied mechanical and production engineering. He quickly found a place in Brian Warwick's band, who were then ringing peals of Surprise Royal regularly at the Bell Foundry and elsewhere, but he still managed to maintain close contact with the Cheshire band. Just before Christmas of that year Bernard was involved in a road accident with his rather famous bicycle and was bedridden for many weeks—however, he was not to give up ringing that easily and rang a peal of Minor on handbells whilst laying flat on a board! In 1960 Bernard and his family moved to Maidstone, Kent, where his talents and infectious enthusiasm were quickly recognised, and he began to conduct several peals and built up a good band on tower bells and later with handbells.

The year 1961 ended with Bob as the leading peal ringer with 137 peals, and Bernard took over the title with 108 peals in 1962.

Although now separated geographically, they kept in close touch and rang in many peals together, including the exciting build-up towards achieving the extent on eight bells. Alas, after 32,704 was reached in July, 1961, Bob had to make a very hard decision to ask Bernard to drop out of the final and successful peal of 40.320 Bob Major at the Bell Foundry in July, 1963. Following his accident Bernard suffered from stomach pains for some while, and credit must be given to Bob for making the decision and to Bernard for accepting it.

Bob conducted this extent, the first ever rung by one set of ringers, and thus has his name in the Guinness Book of Records.

During his last three years at Loughborough Bob enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth at Leicester, and it was not long before some exceptional handbell peals were being rung there, including the first peals on handbells of York, Yorkshire, New Cambridge and New Durham Maximus. Whilst these peals were in progress a "baby sitter" was often in attendance and her charms were not unnoticed by Bob, and many ringers were present to see Bob and May married at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, on August 24, 1963. Rumours as to the end of his peal ringing career proved quite false and May, no doubt well trained by the Staniforths, quickly became accustomed to having a house full of ringers. They are now the parents of two charming children.

RELIABLE CONDUCTOR

During his stay in Maidstone Bernard established himself as a very reliable conductor and his list of special performances is quite long, including Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman, Holt's Original Grandshire, Pitman's all the work peals from four to nine methods, Richard Crosland's 6- and 8-Spliced peals with all the work, a peal of 4-Spliced with all the work with an all-Kent band with an average age of 17½ years in 1965. He followed these with Crosland's 10-Spliced and the first peal to be rung with half lead Spliced Major, at Frindsbury in 1967, and a further one in the same tower with no bobs or singles. He then built up a good handbell band and scored peals of Plain Bob Fourteen and Stedman Cinques. On July 23, 1966, a further gathering of the clans witnessed his marriage to Valerie, and again many of us wondered if his peal ringing would drop. Like May Smith, Valerie seemed to get quickly into the idea of entertaining ringers and to handbell peals taking precedence over TV programmes. Other interesting peals he took part in include the peal of Churchill S. Major at Westerham for the late Sir Winston's 90th birthday, a peal of Yorkshire at Selling in which all of the band had rung peals in 100 different towers in Kent, and he conducted the first peal of Surprise Maximus by a resident Kent Association band at Quex Park.

On completion of his university course Bob returned to Marple where he worked in industry for a few years and then took up teaching at technical colleges in Manchester and Stockport. He continued ringing with the Cheshire band and rang in very many long lengths which are listed at the end of this article. In addition he rang the tenor at York Minster to the first peal of S. Maximus on the bells and the 11th at Liverpool Cathedral to the first peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus on the bells on February 18, 1967. This was the last peal John Worth rang in, and there is little doubt that he played a very large part in developing both Bob and Bernard to their present high standard. After John's death Bob took over the task of arranging peals, etc., for the band and it continued to flourish, particularly in the field of Spliced Surprise Maximus. They both took part in the peal of 40-Spliced Surprise Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral, which must surely rate as a major performance, and in ringing peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in one day on handbells at Leicester. Both have rung two peals of Surprise "non-stop" and also seven peals of Surprise in one day. Bob has also perfected the art of being able to ring two tower bells and has rung two

bells to peals of Bob Major, Bob Royal and Cambridge S. Major. I am informed, and am sure that Bernard has checked, that he has only counted these efforts as one in his peal total.

In early 1968 Bernard moved back to Marple on obtaining a post with an insurance company in Manchester. The handbell band at Marple was now firmly established and practising regularly; their efforts in the field of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells and the friendly rivalry between them and the Bushy band are of such recent history that it would be pointless to repeat them. Sufficient to say that they rang in peals of 12 S. Maximus on handbells and 75-Spliced Surprise Maximus on the bells of Manchester Town Hall in November last.

When all looked well for further records by the pair of them Bernard was promoted in his work and posted to Reading in November last. Since that time he has continued handbell ringing in Frank Price's band and took part in a peal of 17-Spliced S. Major at Hawkey, Hants, rung silent and non-conducted.

Bob is also to leave Marple. He has been appointed head of the Mechanical and Production Engineering Department at the Loughborough Technical College and will be joining the Leicester Cathedral band.

Whilst the majority of this article has been concerned with peal ringing, it would be right and proper to give them full credit for always being most regular Sunday service ringers and having taken an active part in the life and services of their churches. They have always been keen and willing to encourage those not so skilled in the art and take an equal interest in Doubles with a band of learners as they do with an expert Surprise band. Many ringers have been helped through their first peals by them; whilst I have not got Bernard's exact figure, Bob has rung peals with 57 first pealers. Bob is also very well known to readers of *The Ringing World* for his series on "The Mastery of Plain Bob" and the current series "Conducting Standard Methods." He was appointed a member of the Central Council last year. Both have been very active in support of their Association.

When it became reasonably certain that they would reach their 1,000 at the same time, arrangements were made for the peal to be rung on March 22, and they decided to ask representatives from the various bands that had helped them on their way to be included. The writer was extremely honoured, and definitely overawed, to be asked to conduct this peal and the method was chosen to be within his capabilities. It is to be sincerely hoped that no one will be offended by not being in the band on the 22nd as it was a most difficult task to pick 12 out of so many. Both Bob and Bernard would like to express their thanks to all who have assisted them in reaching this total—after all, ringing is team work. Particular thanks to the Marple ringers, Brian Woodruffe, Brian Harris, the Cheshire band and the late John Worth. Bernard would also like to thank Martin Howe and his friends in Kent, and Bob the Staniforths and other Leicester ringers. Knowing both as I do I am sure they appreciate too the help received from their mothers and wives.

B. F. L. Groves and R. B. Smith rang in the following long lengths:—

- 6,048 Plain Bob Major (handbells).
- 6,720 Double Norwich Major.
- 8,064 Superlative S. Major.
- 9,568 10-Spliced S. Major.
- 10,000 Double Norwich Major.
- 11,552 Superlative S. Major.
- 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus.
- 13,440 6-Spliced S. Major.
- 15,160 Oxford T.B. Royal (handbells).
- 16,920 Yorkshire S. Royal.
- 18,928 Plain Bob Major.
- 21,600 60-Spliced T.B. Minor.
- 32,704 Plain Bob Major.

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Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 21, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, P. Butler 5, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 6. Also on March 29, 1320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spiced S. Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Louise Powell 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For children's service. Also 1320 London S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell (50th quarter) 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Rodgers 4, I. Wiltshire 5, A. M. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On March 10, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, M. Till 2, J. Hill 3, P. Corderoy 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Holbrook 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Good Friday, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, N. R. White 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First Surprise inside 3, 5. First Surprise by Sunday service band.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On April 2, 1264 Plain Bob Major: R. Smith 1, Mrs. Molly Barron 2, Mrs. Joy Pluckrose 3, J. Evans 4, R. Aldington 5, C. A. Barron 6, M. King (150th quarter) 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. By former members of St. John's College, York (1, 3, 5, 7, 8), for Easter reunion.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Jan. 23, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pike (first Minor) 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, L. T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (six m/v spliced): F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, L. T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, W. Tucker 6. For Evensong. Also on March 6, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, W. J. Berry 6. First in method 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. Also on March 8, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: F. Pike 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, L. T. Hancock (first in method) 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. Tucker 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on Easter Day, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v spliced): R. C. Hancock 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Easter Day, 1263 Stedman Caters: W. F. Oakshott 1, P. W. Cave 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, Emma Deal 4, F. Reynolds 5, P. J. Spice 6, R. B. Walton 7, S. A. Nicholls 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. Hollis 10. For Evensong.

BELTON, Lincs.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine Pearson 1, Judith Arrand 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, S. A. Selby 6. For Evensong.

BENSON, OXON.—On March 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Woodward 1, V. Fox 2, F. Absalom 3, F. Godden 4, J. Godman 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. For Confirmation.

BILTON, WARKS.—On Good Friday, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. Bulteel (first quarter) 1, W. E. Burnell 2, L. A. Whewall 3, M. D. Fiander (cond.) 4, D. G. Welch 5, A. M. Bulteel 6. Half-muffled for service before Stainer's "Crucifixion."

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire: I. Andrews 1, J. R. Hartung 2, D. B. Ellery 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6. For Evensong.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Anne Simkins 2, Jennifer Syder 3, Kathleen Downs 4, Josephine Quilter 5, C. J. Barker 6, M. Downs 7, P. G. Brown 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. Evans 4, D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, B. Thurman 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Everett 1, B. Reeves (first inside) 2, Miss H. Gilbert 3, R. Groves 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 25, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. H. M. Collins 1, J. K. Rogers 2, E. C. Garrett 3, K. E. Ramsbotham 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to J. K. Rogers.

BURTON, HANTS.—On March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Maureen Tipper (first Minor) 1, Ann Roberts (first Minor) 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper (first Minor as cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmonds 1, G. R. Harrison (first quarter) 2, W. Noon 3, G. S. Hall 4, J. Evans (cond.) 5.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On March 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, W. R. Curtis 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—At 43 North Street, on March 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1-2, G. W. Elmes 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Benson 1, Lesley Watkins 2, P. Smith 3, A. Cairns (cond.) 4, J. Backer 5, E. Roughley 6, C. Bell 7, W. Cook 8. A wedding compliment for Dorothy Johnstone and Clive Foden, ringers at St. Mary's, Cheadle.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOM.—On March 19, 1260 Doubles (four methods): F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Bob Doubles: Gillian Stapleton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 2, P. Knight 3, P. J. Davy 4, F. H. Walters 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1260 Mixed Doubles (15 methods): Miss M. L. Cooper 1, T. J. Welland (cond.) 2, P. Payne 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne 5, J. Marshall 6.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Dawn V. Little 1, P. Wilkinson (first inside) 2, E. Harmsworth 3, R. G. Hazell 4, Mrs. R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Feb. 27, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, F. Casley 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, H. V. Young 6.

CLAVERTLEY, SALOP.—On March 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, E. Drew 2, G. Goodson 3, C. Jones 4, H. Thomas 5, F. Hinton 6, V. Pardon (cond.) 7, F. Bennett 8. Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Rollason, who are leaving Clavertley to live in the Cotswolds.

CROTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On March 12, 1296 Pl. Bob Minimus: H. J. Atkinson 1, R. S. Bridge (first inside) 2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3, R. A. Gillies 4.

DESFORD, LEICS.—On March 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmonds 1, L. Halling 2, G. R. Harrison 3, G. L. Pickering 4, J. Evans (cond.) 5, F. Watson 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. A. Roach (27th) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Roach (2nd).

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On March 15, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: A. Jackson 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. A. Smith 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Also on Easter Day, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Amette E. Bradbury 1, Sheila Bruce 2, A. W. Jackson 3, H. Wagstaff 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, J. R. Whitham 6, E. J. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Potter (first Triples) 1, Helen Hubert 2, P. W. Brown 3, D. A. McEndoo (first Triples cond.) 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, C. J. Reede 6, M. R. Owen (first Triples inside) 7, W. D. Saarsteiner 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Saarsteiner, St. Patrick's Society.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. P. Smedley (aged 12, first attempt) 1, L. D. Smith (cond.) 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6.

FITZHEAD, SOM.—On Jan. 30, 1260 Doubles (three meth., two spliced): R. A. C. Cross 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, A. W. Knight 3, L. T. Hancock 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. J. Berry 6.

HALE, LANCS.—On March 30, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Hitchmough (aged 11) 1, J. C. English 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. Hedgecock 4, D. G. V. Ellison 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On April 2, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Collins 1, D. Vowles 2, A. B. Rogerson 3, M. Sutton 4, S. E. Mitchener 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6.

HAREPENDEN, HERTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Lunn (first Triples) 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, E. Broom 5, F. Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn 8. Also on Feb. 15, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: D. Painter 1, Mary Lambert 2, Diana Parrot (first Major) 3, A. Day 4, J. R. Norris 5, F. Jacklin 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 3, A. E. Ling 4, B. Horrell 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memorial Tom Barnard, tower captain. Also on March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Whitfield (first quarter) 1, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, G. Barnard 4, B. Horrell 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. To welcome Michael, a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whitfield.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On March 21, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Fox 6, K. Waller 7, K. Tipper (first Major as cond.) 8. A farewell to David Fox, leaving the Alton and Petersfield District.

HAYES, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Frankland 1, Jane Reynolds 2, M. H. D. O'Callaghan 3, D. R. Fuller 4, D. P. Smith 5, C. J. Mundy (cond.) 6.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hope 1, Gail P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman (cond.) 4, R. R. Horton 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Evensong.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Upton (first quarter) 1, R. C. Upton 2, J. King 3, D. Clarke 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. Monk 6.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On March 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremee 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, I. H. Trueman 4, C. J. Butler 5, R. S. Parratt 6, D. R. Fallick (cond.) 7, M. K. Waldron 8. A farewell to Commander Wardle, retiring chairman of Winchester District, leaving the area.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 22, 1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Lambert 1, J. N. Lambert 2, D. Kircaldy 3, J. Kircaldy 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Palm Sunday.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, A. Locke 4, Claudia A. Critchley 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, M. J. Seagrave 6. For Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid (first G. Triples inside) 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, N. M. Gower 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. E. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. N. Wright 4, C. Hagger 5, C. Meakes (cond.) 6.

LEIRE, LEICS.—1260 Doubles (11 m/v): C. M. Povey 1, N. Orchard 2, J. Edgson 3, M. Fiander 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, K. Rigby 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 21, 1440 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. M. S. Botting 1, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 2, B. O. Spragg 3, A. K. Fortin 4, Louise A. M. Evans 5, G. M. Botting 6. First quarter 1, 6. Also on March 30, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: N. Whitlock 1, B. Edwards 2, B. O. Spragg 3, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Diana Presdee, local ringer, married here this day.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 2, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, H. Miles 3, F. M. Bowers 4, R. W. Curtis 5, J. J. George 6.

LLANGOLEN, DENBIGH.—On April 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mark Rees 1, A. Bailey (cond.) 2, Ceris Williams 3, Merion Rees 4, J. Blaze 5, J. Maxwell 6. First quarter for all except conductor; average age 14 years. A compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Rees, parents of Mark and Merion.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Easter Day, 1263 Stedman Caters: Elsie K. Hart 1, Dianne Gazeley (first Stedman Caters) 2, Dorotea M. Robotham 3, Joan Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, W. G. Knight (first Stedman Caters) 7, B. C. Watson 8, T. J. Lock (cond.) 9, B. Livings (first on ten bells) 10. For Evensong.

LONG ASHTON, SOM.—On March 22, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Heather Kippin 1, Hilary N. Kippin 2, R. G. Edwards 3, Diana Bridle 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, D. G. Yeo 6, P. Bridle 7, R. C. Kippin 8. For Evensong.

LYNG, SOM.—On Feb. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, R. C. Hancock 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, G. H. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles (two methods): A. Buck 1, H. Page 2, R. Jones (cond., 250th quarter on bells) 3, A. Gammon 4, L. Porter 5.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Virginia Ede (first quarter) 1, Yvonne B. Lewin 2, Hazel J. Glue 3, Pamela A. Warren (cond.) 4, R. A. K. Glue 5, F. Lewin 6. For Evensong.

MILNTHORPE, WESTMORLAND.—On March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. H. Bruerton 1, Patricia James 2, W. S. Walker 3, W. Bolton 4, A. Capstick 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 66 years a ringer at Giggleswick-in-Craven.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Mar. 1, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Sandford 1, Glenda Crane 2, E. C. Stuart 3, R. J. Thompson (first in method) 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Easter Day, 1260 New Grandsire Doubles: K. Rigby 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby. For Family Communion. First in the method for all.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hope 1, Gail P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, R. H. Sharp 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On March 1, 1440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain B.): S. Sandford 1, Glenda Crane 2, T. V. Barnard 3, R. M. Thompson 4, E. C. Stuart 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On March 12, 1260 Doubles (P. Bob, Grandsire): P. L. Bunn 1, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, R. J. M. Bavin (cond.) 5.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Sansom 1, Carol Stacey 2, M. Harbord 3, Sally Stacey 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Fox 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On March 31, at the Cathedral, 1296 Erin Caters: A. A. J. Buswell 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6, W. F. J. Gope 7, H. L. Hatfield 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. Hoodless 10. First Erin Caters by all except 8 and 9.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Barton 1, E. Fosberry 2, D. Barton (cond.) 3, A. V. Corden 4, H. W. Franklin 5, M. R. Etherington 6, W. L. Weller 7, R. Heasman 8. For Parish Communion.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 21, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Rayfield 1, Mrs. R. Bushell 2, W. Wood 3, R. Bushell 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. Jemmett 6. First K.T.B. Minor for 2 and 4.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, D. Wilson 4, D. G. Andrews 5, A. Johnson 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1263 Stedman Caters: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hattwell 4, N. Donovan 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, K. Harper 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, M. S. Turner 10.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On March 29, 1272 Minimus (three methods): Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

ST. MINVER, CORNWALL.—On March 31, 1440 Doubles (12 variations): T. R. Hart 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, J. Copping 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on March 22, 1439 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. E. Stevens 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Beech 3, Miss P. Stocken 4, C. Collins 5, G. Bacon 6, P. J. Evans 7, F. Leech 8, I. Friend 9, F. Beech 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, R. H. Newton 12. First on 12 for 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mead 1, F. L. Andrews 2, R. Raymond (first inside) 3, W. J. Tiley 4, K. L. Laver (cond.) 5, E. Snook 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 15, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: M. T. Sprackling 1, Deborah Bishop 2, K. J. Rider 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark," and as a tribute to Tom and Margaret Francis.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. L. Webb (first T.B.) 1, Miss P. J. Webb (first T.B.) 2, Mrs. L. M. Foot 3, Mrs. I. R. D. Webb 4, S. F. Webb 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Feb. 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. T. Hancock 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. J. Somerfield 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Maundy Thursday, 1320 York Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, P. Robertson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. Rung half-muffled.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on March 8, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Jean F. West 1, Deborah Bishop 2, J. A. Humphrey (first in method) 3, S. Hopkins 4, E. J. Adams 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles: Sharon Titcombe 1, K. G. Price 2, A. B. Rogerson 3, T. Collins (cond.) 4, S. E. Mitchener 5. A farewell to Fr. Knights. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Collins 1, Sharon Titcombe 2, K. Price (cond.) 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. Hooper 6. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hooper 1, Miss V. Ballard 2, T. Collins 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 4, 5. Also on March 16, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. E. Mitchener 1, Sharon Titcombe 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, — 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, M. Greenfield 6.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. M. Thorley 1-2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3-4, C. J. Groome (first Minor in hand) 5-6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Butler 1, H. Lawrenson 2, R. Christopher 3, G. Bolland (first inside) 4, R. Rex (cond.) 5, C. Tilling 6, W. Butler 7, A. Christopher 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On March 20, 1264 Bob Major: O. Claxton 1, J. Moule 2, A. Cook 3, N. Watson 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Pease 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Ernie Watson, father of 4th, of the old St. Peter's ringers.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On April 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss J. E. Bell 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, C. J. Bell 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. In thanksgiving for the birth of Ruth Catherine, daughter of the conductor and Christine Mould.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Armeson 1, Marie Hattwell 2, Jennifer M. Indge 3, N. Donovan 4, F. Brunt 5, D. Nichols (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Banister Sleight, many years local organist and choirmaster.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): H. L. Wykes 1, C. D. Glenton 2, P. F. Pawley 3, I. Glenton 4, L. Greenhow 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Williams 1, Ann Hill 2, Iris Milton 3, F. Lawrence 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First Minor 1, 2. In memoriam Charles Haylings, of Ripple.

TWICKENHAM, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Palm Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane H. Palmer 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Sybil Aldridge 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. W. Bevington 5, J. M. Lovell 6, E. A. Morris 7, D. G. Lovell 8.

ULCEBY, Lincs.—1364 Minimus (5 and 6 cover; Pl., Rev. and Double Bob): G. Houson 1, W. M. Walker 2, S. C. Hopkins 3, R. A. Gillies (first as cond.) 4, B. Ailsby 5, M. Harvey 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. First quarter by a local band.

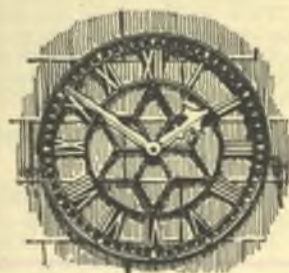
WAREHAM, DORSET.—On March 15, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1-2, G. W. Elmes 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6. Also by same band, on March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 2, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: Jenny Pearce (first quarter) 1, C. North-east 2, Julia Collinge 3, M. A. Gay 4, C. Mundy 5, S. Gay (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On March 15, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Redman 1, F. Bailey 2, R. Harpole 3, A. Gilbert 4, W. H. Harford (cond.) 5, W. H. Dare 6.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Minor (Plain, Single Oxford): Hilary Hall 1, Mrs. S. Chafer 2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3, R. Chafer 4, H. Hall 5, R. Hippisley 6. For united service for unity. Also on March 22, 1280 Minor (four methods): Hilary Hall 1, Mrs. S. Chafer 2, R. Chafer 3, P. Saunders 4, R. Hippisley 5, J. G. Hall (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also at Wicken on April 1, 1272 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Saunders 1-2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3-4, R. Hall 5-6. First in hand by all.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 50th of Minimus) 4. Rung for the Accession of Elizabeth II. Also on Feb. 8, 1368 Minimus (60 m/v): Lynne Hoskins 1, H. G. Wells (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. 50th quarter on the bells. Also on Feb. 22, 1344 Minimus (57 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Rung in thanks for the life of Amanda Bray (aged 12), ringer at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln. Also on March 8, 1344 Minimus (57 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (50th on the bells) 4.



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WESTMINSTER, London, St. Clement Danes.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (22½ cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERES

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

- 1 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)
- 2 Robert E. Hardy
- 3 Christopher Forster
- 4 John R. Ketteringham
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Geoffrey Bridges
- 8 Roy D. Mills
- 9 Alan R. Patterson
- 10 Andrew W. R. Wilby

HEREFORD, Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERES

Composed by John Carter.

- 1 Leslie Evans
- 2 David P. Hilling
- 3 Austin T. Wingate
- 4 Frederick R. Harris
- 5 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 6 Richard J. Bowden
- 7 John C. Eisel
- 8 James R. Taylor
- *9 Michael P. Moreton
- 10 D. John Hunt

*500th peal.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE, St. Mary the Great.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (27 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity).

- *1 C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)
- 2 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 3 R. S. Bradley (Clare)
- 4 J. R. Hough (Jesus)
- 5 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
- 8 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)
- 9 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)
- 10 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)
- 11 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 12 D. Barton (Selwyn)

*100th tower bell peal with the guild.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1 Basil Jones
- 2 Neil Bennett
- *3 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 4 Edward Jenkins
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7 Gerald Moorhouse
- 8 Trevor A. Cross
- †9 M. Jack Pryor (Conductor)
- *10 Robert B. Smith
- 11 Martin L. Howe
- 12 Brian Harris

*1,000th peal. †First on 12 bells. Ringers of 3 and 10 also rang their first peal together on October 6, 1956.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 42mins. (11½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Gordon K. Green
- 2 Valerie Jamson
- 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- *4 Frank R. Morton
- 5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6 Harry W. Howard (Conductor)

*Has circled tower three times.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland, St. John the Evangelist.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. (21½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by B. Annable.

- *1 Vera C. Bell
- 2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 3 Nicholas M. Newby
- 4 Stanley Walmsley
- †5 Geoffrey Tembey
- 6 Stanley Richardson
- 7 Alan Capstick
- *8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First in method. †First in method inside.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, Westmorland, St. Stephen.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (15½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Stanley Richardson
- *2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- †3 Douglas Sim
- 4 Joseph Whalley
- †5 David G. Kealey
- 6 Geoffrey Tembey
- 7 Alan Capstick
- 8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*100th peal. †First inside. ‡First of Major inside. First on the bells since 1933.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire, St. Wilfrid of York.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (9½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. E. Freebrey.

- 1 John V. Chadwick
- 2 Nora Carlisle
- 3 Joyce Chadwick
- 4 Alec Humphrey
- 5 George Futers
- 6 Edmund Shuttleworth
- 7 Denis R. Carlisle
- 8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles.

Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 25mins. (9 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clements College Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan E. Davis
- 2 Timothy Wylie
- 3 John R. Ketteringham
- *4 Andrew R. Queen
- †5 Arthur F. Hall
- 6 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. †Most Minor methods to a peal. A compliment to Maureen Carruthers and Laurence Hanney on their marriage.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WORMINGFORD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (6 methods: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B.).

- 1 John C. Walters
- 2 Walter Arnold
- 3 Walter A. Perry
- 4 John P. Loveless
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 Adrian G. Semken

To celebrate the wedding of Paul Thompson to Lesley Ward.

ASHDON, Essex, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. Lockwood.

- 1 Frank Harper
- 2 Jean Sanderson
- 3 Marion Kemp
- 4 Barry J. Couzens
- 5 Christopher W. Ottaway
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 D. William Newman
- 8 John G. Gipson

First peal on the bells.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (22½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Robert J. Lindsell (Conductor)
- 2 Anne Simkins
- *3 Susan Burdon
- 4 Josephine A. Brown
- †5 Colin H. Gillingham
- 6 Maurice E. Downs
- 7 Roy Threadgold
- 8 Peter G. Brown

*First of Major. †First of Major inside.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LECKHAMPTON, Glos, SS. Peter & Paul.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- *1 Bernard Taylor (14)
- *2 Helen Taylor
- †3 Alan Ewins
- *4 Clare Taylor (15)
- *5 Hilda Taylor (18)
- 6 Hugh Read
- 7 Eric Taylor (Conductor)
- 8 Albert Newman

*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor. A thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord, and to mark the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Christopher Hewetson in this church on March 8, 1970.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)

5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; 608 London; 576 Lincolnshire; with 119 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

- 1 Anita D. O'Brien
- 2 Maurice A. New
- 3 Brian Bladon
- *4 W. Bertram Kynaston
- *5 Peter J. Heritage
- 6 Lewis F. Cobb
- 7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)
- 8 Anthony R. Peake

*First of 8-spliced. A compliment to Mr. W. B. Kynaston on completing 50 years as a ringer.

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11 cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Woolley.

- 1 Philip M. J. Gray (Conductor)
- *2 Rosemary C. Myers
- *3 Alison M. Brown
- *4 Rosemary M. Snawdon
- 5 Bruce Martin
- 6 John W. Collard
- 7 Anthony J. Cox
- 8 Peter C. Randall

*First of Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (7½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Donald N. Jennings
- *2 Alan D. Elsmore
- 3 Beryl R. Simpson
- 4 Stanley G. Ponting
- 5 Rowan S. Bradley
- 6 W. John Couperthwaite
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Tom Page

*First in the method. For the wedding of Kenneth Cooper and Vera Clarke.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BROMYARD, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (14½ cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Traditional variation of Craven's.)

- 1 Michael V. Hatcher
- 2 Frederick R. Harris
- *3 Robert A. Hatcher
- 4 Austin T. Wingate
- 5 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 6 Norman Mattingley
- 7 John C. Eisel (Conductor)
- 8 David Beacham

*First of Surprise Major. 21st birthday compliment to M. C. W. Sherwood.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BALDOCK, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (26½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Elizabeth Forster
- 3 Joyce M. Clarke
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 Christopher Forster
- 6 Frederick W. Ellis
- 7 George E. Bonham
- 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16½ cwt.)

5056 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Isabel M. Pearce
- 2 Lucile M. Corby
- *3 Richard V. Fuller
- *4 Peter R. Butler
- *5 Phillip A. Butler
- 6 Doris E. Colgate
- 7 Andrew J. Corby
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

*First in the method. A farewell to Canon E. M. T. McLellan, rector from December 1, 1954, to March 31, 1970.

LEEDS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (17½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1 Simon A. B. Wigg
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- *3 Rhian N. Bagshaw
- †4 John L. Anderson
- 5 Rev. Peter T. Robbins
- 6 George F. Cantrill
- 7 Richard Hayes
- 8 Thomas Cullingworth
- 9 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)
- 10 Peter M. J. Bradford

*First ten-bell peal. †First Stedman Caters.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent, St. Luke.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Groves' variation.)

- 1 Charlotte M. Harris
- 2 Jane Reynolds
- 3 Keith G. Game
- 4 Percy J. Spice
- 5 Richard Hayes
- 6 D. Paul Smith
- 7 John Pladdys (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey D. Armitage

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex,

Holy Trinity.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12

methods: 576 Ashted, Lincolnshire; 448 Bristol; 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Valerie J. Howard
- *2 Judith M. Corby
- *3 John A. Howard
- 4 Philip A. Corby
- *5 John Pladdys
- *6 Trevor A. Cross
- 7 David Featherstone
- *8 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

*First 12-spliced.

SIDCUP, Kent, St. John the Evangelist.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 David J. Ketley
- †2 Christopher S. Sims
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Richard Hayes
- 5 D. Paul Smith
- 6 Tony Lewis (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside. With the best wishes of the band to Canon and Mrs. Dennis Oldaker, leaving Sidcup for the living of Seale, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SILVERDALE, Lancashire, St. John.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2 hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Robin S. Bridge
- 2 Amy M. Warnes
- 3 Alan Capstick
- 4 Kenneth J. Foster
- 5 Robert A. Gillies
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B., 1 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

- *1 Douglas Sim
- 2 W. Stephen Walker
- 3 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 4 A. William Pallister
- †5 David G. Kealey
- †6 Colin F. Gates

*First of Minor. †First inside. †First in three methods.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire, St. Peter.

Mon., Mar. 9, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18½ cwt.)

5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.)

- 1 David W. Howarth
- *2 Margaret L. Ellwood
- *3 Linda M. Deebank
- *4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 5 Derek A. Ashton
- 6 Basil Jones
- 7 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
- 8 Paul D. Smith

*First in the method.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland,

St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (12 extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 8 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire and 6 240s of Grandsire).

- *1 Robin S. Bridge
- 2 Mary W. Whalley
- 3 Joseph Whalley
- 4 Alan Capstick
- 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 6 Robert A. Gillies

*First in three methods.

BIRCH IN-RUSHOLME, Lancashire, St. James.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (13 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 William H. Riddle
- 2 Paul Boucher
- 3 Peter Dyson
- 4 I. E. Margaret Manby
- *5 Alan Ward (Conductor)
- 6 Malcolm Murphy
- 7 Roland F. Eccles
- 8 Peter Watson

*Has circled tower. 21st birthday compliment to Paul Boucher and Margaret Manby. A sponsored peal to raise funds towards repair of church roof.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.

St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (25 cwt.)

5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Christine Andrew
- 2 James E. Andrews
- 3 J. Barry Pickup
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 Basil Jones (Conductor)
- 6 Ian M. Holland
- 7 Jeffrey Brannan
- 8 David Howarth
- 9 Alan F. Scholfield
- 10 Richard S. Starkie
- 11 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 12 Neil Bennett

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, St. Mary de Castro.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3 hr. (15½ cwt.)

5023 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Composed by J. Wilde.

- 1 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
- *†2 Peter D. Bailey
- 3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- †4 William A. Thow
- 5 Ronald D. Hughes
- 6 B. Stedman Payne
- 7 Alec R. Jones
- 8 Clive J. Mobbs

*First of Major. †First in method. First of Grandsire Major by all and for the Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**WINTERTON, Lincs, All Saints.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each of Single Court, St. Clements, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Single Oxford, College, Plain Bob).

- *1 Hilary Hall
- 2 Ronald Chafer
- 3 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- †4 Peter Saunders
- 5 Roger Hippisley
- 6 Richard Hall

*First peal. †First in seven methods. A compliment to Marilyn and Richard Hall on the birth of their first child, Catherine.

BARDNEY, Lincs, St. Lawrence.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob).

- 1 Vivienne West (14)
- 2 Kathleen Fox (17)
- 3 Gillian Radley (18)
- 4 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Cond., 17)
- 5 David W. Bee (17)
- 6 Christopher J. Sharp (18)

A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION**BUCKLEY, Flintshire, St. Matthew.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (14½ cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. P. Heywood.

- 1 David N. Collins
- 2 Norah M. Randles
- 3 Rachel Collins
- 4 George E. Morrall
- 5 George H. Randles
- 6 Frederick Kelly
- 7 Dennis H. B. Millward
- 8 John W. Griffiths (Conductor)

Wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and third, married at this church on Easter Monday.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**BLOFIELD, Norfolk, SS Andrew & Peter.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Double Court, Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.).

- 1 Richard J. W. Housden
- 2 Norman P. J. Cossey
- 3 Rev. Peter N. Bond
- 4 Frederick C. Gunton
- 5 Robin H. Rogers
- 6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

To welcome the Rev. N. S. Dixon and his family to Blofield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**ABINGDON, Berkshire, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

- 1 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)
- *2 Corinne M. Dickson
- 3 Douglas C. Henderson
- 4 Paul J. Dye
- 5 Michael C. E. Hodge
- 6 David R. Baxter

*First peal. A wedding compliment to Hilary Dickson and Richard Poole.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**HASELBECH, Northants, St. Michael.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 54 min. (15 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by B. Annable.

- *1 J. Alan Ellis
- 2 Christopher N. Stephenson
- 3 Belinda M. Gilbert
- 4 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 5 Lionel Atton
- 6 Roger N. Scholes
- 7 Richard J. Chantler
- 8 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

*First on eight.

GREETHAM, Rutland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 William A. Taylor
- *2 Charles E. Taylor
- 3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- 4 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 5 Roger N. Scholes
- 6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

*First peal. A 15th birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire, St. James.**

Mon., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (24½ cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- *2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 5 Bernard G. North
- †6 David J. Orledge
- *7 Graham W. Elmes
- *8 Timothy F. Collins
- 9 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 10 R. Roger Savory
- 11 Ronald N. Marlow
- *12 Frederick E. Collins

*First of Surprise Maximus. †First of Maximus.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**BLANDFORD FORUM, Dorset, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (20 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 Susan M. Corry
- 2 D. Roy Bould
- 3 Stephen G. Peirce
- 4 Timothy G. Bleathman
- 5 Neil O. Skelton
- 6 Martin J. Corry
- 7 Alan N. Frost
- 8 John N. Longridge (C. and Cond.)

DURWESTON, Dorset, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

(14 methods: Carlisle and Northumberland, Alnwick and Newcastle, Munden and Chester, Cambridge and Ipswich, London and Wells, York and Durham, Surfleet and Beverley).

- *1 Ruth A. Blackwood
- *2 Mary E. Elmes
- *3 John W. Blackwood
- *4 Graham W. Elmes
- †5 Melvyn J. Hiller
- *6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. †Most Surprise methods to a peal.

MANSTON, Dorset, St. Nicholas.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

(42 extents, 15 callings.)

- 1 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Ross G. W. Robertson
- *4 Graham W. Elmes
- †5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*200th peal. †Has now completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Doubles by all. First of Stedman as conductor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs, Collegiate Church of St. Peter.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (33 cwt.)

5042 PRITTLEWELL S. MAXIMUS

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Heather A. Kippin
- 2 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
- 3 Janet House
- 4 Elizabeth Stevens
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Christopher H. Rogers
- 7 Richard C. Stevens
- 8 S. Clarke Walters
- 9 Michael P. Moreton
- 10 D. John Hunt
- 11 David E. House
- 12 Robert C. Kippin

Rung on the day prior to the departure of the vicar, Canon Cocks, on appointment as Bishop of Shrewsbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD**ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11½ cwt.)

5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Poyner.

- *1 Ruth K. Woodman
- 2 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- *4 Peter S. Bedford
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Adrian Knights
- 7 Vernon B. Bedford
- 8 Stephen J. Bedford

*First in method. A birthday compliment to Miss Imogen Holst, hon. member of the Suffolk Guild.

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- *1 Michael Peters
- 2 Trevor Hughes
- †3 Dana Josephson (U.S.A.)
- 4 Michael Baldry
- 5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)
- 6 Harry Archer

*First peal. †First attempt.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**BATTLE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (6 extents April Day, 16 Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire).

- 1 Ann Smith
- 2 Frederick J. Lambert
- *3 David J. Winchester
- 4 David R. Reed
- 5 Ian V. J. Smith (Conductor)
- 6 Ivor S. Holland

*First in three methods. A farewell to the Dean, Very Rev. F. H. Outram, leaving the parish after ten years.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, London, S.W., St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.)
5152 ACCRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
 (27-course block reduced.)

- 1 Christopher R. Harris
- 2 Josephine Patterson
- 3 Rev. Michael Hart
- 4 Julie S. Armstrong
- 5 Christopher F. Mew (Conductor)
- 6 Andrew D. Grant
- 7 Michael J. Bangham
- 8 Michael J. Uphill

First in the method.

A compliment to Rev. Michael Hart on his appointment as vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Accrington, and as a farewell to Julie Armstrong, leaving for Sydney, Australia.

ACCRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. TEATH, Cornwall, St. Tetha.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (6 methods: Cambridge, Plain Bob, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton and Kent).

- 1 Alan Carveth (Conductor)
- *2 Robert Peel Pearce
- 3 Cyril A. Wratten
- *4 F. Malcolm Bowers
- *5 Anthony Locke
- *6 Anthony J. Davidson

*Most Minor methods.

PROBUS, Cornwall, SS. Probus and Grace.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3 hr. 6min. (20 cwt.)
5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by R. G. Green.

- 1 Claudia A. Critchley
- 2 Robert Peel Pearce
- 3 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)
- 4 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 5 Canon A. S. Roberts
- 6 G. William Critchley
- 7 Alan Carveth
- 8 Anthony J. Davidson

PADSTOW, Cornwall, St. Petrock.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

- *1 T. Roy Hart
- 2 Claudia A. Critchley
- *3 Anthony P. Smith
- 4 G. William Critchley
- *†5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)
- *†6 Anthony J. Davidson

*Most Minor methods. †First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANDOVER, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3 hr. (15½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Ronald N. Marlow
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Graham W. Elmes
- 4 Ross G. W. Robertson
- *5 Leslie A. Page
- 6 Richard H. Youdale
- 7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 8 Frederick E. Collins

*First in the method. In memoriam Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warks, St. Peter.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
 (42 extents, 4 callings.)

- *1 Jennifer Rollins
- †2 Anthony C. Freeman
- 3 Christopher J. Pickford
- 4 Christopher Hims
- 5 Roger H. Hunt (Conductor)
- 6 Bernard H. Hunt

*First attempt. †First inside. First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Fri., Mar. 27, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (5½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob; Cambridge; Double Oxford, Plain Bob; Oxford T.B.; St. Clements, Plain Bob; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob).

- 1 Christopher J. Groome
- 2 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 3 Susan E. Banton
- 4 Christine Broadley
- 5 A. Colin Banton
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (5½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

- 1 Christine Broadley
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 4 John W. Thorp
- 5 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

Rung for Evensong on Easter Day.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire, St. John.

Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11½ cwt.)
5376 WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1 Margaret White
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Ian North
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 Ronald R. Warford
- 7 David Nicholls
- *8 Richard E. Price (C. and Conductor)

*50th of Surprise Major. First in method by all and for the Association.

YORK, The Arts' Centre.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents)

- 1 Susan E. Banton
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- *3 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 4 Christine Broadley
- 5 A. Colin Banton
- 6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

*25th peal.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- Composed by F. Bennett
- 1 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- 4 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 5 Peter N. Chambers
- *6 Susan E. Banton
- 7 Christopher J. Groome
- 8 Ronald R. Warford

*50th. peal.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (15 in C.)
5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Kent T.B., 2 Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).
 1-2 Robert B. Smith
 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
 5-6 Gerald Moorhouse.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.
 Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (16½ in B.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke
 3-4 Katherine S. Hardy
 †5-6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
 7-8 Robert E. Hardy
 9-10 Christopher W. Woolley
 *11-12 Elizabeth Forster
 *First of Maximus. †First of Plain Bob Maximus.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., Mar. 6, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.)

5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR

1-2 Joseph Whalley
 3-4 Mary W. Whalley
 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
 First in the method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincs, 22 Redcliffe Rd.

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 2 hr. (12 in E.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1-2 Peter A. Slight
 †3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
 *5-6 Brian Buttery
 *First in hand. †First as conductor and of Minor.

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (13.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, 3 callings.)
 1-2 Peter Saunders
 *3-4 Roger Hippisley
 5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor)
 *First in hand.

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (13.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, 3 callings.)
 1-2 Peter Saunders
 *3-4 Richard Hall
 5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor)
 *First in hand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, W., 16B Sutherland Place.
 Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 1hr. 48 min. (32 in G.)
5040 PLAIN MINOR (3 methods: 1 extent Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck, 6 Plain Bob (all different).
 1-2 John R. Ketteringham
 3-4 Maureen J. Carruthers
 5-6 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

THOUSAND PEALERS (continued)

✓B. F. L. Groves took part in:—

16,123 Superlative S. Major.

R. B. Smith took part in:—

7,251 Stedman Cinques

10,032 Plain Bob Maximus (handbells).

10,440 Cambridge S. Royal (handbells).

13,320 Plain Bob Royal (handbells).

15,699 Stedman Cinques.

15,904 Plain Bob Major (handbells)

16,368 Cambridge S. Maximus.

17,248 Yorkshire S. Major.

18,003 Cambridge S. Royal.

19,620 Plain Bob Royal (handbells).

20,160 Double Norwich Major.

40,320 Plain Bob Major.

The following is the list of peals for each.

B. F. L. GROVES**TOWER BELLS**

Doubles.—Grandsire 4 (conducted 3), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1, 4 methods 3, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 14 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (5), St. Clement's 1, Kent 2 (1), Oxford 4 (2), Beverley 1 (1), Cambridge 7 (2), London 4 (4), Norwich 2 (2), York 1, 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 6 (2), 4 methods 8 (5), 5 methods 5 (2), 6 methods 5 (2), 7 methods 26 (14), 8 methods 2 (2), 9 methods 2 (2), 10 methods 3 (2), 11 methods 2 (1), 12 methods 4 (2), 16 methods 1, 18 methods 1, 19 methods 1, 20 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 22 methods 1, 23 methods 1, 24 methods 1, 25 methods 1, 26 methods 2, 27 methods 1, 28 methods 1, 29 methods 1, 35 methods 1, 36 methods 1, 39 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 46 methods 1, 55 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 73 methods 1.

Triples.—Erin 1 (1), Stedman 19 (7), (not including silent peal) Grandsire 10 (2), Union 2.

Major.—Double Norwich C.B. 22 (9), Double Plain Bob 1 (1), Duffield 1 (1), Eryri 1 (1), Forward 1 (1), Little Bob 2 (1), Plain Bob 23 (4), St. Clement's 1, Kent T.B. 11 (6), Kent and Oxford T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 4 (2).

Surprise.—Aldenhams 3 (1), Ashted 1 (1), Belfast 1, Belgrave 5 (2), Berkshire 1, Biddenden 1, Bristol 52 (19), Cambridge 48 (18), Churchill 1, Cornwall 2 (1), Derby 1, Dorchester 1, Ealing 2, Fordcombe 1, Gainsborough 2 (1), Glasgow 2 (1), Hanbury 1, Hinton 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Ivinghoe 1, Jedburgh 1, Kent 1 (1), Lessness 1, Lincoln 1 (1), Lincolnshire 17 (6), Lindum 1 (1), London 70 (34), Monaghan 1, Nettleham 1 (1), New Cambridge 5 (2), Orwell 1 (1), Oxfordshire 1 (1), Painswick 1 (1), Peterborough 1, Pudsey 11 (5), Quinton 1 (1), Rochester 1, Rouherfield 1 (1), Rutland 11 (4), Southgate 1 (1), Southwell 1, Stockport 1, Superlative 21 (7), Truro 1, Turramurra 1 (1), Uxbridge 1 (1), Verulam 1 (1), Warwickshire 2 (1), Watford 3 (2), Wembley 1, Whitminster 1 (1), Xavier 1, Xenia 1 (1), Yorkshire 53 (14), Zelah 1.

Spliced Surprise.—2 methods 3 (2), 3 methods 4 (1), 4 methods 24 (8), 5 methods 4 (2), 6 methods 7 (2), 7 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 3 (2), 9 methods 2 (1), 10 methods 3 (1), 11 methods 3, 12 methods 6, 13 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 17 methods 1 (not including silent peal).

Half lead Spliced Surprise.—5 methods 2 (2).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (1), St. Clement's 1, Stedman 7 (3).

Royal.—Plain Bob 7 (1), Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B. 1.

Surprise Royal.—Belgrave 4 (1), Bristol 1, Cambridge 24 (9), Lincolnshire 3, London 19 (5), Oakham 1, Prittlewell 2 (1), Pudsey 1 (1), Rochester 1 (1), Rutland 4 (1), Swindon 1, Yorkshire 17 (4).

Spliced Surprise Royal.—3 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 7 (1)

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Aldenhams 1, Belgrave 2, Cambridge 47 (8), Lambeth 1, Lincolnshire 2 (1), Londinium 1, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 12 (3).

Spliced Surprise.—2 methods 1, 40 methods 1, 50 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 75 methods 1.

TOWER BELL TOTAL 837 (292).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1, St. Martin's 1, 3 methods 1, 5 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 10 (3), Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge Surprise 2 (1), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1, 7 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Double Norwich C.B. 3, Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 14 (5), Kent T.B. 8 (3), Oxford T.B. 5 (4), **Surprise.**—Cambridge 6 (3), Lincolnshire 1, London 1, Rutland 1, Yorkshire 4 (2).

Spliced Surprise.—3 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (3), Stedman 3 (1).

Royal.—Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 9 (3), Kent T.B. 8 (8), Oxford T.B. 10 (9), Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise.—2 methods 3 (1), 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 2 (2), 8 methods 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3 (2), Stedman 1 (1).

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 15 (8), Kent T.B. 8 (5), Kent T.B. (Granma variation) 1 (1), Kent T.B. (Cam variation) 1, Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise.—2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1, 6 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 12 methods 1. **Fourteen.**—Plain Bob 1 (1).

HANDBELL TOTAL 463 (72).

GRAND TOTAL 1,000 (364).

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Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1 (cond. 1), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1. Total 8 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 11 (5), St. Clement's 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 2, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 9 (2), 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 11 methods 1, 12 methods 1.

Treble Bob.—Kent 2 (1), Oxford 4, 5 methods 1, 6 methods 2, 18 methods 1, 19 methods 2 (1), 21 methods 1, 23 methods 1, 25 methods 1, 26 methods 2, 27 methods 2, 29 methods 1, 35 methods 2, 36 methods 1, 39 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 46 methods 1, 55 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 73 methods 1.

Delight.—St. Werburgh 1, 16 methods 1.

Surprise.—Beverley 1, Cambridge 7 (3), London 1, Norwich 1 (1). Total 73 (15).

Triples.—Grandsire 6 (4), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 11 (6). Total 18 (10).

Major.—Plain Bob 31 (11), Double Norwich 13 (1), St. Clement's 1, Little Bob 2 (1).

Treble Bob.—Kent 14 (4), Oxford 2, 2 methods 6, **Delight.**—St. Wolstan 1.

Surprise.—Aldenhams 1, Aylestone 1, Belgrave 2 (1), Berkshire 1, Bristol 27 (2), Cambridge 39 (12), Clerkenwell 1, Derby 1, Devon 1, Ealing 2 (1), Eastcote 2, Falmouth 1 (1), Gainsborough 4 (1), Glasgow 2, Hanbury 1, Huddersfield 1, Inverness-shire 1, Lincolnshire 18 (7), London 50 (16), Londonderry 1, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 2, Oxfordshire 1, Painswick 1 (1), Pudsey 3 (1), Rutland 8 (3), Selwood 1, Staffordshire 2, Superlative 16 (5), Turramurra 1, Ullesthorpe 1, Warwickshire 1, Watford 3, Whitminster 1, Worcestershire 1, Xavier 1, York 1 (1), Yorkshire 37 (11), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 6 (1), 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 8 methods 3 (2), 10 methods 1, 12 methods 6. Total 329 (83).

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 9 (5). Total 10 (5).

Royal.—Plain Bob 9 (4), Little Bob 2.

Treble Bob.—Kent 6 (1), Oxford 1, 2 methods 1.

Surprise.—Anstey 1, Asfordby 1, Belgrave 4, Blaby 1, Boston 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 28 (7), Charnmouth 1, Diseworth 1, Elmsthorpe 1, Foston 1, Gracedieu 1, Hemington 1, Ibstock 1, Lincolnshire 3, London No. 3 29 (1), Nottingham 1 (1), Pontefract 1 (1), Primrose 1, Prittlewell 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 2, Swindon 1, Tamworth 4, Wye 1, Yorkshire 15 (1). 6 methods 1, 11 methods 1. Total 125 (16).

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 10 (3). Total 11 (3).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 5.

Treble Bob.—Kent 1 (1)

Surprise.—Aldenhams 1, Belgrave 3, Brigstow 1, Cambridge 54 (3), Lambeth 2 (1), Lincolnshire 2, Lindsey 1, Londinium 3, New Cambridge 2 (1), Pudsey 1, Superlative 1, Wigston 2, York 3, Yorkshire 29 (3), 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 1, 18 methods 1, 24 methods 2, 30 methods 1, 33 methods 1, 35 methods 1, 40 methods 1, 50 methods 1 (1), 60 methods 1, 75 methods 1. Total 125 (11).

TOWER BELL TOTAL 699 (144).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1. Total 5 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 14 (11), 2 methods 1, 3 methods 3, 4 methods 2 (2), 5 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 1 (1).

Treble Bob.—Kent 1 (1), Oxford 2 (2).

HERRICK BACK AS RINGING**MASTER**

On May 5 Herrick B. Bowley, now again ringing master at Leicester Cathedral, completes his two-year term of office as churchwarden of the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester. Although he will remain on the list of deputy churchwardens his future duties will be less onerous and enable him to resume his normal ringing activities.

The office of a churchwarden at a cathedral is more demanding than the office of a normal churchwarden and entails among other things a very active participation in cathedral services and ceremonies. Herrick has, however, very pleasant memories of his term of office, of the fellowship with the Cathedral staff, of important occasions, of meeting a wide range of people, civic and other dignitaries, and last but not least of his involvement in Cathedral social occasions.

It was just after the last war when Herrick first became associated with Leicester Cathedral ringers; he became deputy ringing master in 1949 and has been ringing master since 1956, with the exception of his period of office as churchwarden. His earliest recollections of ringing are in the early 1920s with his father and family at Kirby Muxloe, followed by periods at Ratby and Anstey as he moved from place to place before the war.

Herrick's peal record to date lists a total of 408 peals, of which he has conducted 61. Incidentally 169 of these peals have been rung at Leicester Cathedral and in this time he has circled the tower no less than six times. Highlights of his ringing are taking part in four peals in a day on two occasions—Surprise Major and Royal in 1949 and Cambridge Minor to Maximus in 1951—and also of taking part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods, rung at Leicester Cathedral in 1953 for the Queen's coronation.

In his younger days Herrick was a useful cricketer, graduating from the then well-known Ratby team to the Leicestershire County Club, with whom he played for the first and second teams. Later he spent a period at Dumfries, Scotland, as player/coach before returning to Leicestershire to marry and settle down.

R. S.

Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (2), Durham 1 (1), York 1 (1). Total 32 (23).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (4), Stedman 1. Total 5 (4).

Major.—Plain Bob 53 (30), Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 9 (7).

Treble Bob.—Kent 21 (14), Oxford 8 (8), 2 methods 1.

Surprise.—Cambridge 9 (4), Lincolnshire 1 (1), London 1 (1), New Cambridge 1 (1), New Durham 1, Rutland 1 (1), Superlative 1, York 1 (1), Yorkshire 8 (5), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1, 5 methods 2 (2), 6 methods 1 (1). Total 122 (77).

Caters.—Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 7 (3). Total 9 (4).

Royal.—Plain Bob 24 (12).

Treble Bob.—Kent 10 (6), Oxford 9 (4).

Surprise.—Albanian 1, Cambridge 13 (5), Lindsey 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1, Yorkshire 2 (1), 2 methods 6 (4), 4 methods 3 (2), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1 (1). Total 77 (36).

Cinques.—Grandsire 2 (2), Stedman 1. Total 3 (2).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 22 (9).

Treble Bob.—Kent 10 (5), Oxford 2 (1).

Surprise.—Cambridge 2, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1, Yorkshire 1, 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 1 (1). Total 47 (22).

Fourteen Treble Bob.—Kent 1 (1). Total 1 (1).

HANDBELL TOTAL 301 (170).

BELL FOUNDRIES OF THE PAST

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read an article in the R.W. of Feb. 20, 1970, about the evolution of the modern 5-tone system of tuning which was reprinted from the Foundry Trade Journal (Dec. 18/25, 1969), which suggested that, generally, British bells before the second half of the 19th century were deficient in quality of tone. Then this article mentioned Miles Graye as one of the few exceptions to the original statement. It is certain that his finest bell is the noble tenor at Lavenham, Suffolk. This is quite an extraordinary bell. How many other fine bells of his exist, though? Stowmarket tenor is the only one I know. I doubt if there is another founder who has such a reputation on the strength of one bell.

There is another East Anglian foundry which was producing bells worthy of modern founders and which has had little recognition, except locally, for its products. I refer to the Downham Market, Norfolk foundry, which produced bells for around 50 years from about 1775 to 1825. The first founder was Thomas Osborn, followed by his foreman, William Dobson. Thomas Osborn came from the St. Neots foundry of Joseph Eayre, from which also stemmed the early Taylor foundry of Loughborough.

The Downham Market foundry produced many fives and sixes and a few eights. There is one ring of ten (Wisbech, Cambs) and one of 12 bells—the old 12 at St. Nicholas', Liverpool. This was the heaviest ring produced by this foundry.

The early rings by Thomas Osborn were good but not as distinguished as the later rings by W. Dobson. An early octave at Hilgay, Norfolk, is a good example. The tap-notes are not really accurately in tune but individual bells are good and have promise of things to come.

Later rings by W. Dobson have a distinctly modern sound. A good example is the fine octave at Diss, Norfolk. Outside, these bells sound as if they had been cast this century rather than in 1823. In many rings which have been renovated and retuned by Taylor or Mears new recast bells are hardly distinguishable from the old Dobson bells. An interesting ring of six exists at Marham, Norfolk. The fourth bell is exactly tuned to modern 5-tone principles. The treble bell, however, is another matter, having two prominent notes, neither bearing any relationship to the nominal tap-note. It is a demerit of the foundry that such a poor bell was allowed to be delivered and hung. It should have been recast without leaving the foundry. Obviously foundry techniques were not good enough to reproduce consistently their finest bells.

In 1825 or so the Downham Market foundry was bought out by the Mears foundry of Whitechapel, London, together with some fine West Country foundries. The patterns and technical data were reported lost. It sounds as if the London foundry was trying to eliminate successful competition.

It is matter for conjecture what the fortunes of the Whitechapel foundry would have been had they used and developed the

Belfry Gossip

The Geoffreys rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Evesham on April 4, conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

Mr. A. J. Poyner has retired as hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. R. D. Hughes has taken this position.

John Taylor and Co. started the rehang-ing of the bells of Kersey, Suffolk, last week, and followed with Walton-le-Wolds, Leics.

At Cannington (Somerset) a strong band is being built up for the heavy six, and at the moment have about 12 learners between 10 and 12 years of age.

David Bournier, a member of the St. Martin's, Chelsfield, Kent, band, is the present captain of Charterhouse Boys' School, Orpington. David, who is also a server and chorister, hopes to train for teaching.

Miss Julie Armstrong, of Putney, sailed for Australia on April 18. A letter of good wishes was sent from the general committee of the Surrey Association.

The Dean and Council of St. Albans Cathedral have under consideration the rehang-ing of the bells.

Through dry rot the bells have sunk on the headstocks at South Mymms, Herts. The P.C.C. have asked for revised estimates to include iron headstocks.

Mr. G. W. Massey confirms that the peal rung at Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset, on March 14 was the first peal on the bells.

The 17-spliced (page 297) rung by Leeds U.G. was the greatest number rung by a resident band (average age 21). This follows the success in 9 and 12 methods.

Personal Records.—Michael P. Moreton (500 peals), Bernard F. L. Groves (1,000), Robert B. Smith (1,000), Roger W. D. Wetenhall (100), Graham W. Elmes (200), Cynthia Barnett (25), Susan Banton (50).

Family Quarter.—Congratulations to the Taylor family. Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Cheltenham, conducted the first family quarter peal of Triples at Painswick on April 5.

The ring of eight at Ewell, Surrey, is to be rehung in a new frame, after retuning and fitting new headstocks. The work will be carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry later this year.

knowledge and tuning techniques of W. Dobson. I believe they could have produced the major proportion of important rings of bells in this country instead of using their traditional methods until the first World War. This allowed the Taylor foundry to attain a position of eminence in modern bellfounding.

The real import of this article is that bells were being produced in this country which were virtually Simpson-tuned, 75 years or more before Canon Simpson postulated his principles of 5-toned tuning to the Taylor foundry.

I would be most grateful for comment and indeed correction in case of unwitting error.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD E. PRICE.

Rotherham, Yorks.

Sending her subscription for 1970 and 1971, Mrs. V. Grossmith, of Umvukwes, Rhodesia, sends her good wishes and congratulations to the Editor and staff on The Ringing World peals layout, as she finds them easier to read.

A widower in the south-east of England finds life very lonely and would be glad of the companionship of a lady (around 40) who could share a common interest—bell-ringing. Any letters addressed to this office marked "D. L." will be forwarded.

"I've always thought ringers a little crazy—but delightfully so," said the Bishop of Hereford at the three-day course held recently. "We have 480 churches," he added, "go and visit them all."

Another Goodyer a ringer.—Another of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodyer's family has entered the list of ringers. Edith, aged 11, rang her first quarter at Turramurra, New South Wales, Australia, on March 15 with her father and mother and two brothers. Congratulations!!

Easter Day was memorable for Ilton, Somerset, when the first quarter by residents in the village was rung. All credit to Mr. Roy Welch and his son Stephen, who was conducting for the first time. The rector (Rev. H. E. A. Jackson) is recording the achievement in the church records.

Progressing, but slowly, are Mr. George Kennard and Mr. Maurice Lacey, both in Medway General Hospital, Gillingham, Kent, and Mr. Stan Dobbie, who is not yet able to ring again. The Sittingbourne tower with its young ringers are now being led by Miss Wendy Austin and Mr. John Clark.

When eight ladies who were to attempt a quarter found one of the access doors locked and no key available (in spite of all inquiries), one lady produced two pieces of "equipment" and in a short while the door was open. The team wonder what other "hobbies" this lady has!

"We always enjoy The Ringing World and glean all sorts of information from the footnotes to peals, and it is certainly up-to-date news, for the issue of March 20 reached us this morning (March 23)," writes Margaret Goodyer, of New South Wales, Australia.

First peal congratulations to Dana Josephson, David Ketley, Michael Peters, Bernard Taylor (14), Helen Taylor, Clare Taylor (15), Hilda Taylor (18), William A. Taylor, Charles E. Taylor, Hilary Hall, Corinne M. Dickson, Jennifer Rollins.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild was the first to be rung other than those which have been rung at The Wayside, Leicester. It was rung on the fourth occasion that the band met to attempt a peal, although they had met to practise on a number of occasions. The previous attempt was stopped when seven and a half courses had been rung.

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Obituary

MR. THOMAS H. DILLEY

The parish church of Clifton, Bedfordshire, lost a faithful friend with the passing of Tom Dilley on Easter Saturday. Since 1919 Tom had been a bellringer and steeple-keeper and, although in failing health for the last year, he had still been in regular attendance on Sundays and practice nights with his brothers, also ringers. He had also been a sidesman for many years. Before the funeral service the eight bells were rung by his friends of the Biggleswade District and in the afternoon a quarter peal of half-muffled Grandsire Triples was rung by the Sunday service ringers of Clifton and nearby Henlow.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.
S. H. A.

MR. W. PALMER

Mr. W. Palmer, of Badsworth, near Pontefract, died at the end of March. Although there were only four bells at the local church he learned to ring Bob Minor by visiting other towers. He had not rung anywhere for some time but he was at one time a frequent visitor to the Barnsley and District meetings and held the office of president of that Society for a short time.
H. C.

THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THAT ANY MORE

It must have been nearly 20 years ago that we sat in the inn in Widecombe-in-the-Moor after a peal of Minor and talked ringing delightedly with the captain of ringers. The talk came pouring out of him in a rich, gravelly Devon voice; the craggy face and bright, keen eyes were unforgettable: Bill Miners was a man who will be talked of as long as anyone lives who knew him.

The quick speech sounded more like North Devon than the south, and I was not surprised to learn that Bill came from Pancrasweek on the North Cornwall border, but he arrived in Widecombe over 50 years ago and was not long in making his mark. Working for somebody else was not his cup of tea and he embarked on his career with a horse and cart as a transport contractor; it's typical of the character of the man that Widecombe even remembers that the horse's name was "Lion"—and "Lion" was the foundation of a business that carries the name of W. F. Miners on a fleet of beautifully turned out lorries to every part of the kingdom. Until quite recently Bill would often be behind the wheel himself and would run a load of cattle to Smithfield, drop into a practice in a London tower and take another load home; any fetching and carrying for Widecombe Church or any other nearby was gladly taken on by Bill, and bells, clappers and headstocks often went on his lorries.

Ringing was his consuming passion, and he was the kind of perfectionist that has made Devon call-change ringing what it is. The treble was his bell, and to rise or fall behind him was a treat. As long as bells were in earshot he was listening to every blow, and he would roll a really good peal round his memory 15 years after he'd heard it, as a connoisseur rolls a fine vintage claret round his tongue.

Such dedication to good ringing coupled with such a dynamic personality could hardly fail to make Widecombe band one

of the best in the county, and it did not fail. So one can imagine the consternation when we heard, in 1955, that after an attack of thrombosis Bill's doctors had given him strict instructions not to ring and not to go up stairs—of which Widecombe tower has a good supply. But Bill Miners had never been used to having people tell him what to do, and as soon as he could get out of his house he was ringing again at Widecombe and anywhere else that he could find a rope.

Some years later another attack involved the amputation of a leg; one of the first things the artificial leg had to do was to learn the way up Widecombe tower. A series of strokes was treated in the same cavalier fashion: there was an almost undetectable halting in the rapid, eager flow of talk, but no slackening of energy or enthusiasm, or decline in initiative: it was Bill who was one of the first people to moot the idea of a united drive by Devon ringers for the Cathedral Appeal, and when we all went to Exeter with our gifts he was there with us.

The end came swiftly, as he expected and hoped: on Easter Day he was ringing for service; on Monday he was down at Revelstoke for a practice on the eight bells; on Tuesday he was at practice at home; on Wednesday he was just a little under the weather and didn't go ringing as he'd planned; on Friday morning he was gone. Widecombe Church, the "Cathedral of the Moor," was packed to the doors with those who were proud to be his friends—in business, in local government (he was a district councillor for many years)—and call-change and method ringers from all over the county. And so we saw him out of church for the last time, into the shifting sunshine and snow showers of an unseasonable Dartmoor April, while three ringers from North Devon and three from the south set the deep-throated old Pennington six "tapping round" over his head.
J. G. M. S.

WORCESTER SCHOOLS OUTING

On Wednesday, March 18, a party of ringers from the King's School, the Girls' Grammar School, the Technical College and the Royal Grammar School went on a ringing outing to the Leominster area.

The first tower visited was Rock, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

Justice was not done to the Barwell six at Tenbury Wells; a reasonable touch of Bob Minor was rung, but our time ran out before we had a chance to ring anything else other than call-changes. From Tenbury to Kimbolton, where there is a pleasant six. Here the ringing was better and a course of Cambridge Minor and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before lunch.

After a brief stop in Leominster, on to Pembridge, where half-an-hour's ringing on the heavy and sonorous five was enjoyed. Everyone had been looking forward to ringing at Eardisland, and what we had heard of the excellence of these bells was justified. Here, with the help of Leslie Evans, a good course of Stedman Triples was rung. At our last tower of the day, Stoke Prior, the bells had not been rung for over two years, but after an inspection had revealed that the bells had been clocked but were quite ringable, and a rope had been spliced, the bells were raised and rung to Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

Thanks to Paul Cattermole and Chris Pickford for making the arrangements, and to all incumbents and tower captains for affording the use of their bells.
C. J. P.

Bath and Wells Association

80th BIRTHDAY RINGING

Visitors from Bath, Frome and Bridgewater branches joined members of the Chew Branch at their quarterly meeting at Wraxall on March 21, where ringing preceded the service, conducted by the rector, Preb. L. W. Fussell. Seats at tea were at a premium, but eventually all were seated and full justice done to the meal provided by Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Everett.

The meeting was opened by the secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo, who paid tribute to the service given to the branch by the late chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight, who had passed away on February 27, and suggestions about a memorial are to be discussed.

Mr. J. Brain was voted to the chair for the rest of the meeting. Mr. R. Curtis (Portishead), Miss H. Derham (Backwell) and Mr. T. Hawkins (Yatton) were elected members and Mr. J. Young (Backwell) was re-elected. It was decided to hold the branch corporate Communion at Yatton in May.

Mr. Horseman gave details of the striking competition to be held at Tickenham in April, which Mr. C. Wratten (Cheltenham) had kindly agreed to judge. Support was very good last year and the chairman hoped this year would see even more teams entering.

The general secretary (Mr. J. H. Gilbert) told members that the revised rules would be available with the annual reports for the A.G.M. at Bath, and as this was the Association's 80th birthday he hoped that peals or quarter peals would be rung at all the towers to mark the event. The chairman expressed concern about the impression created that East Pennard bells were now fit to ring after work had been carried out by a band of enthusiastic amateurs. Mr. Gilbert said that regular ringing was not possible at present and the question of unringable towers in the diocese would be raised at the A.G.M.

Further ringing took place later in methods up to Spliced Surprise.
J. B.

"DOWN UNDER" NEWS

The February issue of Ringing Towers tells of plans to establish a new constitution. This is a thorny subject. A proposed new constitution received a majority of postal votes but was declared invalid. Another attempt has been made but there is a warning that this will meet a similar fate as, according to existing rules, "instructing that voting is to be yes or no on each proposed amendment," and according to Bill Pitcher this has not been done.

Another controversial subject is peals for ANZAB outside its territory. Questions are raised by Ron Russ of a belfry election in this country of ringers who have never rung or even been to ANZAB territory or have the slightest interest in it. His suggestion is that no member can be elected except by or through a branch and on ANZAB territory. He hopes, however, that the peals he has rung for the Association since his return to U.K. should be thought worthy to appear in the Association's records.

This is a most interesting number. Dermot Roaf writes on his year "down under"; the series Australian Ringing Identities is by Bill Pitcher, a former president of ANZAB and Editor of Ringing Towers for five years, including co-ordinating the arrangements for Great Adventure II in 1965, with a list of topical items, largely personal.

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PERSONAL

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."
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ENGAGEMENT

Burbury — Perry.—The engagement is announced between Roger Burbury, of Epping, Essex, and Glynis Perry, of Waltham Abbey, Essex. 8697

IN MEMORIAM

Hall.—In loving memory of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23, 1967, aged 24 years. Always in our thoughts. 8696

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

East Derbys and West Notts Association.—Evening meeting, April 25, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), Said Evensong 5.30 p.m. Bells 6-9 p.m. Beginners especially welcome.—E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 8616

Hereford Guild.—Kington District.—Practice on Sat., May 2: Presteigne (8), 4-6.30 p.m.; Staunton-on-Arrow (6), 6.45-9 p.m. 8678

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Wed., May 6, 12-bell practice, Manchester Town Hall. Bells from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8692

Lincoln Guild.—North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting, Elsham, Sat., May 9. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 8657

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, April 24 (Friday), 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, etc. 8607

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Fri., April 24, practice, St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30-9 p.m. Mon., May 11, Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8684

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—District practice at St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Fri., May 1, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Triples and Major. 8639

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Association.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 8658

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford, on April 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8610

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 25, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon and 2-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, Ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Anthony, 12 Woodside Avenue, Esher. 8576

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Old Windsor, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. Gilson, 28 Cell Farm Avenue, Old Windsor.—J. Muller. 8634

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Sat., April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8639

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 2, at Ilmington. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing after tea. Also Alderminster (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Berrow, The Old School House, Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour.—H. A. M. 8667

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Bees (8), Sat., May 2. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All who require tea must inform D. T. Sim, 61 Main Street, St. Bees. 8668

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Northern District.—Learners' practice meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Sat., May 2. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Keen, 24 Alnwick Avenue, Whitley Bay. 8683

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.—Striking competition, Stretham, Sat., May 2. Assemble for 3 p.m. start. Service 4.30. Tea and results 5. Further ringing during evening until 8.30 p.m. 8649

Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ashdon (8) on Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—Miss J. Sanderson, Hon. Sec. 8600

Hertford County Association.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. M. Hibbert, 26 Beacon Way, Rickmansworth (Tel.: 73735).—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec. 8672

Lancashire Association.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Silverdale, Sat., May 2. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. 8669

Lancashire Association.—Wigan Branch.—Striking competition, Emmanuel, Southport, on Sat., May 2, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business meeting, evening ringing at Christ Church, Southport, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Snape, 417 Guildford Road, Southport. Will those entering competition please be punctual.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8686

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Gillsborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussell, Sat., May 2. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8688

Society of Framland Ringers.—Half-yearly meeting, May 2, Eaton (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham, Lincs, by April 29. 8673

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Car rally, Sat., May 2. Start 3 p.m., Crawley. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Please let me have your name and numbers in your car for tea as early as possible.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 8689

Yorkshire Association.—Annual general meeting, Ormesby, Sat., May 2. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside, by Tues., April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at Ormesby Church between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Towers: Kirby Wiske (6), 10.30-11.30; Northallerton (8), 11-12; Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), 11.45-12.45; Guisborough (6) and Skelton (8), 1-3; Thornaby (8) and Stockton (10), 2-4; Ormesby (8), 2-4.20. Ormesby after the meeting and the other towers if necessary.—W. F. Moreton. 8510

Bath and Wells Association.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Monkton, May 9. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset. 8681

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition and meeting, Little Shelford, May 9. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, results, business meeting if necessary. General ringing at Stapleford afterwards. Team entries by May 2; names for tea by May 6.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1 Orchard Gate, Melbourne, Royston, Herts. 8680

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—Meeting and striking competition, Purlleigh (6), Sat., May 9. Competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 8663

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Central Branch.—Striking contest, Martin, Sat., May 9. Start 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 8694

Ladies' Guild.—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Leicester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9-9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30-11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30-1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30-2.15 p.m.; Anstey (8), 2.30-3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by meeting. Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6-8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30-8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Cosby, Leics, together with cash. 8695

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CHANGE OF DATE

The 1971 Dinner will be held on
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SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, May 2

At St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6).

Service 4.30 p.m.

Ringing: St. Martin's, Epsom (10), 2.30-3.30; All Saints', Banstead (8), 3-4; St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6), 3-4.30.

Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting (6 p.m.) will be held in the Church Hall in Lower Kingswood Village (A271), about one mile distant. Names for tea should be sent to Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey (Telephone: Mogador 2237), not later than Thursday, April 30.

Tickets for dinner will be on sale.—Colin H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 8490

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A.G.M., 1970 — LINCOLN

Saturday, April 25

Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Cathedral, 8 a.m.

Ringing times:

Blankney (6), 10.30-11.15 a.m.

Metheringham (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon.

Dunston (5), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Nocton (6), 12.15-1 p.m.

Branstons (6), 1-2 p.m.

Cathedral (12), St. Botolph's (6),

St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), 2-4 and 6.30-9 p.m.

St. Giles' (8), 6.30-9 p.m.

Service 4.15 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by tea and A.G.M. in Tithe Barn.

Names for tea to J. L. Millhouse, 8 Marne Gardens, Lincoln. 8558

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS
THE GUILD FESTIVAL**

will be held at Bridport on May 9, 1970.

The festival service will be in the Church of St. Mary at 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets for tea (6s. 6d.) to be obtained from the Asst. Hon. Sec., Mr. N. Knee, 75 Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts, by Mon., May 4. Please send s.a.e. **Strictly no ticket, no tea.**

Towers open for ringing:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—
Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitchurch
Canonicorum (8), Askerswell (6), Lodors (6),
Symondsburys (6), Broadwindsor (6),
Netherbury (6).
6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—
Beaminster (8).

8675

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At Woodford, near Kettering,

On Saturday, May 9.

Committee meeting in School Rooms 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tea tickets (4s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. V. Headland, 6 Long Row, Woodford, near Kettering, Northants, by Tuesday, May 5.

Details of ringing arrangements will be circulated to all persons applying for tea tickets.—E. Billings, Gen. Sec. 8623

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at BRIGHTON**

On SATURDAY, MAY 9

Service in St. Peter's, Brighton, at 4 p.m.

Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Wednesday, May 6, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 19 Victoria Road.

Southwick, Brighton, BN4 4DJ.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.00-11.00 a.m.	Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Steyning (8).
10.45-11.45 a.m.	Cowfold (6), Twineham (5), Loughton (6).
11.00 a.m.-12 noon	Henfield (8), Newick (6), Buxted (8).
11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	Burgess Hill (8), Chailey (6), Uckfield (8).
12 noon-1.00 p.m.	Ditchling (8), Wivelsfield (6), Little Horsted (6).
1.00-2.00 p.m.	Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6).
1.30-2.15 p.m.	Keymer (6).
1.30-2.30 p.m.	Southover (Lewes) (10).
2.00-3.00 p.m.	Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10).
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Bells available:

St. Mary's, Southampton (10), 3.30-4.30 p.m.

Dinner:

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R. Savory, Master. 8660

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1970

NANTWICH

Saturday, May 9

A.G.M. 2 p.m. in Church Hall.

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets 5s. 6d. (children 4s. 6d.) from Mr. J. E. Brough, 25 Queen's Drive, Nantwich, Cheshire, before May 4.

N.B.—Increased charges for late applicants.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route A

Goostrey (6)	10-11
Holmes Chapel (6)	10.30-11.30
Sandbach (8)	11-12
Crewe (10)	12-1
Wistaston (6)	12.30-1.30

Route B

Tarporley (8)	10.30-11.30
Marbury (6)	11-11.45
Wrenbury (6)	11.30-12.15
Audlem (6)	11-12
Acton (6)	12-1

Nantwich (8) 1-2

Evening ringing at Nantwich and Acton.

Other towers by arrangement.

8698

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Winchcombe (6), Wed., April 29, 7.30 p.m. 8704

Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. 8705

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Bolton, 2.30-5 p.m., and St. George's, Bolton, 6-8.30 p.m., Sat., May 2. Bells (8). Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. All welcome. Please notify for tea not later than Wednesday.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 8709

Liverpool University Society.—A.G.M., Sat., May 2, 3 p.m., Senior Dining Room, Gladstone Hall. All welcome. Please notify of attendance, proposals, ideas. Social evening to follow. 8699

North Staffs Association.—Meeting, Kingsley, Sat., May 2. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 16 Dovedale Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 2AD. 8700

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bromham (6), Sat., May 2. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss L. Gardner, 48 New Road, Bromham, Chippenham, Wilts. 8701

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AGENDA FOR ILKLEY MEETING

The second session of the 27th Council (73rd annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 1970, in the Kings Hall, Ilkley, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at approximately 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.30 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the hon. secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Welcome to new members by the president.

1. Election of honorary members:—

Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and Mr. F. A. White retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies.

Mr. G. R. Drew is proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley.

2. Loss of members through death.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Report of the hon. secretary.

5. Report of the hon. librarian.

6. Presentation of the 1969 accounts.

7. Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.

8. To receive, discuss and if thought fit adopt the interim report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural working of the Council and pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of that report.

9. Motions.

(a) That the Council donates £20 from the Clement Glenn Fund to the Gloucester and Bristol Special Appeal for Stinchcombe Bells.

Proposed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee by E. A. Barnett, seconded by V. Bottomley.

(b) Arising from the report of the joint committee on revision of Decisions, that

(A) In the Decision on methods and calls.

1. Delete A3, restrictions on calls, and renumber A4 as A3.

2. Delete B, regular methods, and reletter C, D, E as B, C, D and in the new D5 change E4 to D4.

(B) In the Decision on peal ringing

1. Change C1, spliced compositions, to read:—

"Compositions in more than one method shall be termed Spliced, when the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the half-lead or lead-head but not both in the same composition.

"Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both half-lead and lead-head shall be termed Spliced, provided all the methods in the composition are symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."

2. Remove F, Technical Committees, from this Decision, but the four paragraphs to stand as the terms of reference of these four committees, changing the last paragraph to read:—

"The Methods Committee shall make recommendations on the construction of methods and calls and shall prepare such collections as may be required by the Council. It shall also consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the committee shall be published in The Ringing World."

Proposed by F. T. Blagrove.

Seconded by D. E. Sibson.

(C) That Section "D" of Decision "D" of the Central Council's Decisions be deleted and the following substituted:—

D. Record Length Peals.

The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately.

Proposed by D. E. Sibson.

Seconded by S. Jenner.

10. To receive, discuss and if thought fit adopt the reports of the following committees: To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

(a) Literature and Press

(b) Biographies

(c) The Ringing World

(d) Peals Collection

(e) Overseas Ringing

(f) Sunday Service and Education

(g) Peals Analysis

(h) Records

(i) Towers and Belfries

(j) Broadcasting and Television

(k) Methods

(l) General Interest Film

11. To confirm the place and determine the date of the 1971 meeting in the Coventry Diocese.

12. To determine the place of the 1972 meeting.

13. Any other business.

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