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**St. Peter,  
Old Woking,  
Surrey**





## Cover Picture

## St. Peter, Old Woking, Surrey

ST. PETER'S, OLD WOKING, SURREY WITH THE COMING of steam the centre of Woking moved, leaving Old Woking to its village charm. There has been a church on the site of St. Peter's for over 1,000 years. The nave of the present church was built about 1100 and the fine old Norman door (1125), one of the earliest and most valuable, still remains with all its fittings. In the late 12th century the chancel was added and the tower dates from the 13th century. Other interesting features are the 15th century pews and the brick south porch (no longer in use), built in 1662 by the Earl Marshal of England who lived in Woking. At the time of Edward VI's Royal Inventory (c. 1550) there were "V great bells in the stephull" at Woking. The tenor bell's inscription "In multis annis resonet campana Johannis" (let John's bell resound for many years) leads some to the opinion that it came from the nearby Newark Priory.

By the middle of the 17th century the bells were giving trouble and in 1684 they were transported to the foundry of William Eldridge at Chertsey to be weighed. Five new bells were cast, presumably using the old bell metal, at a cost of £32. The new bells were hung in the tower and new stairs built for £12 12s. 6d. plus other amounts for "gin and beare". In the same year William Eldridge cast a bell for Chobham and in anticipation of this the Chobham ringers appear to have visited Woking to try the bells because in the churchwarden's accounts there appears an item of 7s. 6d. for food and drink for them. If no similar item appears in the Chobham records later that year perhaps amends might still be made by a generous invitation to the Old Woking ringers of today!

In 1766 an itinerant founder whose initials were probably I.F. cast a new bell close to the church. He was either skilled

or fortunate because it needed no tuning to become the 4th of a ring of six bells. By 1884 the tenor bell was cracked, according to J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (Surrey Bells and London Bell Founders, published 1884). It was recast by John Warner and Sons three years later and weighs 17½ cwt. Mears and Stainbank cast two trebles in 1929 to complete the octave and hung them in the fittings of the 3rd and 4th, which were rehung on ball bearings in a new metal frame built on top of the existing wooden frame. Later that year they hung the tenor and 7th on ball bearings and in 1930 the 5th and 6th were similarly rehung. Thus only the two trebles remain in the original plain bearing. This piecemeal work was apparently caused by lack of funds.

In memory of Admiral T. P. Walker, the first treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mears and Stainbank recast the itinerant founder's bell (6th) at the Guild's expense and retuned the others, but unfortunately the harmonising of the bells today still leaves something to be desired. The 7th is cracked, badly worn and considered to be out of tune. It is hoped to rehang all the bells shortly with entirely new fittings after recasting the 7th bell and retuning the remainder. A fund has already been started and the captain, Mr. David Munday, 92 High Street, Old Woking, Surrey, will gladly acknowledge the donations. The band has a tradition of long service.

In 1947 the Woking Review reported that the eight members had completed 234 years of ringing between them. Old Woking has had a long association with William Shepherd, who particularly enjoyed visits from the late "Jim" Brackley, captain for many years and a ringer and chorister for 62 years. Mr. Munday has completed 44 years' service and Messrs. Jack Soles and Frank Milne have also served for long periods. D. A. R. M.

## 25 YEARS AGO

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The leader advocated setting the bells up when a touch went wrong rather than calling them into rounds.

At Painswick a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted by Wilfred Williams, had two ringers on the 3rd—James Hemmings and Geoffrey Lewis. Walter F. Judge rang the treble and Rev. C. E. Wigg the tenor.

Sheila Moreton and George Davis rang their first peal (Bob Minor) at Withington, Hereford, and Wilfrid F. Moreton conducted, it being his first of Minor in that capacity.

A peal attempt for D. Norwich at Ely in honour of the wedding of Rev. J. P. Pelloe was lost through a rope breaking 16 courses from the end.

Some long touches and quarter peals rung half-muffled were in memoriam the late President of the U.S.A.

A letter from R. D. St. J. Smith, C.F., from S.E.A.C., stated: "Teaching and the maintenance of Sunday service ringing must, I insist, take precedence over peals and ringing for personal pleasure and satisfaction."

At Truro 130 ringers attended a meeting at which a handbell team were present from Benenden School.

## 50 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1920

The chairman (Rev. R. Thornton) welcomed Messrs. W. Cooper, G. Anderson, E. Atkinson, E. Dalington, A. Hewitt, P. Noble and H. Denton, who were elected performing members of the Lincoln Guild.

At the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association annual meeting Rev. H. B. Woolley presided at the lunch and also for the meeting which followed.

Subscriptions were increased to 1s. 6d. at the A.G.M. of the Middlesex County Association held at All Saints', Fulham.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, our C.C. representative, for his services to us and to the Exercise as a whole.—Comment from the secretary's report at the Hertford County Association A.G.M.

At New Shoreham, Sussex, Henry Stalham rang the tenor for a peal of Cambridge Major and the same day he rang the treble for D. Norwich at Steyning. Both were conducted by Frank Bennett.

Walter Bottomley was the treble ringer at Northowram, Yorks, when Kent T.B. Major was rung, the composition by Gabriel Lindoff being rung for the first time.

The first of Stedman on the bells of Syston, Leicestershire, was conducted by Fred Dexter.

Sharnbrook (Beds) ringers rang peals of seven Minor methods at Thurlough and Bromham, both being conducted by E. P. Duffield.

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## Herts County Association.

## NOT AFFECTED BY THE CUP FINAL

The Eastern District's April meeting, held at the village of Northaw, situated amidst rolling countryside on the southern Hertfordshire border, was not affected by the Cup Final and there was a good attendance. A short service was held and was followed by tea in the new church hall.

Mr. E. Newnham was chairman, and Mr. Jim Woolford stood in for Mr. S. James, the district secretary. The district ringing master (Mr. Harris) said that the eight at Hunsdon are greatly improved since a district working party spent an evening servicing them. Great Munden and Watton-at-Stone bells are the next in line for possible restoration work. The ringing outing was discussed.

Thanks were given to the ladies, the vicar and the organist, and further ringing took place at Cheshunt. B. J. W. F.

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## About the Central Council

### 5.—THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

By F. T. BLAGROVE

THE COMMITTEE was formed in 1920 to compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and the longest peal in each method on each number of bells, with separate lists for tower bell and handbell peals. By 1923 a list of these performances had been prepared, mainly by Rev. A. T. Beeston, and the original typescript of this list is in the Council library. With additions up to 1928 it can be found in Ernest Morris's History and Art.

The committee was authorised by the Council to approach associations for the figures of both methods and peals on this list and most of this work was undertaken by Mrs. Edith Fletcher. Hundreds of letters were sent out and the resulting figures were typed out, one peal to a foolscap sheet, giving details of the performance, the method and the composition. In 1945 the Records' Committee was separated from the Peals Analysis Committee, and Mrs. C. C. Marshall joined Mrs. Fletcher to continue with the task of typing even more foolscap sheets, for an ever increasing number of new methods.

F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the committee in 1960. Prior to this, in 1959, a series of articles on First Peal Performances, written by F. T. Blagrove, were published in The Ringing World. These gave an independent check to the records of the committee, and added many more methods to the period prior to 1920, and also several important corrections to dates and names.

Following the death of Mrs. Fletcher there were several changes in the committee. In 1966 C. A. Wratten joined, mainly to undertake the work of tracing and listing Minor methods. Also D. E. Sibson, who had contributed considerably to the Surprise Collection. It was decided to transfer the records of the committee to a record-card filing system, and the Council agreed that the foolscap sheets should be completed up to 1960, and suitably bound as a memorial to Mrs. Fletcher. These two leather-bound Twin-Lock files are regularly taken to the Council meetings.



MR. FRANK BLAGROVE  
(Convener)

In 1967 J. A. Ainsworth joined the committee, to help in considering the possibilities of audio-recordings for the Council. The committee reported back in 1968 that such work would be very valuable and C. M. Smith joined to undertake this work. However, the committee reported then, and is still of the opinion, that such work should really be within the sphere of an enlarged Library and Archives Committee. G. Dodds also joined the committee, he having computer facilities for compiling lists of extensions of methods.

The work of the committee continues, not only forward with keeping lists up to date and proving compositions of new "First peals in the method," but also backwards. For we still have names without figures, such as Maidstone Major and Morning Pleasure, and figures not decoded, such as Annable's composition of Double Grand-sire Caters.

To love playthings well as a child, to lead an adventurous and honourable youth, and to settle when the time arrives into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life and deserve well of yourself and your neighbour.

Stevenson.

### HIS FINEST HOUR

The restoration of the tower and the recasting and augmentation of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Hayes, Middlesex, were brought about by the hard work and enthusiasm of Mr. Percy Venn, and the tribute (in poetic form) below tells of Percy's finest hour. (Ringing World, March 20, page 206.)

### A TRIBUTE TO PERCY VENN

It was '69 and Percy Venn,  
With just a handful of willing men,  
Decided to do all—within their power—  
To restore the Hayes Church tower.  
They worked each evening and into the night,  
Mostly by artificial light;  
For Percy had a mission, clear,  
To finish by March, the following year.

Old oak beams, weak with decay,  
With chains and ropes were torn away;  
Half-ton girders hauled in place  
Fitted to an even space:  
The weather-vane was held aloof  
While they neatly built beneath—a roof!  
Then Percy gave a well-earned sigh:  
"Now lads," he said, "we're in the dry."

The bells were then removed at last  
And sent away to be recast.  
All toiled on, through rubble and dust,  
To be ready by March—it was a "must!"  
Problems that would frighten some  
By Percy and Co. were overcome:  
Holes were cut into the wall;  
Flint and chalk—it had to fall.

At times it seemed like hell let loose,  
It's a wonder no one cooked his goose:  
Mingled with such groans of woe,  
When objects fell on someone's toe,  
Exclamations of "Oh heck!"—  
When dust descended down one's neck,  
If stronger words than these were used  
Let's hope and pray they'll be excused.

Ascending stairs had to be made:  
The belfry floor was then relaid;  
Steel girders fixed to take each bell—  
Everyone worked like merry hell!  
Eventually there came the day:  
The bells came back again—to stay!  
A craftsman fixed them in their places,  
And a trial ring made some happy faces.  
Now March 15—Percy's finest hour—  
And the bells now ring in St. Mary's tower.

E. H. HAMMOND.

### 1,000 PEALERS

The team who rang the peal in which Bernard Groves and Robert Smith each scored their 1,000th: P. J. Staniforth, C. K. Lewis, Martin Howe, B. F. L. Groves, B. Jones, R. B. Smith, M. J. Pryor, N. Bennett, B. Harris (back), G. Moorhouse (middle), E. Jenkins (front) and T. A. Cross.

[K.B. Press Photos, Ashton-under-Lyne.]





**Salisbury Guild****RINGING ON THE NEW TEN**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Edington, Wilts, on April 4, when ringing on the new ten at the Priory Church was under the direction of ringing master Jones (Longbridge Deverill). At the service, at which Mrs. D. Smith presided at the organ, Canon T. Dudley welcomed the ringers, and later 50 sat down to tea (organised by the local band), including visitors from Sherborne (Warwicks), Alveston, Egham (Surrey), Swindon, Aldbourne, Mitcheldean, Westerleigh (Glos) and Box. During the meeting, chaired by Mr. C. Andrews (Melksham), Canon Dudley was elected an honorary member, whilst ringing members were elected from Longbridge Deverill and Bishops Cannings.

Future events were decided to be held as follows: Monthly meetings: May at Bratton; June, North Bradley; July, Upavon. The striking competition is to be held at Holt in October. In conjunction with a proposed ringing course, a Grandsire Triples evening will be held at Longbridge Deverill on April 18.

Mr. Jones gave news items and Mr. Weeks (Devizes) gave news of Bishops Cannings bells, which are under repair. Further ringing followed and full use was made of the bells.

N. G. K.

**DAMAGED TOWER REPAIRED**

Towards the latter part of last November lightning struck All Saints' Church, Rockland, Norfolk, causing considerable damage. Not a gutter was left whole and all the rainwater down pipes were broken. More seriously, the upper part of the tower was damaged both internally and externally on its eastern side. Rubble fell outwards and inwards, leaving a nasty gap, and at one time it was feared that one of the bells might be cracked since it was well surrounded by broken stonework. Fortunately these fears proved to be unfounded. With the 3rd wheel repaired and all pulleys renewed the bells were able to be rung again on Easter Day when the church was reopened.

The keen and mainly young band has been trained by Mr. C. E. G. Banham, of Caston. While the tower and bells were out of use much useful practice was gained from his set of handbells. A carpenter by profession, Mr. Banham has been assisting in the restoration work. As is the case at other towers nearby, it is his enthusiasm and practical help that have kept the bells in a ringable condition.

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild****AT THE WALLOPS**

The Andover District's spring meeting was held at the two Wallops (Over and Nether) and Broughton on April 11 and was the first to be held since Nether Wallop and Broughton were transferred from the Winchester District. The Wallops (both fives) attracted many visitors. The service at Nether Wallop was conducted by Rev. M. Pitt and was well attended.

Tea was provided by the Nether Wallop ladies, and the chairman, Mr. P. Murduck, welcomed visitors from Swindon, Gosport, Billericay, Newbury and the Winchester District. It was especially pleasing to elect seven new ringing members from Stockbridge, one from Andover and two from Kingsclere and five associate members. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill in June. M. G.

**Manchester University Guild.****ANNUAL DINNER**

The M.U.G. dinner was this year arranged to coincide with the Northern Universities' meeting. The latter started somewhat dubiously at 9.30 a.m. amid thick snow at Marple. Numbers increased during the day and, in all, seven towers were "grabbed," and unfortunately the peal attempted at Worsley was not successful.

The dinner was held at the Mersey Hotel, West Didsbury. Resident M.U.G.s were joined by former members and representatives from Sheffield, Durham, Nottingham, Leeds and Liverpool Universities, and, in all, 66 sat down.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. William Taylor gave a very erudite speech punctuated by several less erudite witticisms on the conflicting opinions current among church members and others on the nature and function of the Church today. Mr. Taylor concluded with a toast to "The Church."

In reply, the Rev. Alan Overell, rector of the M.U.G.s tower in Salford, expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the ringers, at the same time apologising for the somewhat damp condition of the tower of late! Not being an initiate of the noble art, he expressed some uncertainty as to what actually does take place in the belfry!

A welcoming toast to the visitors, offered by the secretary, Mr. Hamish McNaughton, was acknowledged by Mr. L. Palmer (Leeds University) in a most entertaining speech.

The secretary of Nottingham U.G., Mr. T. Martin Rice, in toasting the Guild, pointed out the close association of the two guilds, and, in concluding, the master, Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood, outlined the activities and achievements of the past year, not least a very commendable list of "firsts" scored in peals.

Following the dinner there was plenty of opportunity for conversation, and handbells were rung. The guild peal book and a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, woven in wool, were on display. Finally, fortified by a good meal and liquid refreshment, the evening was rounded off by the traditional session of ten-pin bowling.

A.G. and E. M. T.

Those attending, at top table: E. A. Harrison (president) and partner, M. C. W. Sherwood (master) and Miss M. Ellwood, Rev. A. Overell and Miss E. M. Tingle, L. Palmer and Miss L. Deebank (treasurer), J. M. Rice and partner, M. McNaughton (secretary) and Miss S. Brown, W. Taylor (steepkeeper).

Also Mr. and Mrs. C. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallet, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamby.

Misses A. Peck, L. Plant, P. James, A. Deebank, D. Holly, M. Smith, S. Washbrook, R. Gates.

Messrs. D. Moor, W. Birmingham, R. Taylor, I. Smith, C. D. Munday, F. West, M. Harrop, G. Foat, I. Goldthorpe, I. Bell, B. Tomlinson, J. Pilkington, P. Smith, R. Barclay, R. Reading.

Also five members of Durham University, five of Leeds University and six of Nottingham University.

**R. KINGSLEY MASON INJURED**

Following a motor accident (details of which we have not received) Mr. R. Kingsley Mason is in hospital. A peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus at Cheltenham on April 18, in which he was to have taken part, was rung in 3 hours 10 minutes, and the band wish to associate Kingsley's name with the peal and to wish him a speedy and complete recovery. [All ringers will, we feel sure, endorse these sentiments.—Ed.]

**Yorkshire Association****A LADDER PROBLEM**

The first full meeting that the Leeds Branch has held since it was formed from the Leeds and District Society took place on April 4 at Pontefract. The pleasant-sounding six at nearby Darrington were available for an hour in the afternoon and many ringers took advantage to use them, but some of the more timid of the company, seeing the vertical iron ladder disappearing through a trapdoor in the ceiling, declined to make the ascent to the ringing chamber and forfeited a chance to ring.

About 30 ringers were present at the eight in Pontefract, All Saints' tower standing amid a ruined church, reputedly damaged when Cromwell was firing on the castle alongside the church. During the business meeting those present listened to a tape-recording of a programme broadcast by the B.B.C.'s Radio Leeds. It was of an interview between Radio Leeds and the president of the old Leeds Society, Mr. Robin Brown, and two other ringers, concerning the merging of the Society with the Yorkshire Association. The interview was concluded by a touch rung on handbells.

R. C.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BURGHCLERE**

A memorial service for the late Mr. Frederick Gosling, 30 years captain at Burghclere, Hants, took place on April 5, and a peal board was dedicated to his memory by the rector (Rev. James Craig) and later hung in the belfry. Given by the Burghclere ringers, it records a peal of Burghclere Doubles rung in May, 1968, in which his daughter took part with three members from Burghclere and Highclere.

Prior to the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung: Ian Long (first quarter) 1, Marion Gosling 2, F. Tonge 3, T. Tarrant 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, P. Murduck tenor.

The rector spoke of Fred's long service to the church as a bellringer. In the congregation were members of the family and many parishioners, including bellringing friends from many towers of the Andover District.

The board, hung in a prominent position in the belfry, is a fitting tribute to a man who loved his church.

G. D.

**MIDDLEZOY MEETING**

The Bridgwater Branch held its spring meeting on April 4 at Middlezoy, but ringing was curtailed for a Communion service, conducted by the vicar.

About 34 members took tea in the village hall, the chairman, Mr. Herniman, expressing thanks to the vicar, Mr. Gillard (tower captain) and the ladies. Three new members from Wembdon and Middlezoy were elected and a date was fixed for the outing.

The meeting expressed good wishes to Mrs. Lane (ringing master's wife) who had just returned from hospital.

**"BLESSED IS THE MAN"**

"A few years ago," writes E. G. M., "The Ringing World recorded the number of married couples in the U.B.S.C.R., and this large number was attributed to the fact that the Society had a resident Cupid! Statistics now show that between them the 17 married couples of the U.B.S.C.R. have produced 31 children! I wonder if any other university ringing Society can rival this."



Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild

## To Drop "London" from Title?

Two vexed problems came before the 73rd A.G.M. of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Twickenham on April 11—the change of title to plain Middlesex Association of Church Bell Ringers and an acceptable badge that could not be confused with the Essex Association.

The meeting also marked the change of principal officers. Mr. T. J. Lock, for many years the devoted secretary to the Association, becomes the master and Mr. F. T. Blagrove the new secretary.

The service was at All Hallows' Church, Twickenham, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Stevens, who gave an address. The Association's president, Rev. A. G. Taylor, read the lesson. Local arrangements were made by Miss A. Horsford and there was an excellent tea in the adjoining parish hall, prepared by Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Todd.

Proceedings at the business meeting opened with the presentation of a beautiful chess set and inlaid board to Mr. T. W. White, the previous editor of *The Ringing World*. The president, in making the presentation, said it was their desire that a personal gift should be made instead of joining in a national testimonial. He gave various details of Mr. White's busy life and congratulated him on his editorship of *The Ringing World* for 23 years. In his reply of thanks the late editor spoke of his admiration for "the Middlesex" and that their leaders past and present had been a backbone of the Exercise. There was also a presentation of an azalea to Mrs. White.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, as hon. treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed the following balances: Bell Restoration Fund, £154 11s. 9d. (£144); Central Fund, £267 6s. 4d. (£253). He asked members to discuss during the coming year the present subscription and whether the bell restoration fund should be financed by voluntary contributions or out of the annual subscription.

Mr. T. J. Lock read his annual report, which stated that 107 quarter peals had been rung in 27 towers, Hillingdon's return of 16 being the only one in double figures.

A total of 53 peals was rung (11 first peelers). Ten methods were rung to peals for the first time. Peals were rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of the West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of the re-formation of the South West Middlesex Association, which later become their South and West District.

### PEAL RINGER CONGRATULATED

The report congratulated Mr. A. Cutler on being the first to ring peals to 300 different Surprise Major methods, and Mr. T. J. Lock, who had rung 250. The notable work of restoration at St. Mary's, Hayes, by Mr. P. C. Venn and his son, Christopher (recently reported in the R.W.), received a special mention, and the retirement from the Civil Service of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the hon. treasurer, after 50 years, was recorded with best wishes for a happy retirement. The report and accounts were adopted.

In the election of officers Mr. W. S. Deason explained that it was necessary for him to stand down from being master and he thanked the Association. Mr. T. J. Lock, his successor, said he was very conscious of the honour that had been conferred on him. Among the outstanding people he was following were William Pye and John R. Mayne. In retiring from the secretaryship there were two people he had specially to thank—Miss R. Foreman, the assistant secretary (who was later re-elected), and his wife, who was an unofficial assistant secretary. The other officers were re-elected.

### THE TITLE

The question of revising the title of the Association had been before the Standing Committee and Mr. F. T. Blagrove submitted its proposal that the title of the Association be the Middlesex Association of Church Bell Ringers. Instead of a Society of change-ringers, he said, they became a Society of Church Bell Ringers. The most important part was the dropping of the London Diocesan Guild. "We are not and never have been a true London Diocesan Guild."

There were three other Societies which did most of the work in Central London—the College Youths, the Cumberlands and London County. If they dropped London they might be able to create a London Diocesan Joint Committee of these Societies similar to what had been formed in Yorkshire.

Mr. Jack Euston took an opposite view and wanted their title changed to London Diocesan Guild, which would cover the whole of Middlesex and the Middlesex County Association. He also thought the change was desirable through the proposed division of the London Diocese into suffragan areas.

The chairman pointed out that in the proposed Archdeaconry of London, which would be the cities of London and Westminster, there were only two towers belonging to the Association. After further discussion it was decided to refer the question to a working committee composed of Messrs. J. Euston, Blagrove, Hawkins, Goodfellow, G. Parsons and D. Gazeley, with Miss Ruth Foreman as convener.

The badges sub-committee submitted three designs. Mr. Deason pointed out that a badge was urgent. The difficulty of selecting a badge when the Association was uncertain of its title was countered by adopting the county arms. Mrs. Joan Hooton then caused concern by drawing attention to the similarity with the Essex Association badge of three swords. After discussion this also was referred to the working committee with power to act. Mrs. Hooton was added to the committee.

Bell restoration grants were also considered and the meeting voted £50 to Hayes and £30 each to St. Nicholas', Chiswick, and St. Mary's, Ruislip. Mr. Goodfellow expressed the warm appreciation of the Association of the work of Mr. Percy Venn. Supporting, Mr. Euston said the work he had accomplished was fantastic.

The meeting conferred on Mrs. Grace Goodfellow honorary membership for her work for the Association and elected four new members. Harrow Weald was selected for the next A.G.M. and votes of thanks passed to the vicar, Miss Horsford and those responsible for the tea.

Your humble servant.—Tom White, the retired Editor, receiving a chess set from the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association, as a mark of the members' appreciation of his 23 years' service to *The Ringing World*.

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**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
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Ringing Arrangements  
Saturday

|            | M.I. Route   | A.I. Route  | Western Route |
|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 11—12 noon | Barnsley     | Doncaster   | Marsden       |
| 12—1       | Ossett       | Spotborough | Longwood      |
| 1—2        | Dewsbury     | Darrington  | Elland        |
| 2—3        | Birstall     | Pontefract, | Halifax, All  |
|            |              | St. Giles   | Souls'        |
| 3—4        | Drighlington | Tadcaster   | Queensbury    |
| 4—5        | Bradford     | Collingham  | Bradford      |
| 7—8        |              | Addingham   | and Otley     |
| 7.30—9     |              | Skipton     | and Guiseley  |
| 7—8.30     |              |             | Ilkley        |

Service Ringing, Sunday  
Monday

|                         |             |           |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Bingley                 | 10.15—11.00 | 5.45—6.30 |
| Bradford Cathedral      | 10.30—11.00 | 5.30—6.30 |
| Chapel Allerton         | 9.15—10.00  | 5.45—6.30 |
| Cleckheaton             | 9.00—9.30   | 6.00—6.30 |
| Denholme                | 9.30—10.30  | 5.30—6.30 |
| Dewsbury                | 9.45—10.30  | 5.30—6.30 |
| Elland                  | 9.30—10.30  | 5.30—6.30 |
| Giggleswick             |             | 5.45—6.30 |
| Guiseley                | 9.45—10.30  | 5.45—6.30 |
| Halifax, All Souls'     | 9.55—10.30  | 5.45—6.30 |
| Harrogate               | 10.30—11.00 | 6.00—6.30 |
| Headingley, St. Chad    | 10.00—10.30 | 5.30—6.30 |
| Headingley, St. Michael | 8.45—9.15   | 5.45—6.30 |

|                        |                        |           |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Idle, Bradford         | 10.00—10.30            |           |
| Ilkley                 | 9.45—10.45             | 5.30—6.30 |
| Knarsborough           | 10.15—11.00            | 5.45—6.30 |
| Ossett                 | 9.45—10.30             | 5.30—6.30 |
| Olvey                  | 10.15—10.45            | 5.15—6.00 |
| Pontefract, All Saints |                        | 5.30—6.30 |
| Pontefract, St. Giles  | 9.30—10.00             | 6.00—6.30 |
| Pudsey                 | 9.45—10.30             | 5.45—6.30 |
| Rothwell               | 9.00—10.00             | 5.30—6.30 |
| Skipton                | 8.45—9.45              | 5.30—6.30 |
| Tong                   | 8.45—9.30              |           |
| Wakefield Cathedral    | 8.45—9.15, 10.15—10.45 |           |
| York Minister          | 5.30—6.30              |           |
|                        | 9.30—10.30             | 3.00—4.00 |

Information about own transport tours is being given to Council Members only.

There will be a dales coach tour (leave H.Q. 9 a.m., return 7.30 p.m.) with ringing at five churches. The cost, including luncheon at a country inn, will be 32/6. Applications should be made as soon as possible to Mr. F.A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey. Please send remittance and s.a.e.

Ilkley bells will be available, 6 to 8 p.m.

## Tuesday

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| Ilkley  | 6 to 8 p.m.    |
| Skipton | 7.30 to 9 p.m. |

## Peal Attempts

Applications should be made to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 28, Brompton Road, Spotborough Park, Doncaster.

## ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to "The Ringing World" of 13th or 27th March.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF  
CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## Ilkley Arrangements, May 23-26, 1970

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel. A room with a bar will be open each evening for Council members.

There will be an informal meeting at H.Q. on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the Standing Committee's interim report on the constitution, etc.

The formal welcome to the Council by the chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. and the president of the Yorkshire Association will be on Monday at 8.30 p.m. at H.Q.

Holy Communion service will be held in Ilkley Parish Church on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. Breakfast will be ordered at the Listers Arms nearby, for 8.15 a.m., price 9s. 6d. for those who ask Mr. W. F. Moreton by May 16.

The Council meeting will be in the Kings Hall and will commence at 9.45 a.m. The Yorkshire Association invites members and their wives to a light buffet lunch in the same premises. Acceptance must be in writing to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6 Bar Lane, Wakefield, by May 16. (A form of acceptance will be sent to members with the papers.) Additional tickets, price 5s. 6d., will be available for friends. Application as above but with remittance.

**Important.**—Admission to this lunch will be by ticket only. It will be impossible to make

## CENTRAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

In connection with the report of the Standing Committee, published elsewhere in this edition, I extend on behalf of the committee an invitation to all members of the Exercise to comment either in The Ringing World or to the appropriate sub-committee convenor. The conveners are:—

Aims, etc.—R. F. B. Speed, 88 High Street, Hilmorton, Rugby.

Membership.—P. A. Corby, 10 The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks.

Finance.—D. Beresford, 326 Brampton Road, Bexleyheath.

Members of the Standing Committee are free to comment, whether in support or otherwise.

There will be an informal meeting at the Ilkley H.Q. on Sunday evening, May 24, commencing at 8 p.m., to discuss the report. Participation will not be restricted to Council members.

Council members should note that it has been decided not to issue reprints of the report, and they should therefore take this copy of The Ringing World to Ilkley.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Hon. Secretary.

45 Westercroft Lane,  
Northowram, Halifax.

## Report of the Standing Committee

It will be recalled that at the 1969 Central Council meeting at St. Albans it was resolved that the Standing Committee should examine the constitution and procedural working of the Council. During the past year the Committee has been engaged in this examination.

Shortly after the meeting at St. Albans, the Honorary Secretary invited all ringers, whether members of the Central Council or not, to let him know their views on the matters under discussion. A number of ringers accepted the invitation and made various suggestions as to how they thought the workings of the Central Council could be improved.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held at Leicester on 29th November, 1969 at which the letters sent in by ringers were considered and the whole problem discussed at length. (A report of this meeting appeared in "The Ringing World" of 9th January.) The outcome of the meeting was that three sub-committees were appointed to consider and make recommendations on aspects of the Central Council activities. Their terms of reference, which were of a general nature, and the membership of them was as follows:—

Aims, Objects and Procedures—  
R. F. B. Speed  
W. F. Moreton  
B. D. Threlfall

Membership—  
Mrs. E. A. Barnett  
P. A. Corby  
T. J. Lock

Finance—  
D. Beresford  
F. C. Price  
W. G. Wilson

The reports of the sub-committees were considered at a meeting of the Standing Committee held at Leicester on 21st March 1970. The reports were discussed at length and adopted with few modifications.

The stage has now been reached when the Standing Committee considers that it can suggest to the Council certain principles on which the constitution and procedural working of the Council could be altered for the better. To implement its ideas certain matters would have to be examined further in detail but the Standing Committee thinks that its proposals should now be considered by the Council as a whole, to approve, amend, or reject the principles enumerated below as it thinks fit. In the event of the Committee's proposals being either approved or amended, details would be worked out and submitted to the Council in a further report.

The following, then, are the recommendations of the Standing Committee for the amendment of the constitution and procedural workings of the Council. The approval of the Council of these recommendations is sought before the Committee carries out the further detailed investigations which would be necessary.

## AIMS, OBJECTS AND PROCEDURE

## 1 General

The only terms of reference we received in writing are given in our title. This has given us freedom to discuss matters that are perhaps none of our business and the opportunity to sketch out what we hope might develop into a coherent scheme for a more dynamic and outward-looking organisation than exists at present. If we have transgressed on the preserves of others, we apologise.

The line of attack has been to consider first what the Council is trying to achieve, then design a structure to fulfil these aims, and finally some procedures to make the best use of this structure.

Much of what we propose has already been discussed. The committee structure however was not considered at Leicester and a number of changes are proposed to rationalise what is, at present, a rather ad hoc arrangement.

It is worth noting that there are three different kinds of committee:

- those operating on a continuous basis like the Ringing World Committee
  - those providing a service like the Towers and Belfries Committee
  - those providing an output on request, or at regular intervals, like the Records Committee.
- Although names are not important in themselves, they create an impression, and it will be necessary to modify the titles of committees in order to bring out these differences. For the purpose of this report familiar names are used where possible.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
ON REVISION OF DECISIONS

The committee has considered the four paragraphs referred back at the St. Albans meeting (see page 987, Dec. 19, corrected on page 150, Feb. 27).

The committee's recommendations will be put as motions at the Ilkley meeting.

With regard to the deletion of paragraph A3, the recent and continuing developments in the use of calls in composition are so diverse that the committee feels unable at present to recommend a satisfactory ruling. It does, however, recommend that the traditional use and placement of calls should not lightly be discarded.

Recommendations for Decision on Methods and Calls.

- Delete A3, restrictions on calls, and renumber A4 as A3.
- Delete B, regular methods, and re-letter C, D, E as B, C, D and in the new D5, change E4 to D4.

Recommendations for Decision on Peal Ringing.

- 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 lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both lead-head and half-lead 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."

- 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."



**2 Aims and Objects of the Central Council**

- 2.1 To represent all ringers to national bodies and the world at large.
- 2.2 To make available advice, assistance and information to ringers and ringing societies on all matters concerned with bells and bell-ringing.
- 2.3 To bring together ringers to discuss matters of common interest.
- 2.4 To recommend standards in change-ringing and for the ringing of peals.
- 2.5 To record peals rung in compliance with these standards.
- 2.6 To organise a scheme for financial assistance for churches with bells.

**3 Organisation**

- 3.1 The Council will elect its officers and committees and delegate authority to them as appropriate.
- 3.2 The principal officers will be: President, Vice-President, Secretary.
- 3.3 The Librarian: important as this post is, it is not concerned with the administration of the Council, and should not necessarily be reserved for some noted ringer we wish to honour.

The library itself ought to be housed at some central location. We understand that the Goldsmith's Library and the National Central Library are prepared to handle specialist libraries and lend books by post.

- 3.4 The Administrative Committee will be responsible for organising the meetings of the Council, coordinating the activities of other committees, and dealing with urgent matters between meetings of the Council. It should meet at least twice a year, once in the autumn to consider the form of the next Council meeting, and again in the early spring to finalise the details.
- 3.5 The Ringing World Committee will have responsibilities as at present.
- 3.6 The Public Relations Committee will be responsible for contacts with the Press and Broadcasting Organisations and will be concerned with improving the public image of ringing.
- 3.7 The Education Committee will organise or assist associations to organise courses and lectures on ringing.
- 3.8 The Publications Committee will ensure that suitable publications are available to further the aims of the Council, and where appropriate will be responsible for their distribution.
- 3.9 The Towers and Belfries Committee, as mentioned above, differs from other committees in that it provides a service. The committee should be smaller than at present with the aim of coordinating requests for assistance and channelling these to consultants (who need not be members of the Council) in various parts of the country. Possibly an advisory panel of suitable consultants could be established.
- 3.10 The Peal Composition, Methods and Records Committees would be unchanged. It is recommended that the work of the Peals Analysis Committee be discontinued as the Analysis is thought to have little value.
- 3.11 We doubt if the Overseas Committee is worth preserving. The functions of the present Literature and Press Committee should be divided between the Librarian and the Public Relations Committee. The latter could have an Overseas Liaison Officer.

**4. Council Procedures**

- 4.1 Suggestions made here are very tentative. Flexibility and experimentation are necessary with changes being brought in progressively. The writing of new rules is largely unnecessary and should be avoided until experience shows a need. The future composition of the Council is in other hands, but there seems little doubt that there must continue to be an elected body representing ringers both geographically and by background. This body will be the ultimate source of authority when policy decisions are required.

**4.1 General****4.2 Outside Contacts**

For the Council to wield any influence on bodies which may directly or indirectly affect bellringing, it must have established lines of communication.

- The bodies which come to mind are:
- (a) the Churches
  - (b) Parliament
  - (c) The Council for the Care of Churches
  - (d) Architects
- doubtless there are others.

Considering the Churches first: the established church is the most significant (others in Wales and Ireland) and we suggest that a small group wise in church organisation be set up to consider the best line to take at national, diocesan and local levels.

In the case of Parliament it is necessary to keep a close watch on the drafting of bills which may affect ringers. Any personal contacts with M.P.s may be valuable here. We consider that the Council has resources of expertise which the Council for the Care of Churches could well exploit. We hope the recent appointment of Mr. Sharpe to one of its sub-committees will further this. With Architects formal contact would be most desirable, if it can be achieved and no opportunity should be missed to enlighten them on bell mechanics and sound control by published articles and personal contact.

**4.3 Functions of Committees**

In the past many committees have been largely introverted; they only revealed their work via annual written reports and in some cases by technical publications.

The basic function of the committees should be apparent in 3.4—3.10 above. In addition meetings should be organised at which the work of these committees can be described and discussed and papers presented. Non-members of the Council would be encouraged to participate and might be invited to make formal contributions.

**4.4 Meetings of the Council**

The elected Council would continue to meet once a year and would perform the following functions:

- (a) the election of officers, committees etc.
- (b) receive the reports of committees.
- (c) receive, if necessary, debate and accept the accounts.
- (d) debate matters of general interest.

In our view the greeting by local dignitaries at the meeting should be abolished. We see no reason to alter the present three year period of each Council, providing, as it does, a reasonable compromise between the need for stability and the avoidance of stagnation.

The formal meetings of the Council would be preceded by meetings to discuss technical matters as outlined in 4.3 above, and other matters of interest not covered by committees. Motions could be referred to these meetings for discussion and recommendations sent to the Council if a decision were required which would affect the Council's rulings.

If necessary two such meetings could be held in parallel.

If such meetings are successful, weekend symposia in a suitable range of topics might be considered at other times of the year.

**4.5 Organisation**

Considerable organisational problems arise if meetings on the pattern proposed above are to be successful. For example committees will have to produce their reports far in advance to enable the Administrative Committee, with the hosts of the year, to plan the programme of meetings. Also adequate notice would need to be given for non-members to decide to attend.

How long the whole meeting should take is a matter for further consideration as is the best time of year.

It has been suggested that the meeting be held in a college. This would have considerable organisational advantages, but we suspect it would not suit quite a number of members. In our opinion the experiment might be tried when an opportunity arises.

**5. Financial Assistance for Churches with Bells**

This proposal was scarcely discussed at Leicester. We believe this should be considered very seriously to see if a scheme can be devised where by loans can be provided to churches to assist on any work, connected with bells.

**MEMBERSHIP****INTRODUCTION**

We are of the opinion that only minor changes are possible. We have assumed that the procedures of the Council will continue on the same lines as at present. If the Council recommends otherwise, we should need to reconsider the terms of membership in the light of any revised procedure that might be proposed.

**REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

The present basis of election of representative members is admittedly anomalous but we consider that any alternative is bound to be equally anomalous by virtue of the fact that the

various guilds and associations who provide the representative members are not constituted in a uniform way. Some are related to geographical areas on a County basis and others on a diocesan basis so there is always bound to be overlapping.

The non territorial associations represent a special case. Although they overlap the territorial associations they carry out good work and have a prominent place in the exercise.

Since no improved method of representation can be achieved, we recommend that no change be made.

**HONORARY MEMBERS**

In spite of criticism of a vague and general nature which has been expressed from time to time, we feel that the system of honorary membership has worked very well and should continue at the present level, provided they are generally elected for a specific task.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

We think the automatic election of Life Members may result in an overlarge number and should be discontinued. This would require an alteration to Rule 7 by the omission of (i) (a). We further think that the majority in 7(b) should be amended to 4/5ths. In this way there should be ensured a certain scarcity value which would enhance the prestige of those lucky enough to become Life Members.

**Election of Committees**

In general we feel the committees should continue to be elected triennially. Terms of reference and status of the committees should be defined.

**SIZE OF COUNCIL**

Various critics have suggested that the Council is too large although they appear to have no particular reason for saying so. Surely it must always be the norm that only a minority of members can speak at one meeting. The main work of the Council is through the various committees which work throughout the year, and the Annual Meeting can only be a rounding-up operation. Thus the average member contributes most by his actual presence at the meeting rather than by what he is likely to be able to contribute to the debate.

**MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

We think the fact of not having a Standing Committee meeting on the eve of the Council Meeting will have the effect of removing the feeling that everything is cut and dried. If, instead the Standing Committee meets at other times in the year, the present representation, particularly including as it does the conveners of the various committees is entirely logical and fully representative of the Council without being too cumbersome. Indeed, nothing but good can come from meetings of the kind we had at Leicester in November. We think, however, the rules should be altered so that rule 12(ii) should read

- (a) The President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

- (b) The Conveners of Committees ex-officio.

- (c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than twelve names are proposed.)

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

Note—we are leaving off past offices and auditors.

**FINANCE****OBJECTS**

- 1 No fixed terms of reference have been given to the Sub-Committee, and an attempt has therefore been made to review the whole subject of the Finances of the Council.
- 2 The review could obviously only assume that the activities of the Council and therefore the demands on the Council's finances, would not change substantially following the current review of the Council's activities. If there are any such substantial changes these must be taken into account in assessing future financial requirements.

**RULES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF FINANCE****1 Treasurer**

At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election... an Honorary Secretary (who shall also act as Treasurer)... shall be elected from among the members to serve for three years.

**2 Auditors**

The Council shall triennially elect from amongst the members of the council two Auditors who shall audit and report on the Annual Accounts of the Council with power to employ the services of a professional Accountant at the expense of the Council to audit the whole or any particular part of the accounts of the Council.

**3 Vesting of Property**

The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the President, Honorary Secretary



and Honorary Librarian for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interests of the Council subject to the approval of the Council.

#### 4 Submission of Accounts

At each Annual Meeting the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the year to the previous 31 December and the Auditor's report for adoption by the meeting.

### COMMITTEE'S COMMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1 Treasurer

There is no rule to cover the appointment by the Council or the Ringing World Committee of a Treasurer to the Ringing World, or to define his responsibilities in relation to the Treasurer of the Central Council. It could be held that the continued appointment since the Council took over the paper during the war, first of Mr. A. A. Hughes and now of Mr. D. Hughes, has now the sanction of regular practice.

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The position of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer is safeguarded by the fact that cheques payable out of the Ringing World funds are signed by both the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Hughes.

It is recognised that it would be an undue burden on the Hon. Secretary if, in addition to his usual duties, he were required to be fully responsible also as Treasurer of the Ringing World. It is therefore considered that the current position should be regularized by the adoption of a rule allowing the Ringing World Committee to appoint a Treasurer. It is suggested that since it is necessary for very close co-operation between the R.W. Committee and its Treasurer, who is to all intents and purposes a member of the RW Committee it is more appropriate for the RW Committee to make this appointment than the Council. Any new rule could of course provide for maintaining the current practice of joint signature of cheque.

#### 2 Auditors

In relation to the present rule, the current position is that the two Auditors appointed by the Council audit only the General Account, Publications Account and Clement Glenn Bequest Fund. They do not audit the RW Account neither do they exercise their power to use a professional accountant to carry out this audit; the professional auditor of the RW Account is not employed by them and does not report to them. It seems to us that either the rule should be made to fit existing practice, or the practice should fit the rule. In this context it should perhaps also be pointed out that the RW Auditor's report is made to the RW Committee and not to the Council, suggesting revision is required also of the rule regarding submission of accounts.

It is considered that a new rule is necessary which would authorise:-

- the Council to appoint auditors for all accounts of the Council except the Ringing World Accounts.
- the RW Committee to appoint professional accountants to audit and report to them on their accounts, the Committee being responsible for payment for these professional services.

It is highly desirable, indeed essential, that in negotiations with such bodies as the Inland Revenue over for example tax assessments, professionally certified figures should be available and the negotiations be conducted by professional advisers of the status, as is the current practice.

#### 3 Vesting of Property

It is essential that the Secretary/Treasurer in taking investment decisions should have the flexibility of operation and power of decision to make or realize an investment at a particular point in time. It is generally impracticable for the Council or indeed the Standing Committee to be consulted beforehand. If the approval of the investment required by the rule on investment is post facto, it is merely rubber stamping, since disapproval would be too late without generally sustaining a financial penalty. It is recommended therefore that the rule should be amended in this particular, and the Secretary/Treasurer be empowered to make or realize investments after consultation, if the opportunity arises, with the President. We do not feel it necessary for the Librarian to be consulted on every occasion.

The question of consultation with the RW Committee on investment of RW funds was raised at the last meeting of the Standing Committee. It is clear that in the case of investment of RW account funds, the needs of the RW Committee as to fluidity necessary at any particular time must be borne in mind, and in this they are advised by their auditor and can indicate views on the type of investment desirable at that time. It is suggested that the Standing Committee, in considering amendment of the rule on Vesting of Property should:-

- consider deleting reference to the Librarian.
- delete the proviso "subject to the approval of the Council."

and

- add a qualification to the effect that "in the case of investments of RW funds, the RW Committee or its Convener shall if possible be consulted."

### LIABILITY

The Council has from time to time had advice from Mr. Cartwright as to the liability of members of the Council in respect of the Council's business. We have given considerable thought to this question and sought advice as to the advantages of the Council forming itself into a limited liability company or perhaps of the Ringing World Committee doing so. There would appear to be little necessity or reason at this stage for the Council to take this step, and no advantage in doing so, but the Standing Committee may wish to take further advice from Mr. Cartwright on this subject.

So far as the Ringing World Committee is concerned, the need for such action would appear to be to afford protection to members of the Council in the following cases:-

- if a libel action particularly if successful were to be taken against the Ringing World and its owners the Council in respect of matters appearing in the Ringing World.
- if the Ringing World were to become insolvent
- liability as an employer e.g. of the Ringing World editor.

In each of these instances we are advised that the risk virtually is non-existent. In the second case, the likelihood of the Ringing World losing as much as £1,000/year without remedial action being taken is we trust remote, and investments to the credit of the Ringing World Account currently stand at eleven times this figure, almost equivalent to one year's total expenditure. Incidentally a revised system of accounting has been introduced to give early warning of changes in the Ringing World financial position. Finally in the third case, the Ringing World Committee also insure against employers liability and this item is reviewed annually.

On the other hand we are advised that if the Ringing World were formed into a limited liability company, the tax position might well be several hundred pounds per annum less favourable, and therefore such a course of action could not be recommended.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FINANCES

It is of course obvious that any of the monies involved be it in the General Fund, Publications Account or Ringing World account is part of the overall funds of the Council. It is suggested however that each of these accounts should be capable of standing independently on its own feet - or figures. For example it is suggested that the general expenses of the Council should not be met by profits from its Publications Account. A number of instances have been revealed in which it appears the Ringing World subsidises certain expenses and it is felt that these should be eliminated or at least recognised. Thus the profits from publications would be included in a publications capital account which would provide for future publications. General Fund income if not adequate to meet the expenses of the Council should be increased as necessary.

### PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

The profit over the last five years on Council publications has averaged £80/year on sales averaging £430/year. The profit has been transferred annually to the General Fund Income and Expenditure Account towards the general expenses of the Council. As stated above it is felt that these profits should preferably be placed in a capital account for the benefit of future publications.

However in assessing this profit no account is taken of the cost of the advertisements in the Ringing World which at the cheap rate of two thirds the full rate for advertisements would cost £75/year. It should also be mentioned that a proportion of the profits deemed to be sold to purchasers not associated with the Council through affiliated Associations is taxable. The tax payable is negotiated with the Inland Revenue and the tax charged and the accountants fee is included in the Ringing World Account. We are informed that a suitable allocation of tax and fee between the two accounts can easily be made. Some years ago the Council decided that transfer of monies in this way was only a book transaction and recommended it should not be done. We feel this decision should be reviewed again, and feel it preferable that the accounts reflect the true state of affairs.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The income to this account has been fairly uniform for the last five years varying only with the profit on publications. The subscription of 10/0d per representative member, which has remained unchanged since 1954, represents an income of £80-85/year or 50% of total income. Standing Committee Sub-Committee/Finance  
No subscriptions are required in respect of honorary members.

The expenditure applicable to this account is really extremely low, and represents to a very large extent the honorary nature of much of the work done, and expenses borne by individual members of the Council as Officers or members of Committees. There are however a number or remarks we would like to make:-

Each year the Ringing World prints for the Council the Agenda and Minutes circulated to members, some of which have recently been charged to the Ringing World Account. It is felt that this charge should rightly be made to the General Fund, and it is recommended that this cost of about £25 advised to us should be transferred as indicated. In the interests of consistency too, advertisements by the Council should also be charged by the Ringing World for allocation to the General Fund.

### CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST

It is suggested that serious thought be given to employment of the funds of this Bequest—out of a total investment income in the last six years of £135 only £73 has been used of which £39 for the Washington film has been recovered in hire charges for the film.

### THE RINGING WORLD ACCOUNT

We understand that the financial arrangements within the Ringing World Office have recently been revised by the Ringing World Committee in accordance with professional advice received. We have not considered it necessary or even within the remit of the Standing Committee to investigate further this account.

### EXPENSES OF MEETINGS

As the Council is considering its whole function and purpose we thought it right to examine the cost to local Associations of holding Council Meetings in their area, so that possibly some idea of cost effectiveness of the Council can be formed. As a result of contacts with the three Associations who have in the past three years acted as hosts to the Council it would appear that where hire of halls, rooms and receptions are fully charged, the cost to the local associations is towards £200. Of this total approximately £100 can be regarded as absolutely essential to the holding of the Council Meeting. It would seem to us that there must be some reluctance on the part of smaller associations to incur this order of expenditure, and this possibly is the reason for the decline in the number of invitations to the Council. It is suggested that the Council should consider whether it should not more properly place its finances in such a position as to be able where necessary to meet the cost of this £100 essential expenditure, and not leave the local association this very large burden.

### SUMMARY

We have made certain proposals for consideration by the Standing Committee which will if accepted require revision of the rules and adjustment of the Council's finances. The finance sub-committee would be happy to study further any specific points raised and if required to assist in defining exact terms for such rules when decisions in principle have been made.

The principle suggestions made affect the Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund. If accepted in their entirety the increase in income required would be:-

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| 1 To replace Publications profits   | £ 80 |
| 2 To print Minutes and Agendas      | £ 25 |
| 3 Essential expenditure on Meetings | £100 |
| Total increase in cost              | £205 |

This would require an increase in subscriptions from 10/0d per member to about 35/0d, assuming that the Council remains at its present size. Naturally such an increase should not be made in one step, but probably phased over a period of five years. It should perhaps be mentioned that alternatives to membership subscriptions were considered, the most notable possibility being a levy on association income. However it was felt that this would administratively be too cumbersome, and in any case the present system does allow the Associations the flexibility of deciding how much they are willing to spend on maintaining the Council by deciding within the membership rules how many members to elect to the Council. There may be other ways of dealing with this problem and the whole question needs further investigation.

A final point which could merit further consideration is whether registration of the Central Council as of charitable status is possible. A refund of SET has recently been obtained by the Council in respect of the Ringing World in view of the nature of its activities. Since the Council has in 1969 paid towards £400 in tax mostly on Ringing World investment income received, success in this direction would be most welcome.

Vernon Bottomley  
Hon. Secretary

On behalf of the Standing Committee



# Bellfounders' Gift Page

The 24th annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Southwell on April 4. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Michael's, Farnsfield, St. Mary's, Lowdham, and Southwell Minster. Evensong was held in the choir of Southwell Minster and was conducted by the Vice-Provost, Canon E. E. Roberts, J.P.

An enjoyable buffet tea followed in the Trebeck Hall, prepared and served by the ladies of the Newark District.

The business meeting, attended by just over 100 members, was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the vice-chairman-elect, Rev. J. L. Howitt, the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton.

In opening the meeting the chairman gave a special welcome to Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council.

A minute's silence was observed for the following members who had died since the last A.G.M.: Mr. J. F. Milner (Southwell), Sir Stuart C. Goodwin (Farnsfield, donor of Southwell bells), Mr. C. F. Briggs (Newark), Mr. G. E. Foster (Southwell), Canon J. H. D. Grinter (Newark), Mr. S. Jackson (Bawtry) and Mr. W. Brett (Tuxford).

After the minutes had been signed the annual report was accepted, on the proposition of Mr. S. W. Fossey, seconded by Mr. J. W. Raithby, and carried unanimously with grateful thanks to those who had produced it in record time. Membership had been maintained at over 500, announced the hon. general secretary.

## RESTORATIONS

The newly-recast ring of eight at Ruddington had been rehung in a new frame all on one level. The tower was now free from movement and the church safe from further damage in that direction. The 14th century Johannes de Stafford bell had been retained as a priest's bell and hung in the top tier of the old frame. At Syerston the two pre-Reformation bells have been overhauled by local labour and made chimable; any danger of cracking through clocking has thus been removed. Whatton bells have been augmented from six to eight, and these will shortly be followed by Arnold from four to six and Warsop from six to eight, all of these bells having been cast during the past year.

The hon. general secretary reported that, after negotiation between the Guild, the secretary of the Charity Commissioners and the Inspector of Taxes, the Bell Repair Fund had now been officially registered as a charity.

The hon. treasurer reported that the income to the Bell Repair Fund had shown a slight fall but was still extremely good at £194 5s. 8d. A balance of £505 15s. 10d. was carried forward after paying grants of £60 to Ruddington and £75 to Whatton. After discussion, a donation of £10 is to be sent to the Gloucester and Bristol Association towards the rehanging of Stinchcombe bells.

## RECORD YEAR

The peal committee reported that a record total of 141 peals (one handbell) had been rung during the year, an increase of 37 on last year. First pealers totalled 22, an increase of one, and pride of place went to Diana M. Mounsey and Judith Knights,

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both of whom were only 13 at the time. There were eight firsts as conductor. Peals were rung in 42 towers in Nottinghamshire and in nine towers outside the Guild, and leading peal ringers for the Guild were Pamela J. Clifton and W. Gordon Marsh (30), William L. Exton, Ruth Blackshaw, Harold Denman and H. Geoffrey Wells (27). The conducting was shared between 33 conductors, two more than in the previous year, the leading conductors being Paul N. Mounsey and R. Brian Mills (14).

### DOUBLES AND MINOR RECORDS

New methods rung for the Guild were New Gainsborough Surprise Royal, Gainsborough Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Double Beeston Exercise Major, Marchington Surprise, Coddington and Hoar Cross Delight, and Original Minor. The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was the first 12-bell peal by an all-resident band.

The year also saw the Guild take over the record for the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor; this was finally increased to 210 and is now the greatest number of methods rung in a peal on any number of bells. It is also the greatest number possible in seven extents of Treble Bob Minor. This meant that for a short time the Guild held both the Doubles and Minor records; however, the Doubles record has now been taken by the Lincoln Guild with a peal rung last December. Peals on Minimus have also been prevalent this year and one rung contained the greatest number of methods/variations up to the present time.

Quarter peals totalled 179, a record for the Guild, the new leaders being Woodborough (41) from Shelford (34), last year's leaders.

### OFFICERS

The chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, trustees, Messrs. F. W. Midwinter and W. Nichols, and the peal committee, Messrs. R. B. Mills (secretary) and B. M. Buswell, were all re-elected, there being no other nominations. The vice-chairman, Rev. J. L. Howitt, and the auditors, Mrs. E. Beardsley and Mr. A. Dobbin, were declared elected, there being no other nominations. Mr. Exton announced that at the end of the present year he would have completed ten years as Guild secretary, and he thought that both he and the Guild were entitled to a change. He did not wish to be re-elected again after this year.

### MOTIONS

Mr. J. D. Clarke moved the motion "That this Guild recommends the formation of a separate district on the south of the county if sufficient support is forthcoming." Mr. H. Hanson formally seconded the motion, which was then agreed by 44 votes to three.

The motion "That this Guild views with grave concern the present constitution and organisation of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," was withdrawn by its proposer, Mr. H. Poyner, who said that he had been assured that positive steps had been taken by the Standing Committee,

and a number of recommendations would come before the next meeting of the Central Council.

The president of the Central Council was invited to address the meeting on this point and he gave a short summary of some of the Standing Committee's recommendations. The thanks of the Guild were expressed to Mr. Freeman, both for his attendance and for the details he had given to the meeting.

Various ideas, including a dinner at Southwell, were put forward and considered for the Guild to arrange in June, 1971, to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Guild. A small working committee consisting of the various district chairmen was formed to make the necessary arrangements.

A joint festival with the Derby, Leicester and Midland Counties Guilds, who also share our 25th anniversary, was considered, and it was felt that a similar event to the Three Counties Festival would be supported and that Leicester (subject to their agreement) would be an ideal centre.

W. L. EXTON.

## CHANGE-RINGING

Old newspaper cutting:—

"On Edenbridge Parish Church bells on Monday a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in 3 hours—13 mins by a band who are all employed at Gillett & Johnston's Bell Foundry, Croydon, the ringer of the 7th being the Principal of the firm, while the ringer of the 2nd is the premier lady bellringer of the world.

"The ringers were: Treble—Mr. Walter Wise; 2—Miss E. K. Parker; 3—Mr. Arthur Mason; 4—Mr. Charles Dean; 5—Mr. Sidney Roper; 6—Mr. Davis Wright; 7—Mr. Cyril F. Johnston; 8—Mr. William S. Smith.

"The peal, consisting of 5,040 changes, was composed by the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, and was conducted by Mr. W. S. Smith. This peal was cast in 1911, and was the first ring of bells to be tuned by the Croydon foundry on Canon Simpson's principle."

—The Edenbridge Chronicle, Nov. 7, 1919.

## JACK PALLET, OF ASTON

At Easter this year Jack Pallet completed 60 years of service as a bellringer of St. Mary's, Aston, Hertfordshire. Jack's family has lived in the village for at least 500 years and been ringing the bells for much of this time.

He is no great peal ringer but rings twice every Sunday, 52 weeks a year. Jack has also played a major part in Aston's style of ringing—a complicated system of call-change ringing from boards in the middle of a change-ringing area. Emphasis is given to good striking, rhythm, cartwheeled leads, and Jack's voice calling the changes in his Hertfordshire brogue is now almost part of Aston.

Aston at the moment have a dozen ringers for the six bells, with a good blend of youth and experience, even though some local change-ringing towers have fallen on hard times. Much of this success must go to men like Jack Pallet who encourages others.

May Aston be lucky enough to have Jack and his "yarn-telling" with them for many years to come.



# Quarter Peals

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—April 12, 1368 Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny H. Cocks 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Rodgers 4, I. Wiltshire 5, P. R. Butler (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

**ALVESTON, GLOS.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, Miss P. J. Sturdy 3, G. Collins 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6.

**ASTON, HERTS.**—April 5, 1320 Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, P. C. Worthington 2, Rosemary A. Spicer 3, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 4, R. T. Falder 5, A. Gray 6. A compliment to Jack Pallet, ringer at Aston for 60 years.

**BATTERSEA, S.W.**—March 29, 1260 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Benn 1, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss R. J. Cotton 3, M. J. Herbert 4, A. E. Clayton 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Cooles 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 8. For Easter.

**BENINGTON, HERTS.**—Easter Day, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. R. C. Wood (first quarter) 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, A. A. F. Peters 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. C. E. Worthington 5, R. T. Falder 6. For Evensong.

**BENTLEY, YORKS.**—April 3, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. Cooper 2, Mrs. E. Anderson (first inside) 3, Miss A. E. Bradbury 4, J. Witham (cond.) 5. Also April 5, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jayne Holmes (first quarter) 1, E. Cooper 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Miss A. E. Bradbury 4, J. Witham (cond.) 5.

**BLESSINGTON, CO. WICKLOW.**—April 5, 1260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 1,200 Plain Bob): G. T. Brew 1, Jane Potter (first inside) 2, L. R. Taylor 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, W. D. Saarsteiner 6. Belated 21st birthday compliments to "stout fellows" D. H. T. Taylor and G. T. Brew.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. York 1, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 2, A. Dyer 3, G. Parson 4, M. G. Wilmot 5, F. W. Box 6.

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.**—March 8, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Margaret Brown (first quarter) 1, M. Whittell 2, R. Whittell 3, Rev. L. Pizzey (cond.) 4, S. Christian 5, B. Crouch 6. For Evensong. Also March 22, 1260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, J. Hollins 2, Susan Restall 3, D. Barber 4, Rev. L. Pizzey 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also April 5, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob): M. Whittell 1, K. Dakin 2, R. Lockwood 3, S. Christian 4, A. Munnings 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Bryan Crouch.

**BRINKLOW, WARKS.**—March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Philippa Garrard 1, Patsy Howes (first inside) 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, S. Missen, sen. (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—March 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion A. Cass 1, P. D. Austin 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, G. H. Walker (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—April 4, 1280 Kent T.B.: Julia Collinge 1, S. Gay 2, C. Lucas 3, M. Gay 4, C. Mundy 5, Margaret E. Oram 6, I. H. Oram 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—April 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Collins 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Miss D. A. Wood 3, C. K. Hill 4, J. A. Collier 5, J. W. Priest 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Collins 8. A wedding compliment to Kenneth Mumford and Anne Pickering, of the local band.

**CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.**—March 16, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. T. Bennett 1, A. T. Summerell 2, P. J. Perry 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. E. Reeve 5, A. P. Whitehead 6, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 7, R. J. Stevens 8. On the occasion of the visit to Christchurch of H.M. the Queen and members of the Royal Family.

**CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.**—March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, Miss J. S. Armstrong 2, J. Rea 3, M. J. Herbert 4, A. E. Clayton 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, F. E. Benn 8. For Easter; also a farewell to Julie Armstrong.

**CLERKENWELL, E.C.**—Palm Sunday, 1288 Plain Bob Triples: D. Gough 1, Josephine Patterson 2, Margaret Byrne 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, Rosemary Cotton 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, D. Woodward 8. First on eight 1, 3. Also Low Sunday, 1265 Stedman Triples: Jennifer Dunning 1, D. Woodward 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Town 4, J. Pratt (cond.) 5, R. Talbot 6, S. Darvill 7, M. Wyherley 8.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—April 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Fuller 1, Sheila Percival 2, D. Hope 3, G. Mayes 4, J. Church 5, P. Jewell 6, L. Bywaters (cond.) 7, S. H. Ashton 8. Half-muffled after the interment of Thomas H. Dilley.

**CODDINGTON, NOTTS.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. W. Tomlinson 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirtton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. Birthday compliment to D. E. Kirtton.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—March 28, at St. Peter's, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Eileen Button 1, A. Wright (first on eight) 2, D. Whent 3, W. J. Brunt 4, G. Button 5, A. Andrews 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millau (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Boyden and Michael Sadler. Also April 2, 1280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, N. Avis 5, A. Semken (first London) 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millau (cond.) 8. For the institution of the Rev. R. M. Wilson as vicar.

**COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.**—April 5, 1260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, D. Whent 6. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

**CONISBROUGH, YORKS.**—April 7, 1344 Rutland S. Major: D. Nichols 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, R. Harper 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

**CROWCOMBE, SOM.**—April 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wilsher 1, E. Webber 2, C. Lock 3, R. Penny 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. For the induction of the vicar (Rev. H. Brunskill); also a 35th wedding compliment to the conductor and his wife.

**CROXTON KERRIAL, LEICS.**—April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Holmes (first Minor) 1, R. E. Manton (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, A. French (first inside) 4, J. R. Ward (first inside) 5, J. L. Day 6. In appreciation for the service of Mr. C. Bircham, lay reader and vicar's warden at Croxton Kerrial, who is leaving for Australia.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—April 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggi Walls (first away from tenor) 1, R. V. Johnson 2, Jean Osborn 3, C. Bainham 4, R. Durnford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Osborn 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to Ted Brett and a wedding eve compliment to R. Durnford and Wendy Richards, all of the local band.

**CUDHAM, KENT.**—March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Gay 1, M. Gay 2, C. Lucas 3, Julia Collinge 4, T. Lewis 5, C. Mundy (cond.) 6.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**—March 21, 1472 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. H. Sitch 1, P. G. Brown 2, Josephine Brown 3, Yvonne Towler 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. L. Towler 8. An 80th birthday compliment to John H. Sitch, life member of the Essex Association and tower captain at Brentwood for many years.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. Bailey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Bailey 2, G. Beven 3, P. Barrett 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Whale 6. For the christening of Steven John Osborne.

**DOWNTON, WILTS.**—April 6, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mussel 1, L. A. Page 2, N. O. Skelton 3, A. T. Collins 4, A. M. Johnson 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, B. J. Woodruffe 8.

**DUBLIN.**—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane Potter (first Minor) 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, D. A. McEndoo 3, W. D. Saarsteiner 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, J. K. Stark (first inside) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Beth Doyle, Canton, Ohio, and Dublin University Guild.

**DUNCHURCH, WARKS.**—March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Holden 1, D. G. Welch 2, P. Edgson 3, P. Lock 4, J. Edgson 5, M. Flander (cond.) 6. For John Michael Bennett's christening.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—March 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills 1, H. Biahop 2, L. Cox 3, A. Webb (cond.) 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Butler (96), former ringer and foreman at Hagbourne. Also Easter Day, March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wells 1, H. Bishop 2, Mary Thomas 3, Patricia Adlin 4, A. Webb 5, C. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. Cox 8.

**ELKSTONE, GLOS.**—April 8, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside four methods) 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5.

**GORING, OXON.**—March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, S. Franklin 2, Ian Judd 3, M. Tull 4, A. Gray 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Easter.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—At St. Wulfram's Church, April 5, 1248 Grandsire Major: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. A. Hill 3, D. Rooke 4, J. Holmes 5, P. A. Slight 6, H. R. Woods 7, B. Buttery 8. First Grandsire Major by all. For church unity.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Chamberlain 1, Jane Foster 2, S. A. Waters 3, Ann Edwards 4, A. S. Hudson 5, L. Ainger 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, G. A. Bainbridge 8. A thanksgiving for the restoration of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

**GREENWICH, S.E.**—At St. Alfege's Church, Dec. 21, 1969, 1260 Cambridge and Pl. Bob Minor: Freda Cannon 1, A. Long 2, D. Gebbett 3, Philip Butler 4, Peter Butler 5, D. Hollis (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also April 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. R. Andrews 1, J. Daffers 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. P. Smith 4, P. J. Spice 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Half-muffled for requiem for Geoffrey Floyd, churchwarden.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—April 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Clissett 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, H. Shilcock 3, B. E. Woodall 4, T. Greenhall 5, A. B. Elmsore 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, A. P. Hackett 8. For Evensong; also a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shilcock and a birthday compliment to A. P. Hackett.

**HENBURY, BRISTOL.**—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Andrews 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Wetton 3, G. Locke 4, F. Bloomfield 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6, A. Bennett 7. For Evensong.

**HENDON, MIDDX.**—Easter Day, 1296 Cambridge Minor: D. Gazeley (first T.B.) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (first Cambridge as cond.) 5, B. Watson 6. Also April 5, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. Warren 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Elizabeth Spry (first Major) 3, D. Gazeley 4, Dorothea Robotham 5, E. Edmondson 6, Ruth Foreman (first Major as cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. Both for Evensong.

**HODNET, SALOP.**—March 15, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. Powell 1, Ann Sisley 2, Rachel Gee 3, P. Morris (cond.) 4, R. E. Morris 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Best wishes to Ann Sisley and family, leaving for Stafford.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—April 5, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Warner 1, Anne Anthony 2, Dawn Colcombe 3, H. Cokombe 4, J. Bailey 5, J. King (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Guildford to Evensong. Also March 31, 1440 London Surprise Minor: E. R. Warner 1, Catherine Elliott 2, A. D. Flood 3, S. R. Taylor 4, N. Summerhayes 5, D. E. Parsons 6. Ring as a farewell to Rev. Canon J. J. Cresswell.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—April 12, 1260 Erin Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, D. A. Cornwall 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, A. R. Blaby 5, P. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. W. Payne 8. First in the method by all. A farewell to Arthur Payne, going abroad.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Hepburn 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Triples inside) 4, J. N. Lambert 5, J. R. Norris 6, J. Kirkcaldy (first Triples as cond.) 7, D. Kirkcaldy 8. For Easter. With good wishes to 4th ringer, joining the community at Lee Abbey.

**ILTON, SOM.**—Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burns (first quarter) 1, R. Welch 2, E. Welch (first inside) 3, S. Welch (first as cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. First by a band from the village.

**KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.**—At St. Margaret's Church, April 5, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain): N. V. Harding 1, R. Harrop (cond.) 2, W. Curston 3, C. Tovell 4, R. Newson 5, O. A. Needham 6, D. Lines tenor covering.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Seagrave 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, I. J. Whitear 5, P. T. Selwood 6. Called by all ringers except 6th. For Evensong.

**KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—Easter Monday, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sparling (11, first quarter) 1, E. B. Smith 2, Miss C. McArthur 3, Mrs. G. Wildney 4, C. McArthur 5, U. Wilney (cond.) 6.

**LAXTON, NOTTS.**—April 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Sayers 1, Miss L. Foulds 2, Miss S. Etlles 3, B. Birkett 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Confirmation.

**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—April 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, J. J. George 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, G. W. Taysom 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8. To mark the 86th birthday of the conductor (April 8).



**LEWES, SUSSEX.**—April 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, Mrs. G. P. Elphick 2, Miss R. Lelliott (first in method) 3, E. A. Wilkins (first quarter) 4, H. S. James 5, G. P. Elphick (cond.) 6, H. W. Moody (first quarter for 50 years) 7, F. Fuller 8.

**LOCKING, SOM.**—April 4, 1260 Doubles: Allison Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, V. Criddle 6. A wedding compliment to Sarah Markham and Michael Martyn.

**LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.**—March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Moya Keys (first attempt) 1, R. N. Cox (cond.) 2, G. R. Hills 3, H. D. Butler 4, T. D. W. Banner 5, Caroline L. Jones 6.

**LUTTON, Lincs.**—April 7, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Susan J. Rudd (first on working bell) 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, P. W. Campling (circled the tower to quarters) 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. M. Ragsdell 6. For the centenary of the neighbouring church at Gedney Dawsmere.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—March 8, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also Easter Day, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, M. J. Taylor 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. Also April 5, 1260 St. Clement's and Little Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, B. G. Butcher 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. A. Birch 6. For Matins.

**MALMESBURY, WILTS.**—March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. E. Player (first Minor) 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, P. W. Holroyd (first Minor) 4, L. K. Grey (first as cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6.

**MARCHAM, BERKS.**—April 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. White 1, B. Winter 2, C. J. Peale (cond.) 3, G. Woolridge (first quarter) 4, I. Stoter 5, J. Pain 6. For the visit of Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

**MARKSBURY, SOM.**—Easter Day, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Blacker 1, H. J. Coombs 2, R. Perry 3, A. Coombs 4, P. Blacker (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6. 25th quarter together 2, 3 and 4.

**MARSTON, OXON.**—April 5, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: I. M. M. O'Reilly 1, Hilary E. McGowan (first inside) 2, C. Smith (first Minimus) 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Paul's Cathedral, March 4, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Heyes 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner 4, J. Roper 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6. To welcome Mark Doggett, born Feb. 22, 1970. Also April 1, 1313 Grandsire Caters: G. Stewart 1, D. Heyes 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, J. Bills 4, M. Lawrence 5, R. Turner (cond.) 6, H. Rossell 7, M. Scowen 8, J. Roper 9, G. Heyes 10. To welcome Stephen Philip Bills, born March 10, 1970.

**MORETON, ESSEX.**—Easter Day, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. Hollis 1, Jane Fransella 2, Barbara Shaw 3, Valerie Jones 4, D. Ellisdon 5, J. Porter (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.**—On April 4, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda Allen 2, J. G. Edgson 3, M. D. Fiander 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise for all. To mark the engagement of the 3rd ringer to Miss Christine Lawrence. Also April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Rigby (first Minor) 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. For family service.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At the Cathedral, April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bustin 1, P. R. Mason 2, Gillian Colleypriest 3, R. L. Wallace 4, R. M. Esbester (first as cond.) 5, D. Hollister 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, Dallington, March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. G. Fox 1, J. G. Chapman 2, J. P. Sale 3, E. J. Winkworth 4, J. C. Parker (cond.) 5. For morning Communion service and to mark Northampton Trinity Grammar School's speech day.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.**—April 8, 1256 Little Bob Major: Jane A. Smith (first Major) 1, R. Marczak 2, L. G. Smith 3, Mrs. D. A. Davis 4, C. Davis 5, P. Webber 6, E. Martin 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8. First Little Bob Major for all except 4 and 8.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—April 9, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: R. A. Spicer 1, J. Trigg 2, M. M. Roden 3, M. Lush 4, C. Forgan 5, R. Roden 6, B. J. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Sanderson 8. By an all-ladies' band, all connected with the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association.

**OVERTON, HANTS.**—March 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, P. G. Holmes 2, R. Christine Hassell 3, J. J. Hill 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, Lynette M. Holbrook 6, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Hassell 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's Church, March 22, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: C. Woodward 1, C. Holloway 2, Jane Wells (first Major) 3, Mrs. Mary Wells 4, H. Wells 5, B. Gray 6, C. Coles 7, T. G. Pett (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**PAINSWICK, GLOS.**—April 5, 1259 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, Clare R. Taylor 3, B. H. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, I. M. Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, G. C. Taylor (first on eight) 8. First Triples for the family.

**PANGBOURNE, BERKS.**—April 4, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan C. Hanlon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, Sandra Jarvis 3, F. D. Wesley 4, A. D. Smith (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Wellman and Miss Wilcox.

**PEBMARSH, ESSEX.**—March 13, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Trendell 1, C. Weavers 2, T. Bird 3, V. Buttle 4, R. Rippingale 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. D. S. Bayley, rector of Pebmarsh 1930-1957.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Stacey 1, Karin Hatherly (first inside not observation) 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, R. Cross. For Evensong.

**PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**—At St. Andrew's Church, March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Bould 1, A. Frost 2, N. Mallett 3, G. Mudge 4, F. Myers 5, M. W. Myers 6. A. W. Myers (cond.) 7, C. York 8. For Evensong.

**POLESWORTH, WARCS.**—Easter Day, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp (first inside) 2, M. Quimby 3, D. Hioris 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also for Evensong, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Allsopp 1, D. Hioris (cond.) 2, S. Allsopp (first inside) 3, M. Allsopp 4, M. Quimby 5, T. Oxford 6. Also April 5, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, R. Knight (cond.) 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hioris 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

**PORTBURY, SOM.**—Feb. 26, 1260 Grandsire and B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 3, G. Skelly 4, J. Riley 5, R. Haskins 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. Riley 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, Sealy. Also April 10, 1260 Doubles (11 variants): L. Potter (first quarter) 1, S. J. Bateman 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, V. H. James 4, B. H. Goodliffe 5, R. Haskins 6.

**PURITON, SOM.**—March 30, 1260 Doubles (Rev. Cant., P.B.): Elaine Russ 1, Mrs. J. Broom 2, Mrs. S. Beck 3, L. Pope 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, P. Russ 6. First in more than one method 1, 6. For Easter; a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hemby. Also April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. Rogerson (first quarter) 1, Elaine Russ 2, Lesley Bawden 3, R. Short 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, L. Pope 6. First inside 2 and 3.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—March 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, K. Williamson 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, N. W. Jackson 5, P. Thomas 6. Birthday compliment: to Mr. Thomas Woodward, grandfather of 5th ringer.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—April 12, 1295 Grandsire Caters: D. Atfield 1, Carol Martin 2, A. J. C. Brown 3, D. Atkins 4, A. T. Shelton 5, A. Streeter 6, W. E. Dunn 7, K. G. Game (cond.) 8, R. J. Talbot 9, J. Knipe 10.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—April 4, 1248 Rutland S. Major: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, D. Nichols 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. **ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—April 5, 1440 Single Court and Oxford Bob Minor: M. J. Rose (cond.) 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, E. Nice 6. For morning service and to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nice, first grandson for L. Nice.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At the Cathedral, March 29, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Miss J. Pearson (first on ten bells) 1, Miss H. Dodds 2, Mrs. C. Carter 3, G. Dodds 4, R. Ewer 5, Mrs. K. Hardy 6, A. Carter 7, R. Hardy 8, M. Frost (cond.) 9, G. Penney 10.

**ST. BEES, CUMB.**—April 12, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): D. Slim 1, Marjorie Street 2, R. Wetenhall 3, B. Street 4, H. Byrom (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6.

**SUCKLEY, WORCS.**—March 25, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ranford 1, I. Ballamy 2, M. Ballamy 3, F. Pugh 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Sayers (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to J. Ranford.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.**—March 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Rutter 1, Marie Boniface 2, B. Holdaway 3, C. H. Rogers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Easter.

**SUTTON-CUM-LOUND, NOTTS.**—Easter Day, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3.

**TETTENHALL, STAFFS.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Carter (first Triples) 1, P. Day 2, Miss C. Tebbot 3, F. Carter 4, Miss C. Slater 5, A. G. Newman 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, E. Butler 8. 30th wedding anniversary compliment for A. G. Newman and 16th birthday compliment for Miss C. Tebbot.

**THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.**—Easter Monday, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Sparling (11, first quarter) 1, C. McArthur 2, Mrs. G. Wildney 3, E. B. Smith 4, U. Wildney (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6.

**TITCHFIELD, HANTS.**—April 5, 1440 Wells Surprise Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor.

**TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.**—March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith M. Goodyer (11, first quarter) 1, Andrew J. Goodyer 2, Philip R. Goodyer 3, Margaret E. Goodyer 4, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, John R. Rainsford 6.

**TWERTON, BATH.**—Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): V. Thompson 1, R. Coles (cond.) 2, C. Stillman 3, C. Barrable 4, K. Whitaker 5, F. Nicholas 6, S. Goard 7, D. Fear (first quarter) 8. Also March 8, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Mackenzie 1, K. Whitaker 2, C. Barrable (cond.) 3, R. Coles 4, C. Stillman 5, C. Mackenzie 6. Also Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Cannon 1, S. Cox 2, K. Whitaker 3, C. Stillman 4, C. Barrable (first Minor) 5, R. Coles (cond.) 6. Also April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Goundry (first quarter) 1, C. Stillman 2, K. Whitaker 3, C. Barrable 4, R. Coles 5, D. Fear 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson.

**USK, MON.**—April 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hughes 1, Mrs. E. Hughes 2, Mrs. S. Clench 3, G. Knight 4, L. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Clench 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Goble 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, Miss G. James 3, K. Leach 4, B. Winter 5, R. Wood 6, J. R. White (cond.) 7, J. R. Pain 8. First Triples 1, 5 and 8.

**WARSP, NOTTS.**—March 26, 1320 Double Oxford Minor: 1. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, B. Birkett 3, R. Hancock 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Cooke (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. Also Good Friday, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: 1. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, Mrs. I. Moran 3, R. Hancock 4, H. T. Rooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Half-muffled. Also Easter Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, R. Hancock 3, B. A. Richards (cond.) 4, H. T. Rooke 5, M. Bennett 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also for Evensong, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, by the same band. Also April 5, 1440 Single Oxford, Plain Bob Minor: W. Craig 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Cooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—At 4929 Hillbrook Lane, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Cook 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kit Matthew 5-6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—April 5, 1376 Pl. Bob Major: A. R. Ling 1, Jill A. Laud 2, Jennifer M. Bunyan 3, W. J. Arnold 4, W. G. Paul 5, D. R. Bell 6, A. C. D. Mayes (first Major as cond.) 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

**WEMBDON, SOM.**—March 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally B. Turner 1, F. P. Phillips 2, A. B. Preston 3, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 4, M. J. Stone 5, S. H. Emery 6. First attempt for 1 and 3.

**WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—March 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Archer (first quarter) 1, J. A. Coates 2, P. N. Maunsey 3, B. Birkett 4, P. Rogers 5, Christine M. N. Wright (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

**WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.**—March 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Moya Keys 1, D. A. Smith 2, R. M. Cox 3, H. D. Butler 4, G. R. Hills (first as cond.) 5, D. Ockenden 6.

**WOOTTON WAWEN, WARCS.**—April 11, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): D. Bates 1, Hazel A. Mackenzie 2, Jill Riley 3, R. M. Andrews 4, C. J. Pickford 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6. Prior to the wedding of Joanna Lodder and Richard Bowman.



# Peals

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

### TRENT, Somerset, St. Andrew.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (18 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1 H. E. George Jeanes
- 2 Raymond P. Selway
- 3 Trevor E. Marks
- 4 Derek S. Beaufoy
- 5 Frederick T. Sandy
- 6 William E. Turner (Conductor)

First of Minor on the bells.

### KEWSTOKE, Somerset, St. Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (8 each Union, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and 10 of Grandsire).

- 1 Harry Button
- 2 Marjorie Legg (Conductor)
- 3 John Coombs
- 4 William Hart
- 5 George Prescott
- \*6 Glan Kingdon

\*First peal.

## BRISTOL SOCIETY

### BRISTOL, Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR** (Middleton's.)

- 1 Bruce Martin
- 2 Susan A. Moore
- 3 Heather A. Kippin
- 4 Michael J. Hobbs
- 5 Jennifer M. Taylor
- 6 John W. Collard
- 7 Gillian M. Hunt (Conductor)
- 8 D. John Hunt

## CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

### COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland, All Saints.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 2 Geoffrey Tembey
- 3 Alan Capstick
- 4 Kevin M. Price
- 5 David G. Kealey
- 6 Colin F. Gates
- 7 Harry Byrom (Conductor)
- 8 Stanley Richardson

First of Bob Major as conductor. Rung in conjunction with the bicentenary celebrations held in Cockerthorpe recording the birthday of William Wordsworth, born in this town on April 7, 1770.

## DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### DRONFIELD, Derbyshire, St. John.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15 cwt.)  
**5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
 Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Eric Roughley
- 2 Sidney Hough
- \*3 John Bell
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 Alexander Richardson
- 6 Neil D. Lomas
- 7 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)
- 8 David Bates

\*First in the method.

### DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15½ cwt.)

#### 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. W. Critchley.

- 1 Susan Davis
- 2 Elizabeth Bowden
- 3 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 4 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Robert Chambers
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey Paul

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### CHELMSFORD, Essex, Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

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

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (17 methods: 384 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge; 256 Bristol; 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire; 139 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Richard J. Harrison
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Peter G. Brown
- 5 Keith W. Brown
- 6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
- \*7 Philip J. Rothera
- 8 James L. Towler

\*300th peal. Most Major methods to a peal by all and for the Association.

### SANDON, Essex, St. Andrew.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

#### 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (4 callings).

- 1 Judy Harrison
- \*2 Marilyn A. Freeman
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Richard J. Harrison
- 5 James L. Towler
- 6 Keith W. Brown (Conductor)

\*First peal. First as conductor.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.

St. James the Greater.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.)

#### 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Henry Taysom
- 2 Andrew R. Williams
- 3 Dennis A. Chapman
- \*4 Christopher J. Bell
- 5 Patrick J. Bird
- 6 Edward G. Mould (Conductor)

\*First inside. For the birth of Ruth Catherine Mould, daughter of the conductor and Christine Mould.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### RADLETT, Herts, Christ Church.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (3½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 4 methods: St. Clements, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

- 1 Jill A. Laud
- \*2 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- \*3 Christopher K. Hill
- 4 Clive W. Simson
- 5 Leonard J. North
- 6 John R. Southey (Conductor)

\*First in four methods.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### WROTHAM, Kent, St. George.

Thur., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (20 cwt.)

#### 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Philip Staples
- 2 John L. Anderson
- 3 Crawford T. Hillis
- 4 Reid P. T. Robbins
- 5 Rhian N. Bagshaw
- 6 Paul J. Bagshaw
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
- 8 Colin J. E. Wyld

### FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (24 methods: 384 Pudsey, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Helmsore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, 128 Double Dublin and Rochester, with 151 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Jane Reynolds
- 2 D. Paul Smith
- 3 Alexander Waddington
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 5 Martin L. Howe
- 6 Thomas Cullingworth
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

Most Surprise Major methods by all and for the Association.

### CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.)

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (27 methods: 192 Ashted, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Glasgow, Helmsore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 128 Double Dublin and Rochester, with 157 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 John W. Smith
- 2 D. Paul Smith
- 3 Alexander Waddington
- 4 Christopher T. Osenton
- 5 Martin L. Howe
- 6 Thomas Cullingworth
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

Most Surprise Major methods by all and for the Association.

### MILTON REGIS, Kent, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (1 Kent T.B., 2 Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

- \*1 Jane Gilder
- 2 Martin L. Howe
- 3 Trevor A. Cross
- 4 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 5 Colin A. Tester
- 6 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)

\*First peal.

### NEWCHURCH, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (6 methods/var.: 6 of Plain Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury and Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire).

- 1 Helen S. Rowland
- \*2 Judith Brooks
- 3 Elizabeth A. Todd (Conductor)
- 4 Richard A. Birch
- 5 Keith D. Butler
- †6 William J. Beeching

\*First inside. †First peal.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****RADCLIFFE, Lancashire, St. Mary.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Paul Smith
- 2 Jane Reynolds
- 3 Stewart Barnet
- \*4 John E. Preston
- 5 Frank Reynolds
- 6 Peter Dyson
- 7 Alan Ward
- 8 G. O. Sanders (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****LINCOLN, In St. Hugh's Tower, the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (24½ cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

(No. 3 Version.)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1 Gillian Radley
- 2 Jack L. Millhouse
- \*3 Christopher J. Sharp
- 4 John Freeman (Conductor)
- \*5 David Phillipson
- 6 Walter Tomlinson
- \*7 Phillip C. Pitchford
- 8 Harold F. Gibson
- 9 Peter A. Sharp
- 10 Geoffrey R. Parker

\*First of London Surprise Royal. On the Feast of the Annunciation.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****LLANDAFF, Glamorgan, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (20½ cwt.)

**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Mary E. Pryor
- 3 Nevil A. James
- 4 Paul W. Thomas
- 5 Alwyn R. Lewis
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 Stephen Fenwick
- 8 M. Jack Pryor
- 9 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 10 Robert B. Smith

For Easter and to mark the retirement of Commander Wadsworth (21 years vicar's warden).

**PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, Mon., St. Peter.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (7 cwt.)

**5088 PETERSTONE WENTLOOG SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- \*1 Judith A. Ashcroft
- 2 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- †3 Stephen Fenwick
- 4 Paul A. Williams
- 5 Michael R. Meadows
- 6 J. Michael Lakin
- †7 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 8 David J. Llewellyn

\*First on 8 and of Surprise. †50th together. First in the method.

**PETERSTONE WENTLOOG S. MAJOR**

Group Mx, c.p.s.:

—58—14.58—58.36—14—1458—14—18.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD****HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (19 cwt.)

**5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1 Jill A. Laud
- 2 Christopher W. Ottaway
- 3 Maurice W. Thompson
- 4 Christopher K. Hill
- 5 John R. Southey (Conductor)
- 6 Leonard J. North
- \*7 Clive W. Simpson
- 8 Andrew C. D. Mayes

\*Has circled tower. A farewell to Brian and Jo Rose.

**TOTTENHAM, London, N., All Hallows.**

Thur., April 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (13 cwt.)

**5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Alan R. Patterson
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 David C. Brown
- 4 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 5 John S. Barnes
- 6 Derek E. Sibson
- 7 Dennis Beresford
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD****LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,****The Bell Foundry.**

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.)

**5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 B. Stedman Payne
- 3 Richard J. Clifton
- 4 Ronald D. Hughes
- 5 Arthur E. Rowley
- 6 Joseph W. Cotton
- 7 Frank Chambers
- 8 Derek P. Jones
- 9 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
- 10 Alec R. Jones

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,****The Bell Foundry.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5152 JOHANNESBURG S. MAJOR**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Mary Barrass
- 2 Richard J. Clifton
- 3 B. Stedman Payne
- 4 Joseph W. Cotton
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Arthur E. Rowley
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****BUCKINGHAM, Bucks, SS. Peter & Paul.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (27 cwt.)

**5088 EASTER SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by M. A. Coleman.

- 1 Sara K. D. Woolley
- \*2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 Peter V. Heritage
- 4 Barry R. Care
- †5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 Murray A. Coleman
- 7 D. Kay Adkins
- 8 George W. Holland

\*700th for the Guild (562 conducted).

†100th of Major and 50th different Surprise. First in the method (Tipler's B90/3. For the Festival of Easter.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD CRANFORD, Northants, St. John the Baptist.**Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (19 methods: Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars, Kingston, Capel; Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Thelwall, Childwall; Single Oxford, Plain Bob; Kent).

- 1 Elizabeth M. Tingle
- 2 David W. James
- 3 Stephen B. Bell
- 4 Barry R. Care
- 5 Richard J. Cowley
- 6 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS****SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts, All Saints.**

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 2 Katherine Burchnall
- 3 Grace Burchnall
- \*4 Gillian Radley
- 5 Colin W. Reed
- 6 William L. Exton
- 7 Harold F. Gibson
- 8 Peter A. Sharp

\*25th peal. In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James.**

Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- \*1 C. Richard Daft
- 2 Christine L. J. Mills
- 3 Susan M. O'Neill
- 4 Sheila M. Anthony
- 5 David Stainsby
- 6 R. Brian Mills
- 7 John R. Leeming
- 8 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)
- 9 George A. Dawson
- 10 Simon Humphrey

\*First on ten bells. 50th as conductor.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid.**

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (13 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (16 methods/var.: 3 ex-

tents each of Fortune, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob and Kennington, 1 each of Old, April Day and Seighford).

- \*1 Anne Vessey
- 2 Ruth Blackshaw
- 3 Margaret E. Snyder
- 4 Maurice W. Harrison (Conductor)
- \*5 Paul F. Curtis
- 6 F. William Midwinter

\*Most Doubles methods.

**BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.**

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

**5040 MINOR** (360 of Double Oxford

and St. Clements, 3 720's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

- 1 Diana M. Mounsey
- 2 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)
- 3 Stephen W. Knights
- 4 Harry Poyner
- 5 Philip Rogers
- 6 Bryan Birkett

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**KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts,  
St. Winifred.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 ALL FOOLS DELIGHT MINOR**  
 (7 different extents, based on C.C.C. Nos.  
 77, 78, 81 and 89).

- 1 John R. Rigby
- 2 Susan M. O'Neill
- 3 C. Richard Daft
- 4 Simon Humphrey (Arr. and Cond.)
- \*5 H. Geoffrey Wells
- 6 George A. Dawson

\*First of Treble Bob. First in the method.

**APRIL FOOLS DELIGHT**

—36—14—12—16.34—12.36. 2nds. 42563.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

**FOXEARH, Essex, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (8 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 John A. Mayle
- \*2 Amanda M. Richmond
- \*3 Joyce S. Perry
- 4 Walter Perry
- 5 Sally E. Potter
- 6 Peter Mayle
- 7 Christopher R. Nunn
- 8 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)

\*First of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

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

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5184 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by H. Poyner.

- \*1 Ruth 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.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**

**CROYDON, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (37 cwt.)

**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by D. E. Parsons. C.C.C. 22.

- 1 Harold N. Pitstow
- 2 Roydon Davies
- 3 Norman Summerhayes
- 4 David E. Parsons (Conductor)
- \*5 Keith G. Game
- 6 Norman G. T. Steere
- \*7 I. Malcolm Parry
- 8 Frank E. Mitchell
- 9 Alan E. Bagworth
- 10 Stewart F. Kimber
- 11 Andrew J. Brown
- 12 Kevin Taber

\*First on 12. By invitation of the vicar and churchwardens for Centenary Year.

**LONDON, E.C., Hart Street, St. Olave.**  
 Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)  
**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8  
 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bris-  
 tol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey,  
 Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142  
 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith

- 1 David E. House (Conductor)
- 2 M. Louise Slater
- 3 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 4 Janet House
- 5 James E. Andrews
- \*6 A. Keith P. Poole
- \*7 Philip Bosworth
- 8 Andrew J. Corby

\*First of Spliced Surprise in 8 methods.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**BILLINGSHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

- 1 Caroline L. Jones
- 2 Bernard E. Matthews
- 3 Harold F. Wood
- 4 Kenneth Knight
- \*5 Graham R. Hills
- 6 Colin J. Champion
- 7 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey C. Rix

\*First of Triples. First as conductor in the method.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

**ST. ANTHONY IN MENEAGE,**

**Cornwall, St. Anthony.**

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (12½ cwt.)

**5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8  
 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 Rutland  
 and London, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire  
 and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire,  
 with 120 changes of method and all the  
 work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

- \*1 Colin C. Monson
- 2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 Michael Elson
- 5 Gerald C. Hemming
- \*6 Arthur C. Berry
- \*7 A. Colin Banton
- 8 Martin D. Fellows

\*First of 8 spliced.

**EXETER, Devon, Cathedral Church of  
St. Peter.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 47min. (72½ cwt.)

**5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 2 Claudia A. Critchley
- 3 John N. Longridge
- 4 Thomas J. Lock
- \*5 Canon A. S. Roberts
- 6 George E. Mudge
- 7 Frank D. Mack
- 8 Norman Mallett
- 9 D. Roy Boulton
- †10 Clive G. Bryant
- 11 Philip Mehew
- †12 Anthony J. Davidson }  
 Alan Carveth }

\*300th peal. †First of Maximus. †First  
 on 12. First of Maximus for the Guild.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD**

**CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Priory  
Church of the Holy Trinity.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (27 cwt.)

**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- \*1 Mary E. Elmes
- 2 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 3 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4 William T. Perrins
- 5 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 6 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- \*7 Grahame W. Elmes
- 8 Richard H. Youdale
- \*9 A. Terence Collins
- 10 Timothy F. Collins
- 11 Frederick E. Collins (Conductor)
- 12 Ronald N. Marlow

\*First of Cinques.

**NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire,  
St. Nicolas.**

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (10 cwt.)

**5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

- 1 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Richard Green
- 4 Michael J. Thomas
- 5 Derek C. Jackson
- 6 Jeremy D. Cheeseman
- 7 David J. Forder (Conductor)
- 8 John H. Hunt
- 9 Maurice J. Butler
- 10 John Hartless

In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis,  
 ringers at this church.

**SHERBORNE, Dorset, Abbey Church of  
St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 48min. (46 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Groves' trans. of Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Lynette M. Holbrook
- 2 Philip Murduck
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 R. Brian Walton
- 6 Edward W. Colley
- 7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- 8 Howard E. J. Smith

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION**

**EVESHAM, Worcs, All Saints and  
St. Laurence.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (35 cwt.)

**5280 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS**

- 1 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 2 Geoffrey J. Hemming
- 3 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 4 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 5 Geoffrey Pearson
- 6 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 7 Geoffrey Bridges
- 8 Geoffrey Brewin
- 9 Geoffrey Gardner
- 10 Geoffrey Pratt
- 11 Geoffrey Paul
- 12 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

First of Maximus by an all-Geoffrey band.

**NORTON, Worcs, St. Egwin.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14 cwt.)

**5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- \*1 Anthony C. Freeman
- 2 John R. Ketteringham (Ar. & Con.)
- 3 Angela R. Styler
- 4 Shirley M. Drew
- 5 Eric Styler
- 6 Christopher J. Pickford
- 7 Christopher Hims
- 8 Roger H. Hunt

\*First on 8 bells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18½ cwt.)

**5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by H. Dains.

- 1 F. John Nelson
- 2 Eric Roughley
- 3 Sidney Hough
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- \*5 Michael Thompson
- 6 David Bates
- 7 John Robinson
- 8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

\*First in the method.



**BEVERLEY, Yorkshire, St. Mary.**

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (34½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by C. Rowson.

- 1 Ian North
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Patricia North
- 4 Neil Donovan
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 W. Eric Critchley
- 7 Norman C. Chaddock
- 8 J. Henry Fielden
- 9 David Nichols
- 10 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

**DONCASTER, Yorkshire, St. George.**

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (30 cwt.)

**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Derek F. Yates
- 2 Raymond J. Ballard
- 3 Roland W. Morant
- 4 Harold Dowler
- 5 Cyril Rusby
- 6 William H. Dowse
- 7 Michael W. Crowder
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

**HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.**

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Harold Dowler
- 2 Derek F. Yates
- 3 William H. Dowse
- 4 Roland W. Morant
- 5 Ian M. Holland
- 6 Michael W. Crowder
- 7 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)
- 8 John E. Turley

**NON-ASSOCIATION****LONDON, E., St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (28½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by G. H. Cross.

- \*1 Arthur Cuthbert
- 2 William A. Theobald
- 3 William A. Hughes
- 4 Richard A. Hunt
- 5 Henry G. Weedon
- 6 Arthur F. Lewry
- \*7 Ronald G. Brown
- 8 Andrew J. Corby
- 9 John C. Slater
- 10 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)

\*First peal. Rung during the quarter-century year of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by eight permanent and two part-time members of its staff.

**Handbells****CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent.**

Thur., April 9, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 in C.)

**5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by P. Border.

- \*1-2 Alan McFall
- 3-4 Neil Bennett
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 7-8 Alan F. Scholfield
- †9-10 J. David Atkinson
- †11-12 Gerald Moorhouse

\*Completes Minor to Maximus of Cambridge Surprise on handbells. †First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells for the Guild and by all except the conductor.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****TAVISTOCK, Devon, The Queen's Head, West Street.**

Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (12 in F.)

**5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR** (5 methods: 2880 Plain Bob, 576 Double Reverse and Little Bob, 432 Gainsborough Little Court, with 263 changes of method).

- 1-2 Frances M. Mulvey
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Arr. & Cond.)

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (19 in F.)

**5096 LITTLE BOB FOURTEEN**

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
  - 3-4 Julia A. Fellows
  - 5-6 John R. Mayne (Arr. and Cond.)
  - 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
  - 9-10 Roger Baldwin
  - 11-12 Gerald Penney
  - 13-14 Christopher W. Woolley
- First of Little Bob Fourteen. First on 14 for the Association.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****GRANTHAM, Lincs, Brendon, 14 Signal Road.**

Sun., April 12, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (13 in E.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1-2 Peter A. Slight
  - 3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
  - 5-6 Brian Buttery
- 21st birthday compliment to Susan Aveyard, of Maxey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.**

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

- 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)
  - \*3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
  - 5-6 Len Goodall
  - 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves
  - \*9-10 Robert H. Newton
- \*First of Royal on handbells.

**COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.**

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.)

**5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

(Lockwood's 9120 reduced.)

- 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)
  - 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
  - 5-6 Len Goodall
  - \*7-8 Robert H. Newton
- \*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

**WOODLEY, Berks, 9 Ryecroft Close.**

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 54min.

**5040 OXFORD T.B. MAXIMUS**

- \*1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
  - \*3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
  - 5-6 Julia A. Fellows
  - 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves
  - \*9-10 Noel J. Diserens
  - \*11-12 N. David Lane
- \*First of Maximus in the method.

"Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak."—Shakespeare ("As You Like It").

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 27min.

**5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by Y. Green.

- 1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Noel J. Diserens
- 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 9-10 Jeffrey L. Cloughton

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, The Old Vicarage.**

Thur., Mar. 26, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (15 in C.)

**5040 MINOR** (1 extent Oxford Bob, 6 Plain Bob).

- \*1-2 Paul N. Mounsey
  - 3-4 Mary C. Poyner
  - 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)
- \*First handbell peal in more than one method.

**The Old Vicarage.**

Tues., April 7, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (12 in F.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1-2 Mary C. Poyner
  - 3-4 Harry Poyner (Conductor)
  - \*5-6 Philip Rogers
- \*First on handbells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION****CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside.**

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (11 in G.)

**5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

(Lockwood's 9120 reduced.)

- 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3-4 Christopher I. Rowson
- 5-6 Len Goodall (Conductor)
- 7-8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.**

Wed., Mar. 25, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (12 in F.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1-2 Shirley M. Drew
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 7-8 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close.**

Wed., April 8, 1970, 1hr. 37min. (13 in E.)

**5040 MINOR** (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1-2 Margaret White
- 3-4 Patricia North
- 5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

**NON-ASSOCIATION****NORFOLK BROADS, On Waterway V, moored at Potter Heigham, Norfolk.**

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2 hr. 15 min. (18 in G.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- 1-2 Jean Dale
  - 3-4 Kenneth J. Darvill
  - 5-6 Peter T. Dale
  - 7-8 Kenneth L. Brown (Conductor)
- First of Major as conductor.



## "LONERS" ALSO SERVE

No Association can exist, nor indeed, thrive, were it not for certain rituals which take place within our towers. Often unnoticed and unsung, the embryo of campanology is reincarnated many times over. When one batch of fledglings has flown, another usually takes its place. The Association stands in readiness to adopt the offspring, and in return for the infant's interest offers a little or a lot of shine.

The Association continually requires transfusions and the vital life-dram is none other than the affiliated tower. It is there where the work is hardest. Let us not acquire the mistaken assumption that Associations are the be-all and end-all of ringing interests. Many ringers have little or no interest in Associations, even although their towers be affiliated to one. If the majority of Association members were to remove themselves from Associations, it would not necessarily mean that serious deterioration would be evidenced within towers concerned. But the backwash would hit hard at the summits of personal achievement and selfish pride.

In the infatuated eyes of those who carry personal ambition beyond the bounds of logic, all who handle bells ought to be members of a bellringing Association: a similar outlook expounded by the Union man who scorns the courageous individual who may be every bit as good but who prefers to move in a "free" and anonymous sphere. He is a "loner," and there is something bright and uplifting to be termed as such nowadays.

Let us not lose sight of the purpose and origin of bells and bell towers. Are they really for the use of personal achievement? Do they inspire the virtue of humility? Do we take advantage of these expensive instruments and buildings, knowing that the pleasure of ringing and associating is virtually free? Are we interested in services or is it the "blue line" which is the overriding factor of our interests?

Some of our members may answer in a positive vein. Many cannot. The "loner" has a positive quality, and seeks no glory. The individuality of towers must be preserved; the individuality of ringers too, must remain unmolested. Though the aims of an Association be high—on paper, at least—it must ever be wary lest it trespass on the favoured grounds of our modest friends: they also serve.—From "Sentinel"

## THE WELSH SCENE

During 1969 a total of 93 peals and 103 quarter peals were rung by the five ringing associations in Wales.

The following abbreviations are made: L—Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; N—North Wales Association; SB—Swansea and Brecon Guild; SD—St. David's Diocesan Guild; Un—University of Wales Society.

A brief note on the areas covered by each association is given:—

L—Counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan (except Swansea, Gorseinon & Sketty). N—Anglesey, Caernarvon, Denbigh, Merioneth & Flint. SB—Brecon, immediate Swansea area given above & County of Radnor. SD—Cardigan, Carmarthen & Pembroke. Un—Colleges of Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff, Lampeter & Swansea. L well out in front of all the others, with 65 per cent. of the peal total and 65 per cent. of the quarter peal total.

Peals: L 70, SD 10, SB 7, N 5, Un 1. Quarters: L 64, SD 19, SB 8, N 8, Un 4.

The following peals and quarter peals were rung for the Welsh Associations.

### PEALS

Gentlemen.—1 P. A. Williams (L) 33, 2 S. Fenwick (L) 29, 3 D. J. Llewellyn (L) 28, 4 N. W. H. Simon (L) 27, 5 P. S. Bennett (L) 26, 6 M. J. Lakin (L) 25, 7 T. P. Edwards (L) 24, 8 A. R. Lewis (L) 20, 9 G. I. Lewis (L) and W. T. Petty (L) 19.

Ladies.—1 Susan Harber (L) 6, 2 Ruth Stickland (L) and Mrs. J. S. King 5, 4 Anne Cooke (L) 4.

Towers.—1 Llandaff Cathedral 7, 2 Bridgend (L) 6, 3 Cadoxton (L) Newport Cathedral (L) and Whitchurch (L) 5.

Two handbell peals were rung, one each for Llandaff Association and St. David's Guild. For the five Associations, ten rang a first peal.

### QUARTER PEALS

Gentlemen.—1 N. W. H. Simon (L) 21, 2 F. W. Corney (L) 18, 3 S. Fenwick (L) 17, 4 P. C. Rogers (SD) and S. P. Rogers (SD) 13, 6 D. G. Clift (L) and M. Pilgrim (L) 12, 8 J. W. Bull (L) 11, 9 Anne Cooke (L), A. Lingard (SD) and P. A. Williams (L) 10.

Ladies.—1 Anne Cooke (L) 10, 2 Anne Pilgrim (L), Betty Rogers (SD) and Nesta Rosen (SD) 9.

Towers.—1 Llandaff Cathedral 24, 2 Pembroke (SD) 13, 3 Usk (L) 7.

## Winchester and Portsmouth Guild STRIKING COMPETITION

There were two notable and pleasing features about the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's striking competition held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on April 4.

Firstly, the high standard of performance of the seven contesting teams, and secondly the number of young ringers taking part. Ringers in their early 'teens were included in each of the teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd by Mr. Roger Savory, master of the Guild (the judge on this occasion).

The earlier date this year seemed to affect the entry somewhat and, in the event, seven teams competed out of the 11 who originally submitted entry forms to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, convener of the organising committee.

After tea in Chantry Hall, prepared by the ladies of St. Mary's tower, the judge briefly analysed the performance of each of the teams in order of ringing. Canon Felstead then declared Eling the winners with but 30 faults in 240 Grandsire Doubles; they were closely followed by Highclere (Bob Doubles) and Petersfield (Grandsire Doubles). The remaining teams were Ringwood (Grandsire Triples), Winchester Cathedral (Stedman Triples), Titchfield (Cambridge Minor) and Fawley (Bob Doubles).

The master presented the Alliston cup to Mr. John Hartless, captain of the Eling team, together with a certificate. A certificate was also presented to the teams placed second and third. Mr. Savory concluded the presentation by thanking the striking committee for their work of organisation. Canon Felstead suitably replied and thanked St. Mary's for the use of the bells and hall and the ladies for preparing the tea. A. D.

Twenty-seven rang a first quarter. Llandaff were never seriously challenged for the leadership.

The leading peal and quarter peal ringers for each Association were:

Peals.—L: 1 P. A. Williams 33, 2 S. Fenwick 29, 3 D. J. Llewellyn 28. SB: 1 E. J. Morris 7, 2 Gillian Armstrong and J. T. Williams 3. SD: 1 P. C. Rogers and R. L. Underwood 6, 3 Rev. Russen Thomas 5. N: 1 G. H. Randles, J. W. Griffiths and D. Millward 4. Un: One only.

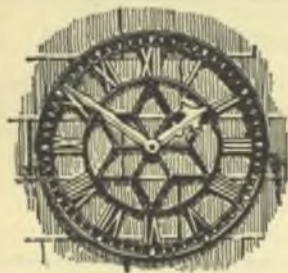
Quarters.—L: 1 N. W. H. Simon 21, 2 F. W. Corney 18, 3 S. Fenwick 17. SD: 1 P. C. Rogers and S. P. Rogers 13, 3 A. Lingard 10. SB: 1 E. J. Morris and Gillian Armstrong 3, 2 J. Williams and Marilyn Evans 2. N: 1 T. C. Bowley and E. M. Jones 4, 2 F. R. Evans 3. Un: 1 Margaret Twigg, Sue Davis and M. Tompsett 4 each.

Methods rung to peals: Doubles 15, Minor 14, Triples 7, Major 37, Caters 10, Cinques 2, Royal 6, Maximus 1, Minimus 1; total 93.

Methods rung to quarter peals: Minimus 1, Doubles 37, Minor 17, Triples 30, Major 9, Caters 6, Royal 3; total 103.

Many unique occasions, viz. investiture of the Prince of Wales and coming-of-age of the Prince of Wales, were not marked in the peal and quarter peal columns by Welsh ringers as they should have been. The year 1970 also presents another unique occasion, for this year is the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales. Perhaps the number of peals and quarter peals to mark this occasion will reach a record total. A. F. W.

A mortified appetite is never a wise companion.—Robert Louis Stevenson.



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## Letters

### "DOUBLE BOOKING" PEALS

Dear Sir,—I note in recent issues of The Ringing World what appears to be the beginning of an outbreak of "double booking" peals. By "double booking" I mean crediting the peal to more than one guild or association, territorial or otherwise. I fail to see how this practice can do anything but introduce an element of chaos into the year's Peals Analysis.

Take, for example, the peal rung at Frome, Somerset, on March 24 and reported on page 274 of The Ringing World. This peal is shown as credited to the Bath and Wells Association and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. You, sir, probably had some difficulty in deciding where to print the report. Should it have gone under Bath and Wells, under Winchester and Portsmouth, or where? In the end I see you invented a new heading containing the names of both these bodies—and wasted type in doing so into the bargain!

At year-end both bodies can lay claim to this peal in their total. Thus when all peals are credited to each and every body are added up we shall arrive at a total of  $n+1$ , where  $n$  = the number of peals actually rung. How is this situation resolved? Credit half a peal to the Bath and Wells and half to the Winchester and Portsmouth? To the best of my knowledge the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild does not recognise half-peals in its records. I cannot speak for the Bath and Wells Association.

I understand from one of the ringers who took part in this peal at Frome that it was stipulated by the local "rules" that peals rung in this tower be either for the Bath and Wells or Non-Association, which seems quite fair. However, this particular ringer told the conductor he wanted all his peals to appear in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Report, and so this one at Frome must also be rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild!

If this double booking is allowed to continue, Peals Analysis will be meaningless. I would prefer to have seen this peal at Frome reported with no mention of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, albeit my own Guild. Far better have no peals rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild than create chaos with "half-peals." Perhaps the conductor would like to pass his comments on the suggestion that he withdraw from this peal the reference to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. As things are, the matter will have to be discussed by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild executive committee regarding acceptance of "half-peals."

I also see that in the same issue of The Ringing World (page 275) that another peal has been "double booked," i.e. Grand-sire Doubles at Mitcheldean, Glos, credited to both the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Ladies' Guild. Surely the peal could have been rung for the Ladies' Guild with a footnote to the effect that all the ringers are members of the Gloucester and Bristol. The reverse arrangement would hardly need a footnote! But this is one for someone else to sort out—if they are interested in " $n+2$ ."—Yours faithfully,

ROGER SAVORY,

Master,

Winchester & Portsmouth  
Diocesan Guild.

### SECURITY DURING BELL-PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—This problem arises, no doubt, in many churches, giving rise to anxiety and difficulty in safeguarding the building and its contents during bell-practice periods. A solution has been found in Portsmouth Cathedral. It may be of interest and help in solving the problem elsewhere. Following are the requirements:—

(1) A "fixture." For the long-term view the practice evening and time should be well known locally by established custom, advertisement or other means. Day and time should not be varied unless exceptional circumstances arise. Then, particularly if the tower is a popular one and enjoys the participation of visitors from a distance, notice of the proposed (temporary) alteration should be given in The Ringing World in addition to local notification.

(2) At the access door an external bell-push is set at adult-reach height, as inconspicuously as possible. The particular way in which this bell is used reduces the effects of "false" rings to a minimum. The push is connected to a bell in the ringing chamber.

How it works:—

(a) The access door is unlocked at the known specified time and a volunteer "guard" (ringers take turns as arranged from week to week or otherwise) remains at the door for the ensuing quarter of an hour, admitting ringers only.

(b) At the end of the quarter of an hour the guard locks the door (inside) and goes to the ringing chamber to take part in the ringing.

(c) From this time on any late arrivals ring the bell and wait to be admitted. This admittance is only after the current quarter-hour has elapsed, when the guard, having heard the bell in the ringing chamber, goes to admit the late-comers.

(d) If the bell has not rung during this second quarter-hour the guard does not, of course, leave the ringing chamber.

It will be noted that this plan calls for only one journey from the ringing chamber to the access door, no matter how many late-comers there may be.

Consider a typical example—that, in fact, of Portsmouth Cathedral: Practice nights, Thursdays; time, 7.30 to 9 p.m.; access door (north) unlocked 7.30 p.m.; access door locked 7.45 p.m.; if door-bell rings during the ensuing quarter-hour, i.e. up to 8 p.m., the guard goes down (at 8 p.m.) to admit late-comers; otherwise his duty is finished. An optional aid is a small card notice outside access door stating: "Late ringers admitted at (here enter time) if door-bell is rung."—Yours faithfully,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Portsmouth.

### News from Melbourne . . .

#### ROYAL VISIT

To mark the commencement of the royal visit to the State of Victoria, St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, Melbourne, attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters. Unfortunately the attempt was halted after two hours of ringing due to two bells becoming transposed. A quarter peal in the same method also failed to come round. Nevertheless, St. Paul's bells rang almost continuously for five hours to welcome the Royal Family to Evensong at the Cathedral. J. B.

### CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir,—I recently visited a six-bell tower in Lancashire and found that, along with two other visitors, I was obliged to ring changes with a closed handstroke lead. This in itself I found completely unacceptable. Apart from being hard graft, there is no sense of rhythm, and any resultant music becomes meaningless.

I was even more disturbed to discover that nearly all the new recruits at this particular tower are taught to ring in this manner. Surely it is wrong to teach up-and-coming youngsters to ring this way, contrary to the traditional open lead as rung by the majority of the Exercise. I should be interested to have other ringers' comments on the matter.—Yours faithfully,

H. BROTHERTON.

Ashbourne, Derbys.

### SCRAPYARD BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Cawley's letter in The Ringing World of April 3, the scrapyards are only 200 yards from the site of St. Augustine's Church, but the scrap merchant assured us that he had the bells in his possession long before the church was pulled down.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

### CALENDAR CURIOSITIES

Dear Sir,—In your issue of April 17 you quote the 90th birthday of a gentleman born on Palm Sunday, 1880, as being celebrated on Palm Sunday 1970, with the additional remark that the birthday and Palm Sunday since 1880 had not coincided.

In 1880 Palm Sunday fell on March 21, and in 1970 on March 22. During the intervening 90 years it fell on the former date in 1937 and 1948, and on the latter in 1891, 1959 and 1964.

As a further point of interest, it has not fallen on its earliest possible date (March 15) since 1818, and on its latest (April 18) since 1943. Another rare gem of this collection is April 17, which occurred in 1791 and 1859, but will not do so again until 2011. There are others, almost as rare, such as March 16 and 17, April 9 and 13, but space forbids a discourse upon them.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

### And from Ontario . . .

#### BILL JACKSON IN HOSPITAL

John Owen, of 21 Summit Ave, Apt. 604, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, writes: "Unfortunately our activities have been temporarily interrupted by ill-health. Bill Jackson has been admitted to hospital and will be away from ringing for at least a few weeks. I am sure his many friends in the U.K. join with us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery."

"A visit to Quebec City has been arranged for the last week-end in May. At last count some 23 people, of whom 16 are ringers, plan to attend. Ringing has been arranged at both St. Matthew and the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, which, contrary to the information in 'Dove,' is quite definitely ringable."

"Should any happen to be in the vicinity of Quebec City during that week-end and would like to join with us we would be only too happy to welcome them."



**ALONG THE WYLYE VALLEY**

On Easter Monday morning a group of ringers from far and wide gathered at Sutton Veny to start another car tour of Wiltshire. At Sutton Veny, Mr. Deech (vicar) met us at the church, which has a central spire and an upstairs ringing chamber. The treble rope was frayed below the sally but with just sufficient tail-end to enable ringing by standing on a box. As we left we bemused the vicar with our places of residence—Duxford (Cambs), Crawley and East Grinstead (Sussex), Frome (Somerset), Loughborough (Leics), Corsham, Chippenham and Lyneham (Wilts).

Next we travelled to Norton Bavant (a ground floor ring with a minor five). Extra effort was required here to control the third and fourth bells. On then to Heytesbury (a central tower, where one has to go over the roof to gain access to the ringing chamber), and here we rang our best touch of the day on bells which are a pleasure to ring and to hear.

Picnic lunch was taken en route to the light five at Chitterne. The clapper in the third was very stiff and made striking difficult and the rather lightly-set treble upset a few inexperienced ringers, whilst conductors had some difficulty making themselves heard. A few more ringers joined us and New Grandshire was the special method rung. Codford St. Peter was our next port of call. After climbing to the ringing room we had to dismantle the clock access equipment before ringing could commence. Boynton was our next tower, where the ringing is done in the entrance porch. The ropes were extra long and made ringing on the rather odd-struck bells difficult, but the church contained much of interest.

Our journey to Wylye was slow due to holiday traffic, and two members wheeled a bier loaded with odds and ends from the ringing chamber before a start could be made. The bells have a rather long draught (the fourth rope comes down rather close to the wall) but were not too difficult to handle. The smaller bells were a little hard to hear over the noisy tenor.

The final tower was the eight at Amesbury, where the bells had not been rung for six months. The back three were raised with difficulty, the 6th and 8th being "crossed clapper" and the 7th took two people to raise, but proved to be a very pleasant octave once we got into the swing.

At Rowde we managed to find a suitable tavern to discuss the day's activities and drank the health of Tim Gregory and Jennifer Lees, married earlier in the day in Australia. Tim's sister was with us and had been waiting all day to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom.

All would like to thank the incumbents, the local ringers and those who met us for the pleasant day, and Mick and Betty Tracey on their organisation. A. J. C.

**Southwell Guild.****WARSOP & CUCKNEY BELLS RUNG**

Some 65 members attended the Mansfield District meeting held at Warsop on March 21; Cuckney bells were also available in the afternoon. The service was taken by the rector (the Rev. D. Leaning). An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies. Mr. S. W. Fossey presided over the meeting, after which there was further ringing to conclude a very pleasant occasion. F. C.

**Hereford Guild.****TEA AT THE HORSESHOES**

The spring meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch took place at St. Mary's, Alveley, on April 4, when the pleasing ring of six was put to good use.

The "new" branch ringing master (Mr. Harold Thomas) directed the ringing. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Alveley (Rev. A. Evans), who gave an interesting address. Tea was at the Horseshoes, the village hostelry, and later there was plenty of ringing for all attending. J. B.

**Guildford Guild.****IN A LOVELY VILLAGE**

There was a representative gathering at Shere on April 4 to enjoy the beauty of the fine old church, set in one of the prettiest villages in Surrey, its fine and pleasant ring of eight, and the welcome of the local ringers and their rector (Rev. J. P. Grundy). The bells were well used in the afternoon under the leadership of the new ringing master (Mr. David Struckett). After taking the Guild service the Rector and several associates and "supporters" joined the ringers for tea, prepared by ringers' wives and their helpers.

At the business meeting it was announced that the striking competition on May 9 would be at Stoke-next-Guildford (not Bramley, as on the fixture list), and other arrangements will be made for September 26 (at present listed for Stoke). Five new members were elected—Mrs. Christine Snatchfold and Godfrey Rhimes (Shere), and Graham Fowler, Colin Ediker and Antony Sykes (Albury).

Other matters were "aired" and then ringing resumed for the evening, mostly in standard methods, but we were glad to have the keen young learners from Albury. E.

**HIGHCLERE RINGERS' OUTING**

Wales was the venue for the Highclere ringers' third Easter Monday outing and, accompanied by the rector and his wife, the party set out at 7 a.m. to a wet start but which brightened up later.

A peal at Chepstow prevented ringing there but the good eight at Almondsbury fully compensated before crossing the Severn Bridge to Caldicot. The rector met us and later a quick ring on the tricky six at Magor was possible before a wedding.

Nash was the last tower before lunch, and London Minor and the 4th with no stay will be remembered. The quiet sojourn in the "local" sent us away with happy memories of a spot off the beaten track.

At the first two eights after lunch—Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog—a tour of the churches was much enjoyed, as were the three leads of Bristol.

Our main tower of the day, Llandaff Cathedral, was a pleasure to ringers and non-ringers. Here we were met by Nicholas Simon and an old friend, Jack Prior, and one of his pupils, Bob Smith, fresh from his triumph in ringing his 1,000th peal.

Both here and at St. John's, Cardiff, Bob Royal and Grandshire Caters were rung and were thoroughly enjoyed before setting out for the last tower, Caerphilly.

We had heard about the bells here as it is the home of our rector's mother. We had to admit that they are a better ring than our own at Highclere.

One brief stop on the homeward journey completed a happy and successful day. Our thanks to all who met us and made us welcome. G. D.

**Llandaff and Monmouth Association****VISITORS FROM A WIDE AREA**

The 77th annual meeting, held at Newport on April 4, was attended by over 90, the visitors being from Cheshire, Durham, Norfolk, Surrey, Birmingham and Wiltshire.

During the afternoon the bells of Bassaleg, All Saints' (Newport) and St. Woolos' Cathedral were rung, and for many the visit to Bassaleg provided their first experience of ringing on steel bells. The service was conducted in the Cathedral by Rev. Arthur Edwards, the lesson read by Mr. Iolo Davies.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. Wallace and helpers. The business meeting was under the chairmanship of Rev. A. Edwards, supported by the master (Mr. W. T. Petty). The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Samuel Goodwin, a ringer at Monmouth for over 40 years.

The reports of the hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer had been circulated and were adopted, the officers being thanked for their work. The hon. secretary stated that membership had reached 400, an increase of 27. It was very encouraging to note many new members being elected from Bassaleg, Blaenavon, Caerleon, Coity, Grosmont, Marshfield and Pontypridd. Branch meetings had been well attended.

The clappers at Bedwellty were rebused and Mather bells were being rehung, and the Monmouth Branch propose holding a meeting there in October. The highlight of the year was the Investiture of H.R.H. Prince Charles as Prince of Wales and peals were rung at Bridgend, Cardiff, Chepstow, Llandaff, Llanfrecchfa, Peterstone Wentloog, Radyr and Whichchurch. Many rang the bells as part of the celebrations or to honour the visit of the Prince to their area.

The standard of ringing in the area continued to rise and many towers rang quarter peals for Sunday services. The statement of accounts showed total assets increased to £271 5s. 6d. It is hoped to build up a fund to give realistic support to restoration work in future.

The secretary thanked the branch secretaries for their hard work and also Mr. I. D. Davies, who produced the report.

Mr. D. J. Llewellyn reported 71 peals in 1969, the leading peal ringer being Paul A. Williams (34). The leading conductor, P. S. Bennett, had 16 to his credit, and congratulations were expressed to M. J. Clarke, C. F. Cooke, P. Johnson and Miss L. Parker on their first peal, and to S. Fenwick (first as conductor). T. T. Yeomans has rung 200 for the Association, N. W. H. Simon 175, D. J. Llewellyn and W. T. Petty 150 and T. P. Edwards 100. Peals rung for the first time by resident bands were Rutland, London, Pudsey, Xerxes, Teddington, Falmouth and Bristol Surprise Major; Spliced Surprise Major in three and eight methods, Minor in 26 methods and Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Mr. R. Clench (Usk) was elected master and the remaining officers were re-elected, viz.: hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick.

Various recommendations from the committee were adopted and notice was given that an alteration to the rules would be placed before the next A.G.M., whereby the Association would be able to send its full entitlement of representatives to the Central Council.

The master thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.



## Double Fatality Verdict

### INQUEST ON TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

The Coroner for Winchester City (Mr. B. L. Bremridge) directed the jury to return a verdict of "accidental death" on Mr. Thomas Francis and Margaret, his wife, of Bassett Green Close, Southampton, at an inquest in the Guildhall, Winchester, recently.

Mr. Bremridge told the jury, "The Ford Cortina was on its near side and the Austin came across in front of the Cortina resulting in the collision."

Mr. Francis was driving the Cortina and the other car was driven by Mr. Richard

Zealley Miller, of Blackberry Lane, Four Marks. Mr. Miller said they had been driving back at about 50-60 m.p.h., the roads were clear.

"As I came up the hill through Four Marks my speed was about 40 m.p.h. I put my right-hand indicator on as I wished to turn into Telegraph Lane. I didn't know I had been involved in an accident until I was told about it on the Monday."

We learn that David Francis (13), Tom and Margaret's only child, has been offered a home with friends in Southampton until his education is completed, and so will not have to move away. All ringers will wish him a successful future.



Zealley Miller, of Blackberry Lane, Four Marks. Mr. Miller and his passenger, Mr. Richard John Newall, of Telegraph Lane, Four Marks, were both injured in the accident.

Mr. Newall, the passenger in Mr. Miller's car, said they had been to the Top Rank Suite at Southampton, where alcohol is on sale. All he could remember of the



A busy Easter Day was had by the Sapcote, Leics, ringers, for they rang for five services, and the rector asked if they would also ring after Evensong. They did so!

This week's issue contains 24 pages, three of which are devoted entirely to the Central Council—the arrangements for the visit to Ilkley on May 23 and the Report of the Standing Committee. It has had to be set in small type for space and economy reasons. The economy and time elements also account for the extra four pages being on yellow paper, and no green splash this week. We shall, however, be back to normal next week.

Because footnotes to two separate peals reported recently have given false information regarding the "engagement" of two young couples we shall not in future print any similar footnote. Such notice must come officially for publication in our advertisement columns.

"Under the weather" is our old friend Tom White, and also under the doctor! He has got to take life more quietly and not climb hills and stairs, which means he will not be in the office now (it is up three flights of stairs), and not in the belfry for a while. We are keeping him informed of all that goes on, and friends who wish to write to him should do so at 1 South Hill, Guildford.

## Belfry Gossip

The Clerical Ringers on their Easter tour were accommodated in two hotels with a large petrol filling station between, which reminded one reverend gentleman of the biblical verse "between us and you there is a great (oil) gulf."

Steve Etccl, a ringer at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, was married to Mary Atkin at St. Giles', Lincoln, on April 4. After the ceremony the bells were rung by ringers from St. Mary's, and later a quarter peal was rung there.

And at Wymondham Abbey next day (April 5) John L. Rice, of the local company, married Margaret A. Nelson. After the service the ringers, who had been augmented from neighbouring bands, rang a quarter to celebrate the occasion.

At Headington, Oxford, Christine Birks stood down from a quarter peal to allow 80-year-old Jack Keyte, who was on a visit, to ring his first quarter of mixed Doubles.

An interesting article giving extracts from Bell's Life in London of 1846 has been sent to us by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, regarding Ilkley, and we shall print it before the Central Council meets there.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of annual reports from Kent C.A., Hertford C.A., Southwell D.G., Guildford D.G., Hereford D.G., Ely D.A., Gloucester and Bristol D.A., Leicester D.G., Irish Association.

We learn from the matron of Alliston Nursing Home for the Elderly at Walthamstow that Mr. F. C. Maynard died there on April 9.

First peal congratulations to John Preston, Arthur Cuthbert, Ronald Brown, Glen Kingdon, Marilyn Freeman, Jane Gilder, William Beeching.

Personal records: Canon A. S. Roberts (300 peals), Gillian Radley (25), Alan R. Pink (700 for Oxford Guild), Philip J. Rothera (300).

New methods reported this week are Peterstone Wentloog S. Major, Easter S. Major and April Fools Delight.

Sussex County Association held a very successful striking competition at Bolney on April 4 with ten teams competing—two novice and eight experienced bands. Dr. D. E. Sibson was the judge and Warnham were the winners of the shield.

The C.C. rules apparently state that a peal of Caters must consist of at least 5,000 true changes. Does this mean one could have 5,000 true changes and "X" false changes? Now, we know this is not what is intended. However, if one really wanted to be awkward one could translate the rules as suggested. Just a thought, writes R. S.

Several reports of meetings and other news items have been crowded out again this week, but all, we hope, will eventually appear.

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## Obituary

### MR. ALLEN S. WEATHERLY

The death took place suddenly on April 13 of Mr. Allen S. Weatherly, a ringer at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. The writer visited him the previous evening.

Although Mr. Weatherly had not been too well recently he was able to work but had not been ringing since the overhaul of the bells, completed just before Easter. He was due to retire from H.M. Dockyard on May 1 after 41 years' service, and he was looking forward to the warmer weather and being able to ring again.

Mr. Weatherly will be greatly missed at Emmanuel, as he was rarely absent for Sunday service ringing or for practice nights. He was for many years a member of St. Andrew's band but about 18 years ago he decided to ring at Emmanuel, the bells being much lighter and the church quite near his home.

Cremation took place at Eford on April 17, the service being conducted by the vicar (Rev. Roy Harris), who spoke of Mr. Weatherly's church work in the ringing of the bells. Among those attending were several members of Metham Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was a Past Master. Mr. J. P. Sims (captain) and Mr. H. H. Thomas represented Emmanuel ringers.

H. H. T.

### MR. J. S. EASTWOOD

With the sudden death of James Smarfit Eastwood (76) on March 16, the ringers of St. Matthew's, Walsall, have lost a well-loved and respected friend. Jim was born at Bolton, near York, in 1894 and at the age of 16 moved to Bramley, Leeds, where he became a chorister and, shortly afterwards, a ringer at St. Peter's. In the 1914-18 war he served in the Army Catering Corps at Hednesford, Staffs, and whilst there met a local girl, who became his wife in 1924.

In 1927, due to the employment situation, Jim and his wife moved to Walsall, where he obtained employment and later became manager of a grocery store. After settling in Walsall Jim joined the ringers at St. Matthew's and rang on the ten prior to the recasting and augmentation to 12 in 1929. His ringing time was considerably restricted due to business commitments, and it was not until his retirement, 11 years ago, that he was able to devote more time to ringing, especially in the field of peal ringing.

For many years he was secretary, and later treasurer, of St. Matthew's Ringers, and at one time he was ringing master of the Stafford Archdeaconry, a position of which he was particularly proud. During the last two or three years Jim became one of a band of retired ringers who rang for week-day services in the district.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service, which was conducted by the vicar of Walsall (Rev. R. W. Jackson), who gave a short address, and the ashes were buried in the Garden of Rest in St. Matthew's churchyard.

Jim's cheerful presence, efficiency and punctuality were an inspiration to all and his passing has left a gap which it will be difficult to fill. May he rest in peace.

D. J. W.

## Hertford County Association

### THE NEW PRESIDENT

#### INSTALLED

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at Bishop's Stortford on April 4 and ringing took place at many towers in the area during the day. A service was conducted in St. Michael's Church and was attended by a large congregation. A touch of Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells was rung during the service.

Bishop's Stortford District members and their wives provided tea in the Water Lane Institute and this was followed by the business meeting. The president, Mr. Walter Ayre, welcomed those present and thanked the Association for the honour of electing him president during the year of the Central Council's visit to Hertfordshire and for their kindness and help during the year.

A life membership certificate was presented to Mr. Fred Bird, of Bishop's Stortford, but Mr. G. W. Debenham, who was due to receive a certificate, was unable to be present. A moment's silence to honour those who had died during the past year was observed — Canon J. H. Bailey (associate), W. T. Holmes (past president), A. G. Cook (King's Langley), R. Goldsney (Great Gaddesden).

Mr. A. R. Kench was congratulated on his election as master of the College Youths and committee reports were taken as read.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore received a token of appreciation for his 25 years' work for the Association in checking peal compositions. John Mayne agreed to do this work in future, providing that someone checked his compositions, and Mr. Roger Baldwin agreed to do this.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers followed. Mr. A. R. Agg did not seek re-election as general secretary and he proposed Mr. R. E. Hardy for this office, which was carried. The president presented Mr. Agg with a suitably engraved English pewter tankard and a cheque in recognition of his work over the past ten years, and Mrs. Anne Agg was presented with a flower arrangement for the help she had given to her husband.

For the election of president, Mr. K. Westwood proposed and Mr. G. Dodds seconded Mr. A. R. Agg, and amid acclamation Mr. Ayre formally installed Mr. Agg as the new president.

Thanking everyone for the honour that had been conferred upon him, Mr. Agg said he was proud to follow Mr. Ayre in the presidency, and had been grateful to have Mr. Ayre's guidance during the past year, especially in connection with the visit of the Central Council. Mr. Agg asked members to consider ways in which those who had given long and faithful service to the Association could receive recognition.

Other officers elected were: assistant secretary, Mrs. M. A. Coburn; treasurer, Mr. H. Collings; peals secretary, Mr. G. Penney; librarian, Mr. J. Dodds. Messrs. Mercer and Hole who had acted as hon. auditors for many years had asked to be relieved of the task and Mrs. S. Brown was elected to be hon. auditor.

The perplexing question of decimalisation caused the only resolutions on the agenda. After discussion it was agreed that the rules be amended to read "The associate members, ringing members and probationers shall subscribe not less than 25 new pence annually. Members under 16 years of age shall subscribe 15 new pence annually." A proposal to increase the peal booking fee to three new pence was defeated and 2½ new pence substituted.

## Ely Diocesan Association

### NEW RULES DEALT WITH

Easter Monday found the Ely Association holding its annual meeting in the Wisbech area, and from an early hour it was apparent that many old and new friends were going to be seen in the 17 towers which were open for ringing. In the afternoon all roads led to Elm, where the service was held and was conducted by the vicar (Rev. H. S. Joseph), the address being given by the president, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea followed in the Church Hall, over 130 persons sitting down, and the meeting followed, with the president in the chair. The 1969 report, which had been circulated, was adopted. The officers were all re-elected and thanked for their services. The 1970 striking competition is to be held in September at Willingham, and for the 1971 A.G.M. an invitation was received to visit the Huntingdon District on Easter Monday, which was accepted.

The new rules were dealt with at length and after certain amendments had been made were carried. The president expressed thanks to the committee for their work in this matter.

A suggestion from the committee was that an editor be appointed to produce the report. After discussion an amendment was made that the general secretary, four district secretaries, the peal secretary and a vice-president (as chairman) be the editorial committee. The amendment was carried.

The general secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association asking for support in the case of the Stinchcombe bells and this received sympathetic consideration. It was also reported that on January 12, 1972, the Ely Association celebrates its 75th anniversary. The profit from the tea that day was given to the Elm Bell Fund and Rev. H. S. Joseph expressed his thanks for the money.

The president thanked all for making the meeting enjoyable and expressed hopes that he would be present with them next year.

Mr. H. Levens proposed a vote of thanks to the president for his address at the service and for taking the chair at the meeting, to the vicar for conducting the service and to all the incumbents for the use of their bells during the day; to the organist, the Wisbech District committee (especially Mr. G. Mann) and the ladies who served the tea.

A prayer by the president closed the meeting.

H. S. P.

The Kimpton cup competition will be taken over by the Association at the request of the present organisers and the response to the competition will determine the future arrangements.

An appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for support for the restoration of Stinchcombe bells was received and it was agreed to donate £5. Stinchcombe was a warning that bells should not be allowed to become silent.

The suggestion of an Association tie was made a probability by the show of hands and Dr. Gullick is to explore the possibilities.

Thanks were expressed to the Bishop's Stortford District for the excellent way in which they had arranged the day's activities, to the incumbents for use of the bells, tower secretaries for their help, and to the ladies and their "helpers" for the tea.

Ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley took place after the meeting.

M. A. C.



# Notices

## SCALE OF CHARGES

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## BIRTHS

**Stickland.**—Ruth (née Havard) and the Rev. Geoffrey Stickland are very pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Mark William (weighing 5 lb. 13 oz.), on Monday, April 6, at Cardiff Maternity Hospital. 8723  
**Trill.**—To Tricia (née Barlow) and Brian, on March 24, 1970, a daughter (Lucy Ann). 8708

## ENGAGEMENT

**Norris—Lambert.**—John and Mary, of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, are very happy to announce their engagement. 8728

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Rogers.**—As from Sat., April 25, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers' address will be Woodlands, Noble Tree Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. Telephone No.: Hildenborough 2642. 8722

## PERSONAL

"He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger. Love ye therefore the stranger."—Deut. x. 18, 19.

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## EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

**Essex Association.**—S.W. District.—District striking competition, Havering, Sat., May 9, 6 p.m. Last minute entries to K. Warner (Tel. 520 8818). This month's weekday practice at Hornchurch on 26th. 8721

**Hertford County Association.**—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Stevenage, Tues., May 5, from 7.30–9 p.m. 8727

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

**Middlesex County Association.**—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Mon., May 4, at 7 p.m. 8717

**Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice, Bampton (8), Mon., May 4, 7 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8682

## MISCELLANEOUS

**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

## AFTERNOON PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

**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

**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

**Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Sat., May 2, 2–8 p.m.; Sun., May 3, 2–7.30 p.m. Berkeley (10) for festival of flowers. Tea available both days. No names required.—G. Minors, Hon. Sec. 8726

**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

**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

**Barnsley and District Society.**—Meeting at Wentworth, Sat., May 9. Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Church School (4s. 6d.). Names to Mr. Michael King, The Vicarage, Wentworth, by Thursday, please. 8679

**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

**Derby Diocesan Association.**—Chesterfield District.—Annual ringing contest at Creswell on Sat., May 9. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. S. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. (Tel.: Creswell 370).—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 8725

**Derby Diocesan Association.**—Derby District.—Horsley cup contest heats, Spondon, on May 9, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 8715

**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, Melbourn, Royston, Herts. 8680

**Essex Association.**—South Eastern District.—Meeting and striking competition, Purleigh (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

**Guildford Diocesan Guild.**—Guildford District.—Striking competition, May 9, at Stoke. Bells available to all after tea. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Savill, 82 Woking Road, Guildford, by Tuesday, May 5. 8682

**Hereford Guild.**—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, May 9, 5.30–9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 8706

**Hertford County Association.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 9, Little Mundon (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664), by Wed., May 6.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8716

**Hertford County Association.**—Western District.—Meeting, May 9, Sarratt (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomlinson, The Rectory, The Green, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 8724

**Kent County Association.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Sat., May 9, Boughton Monchelsea (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 4s.) 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. R. Ferrell, Beresford Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone. 8732

**Lancashire Association.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., May 9 at Broughton-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Langtree, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8713

**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Leicester District.—Meeting, Newtown Linford, May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in church schoolrooms afterwards. District striking competition will take place after meeting. Tea names, please, whether ringing in competition or not, to Mr. J. Richardson, 412 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford, Leicester (Markfield 2095), by Wed., May 6.—Ron Hughes. 8676

**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Syston District.—The May monthly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Sat., May 9. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16 Leicester Road, Billesdon, by May 6. All ringers very welcome.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8710

**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

**Llandaff and Monmouth Association.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 9 at Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8719

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—Bingham District.—Crawford cup round, Cotgrave, May 9, 2.30 p.m. start. Tea approx. 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton, by Wed. previous. 8734

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—N. Notts District.—Meeting, Bawtry and Misson, May 9. Bawtry, 3–5 p.m.; Misson, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Jewitt (address in report) by Thurs., May 7, at latest. 8729

**Suffolk Guild.**—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., May 9, Blythburgh (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1 Heath Road, Wenhamston, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wed., May 6. Wenhamston (6) available in evening. Please note change of venue.—T. N. J. B. 8731

**Gloucester and Bristol Association.**—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening (6), May 16, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cherington (4) also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford. 8687

**Lancashire Association.**—Manchester Branch.—Afternoon practice, Sat., May 16. St. Peter's, Swinton, bells (8), 2.30–5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8693

**Southwell Diocesan Guild.**—Mansfield District.—Crawford cup round, Selston (6), May 16. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14 Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6DN. 8720

**Stafford Archdeaconry Society.**—Meeting at Shreshill, near Wolverhampton, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) available 3–4.25 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Butler, 5 Pool Cottages, Shreshill, Wolverhampton, Staffs, by May 13 latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8574

**Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs.**—Flower festival, May 28–31. Bells available on the afternoon of May 30. Details later. 8711

**Saffron Walden Society (Est. 1623).**—Preliminary notice.—The 347th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 27. Twelve bells. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 8714



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

**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  
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no tea.

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Canonicorum (8), Askerswell (6), Loders (6),  
Symondsburry (6), Broadwindsor (6),  
Netherbury (6),  
6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—  
Beaminster (8)

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**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

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**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.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

Saturday, May 9

Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3-4.15 p.m.  
All Saints', West Ham, 6.30-7.30 p.m., with  
short business meeting after. Own tea.

Monday, May 18

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.,  
6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Summer outing—please book early.

Mr. Robin J. Collis has resigned from the  
office of hon. secretary. For the time being  
communication should be with the master,  
Mrs. O. L. Rogers, 53 The Grove, Isleworth,  
Middx, or the assistant hon. secretary, J. H.  
Lott, 63 Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6.

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**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.

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| 10.00-1.00 a.m.       | Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Steyning (8).                       |
| 10.45-11.45 a.m.      | Cowfold (6), Twineham (5) Laughton (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). |
| 1.30-2.30 p.m.        | Southover (Lewes) (10).  |
| 1.30-2.15 p.m.        | Keymer (6).  |
| 2.00-3.00 p.m.        | Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10).      |
| 3.00-3.45 p.m.        | St. Peter's, Brighton (10).                                    |

If time permits after the business meeting, the bells of St. Peter's Brighton, will  
be available for ringing.

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# MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

## The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in  
BURTON

on Saturday, May 9.

St. Paul's bells (10) available 3-4.15 p.m.  
Tea and business meeting in Friar's Walk  
Schools, 4.45 p.m.  
St. Modwen's bells (8) available after meeting.  
All welcome.

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# ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE

## YOUTHS

Meeting in BRISTOL

May 30.

Bath Abbey (10) 10.30-11.30

Bristol:—

SS. Philip and Jacob (8) 10.30-11.30

St. James (10) 11.15-12.45

Lunch (20s.), Royal Hotel, College Green,

Bristol, 1.15, followed by business meeting.

Names for lunch by May 18 at latest.

Bristol Cathedral (8) 2.45-3.45

St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.45-5.15

Christ Church (10) 5.00-6.30

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# NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### GREAT YARMOUTH

Saturday, May 2

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will  
be held at Great Yarmouth on Sat., May 2.  
SERVICE at the Church of St. Nicholas at  
4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D.  
Holt.

TEA, following the service, at St. James'  
Parish Hall, Great Yarmouth. Names for  
tea to be sent to Mrs. G. Harvey, 15  
Clarence Road, Great Yarmouth (phone:  
4766).

ANNUAL MEETING will be held imme-  
diately after tea.

# RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

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Acle (6), 3-3.30 p.m.

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tact this office as their copies of The Ringing  
World have been returned.

London University Society.—A.G.M., Sat.,  
May 9. Service, St. Olave's, 4 p.m. Tea and  
meeting afterwards in Church Hall. Ringing  
arrangements later. 8738

# CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

Southam St. James' practice night will be  
changed to Tuesday with effect from May 5,  
1970; still at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. 8740

# CANCELLED PRACTICE

Ewell, Surrey.—Tues., May 5: instead, all  
are invited to evening of talks about the bells,  
brasses and antiquities of the old and present  
church. Coffee and refreshments. 8750

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dun-  
ster Branch.—Ten-bell practice meeting, Mine-  
head, Sat., May 9, 7 p.m., and 6-bell at Wins-  
ford, Sat., May 23, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T-B. 8747

Bedfordshire Association.—Annual general  
meeting, Dunstable, Sat., May 2. Tea, Church  
Hall, 5 p.m. Towers: Caddington (6), 10-11;  
Tilsworth (6), 11.30-12.30; Stanbridge (5), 12-  
1; Totternhoe (8), 2-3 (subject to permission);  
Edlesborough (6), 2.30-3.30; Dunstable (8),  
3-5 and 7-9; Luton (10), 7.30-9.—P. Mehew.  
8742

# DEVON GUILD

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 16, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth.

Service 4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13.

# Ringing Arrangements:—

|                     |             |                        |             |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Aylesbeare (6)      | 11.00- 1.00 | Lympstone (6)          | 2.00- 3.45  |
| Broadclyst (8)      | 11.00-12.30 | Ottertton (6)          | 11.30-12.30 |
| Clyst Honiton (8)   | 2.15- 3.15  | Pinhoe (6)             | 1.00- 2.00  |
| Colaton Raleigh (6) | 11.00-12.00 | Poltimore (6)          | 12.00- 1.00 |
| East Budleigh (8)   | 1.00- 3.30  | Topsham (6)            | 2.30- 3.30  |
| Littleham (8)       | 2.00- 4.00  | Whimple (6)            | 1.30- 2.30  |
|                     |             | Withycombe Raleigh (8) | 2.00- 4.15  |
|                     |             | Woodbury (8)           | 1.30- 3.30  |

8690

Beverley and District Ringing Society.—A  
joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association  
(Eastern District) at Pocklington, Sat., May 9.  
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names  
for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19 Victoria Road,  
Pocklington. 8755

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Swin-  
don Branch.—Meeting, Wroughton (6), May 9.  
3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.  
Names for tea to me by May 6.—P. Tombs,  
Branch Sec., 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts.  
8739

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—East Devon  
Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, Sat., May  
9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.  
Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley (Telephone  
Sidmouth 2795). 8748

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.—Ringing week-  
end, May 9 and 10. New church hall will be  
dedicated and opened by Bishop of Colchester,  
Sunday 3 p.m. Ringing programme: Stansted  
bells all day Saturday. Sunday ringing times:  
Matins, 10-11 a.m. Peal attempt 2 p.m. Even-  
song 6-6.30. Other towers: Manuden (5) bells,  
Saturday, 9-11 a.m.; Clavering (6), 11 a.m.-  
12 noon; Newport (6), 2-4 p.m.; Wendens  
Ambo (6), 4-5 p.m. Tea and coffee and light  
refreshments available at Church Cottage on  
Saturday and Sunday. All welcome.—D. J.  
Cheeseman, verger. 8749

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—  
Next branch meeting at St. John's, Whittle-  
le Woods, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.  
Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Jackson, Dalton  
Lodge, 194 Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods,  
Chorley, by Wednesday.—R. Barnes, Asst.  
Branch Sec. 8746

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Annual com-  
petition, Pembroke, Sat., May 9, commencing  
2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. C. Rogers, 32  
St. Michael's Road, Pembroke.—J. Prytherch,  
Hon. Sec. 8741

Suffolk Guild.—Annual striking competition,  
Higham, Sat., May 16. Will teams please be  
present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible  
thereafter. Evensong 4.45 p.m., followed by  
tea and presentation of shield. Entries to gen.  
sec. Names for tea to C. Ablitt, Lowlands,  
Stratford St. Mary, by Wed., May 13. 8751

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