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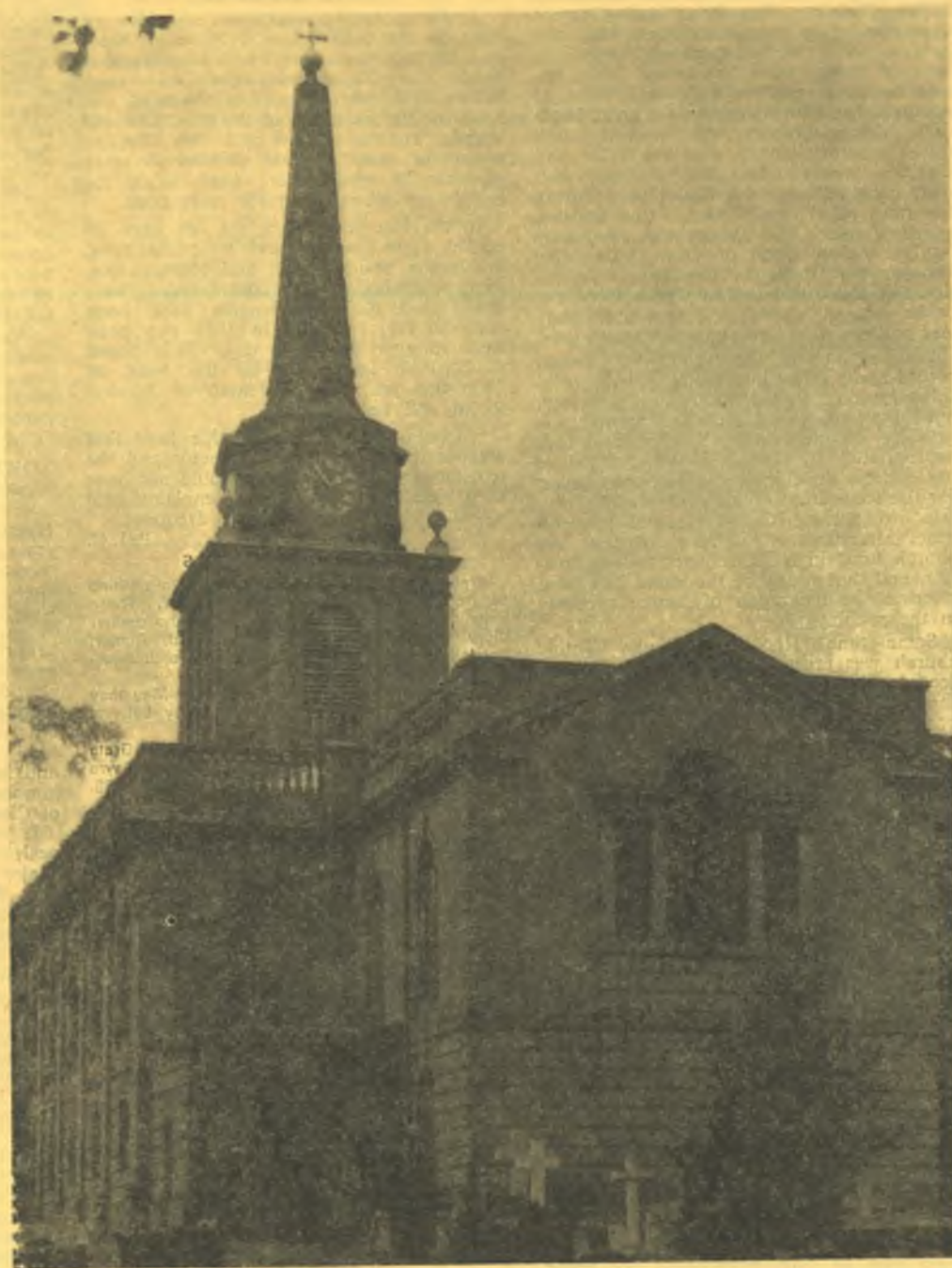
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**Holy Cross,  
Daventry,  
Northants**



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## Cover Picture

## Holy Cross, Daventry, Northants

The present building was erected in 1752—1754 in the then fashionable Classical style, and stands on the site of at least two earlier churches. The first known building, on land given by Simon de Liz, Earl of Northampton, was built to accommodate the Benedictine monks formerly housed at Preston Capes, in 1090.

This building also served as the Parish Church of Daventry, and for a long time the monks provided one of their number to act as parish priest. Relationships between the parishioners and the Prior and Convent (it was a Priory of the powerful Abbey of Cluny) were not always good, and in 1390 there was a great row over the ringing of the bells of the Monastic/Parish Church. The Prior and Convent maintained that the parishioners rang the bells so early in the morning "afore the hour of rising," that the monks were unable to sleep, and as they had risen at midnight for Matins, this was a great hardship. The parishioners, on the other hand, made counter charges that the Prior and Convent "made chase and recharge with their carts through the Churchyard during the time of Divine Service," thus causing great offence. The dispute was eventually brought before John of Gaunt, Daventry lying in his Duchy of Lancaster. At his Court it was ruled that the bells were not to be rung to excess, and that each body was to keep a key to the churchyard gate.

The registers of the Bishops of Lincoln record many other interesting and disgraceful happenings in the affairs of the Priory, but these have no place here. Daventry was fated to be one of the 19 religious houses appropriated by Cardinal Wolsey, before the general dissolution of the monasteries, for the foundation of his college at Oxford, later to become Christ Church. Several years afterwards, it is recorded that the church stood in ruins, roofless and windowless, and that much of the stone had been removed for the repair of secular property in the parish.

Some time after 1550 a new Gothic church was erected, and in 1700 Bridges records the inscriptions of the five bells then hanging in the tower, some of which bore the name of the Watts foundry of Leicester.

In 1738, these five, together with three other bells formerly hanging in the tower of Catesby Abbey, were recast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, into a fine ring of eight with a 16½ cwt. tenor. They were rehung in the new tower in 1754, and with the exception of the 6th, which was recast by Joseph Eayre at St. Neots in 1764, they survived intact until 1908, when the tenor, having become badly cracked, was recast with added metal by John Taylor. In 1915 the 7th fell in two pieces during service ringing one Sunday and this, too, was recast at Loughborough.

By 1938 the bells were badly in need of rehanging, and the old oak frame was strengthened and the bells hung on cast iron headstocks and ball-bearings. Another bell, the 3rd, became cracked in 1951 and was recast.

Inspection by Frederick Sharpe in 1960 and later by Taylors revealed that the frame was once again moving considerably, and the bells were consequently not always easy to ring—particularly the tenor. The cause was found to be the ends of the massive supporting beams which had rotted

in the walls. The enthusiasm of the local ringers led to the decision to install a frame for ten and to add two new trebles; at the same time it was thought advisable to recast the old treble, 2nd and 4th—the ringers undertaking to pay for two of them.

The dedication of the newly-restored bells coincided with the visit of the Central Council to Northampton in 1965, and it is not merely local pride to say that they are among the very finest light rings of ten bells to be found anywhere. They are rung twice every Sunday as well as for the Tuesday practice and all the red letter Saints Days. Visiting ringers are always made welcome!

## PEAL RINGING

As far as can be ascertained no peals were rung on the bells before 1919, when Stedman Triples was rung by a Northampton band. Only about seven others were rung before 1958, when a peal of Cornwall was rung for the induction of the Rev. Kenneth Ward. The installation of a very effective system of sound control enabled 30 other peals to be rung before 1964, when the bells were taken down for restoration.

In the five years since the ten were installed, more than 100 peals have been rung, and many new methods and compositions, some unorthodox and controversial, have been used. No long lengths have been rung so far, although in 1969 two peals were rung on the same day. It is hoped that within the octave of the Feast of Title this year a long length of London Royal will be attempted.

I would like to acknowledge here that without the goodwill of the rector and the parishioners all this ringing would not have been possible. As it is, complaints are virtually nil and compliments frequent.

P. I. C.

## DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble (25", 4 cwt. 15 lb., G).—Do nothing separately that may be done together. These bells are restored and augmented to the greater glory of God, 1965. Kenneth Ward, Rector. Patrick I. Chapman, G. R. Dodson, churchwardens. Taylor, Loughborough.

2nd (26½", 4 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., F).—May they all be one . . . that the world may believe. Taylor, Loughborough, 1965.

3rd (28", 4 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb., E flat).—Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce. Tho. Eayre A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. Our theme is the word of life.

4th (29", 5 cwt. 21 lb., D).—Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce. T. Eayre, 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. With such a hope as this we speak out boldly.

5th (31", 6 cwt. 5 lb., C).—IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei miserere mei. Tho. Eayre, A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1951. S. F. W. Powell, Rector. S. Collett, W. Hiron, churchwardens.

6th (33", 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., B flat).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Deo soll. Tho. Eayre, A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. Rejoice, you no less than I and let us share our joy.

7th (36", 7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb., A flat).—IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei miserere mei. T. Eayre Kett. A.D. 1738.

8th (39", 10 cwt. 5 lb., G).—Joseph Freeman, churchwarden. Joseph Eayre, St. Neots, fecit October 29, 1764.

9th (43½", 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., F).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri Filio et Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre, 1738. John and Denison Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1915.

Tenor (48", 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., E flat).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Tho. Eayre Kett. Charles Wildgose, bayliffe, Anno Domini 1738. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Refusa 1908.

## LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I give notice that an attempt will be made for 11,520 London Surprise Royal (Beddington version) at Daventry Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1970, starting at 10.30 a.m.

The attempt will be made under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the conductor will be Mr. Graham C. Paul.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry, Northants.

Aug. 26, 1970.

## COMPTON BISHOP'S GOOD FORTUNE

The induction and institution of the Rev. James Tomsett will take place at St. Andrew's, Compton Bishop, near Axbridge, Somerset, on Monday next, September 14, at 7 p.m., and no doubt the bells will be rung before and after the service, with maybe a peal attempt later.

For many years Mr. Tomsett was a ringer at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, and a member of the Surrey Association, and was ordained in 1964. He served his title at St. Mark's, Surbiton (no bells!), and then moved to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, in 1968.

Mr. Tomsett is looking forward to his new living but regrets he has not been able to accomplish anything with regard to the condition of the bells at Wells, which have now ceased because of the dangerous state of the tower and which requires about £10,000 spent on it.

We look forward to recording various ringing events in the Axbridge area from time to time and in the meanwhile extend congratulations to the new vicar and the parishioners at Compton Bishop.

## NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE VETERAN

At the age of 14 Charles William Cooper first climbed the steps of the tower of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge. Now, 70 years later, he rarely misses ringing for two services on Sunday, and practice on Monday. Bill, as he is known to his friends, was taught to handle a bell by the late W. A. Pugh, who was for many years tower keeper at the church which has figured so prominently in Bill's long life. Bill first attended Sunday School there in 1894, was secretary of the ringers for many years, and last year provided the tower with a new treble bell in memory of his late wife and late sister. In 1968 he was made an honorary member of St. Thomas's Society of Change Ringers.

It was in 1913 that Bill rang his first peal, when he rang the treble to Bob Major at St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford, and this was the 1,000th peal for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. Altogether he has rung 96 peals.

In 1929 Bill was appointed librarian of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, an office he still holds. In recognition of his services he was made a Freeman of the association in 1966.

Amongst some of the old ringers Bill remembers are William Rock Small (Tipton), James E. Groves, Thomas Miller and A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham), William Short (Clent), James George (Rugby) and Robert Matthews and John Bass (Stourbridge).

Bill's 84th birthday was on July 23, and he was determined to mark the occasion by standing in a peal. A good peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by his great-nephew, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford, a report of which has already appeared.

M. D. F.



## Wedding



## SOTHERAN—WATTS

Mr. Peter Sotheran, a director of the family printing business, and Miss Susan Clare Watts, a teacher, were married at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Warwickshire, on August 15. The bride, wearing a dress she had made herself, was attended by three young bridesmaids (aged 5, 6 and 7). The best man was Mr. Paul A. Sheen, of Lidget Hill, Pudsey.

A number of ringing friends were present and were pleased to be able to join the local band for ringing before the service, as did the bridegroom (much to the best man's consternation!).

Peter and Susan met at Saltburn Church, where Susan runs the Church Guide Company and Peter has been ringing for the past 12 years.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT CHRIST-  
CHURCH PRIORY

"Ringers' Sunday" was observed at Christchurch Priory on August 16, when some good ringing was heard before the morning and evening services. The attendance during the afternoon session could have been better. However, a capacity congregation, which included 50 ringers, filled the large Priory nave for "Ringers' Evensong," and the first lesson was read by Mr. Roger Savory (master, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild).

The vicar of Christchurch (Rev. Leslie Yorke) preached, taking for his subject "Called to Service," and four members of the Priory band rang a course of Grandsire Triples in the chancel to conclude the service.

At the social hour in Priory Church Hall afterwards about 150 people enjoyed handbell tune ringing by St. James', Pokesdown (Bournemouth), Girl Guides and the showing of the film "Ringers Required."

Ladies connected with the Priory ringers served refreshments, and the evening concluded (at 9 p.m.) with votes of thanks to the vicar and all concerned in the arrangements for a very successful day.

## ELEVENTH OCCASION

District outings, tower trips, peal and quarter peal tours—there is no end to the ways in which bellringers will organise themselves for a pull, and often many miles are traversed for the sake of a touch on a musical ring of bells.

One such half-day took place on Wednesday, August 19, when for the 11th successive year Wilson's Wanderers took to the road, travelling from many parts to meet between 1 and 2 p.m. at Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

The majority of the 50 or so who assembled were old friends and acquaintances, but each time there are a few newcomers, and this year was no exception. The company consisted mainly of middle-aged ringers, but the younger generation—particularly the ladies—held their own, as did the senior group—several being octogenarians. Transport varied from sports cars to minis, from modern 1100's to large, but older, limousines. The weather was at times atrocious, and there was hardly a dry moment all day. Nevertheless, the beautiful churches visited (many of historic and architectural interest), the excellent rings of bells and the congenial company all made the effort worth while, quite apart from the great pleasure of renewing old acquaintanceships.

The ten (tenor 20 cwt.) at Bishop's Stortford were followed by the eights at Great Dunmow (22 cwt.) and Great Bardfield (16 cwt.). At tea, taken at the Walnut Tree Hotel, expressions of thanks and appreciation were extended to the organiser and to the many others who had assisted in a variety of ways, and the party then made for Finchingfield for an hour's ringing on the eight (18 cwt.). The final tower was at Braintree, another eight (11½ cwt.), following which the "wanderers" wandered homewards, each promising to return next year to explore the Berkshire countryside and to keep up the tradition of good towers, good ringing and good fellowship.

This year's representation came from Hillingdon, Slough, Horsham, Ealing, Maidenhead, Bromley, Windsor, Willesden, Leatherhead, Farnham, Stoke Poges, Leyton, Acle (Norfolk), Chalfont St. Giles, Farnborough (Hants), Twickenham and Bletchley.

## COMING HOME

Dr. J. C. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin are returning from Hyattsville, U.S.A., to Wantage, Berks, this month, and they write:

"Our year in Washington has been extremely rewarding as far as ringing is concerned, and recently we have been able to try Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Caters.

"It is planned that a group of North American ringers will be visiting England for a ringing holiday next summer, and I would be extremely interested to hear of any families who would be prepared to provide hospitality and transport for one or more Americans. I will send a letter for publication when a few more of the details are worked out.

"Meanwhile we are very much looking forward to our return and more plentiful ringing.

"May I say how much we enjoy The Ringing World these days—there is always something of interest about people and places we know, and while we do not agree with all the editorials at least they are stimulating."

SPLICE DISCLOSED AFTER  
FIVE MONTHS

Miles Platting, Manchester.—The Lancashire Association. On Sat., Feb. 22, 1919, in 2 hours and 55 minutes, at the Church of St. John, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes); tenor 12 cwt.: Miss Emma Tonge treble, Percival W. Cave 2, Arthur Ridyard 3, Thomas K. Driver 4, Joseph Hall 5, Frank Stoneley 6, Walter W. Wolstencroft 7, Amos Trippier tenor. Composed by J. H. Banks, conducted by F. Stoneley. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of ringers' memorial service.

Back in 1919, when the above peal was rung, young Emma Tonge and Percival Cave met for the first time, and neither could have foreseen that in 1970 Mrs. Emma (Richard) Deal would become Mrs. Percival Cave. Such, however, has happened and the news reached us that on April 5, at St. George's, Beckenham, Kent, the wedding took place between Emma Deal and Percival Cave, who later left for the bright lights of Paris. They now live at 37 St. Edmunds Road, Acle, Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Cave received many congratulations when they joined Wilson's Wanderers on a half-day tour recently: "It was so heart-warming to meet after long years . . . and the really extraordinary warm welcome . . ." wrote Emma Cave later.

All their old ringing friends, and all the young ones too, will wish them every happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Percival Cave en route for Paris.

## NO DINNER THIS YEAR

For reasons beyond their control, the organisers of the Essex Association Dinner have been unable to arrange the traditional function this year, but instead are holding a ringing festival and supper party, to which it is hoped everyone will give their support. The date fixed is Saturday, October 24, and the supper party will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Details will be advertised at the end of September.



## A WEEK IN THE NORTH

At 6 a.m. on July 25, 13 East Anglians left Colchester and Ipswich in three cars for Liverpool. On arrival we met seven others from Hertfordshire and we spent a pleasant hour on the bells of the Cathedral. From here we proceeded to Kirkby Lonsdale, headquarters for two nights.

On Sunday we made an early start to ring for the 10 o'clock service at Morecambe. We are grateful to the locals for allowing us to join them and we enjoyed the pleasant light eight. Afternoon ringing was at Lancaster, but we found St. Mary's bells difficult to ring and strike due to springy ropes, but were of fine tone outside. Next the Roman Catholic Cathedral bells (10, 25 cwt.) were rung, and these must be unique as regards total bell weight for the treble weighs 10 cwt. and the 4th 16 cwt.! Most of us "grabbed" the ring at Kirkby Lonsdale before evening service and found a very pleasant 12 cwt. six.

First on Monday was Kirkby Stephen, where we found the 16 cwt. eight easy to handle despite the long draught. Then to Orton, having a 12 cwt. Taylor ring, and despite a degree of odd-struckness the musical eight were tapped round to a variety of methods. Lunch was in Penrith and ringing on the good-going eight at St. Andrew's enjoyed by all.

After touches at Brampton the local ringers provided us with an enjoyable tea, which was appreciated, and from here we went on to Strathaven for the night.

We travelled the 20-odd miles on Tuesday to Glasgow and rang on the fine 32 cwt. Taylor ten, with ringing following at Paisley (8, 22 cwt.). After lunch in Glasgow the rest of the day was spent travelling to Inveraray and enjoying the lovely scenery of Loch Lomond, Loch Long and Loch Fyne. We arrived at 5 p.m. and ascended the tower to put the ropes on. There followed a celebration meal for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Laud.

## BROKEN ROPE

We rang at Inveraray from 9 to 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday and found a truly magnificent ring of ten (tenor 41½ cwt.). Unfortunately a broken rope rather marred a course of Superlative on the back eight. The rest of the day was spent travelling through the north west Highlands and most of us saw Loch Ness (but not "Nessie") on the way to Inverness.

Thursday at St. Andrew's Cathedral we rang on the Warner eight, and from here travelled over the Cairngorms to Perth, seeing Ben Nevis and other high peaks. Later some of us went into Dundee for evening ringing, where the first tower was the Old Steeple, and the recently-rehung Mears eight were tapped round to a variety of methods. Then down the road to St. Paul's Cathedral, where we found the musical 23 cwt. eight.

At Dunblane Cathedral on Friday we rang on the very good 24 cwt. eight, and after lunch in Stirling we sampled the light Taylor eight at Alloa and found them very quick-running and musical. At Edinburgh Cathedral the 41 cwt. ten were rather difficult to hear inside, whilst at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, we were met by Mr. R. S. Wilson (secretary, Scottish Association), who had a lot to do with the success of the tour.

Saturday saw us sampling the lightest five in the United Kingdom—Fette's College, Edinburgh, and we came then to our last Scottish tower, St. James-the-Less, Leith, where we found the eight (23 cwt.) were rather hard going. At Berwick-on-Tweed we took lunch and then made our way to

## THE HISTORY OF

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS  
CHELLASTON, DERBYS.

By the time this article is published most parishioners will have realised that a new sound is to "ring out" over the parish. It is hoped that the bells convey more than just a sound since there is a history attached to the fact that we now have five bells—approximately 265 years of continuity-history. Thanks to the dedication of many people, who had to withstand doubt and criticism of the bells' value or significance, they can still convey a message. How did it all start?

It is quite well known that the church is about 650 years old but it is not generally realised that it wasn't until the year 1705 that the first two bells were cast by George Hedderley of Nottingham and hung in a stone turret on the west end of the church. Popular opinion is that it was a wooden turret but owing to the weight of the bells we believe this was unlikely.

In 1840 the two bells were removed and the turret taken down—being replaced by the present tower. Only one of the original bells was retained, the fate of the other is not known. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough cast two new bells and they were hung for full swing ringing in a wooden frame.

During 1910 the George Hedderley bell was recast by John Taylor & Co. and when it was refitted all three bells were rehung in a modern low side iron frame at a cost of £78. At this time the clock was also overhauled and striking hammers were refitted at a cost of £4 15s. 0d. (How much did you say it cost to get the alarm clock mended dear?) It is interesting to note that at this time a letter signed by a Mr. Ford of Chellaston rejected a quotation of £14 for the provision of a fourth bell. Further attention was given to the bells in 1928 but details of the actual work is not recorded.

Bamburgh. At Embleton, Jim Pipe made a presentation to Bernard in appreciation of all the work he had put in, and Bernard replied by saying he would be organising another tour in Cornwall next year. After ringing on the six, on to Morpeth, where we sampled the pleasant little eight.

Having spent Saturday night in Newcastle, we joined the local band at the Cathedral and were grateful for the opportunity of joining them for service ringing. There was just time for a ring at St. Stephen's, Elswick, before starting the long trek home.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains and to all who helped to make the week a success, and now we look forward to next year in Cornwall.

"TOURIST."

## BRAIN TEASER

Another problem to solve, submitted by Mr. J. S. Rank, of Machakos, Kenya.

Steeple St. Andrew has a ring of six bells and the ropes in the ringing chamber fall in an almost perfect circle. The six local ringers arranged to attempt a quarter peal for evensong each Sunday for several successive weeks.

After the last quarter peal in this series the conductor, who always rang the tenor, mentioned that each ringer had the same two neighbours standing on either side of him once and only once during the series.

How many quarter peals were rung and how was the band placed for each quarter?

Answer September 18.

In 1956 a scheme was launched to provide ultimately a ring of six bells. Work commenced in 1965 when the existing treble was taken to Taylors' foundry to be retuned and all the three bells were rehung on new ball bearings. At the same time, the frames for three more bells were installed.

During the 1960's a fourth bell was donated to us by St. Andrew's Church, Derby (cast by Means of London). The fifth bell was obtained from the prison at Northampton (originally cast by J. Warner & Co.). It is believed that this bell was probably used as the execution bell at the prison.

An order was placed in August 1969 to have these two bells melted down. Two new bells were cast in October 1969 by John Taylor & Co. and they were collected and hung by a working party from the parish on January 17th, 1970. Further work is being completed to enable them to be rung very soon, and it is hoped to mark the completion of this stage of the scheme with a service of dedication when our new vicar takes up his appointment.

## Details of the Bells

|        | Note | A | 1 cwt. | 3 qr. | 7 lbs. |
|--------|------|---|--------|-------|--------|
| Treble | G    | 2 | 0      | 0     |        |
| 2nd    | F    | 2 | 1      | 5     |        |
| 3rd    | E    | 2 | 3      | 20    |        |
| 4th    | D    | 4 | 1      | 18    |        |
| Tenor  |      |   |        |       |        |

As an indication of how costs soar, a quote in 1956 for the supply of three new bells and the necessary associated work amounted to £500. The costs for the 1969 installation amounted to £675.

The final stage of the scheme, the addition of a sixth bell, cannot be started until we have completed payment for the present installation.

The bell ringers would like to thank all helpers, past and present, for their help and encouragement in this project and invite your continued support since we still have to clear the outstanding debt of approximately £150.

E. WILLOWS.

## GILBERT WHITE ANNIVERSARY

July 18 was the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Gilbert White, of Selborne, who thus described the bells of his native village in the famous *Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne*: "The old bells, three in number, loud and out of tune, were taken down in 1735, and cast into four; to which Sir Simon Stuart, the grandfather of the present baronet, added a fifth at his own expense; and, bestowing it in the name of his favourite daughter, Mrs. Mary Stuart, caused it to be cast with the following motto round it:—

Clara puella dedit, dixitque mihi esto Maria; Illius et laudes nomen ad astra sono. [Englished, this means: A lovely girl gave me, and named me Mary; now I ring out her name and praises to the skies.]

"The day of the arrival of this tunable peal was observed as a high festival by the village, and rendered more joyous by an order from the donor that the treble bell should be fixed bottom upward in the ground and filled with punch, of which all present were permitted to partake."

Only one peal has been rung on these bells, six methods of Doubles on November 9, 1963, by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. A quarter peal was arranged by Canon Elliot Wigg, master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an admirer of Gilbert White and a member of the Selborne Society. He wishes to thank the members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for their ready co-operation in making the project possible.



## Manchester University Guild

## WATERWAYS PREFERRED

In recent years a tradition has developed with the Manchester University Guild's summer tour to disregard Britain's highways in preference for the waterways, using a motorised barge as the means of getting from one tower to the next. This year, starting in the last week in June, our course was from Wheaton Aston, just north of the Birmingham / Wolverhampton complex, along the Shropshire Union Canal, the Llangollen Canal, into Wales, finishing at Llangollen.

The tour began in a somewhat fragmentary manner, with two peal attempts: Bob Minor in hand at Manchester (unsuccessful) and Bob Major in hand at Lichfield (successful). For six weeks the weather had been glorious (as it was at the end!) but unfortunately the Saturday morning of the tour proper was grim when the company assembled at Penkridge. The long draught here gave one or two a shake-up and this appeared to be an excellent way to commence a tour!

As in previous years there were three boats: Lindy-Helen, under "Admiral" Sherwood, Pennine Navigation, under "Captain" Reading, Barbara Joan, under "Captain" Polly Goldthorpe, each boat having five "hands." After a short delay we set sail southwards towards Wolverhampton. We docked near Codsall and after a two-mile walk to the church tackled the excellent but light ring of eight. The handbell team, having set their sights on a peal a day, returned early to Lindy-Helen, whence the author scored his first peal as conductor in hand.

## NORTHWARDS AGAIN

Sunday morning was as wet as the previous day and after an early rise we sailed northwards, ringing the fine eight at Brewood for matins. The afternoon's travelling was fairly relaxed and for the only time in the week the clouds broke up. Evensong ringing took place at Church Eaton where, unfortunately, the small ring of six is seldom heard. After a short ring following the service we cruised on to Gnosall where, alas, the evening's peal attempt hardly got off the ground.

Monday morning's rise for a 9.30 ring at Gnosall (a minor six) was thankfully leisurely, and then all boats set sail for Cheswardine (8), ten miles upstream. The afternoon run to the next tower, Market Drayton, was not without incident: Barbara Joan ran aground and was followed by one of her "hands" mistiming the jump from quay to boat deck (with obvious consequences). However, Market Drayton was a consolation with a magnificent ring of eight. As there were 17 locks before the next tower the following morning the pilots wisely decided to move on, mooring at Audlem for the night. The peal attempt was successful this time, one member scoring his first of Major in hand. The first ring on Tuesday was at Audlem (6) and was not until 11.15 a.m., and in spite of poor weather spirits never flagged.

## A BAD PATCH

The next port of call was the picturesque Shropshire town of Nantwich. Unfortunately ringing hit a bad patch so we were unable to match the high standard of Nantwich's eight bells. In travelling to the next tower, Acton (6), most got soaked from the pouring rain. The similarity between the towers of Nantwich and Acton was evident, for both could adequately house rings of 12! The standard of ringing at Acton improved but lacked enthusiasm, mainly due to wet feet.



Left to right: E. Roy Taylor, Ian Goldthorpe, Paul Reading, Digby Munday, Bill Taylor, Nick Harrop, Margaret Ellwood, Frank West, Marcus Sherwood, Lynda Plant, John Hartley, Pat James, Lynda Deebank, Rosemary Gates, Liz Tingle, Hamish McNaughton, Godfrey L. Foat, Ronald Barclay.

Early on Wednesday we left the Shropshire Union and proceeded to negotiate the Llangollen Canal. Three 6-bell towers were visited—Wrenbury, Marbury (where the tenor rope broke) and Tushingham. The following day began slightly warmer, with clouds not quite so ominous. Whitchurch (8) was the first tower and we then proceeded to Ellesmere, which has a 21 cwt. eight (a flat treble and a sharp 5th). There being only two towers booked we moved on and docked at Windford. In transit a quarter of Kent T.B. Major was rung aboard Lindy-Helen, the first of T.B. Major in hand for all.

Blustery Friday's first encounter was the delightful six at St. Martin's. The second tower, at Ruabon, was undoubtedly the most scenic and spectacular of the tour. The distant hills, which had been in view for several days, loomed up and appeared to halt further progress, but the canal con-

tinued, twisting, tunnelling and crossing precariously high aqueducts. We tied up at the steel mill town of Trevor, almost an eyesore in the heart of the hills. Ringing at Ruabon (6)—a three-mile walk from Trevor—began at 7.15 p.m., and later at the first inn (situated outside the tower) the guild officers held a committee meeting.

The final day started, the last leg being through an increasingly narrowing canal to Llangollen. Barbara Joan never quite made it, suffering from a flooded engine housing. The boats were handed back, cars collected and we made for the final tower, Llangollen (8), whence we dispersed.

All in all the tour was as successful and as enjoyable as we had hoped. Expressions of appreciation are due to the large number of people involved: incumbents and tower captains, organisers Margaret Ellwood, Pat James, Digby Munday, with organiser-in-chief Paul Reading. W.M.T.

## GERALD PENNEY'S 500 PEALS

## TOWER BELLS

Doubles: Stedman 2 (conducted 1). Minor: Plain Bob 21 (14), Chiltern T.B. 1, Conway Delight 1, Hertfordshire Delight 1, St. Albans Delight 1 (1), 2-7 methods 21 (14), 9 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 1 (1). Surprise Minor: Cambridge 9 (5), Beverley 1 (1), Blunsdon 1, Norwich 1 (1), Surfleet 1 (1), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 4 (1), 10 methods 2, 11 methods 1, 13 methods 1. Triples: Grandsire 3, Stedman 7 (4), 3 methods 1. Major: Plain Bob 10 (4), Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 2 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise 1. Surprise Major: London 20 (8), Yorkshire 17 (8), Cambridge 11 (3), Lincolnshire 11 (3), Bristol 7 (1), Rutland 5 (3), Pudsey 2 (1), Watford 2, 1 (1) each of Aldenham, Ashted, Cheshire, Finedon, Gainsborough, Hendon, Johannesburg, Lindum, Painswick, Quedgley, Superlative, Vermont, Zelah and one each of Belfast, Bottesford, Burford, Chartwell, Ealing, Essex, Glasgow, Harpenden, Lapal, Lessness, Madingley, Newcastle, New Cambridge, Olney, Otley, Pyrford, Ulceby, York. Spliced Surprise Major: 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 7 (5), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 5 (1), 8 methods 4 (1), 9 methods 2, 10 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1. Caters: Grandsire 5, Stedman 5. Royal: Plain Bob 6 (2), Double Bob 1 (1), Little Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Isleworth Little Bob 1, Reverse Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3. Surprise Royal: Yorkshire 9 (5), London 5 (4), Cambridge 5 (1), Albanian 2 (2), Rutland 2 (1), 1 (1) each of Clifton, Ewerby, Isleworth, Kedleston, Lincolnshire, Prittlewell, Rickmans-

worth, and one each of Christchurch, Clyde, Evesham, Grantham, Winchester, and 4-Spliced. Cinques: Erin 1, Grandsire 1, Stedman 4 (1). Maximus: Plain Bob 1. Surprise Maximus: Cambridge 5 (2), Yorkshire 2 (2), Aldenham 1, Southwark 1. Total on tower bells: 304 (132).

## HANDBELLS

Minor: Plain Bob 13 (7), 2 methods 2 (1), 3 methods 3 (2), 4 methods 3 (3), 5 methods 2 (2), 7 methods 5 (4), 8 methods 2 (2), 9 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 1 (1). Surprise Minor: Cambridge 1, London 1. Major: Plain Bob 35 (12), Double Bob 2 (1), Little Bob 3 (2), St. Clement's 1 (1), Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), 6 methods (plain) 1 (1), Kent T.B. 11 (5), Oxford T.B. 8 (3), Kent and Oxford T.B. 3. Surprise Major: Bristol 1, London 2. Spliced Surprise Major: 4 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 8 methods 1, 9 methods 2, 10-16 methods one each, 18 methods 4, 20 methods 3, 21 methods 1, 23 methods 3, 25 methods 3, 26 methods 1, 28 methods 2, 30 methods 2, 32 methods 1. Royal: Plain Bob 9 (3), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3 (1), Oxford T.B. 3 (1). Surprise Royal: Cambridge 4, London 3, Westminster 1, York 1. Spliced Surprise Royal: 3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1. Cinques: Stedman 1. Maximus: Plain Bob 5 (4), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 5 (3), Oxford T.B. 1 (1), Kent and Oxford T.B. 1. Surprise Maximus: Westminster 1 (1), York 1. Spliced Surprise Maximus: 4 methods 1, 8 methods 1, 10 methods 2, 12 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 1. Fourteen In: Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 2. Sixteen In: Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3. Total on handbells: 196 (64). Overall total: 500 (196).



# Letters

## TETTENHALL'S CHURCH AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the write-up about St. Michael's Church, Tettenhall, in *The Ringing World* of August 7, may I be allowed to correct one or two points. I do not know who was responsible for the article, but some of the information is out of date.

I have spent some years searching for information to confirm a theory of mine that there is a definite link between the old ring of bells at Tettenhall and four of the present ring at Codsall.

The old five bells which were said to be dated 1604 were replaced in 1841 by a new ring of six as stated, but a local historian wrote in 1894 that he could not discover what happened to the "old and very unmusical" ring of five which was removed from the tower in 1841.

The evidence datewise is fairly convincing, but actual written proof has not to date been discovered, and probably never will be, concerning the movements of the old five.

Certain facts have been established; the date 1604 may have been the only one seen during an examination of the old bells, for we know that a bell dated 1604 hung in St. Mary's Church, Wolverhampton, until partial demolition in 1950 and conversion to other uses.

The whole of the cost of this church, which was over £10,000, was borne by a Miss Theodosia Hinkes, a very wealthy lady, and one of the largest landowners in Tettenhall Wood. She was described as "a generous benefactor to Tettenhall Church."

As St. Mary's Church was built during the years 1840 and 1842 and Tettenhall Church had a new ring of bells in 1841, I am convinced that in exchange for a sizeable donation Miss Theodosia Hinkes "persuaded" Tettenhall Church authorities to give her one of the old bells for her new church then being built.

When St. Mary's was demolished I went along to examine the 1604 bell, which had previously been inaccessible, and found that it had been removed from the tower and sold to a local scrap dealer. I went along to his yard and found that the bell was still there intact, and after some persuasion and pointing out the antiquarian value of the bell, managed to prevent it being broken up and sold for scrap.

Soon after this incident the gentleman in question, who I am pleased to state attended Tettenhall Church, gave the bell back for use at a temporary church which was being used, as the Parish Church had been destroyed by fire. After the rebuilding the bell was moved to a new church which was built on a new estate at Aldersley and where it still remains to this day, although it is possibly in some danger, as it is "clocked" for Sunday services.

The bell is the oldest remaining one known from the foundry of Hancox and Clibury, and bears the inscription "Com Com and Praye," and the date 1604.

The other date "tie-up" in the story of the other four bells is that until 1847 Codsall was part of Tettenhall Parish, and as four of the bells at Codsall are from the Hancox and Clibury Foundry and are dated 1637 and 1638, there is a strong possibility that they came from Tettenhall. At that time Codsall possessed only one bell dated

## AN APPRECIATION—SUSSEX U.G. IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—During the recent tour of Devon by the University of Sussex Guild of Change Ringers several of the local ringers were invited to join in. This was very much appreciated and we enjoyed the time that we could spend with this "Happy Band of Pilgrims." It was so nice meeting some "old" ringing friends once again. It also gave us a chance of "brushing up" on some of the methods that we had not rung for "many moons." We only hope that the local ringers enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed theirs.

Brixham.

"PLAIN BOB."

## DOES ANYONE KNOW?

Dear Sir,—The Wolverton and District Archaeological Society wishes to obtain details of the bells that hung in the Parish Church of Stony Stratford, Bucks. The church was built in 1450 and was destroyed by fire in 1730. The bells may have stayed longer as the tower still stands.

It is believed that the bells were removed at some time to a yard in St. Ives, Hunts, and then sent on to another church.

Is anybody able to tell the Society, through me, the details of these bells and their present whereabouts?—Yours faithfully,

B. R. HOLLIS.

36, Park Road, Stony Stratford,  
Wolverton, Bucks.

## ROPESIGHT?

Dear Sir,—I have an 18-months-old Italian greyhound (Judy) and she usually accompanies me in the car when I go to bellringing meetings.

Recently I left the car outside a church, and as it was hot I left the windows slightly open. I was just going to start ringing when I walked my dog; I put her on a seat and during the ringing she seemed very interested.

On Sunday morning at home she was asleep in her basket but when I put on the wireless she jumped up at the sound of church bells and looked around as much as to say "Where are the ropes?" When I first played a bell record she did the same thing.—Yours faithfully,

H. RANSOM.

Stoke Canon, Exeter, Devon.

1815, and added another to complete a ring of six in 1867.

Prior to the recasting in 1936 the Codsall bells were acknowledged to be a very poor lot, a fact which we can only say arose from an attempt to make a "mixed bag" into a ringable if not tuneful ring.

The 1841 ring of six at Tettenhall remained until 1911, when two trebles were added and the whole ring of eight were recast and rehung in 1923.

The church was also first lit by electricity in 1911, and according to the estimates for the recasting in 1923 there was a possibility of a ring of ten bells being installed, but this was never carried through.

As I have said, there is very little written information about the old bells, most of the Tettenhall and Codsall records being kept at Wrotteslev Old Hall, which was completely gutted by fire in 1890, but I am still hoping to find some information to confirm my theory.

I hope this information will be of interest to whoever wrote the article.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. GREEN.

Codsall, Staffs.

## ALL SAINTS', HERTFORD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Foley is correct in stating that All Saints' had the first ring of eight bells in the county. This was in 1674 and the local band rang 5040 changes, "the peal of Tripples," on Monday, the 21st of December, 1724.

Westmill (now an unringable five) and Bishop's Stortford also had rings of eight before 1729, when the bells of St. Peter's, St. Albans, were recast and augmented to eight.

The All Saints', Hertford, bells were recast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, the trebles at the expense of the Society of College Youths of Hertford, assisted by other contributions. The tenor was 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E. Twenty years later the Society paid John Briant £20 to add two new "Tribles," making a fine ring of ten. At St. Andrew's, Hertford, Briant added four trebles in 1782 and rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells (5280 Oxford Treble Bob Major) and subsequently seems to have recast the other bells in 1793 and 1797. His first complete ring of eight was cast for Hatfield in 1786, and only one bell has had to be recast.

In 1929, on the centenary of Briant's death, a memorial service was held at All Saints', Hertford, attended by a representative gathering of both ringers and archaeologists from London and all parts of Hertfordshire. A bellmetal tablet was unveiled by the Mayor at the service. This tablet was fixed on the south-east pillar of the tower. Four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths under the leadership of Mr. E. Alexander Young rang a course on handbells, standing around the tombstone which had been restored with the additional wording—"He was a famous Bellfounder and Clockmaker." The tombstone was, until quite recent years, close to the tower entrance, and I should be pleased to know if anyone could say to where it has been moved since the new road was built, slicing through the churchyard. Perhaps the Herts Association or the East Herts Archaeological Society would again take an interest, if necessary, and no doubt the College Youths of London (which Briant joined in 1782) would be glad to hear any news of its whereabouts.

Briant's largest bell was the old tenor at St. Michael's, Coventry, which weighed 31 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and was 56½ inches in diameter. His lightest ring was probably the original ring of eight at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, cast 1789–1803. The two trebles were afterwards sold and later replaced.

John Briant cast over 420 bells in 45 years. How many turret clocks he made there is no means of telling. He also made handbells and "long case" clocks. He had a good reputation as a "splicer" of trebles on to existing rings, when the job had to be done entirely by ear, as tuning forks were not invented until 1811 and were not used in bell tuning before Canon Simpson's experiments.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans, Herts.

Because there's peals of twelve in town  
Shall five or six bells ne'er be rung?  
I think 'tis a very stupid thing  
Of men that take delight to ring,  
To rail at variety.

Laughton's MSS.



# Quarter Peals

## JEAN BERRIMAN'S DURHAM TOUR

**Shildon.**—Aug. 3, 1280 Bob Major: D. J. Cooper (first on eight) 1, C. Bainham (100th quarter) 2, M. E. Cass 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, G. M. Soul 6, J. P. Colliss 7, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.; 25th quarter this year) 8.

**Darlington.**—Aug. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Willans 1, G. M. Soul 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, D. R. Cox 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, G. A. Cane (first on eight) 8.

**Hurworth.**—Aug. 3, 1296 Minor (Oxford T.B., Cambridge S.): M. E. Cass (first T.B.) 1, Judy Weekes 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, G. M. Soul 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

**Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—Aug. 4, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. J. Cooper (first Triples) 1, M. P. Howard 2, Judy Weekes 3, C. Bainham 4, G. M. Soul (first in method) 5, R. W. Willans 6, J. P. Colliss (first in method as cond.) 7, G. A. Cane 8.

**South Shields.**—Aug. 4, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): G. A. Cane 1, D. J. Cooper (most m/v) 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, M. E. Cass (most m/v as cond.) 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. W. Willans 6.

**Cramlington.**—Aug. 5, 1320 Bob Minor: R. W. Willans 1, Judy Weekes 2, M. P. Howard 3, J. P. Colliss 4, G. M. Soul 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6.

**Chester-le-Street.**—Aug. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Cooper 1, G. M. Soul 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, M. E. Cass 4, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 5, M. P. Howard 6, J. P. Colliss 7, G. A. Cane 8.

**Bishop Auckland.**—Aug. 7, 1296 Bob Major: D. J. Cooper (25th quarter) 1, M. E. Cass 2, Judy Weekes 3, Helen J. Henderson 4, Jean M. Berriman 5, D. R. Cox (25th quarter) 6, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, J. P. Colliss 8.

**Staindrop.**—Aug. 7, 1280 Bob Major: Helen J. Henderson 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, J. P. Colliss 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6, G. M. Soul 7, R. W. Willans 8. 25th quarter this year 2 and 3.

**Consett.**—Aug. 8, 1260 Middlesex Triples: D. J. Cooper 1, Judy Weekes (25th quarter) 2, M. E. Cass 3, G. M. Soul 4, M. P. Howard 5, R. W. Willans 6, J. P. Colliss (comp. and cond.) 7, G. A. Cane 8. First in method for all.

**Blackhill.**—Aug. 8, 1280 Bob Major: R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 1, C. T. Lamb 2, M. P. Howard 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, Judy Weekes 5, M. E. Cass 6, G. M. Soul 7, D. R. Cox 8.

**South Shields (St. Hilda's Vicarage).**—Aug. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Willans 1-2, J. P. Colliss (first on handbells) 3-4, Jean M. Berriman (first as cond.) 5-6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, J. P. Colliss 3-4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5-6.

Aug. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: G. M. Soul (first on handbells) 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, J. P. Colliss 5-6.

Aug. 7, 1259 Doubles (five methods): Jean M. Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans 3-4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5-6.

Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, J. P. Colliss 5-6.

**Aldermaston, Berks.**—July 24, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Till 1, R. Butler (first Minor) 2, J. J. Hill 3, P. Corderoy 4, D. Livingston 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. Also Aug. 7, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, Janet Livingston 3, R. Rex 4, M. Tyler 5, J. J. Hill 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, M. Till 8. Also Aug. 21, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, Freda Wilcox 3, J. J. Hill 4, M. Till 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1 and 5.

**Asfordby, Leics.**—Aug. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): H. T. Bonshor 1, Karen French (first Grandsire inside) 2, R. Looker 3, C. E. Cooper 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, A. French 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson.

**Ash, Canterbury, Kent.**—Aug. 2, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. J. Spearman (first quarter) 1, R. L. Pilcher (first inside) 2, P. J. Marshall 3, A. T. Austin 4, G. L. Foat (cond.) 5, Miss J. Turner 6.

**Ash Priors, Som.**—April 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Arscott 1, Mrs. Jane Shepherd 2, Frances Gadd 3, Mrs. Brenda Bindon 4, Mrs. Ann Durbin (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. Patricia Medway 6. First by an all-ladies band for the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. [Copy received Aug. 24.—Ed.]

**Barkingside, Essex.**—Aug. 16, 1280 London S. Major: Jane Fransella 1, Susan Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Jillian Turcan 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Gower 6, J. S. N. Porter 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye. First London S. Major for all except 7.

**Barnsley, Yorks.**—Aug. 13, 1264 Bob Major: Roselyn Corby 1, A. Spreadbury 2, Sheila Spreadbury 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, J. R. Padgin 8. To mark the birth of a daughter, Julia Rachel, to Gail and Bob Cater.

**Battersea, London.**—July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, Miss M. A. Phelan 2, R. J. Cooles 3, R. J. Collis 4, M. J. Herbert (cond.) 5, P. W. B. Whalley 6. For Evensong.

**Binsted, Hants.**—Aug. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Kemp (first quarter) 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hughes 5, C. Chennell-White 6. A wedding compliment to Peter Raine and Jacqueline Pretzlik.

**Blackburn, Lancs.**—Aug. 9 (Cathedral), 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hill 1, I. Smith 2, F. West 3, F. Longworth 4, G. Howarth 5, P. Woods 6, B. Hill (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. For Evensong.

**Blackmoor, Hants.**—Aug. 16, 1280 Plain Bob Minimus: Rev. C. J. Butler 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, D. Cooper 3, M. Cass (cond.) 4. First in the method by all. For Evensong.

**Bloxham, Oxon.**—Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Minor (front six with tenor covering): M. Huntriss 1, Alison Mander 2, J. Peglar (first inside) 3, Hilary Bolton 4, W. R. Cheney 5, A. J. Griffin (first as cond.) 6, R. A. Horley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 8. Wedding compliment to Ruth Page and Anthony Northen.

**Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.**—Aug. 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Horne 1, Lynn Cox 2, Doreen Young 3, D. Livsey 4, D. Young 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Raymon Pitman, for many years verger at All Saints and friend of ringers.

**Bradpole, Dorset.**—Aug. 18, 1301 Grandsire Triples: I. L. Andrews 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, A. R. Agg 4, M. Worthington 5, M. J. Hiller 6, D. B. Ellery (first on eight as cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

**Braintree, Essex.**—Aug. 9, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: K. Reed (first T.B.) 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Jennifer M. Syder 3, Josephine A. Brown 4, C. J. Barker 5, M. Downs 6, P. G. Brown 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Aug. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Wiffen 1, A. R. Syder 2, Josephine A. Brown 3, Kathleen M. Downs 4, M. E. Downs 5, P. G. Brown 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, C. J. Barker 8. Wedding compliment to Michael Richard Lay and Barbara Stephens.

**Brixham, Devon.**—Aug. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Thompson (first on ten) 1, R. J. Edden 2, J. L. Bell 3, R. F. Shepperd 4, Marion Kemp 5, D. R. Cox 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, T. G. Williams 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, S. Wills 10.

**Buckminster, Leics.**—1260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: O. Homewood 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. French 3, J. R. Ward 4, H. Clayton (cond.) 5.

**Chigwell, Essex.**—Aug. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Cronquist (first Minor) 1, G. H. Walker 2, Margaret Chappell 3, M. Wareing 4, P. D. Austin 5, Marion A. Cass (first Minor as cond.) 6. Also Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Chappell 1, J. Cronquist 2, J. Beldom (first inside) 3, P. D. Austin 4, G. H. Walker (cond.) 5, K. Adams (first quarter) 6.

**Clerkenwell, E.C.**—June 28, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Carol Martin 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, K. Poole 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Town 5, R. Talbot 6, M. Wycherley 7, S. Darvill (cond.) 8. Also July 12, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Bing 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Jennifer Dunning 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, R. Talbot 5, J. Pratt 6, D. Town (cond.) 7, D. Gough 8.

**Compton Bishop, Som.**—Aug. 8, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): S. Lewis 1, J. Coombs 2, K. Prime 3, B. Mills 4, J. Trimm 5, J. S. Walton (cond.) 6.

**Cromhall, Glos.**—Aug. 21, 1272 Wells S. Minor: R. Gray (first T.B.) 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Rosemary Snawdon 4, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 5, P. Gray 6.

**Crosthwaite, Westmorland.**—Aug. 14, 1344 Original Minor: J. Whalley 1, Dr. A. M. Smith 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, D. G. Kealey 4, C. F. Gates 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

**Doncaster, Yorks.**—Aug. 13, 1280 London S. Major: A. Jackson 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, F. Read 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. Smith 7, F. Jackson 8.

**East Grinstead, Sussex.**—Aug. 4, 17 Hurst Farm Road, 1440 Bob Minor: Louise M. Smith 1-2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3-4, L. R. H. Smith 5-6. Birthday compliment to the conductor and Ernest J. Ladd.

**Egremont, Cumberland.**—Aug. 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. G. Kealey (first in hand) 1-2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3-4, C. F. Gates (first in hand) 5-6.

**Gospel Oak, N.W.**—Aug. 23, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Pam E. Gough 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. G. Knight 6. For Evensong.

**Greenwich, S.E.**—Aug. 12 (St. Alfege's).—July 12, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Taylor 1, Freda Cannon 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Jean M. Weddell 4, J. A. Humphrey (first on ten) 5, R. D. Bing 6, E. J. Adams 7, J. R. Pratt 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, S. C. Hopkins (first on ten) 10. For the final interdenominational service of "Operation Meeting Point."

**Hereford (St. Nicholas).**—Aug. 13, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: A. Moreton (first quarter) 1, H. Johnson 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, J. Turney 4, M. Powell 5, A. Wingate 6.

**Hersham, Surrey.**—Aug. 23, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss A. Anthony 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, P. Henry 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Collin 5, J. Maybrey 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 5. To congratulate Colin and Gwen Chinnery on the birth of a daughter.

**Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks.**—July 22, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Maris C. Stephenson 1, Carole Kean 2, I. G. Campbell 3, P. J. Carey 4, R. Carey 5, R. Ducker 6. First in method and of Surprise for 2, 4 and 5.

**Horsham, Sussex.**—Aug. 13, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: S. G. Ponting 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, Joan Beresford 3, J. P. Ladd 4, N. Summerhayes 5, D. C. Brown 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8.

**Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.**—Aug. 16, 1316 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, I. J. Whitear 4, B. J. Stone 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, R. J. Collis 7, J. Knipe 8. For Evensong.

**Langdon Hills, Essex.**—Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. White 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. Day 5. First inside 2, 5. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Cheryl Pretlove 1, Eleanor Clems (first inside on tower bells) 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, S. Day 4, S. D. Stott 5.

**Leeds (St. Francis, Holbeck).**—Aug. 15, 1280 Bristol S. Major: K. A. Beresford 1, Miss R. Brown 2, M. J. Hiller 3, G. J. Jones 4, J. J. Durham 5, M. C. Dodson 6, C. B. Dove (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. After peal attempt failed.

**Leicester (Prebendal Church of St. Margaret).**—Aug. 16, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Dorothy M. Mason 1, Nancy E. Bramley 2, Monica M. Jelley 3, M. Green 4, M. E. Wade 5, P. Mason 6, D. F. Moore 7, R. H. Cook (cond.) 8. For Evensong; also a compliment to R. Kingsley Mason and Patricia A. Downey on their engagement.

**Lewisham, London, S.E.**—July 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Oliver 1, J. W. Hollis (first inside) 2, T. H. Culver 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. For Evensong. Also July 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gebbett 1, J. H. Machell 2, K. Small 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, T. H. Culver 5, G. Clarke 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. For the 80th birthday of T. H. Culver.



**Leytonstone, E.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, M. Wareing 2, C. Hughes 3, C. Willmington 4, R. Brown 5, R. Pascoe (first inside) 6, G. Walker (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8. Farewell to Rev. E. de Lande Jones, leaving the parish.

**Lincoln (St. Giles).**—Aug. 9, 1280 London S. Major: J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, Miss G. Radley 2, S. G. Wells 3, C. J. Sharp 4, A. G. Craddock 5, D. Phillipson 6, M. E. Johnson 7, P. A. Sharp 8. For Evensong.

**Lillingdon, Cambs.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, S. Newman 3, K. Webb 4, D. W. Newman 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For the christening of Julian Leslie John Sole.

**Llandaff, Glam (Cathedral).**—Aug. 16, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor (tenor covering): Anne Cooke 1, Shelagh Plumb 2, J. A. Hoare 3, N. A. James 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6, J. Clatworthy 7. For Evensong.

**London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes).**—Aug. 16, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Reynolds 1, J. W. Smith 2, Miss D. E. Colgate 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, T. Lewis 5, D. P. Smith 6, K. J. Rider (cond.) 7, E. J. Ladd 8, P. J. Simmonds 9, C. J. Mundy 10. For Evensong.

**Long Clawson, Leics.**—Aug. 19, 1260 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob: Karen French 1, A. French 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. R. Ward 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson (a former bishop of Birmingham).

**Manchester (Cathedral).**—Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Boucher 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss I. E. M. Manby 3, Miss M. Walshaw 4, S. N. Harrop 5, W. Birmingham, jun. 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. John Leonard Wilson, C.M.G., M.A., Dean of Manchester 1949-1954.

**Market Weighton, E. Yorks.**—Aug. 14, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first Cambridge) 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, D. Smith 4, I. Peacock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

**Marsden, Yorks.**—Aug. 14, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: R. H. Dove 1, P. J. Robinson 2, Miss A. P. Clapham 3, C. J. Featherstonehaugh 4, M. J. Hiller 5, J. J. Durham 6, P. H. Gardner 7, R. A. Beresford 8, R. R. Warford 9, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 10. A peal attempt called round.

**Midhurst, Sussex.**—Aug. 15, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

**Nettleham, Lincoln.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. Frankland 1, M. Parker 2, D. Booth 3, R. Redden 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

**Nailsea, Som.**—Aug. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to mother of No. 6; first wedding compliments to 5 and E. Davey.

**Oxenhope, Yorks.**—Aug. 12, 1632 Zebedee S. Major: C. J. Easton 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, M. J. Hiller 3, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 4, G. J. Jones 5, R. R. Warford 6, J. J. Durham 7, R. A. Beresford 8. Peal attempt called round.

**Palgrave, Suffolk.**—July 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Tebble 1, A. G. Harrison 2, A. Cook 3, J. Mowle 4, C. Pease 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, T. G. Boast 8. For the thanksgiving service for the restoration of St. Peter's Church.

**Petersfield, Hants.**—Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Tipper 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8. For Evensong.

**Polesworth, Warks.**—Aug. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, R. Knight 2, S. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. Birthday compliment to Mrs. R. O. Malaetkin (of the U.S.A.), aunt of ringer of 2nd. Also Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Aug. 17, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6.

**Penn. Staffs.**—Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Griffiths 1, J. A. Roden (cond.) 2, C. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, M. Gaskell 5, M. G. Williamson 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Lillian Crane (wife of Rev. V. J. Crane), interred at Swindon, Staffs.

**Putney, S.W. (St. Mary's).**—July 30, 1280 Yorkshire Major: Caroline Bagworth 1, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 2, C. R. Harris 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, R. L. Jones 5, C. F. Mew 6, K. G. Game 7, K. J. Rider 8. Prior to the institution by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Rt. Rev. Mervyn Stockwood) and induction by the Archdeacon of Southwark (Ven. Reginald V. Bazire) of the Rev. James S. Fraser as Vicar of St. Mary with St. John and All Saints, Putney. Also Aug. 1, 1694 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, Barbara Minnion 2, R. J. Stewart 3, B. Hawkins 4, C. D. Collin 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, K. G. Game 7, C. R. Harris 8. To welcome the new vicar and his family to the parish.

**Redenhall, Norfolk.**—July 27, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Mowle 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, A. H. Roberts 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, W. Platt 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Cecil Thompson, for many years a local ringer.

**Ribchester, Lancs.**—Aug. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: B. Hill (cond.) 1, F. Longworth 2, J. T. Parsons 3, F. Stead 4, G. Howarth 5, P. Woods 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. J. S. Barnes-Wallis (19 years as rector).

**Ripple, Worcs.**—June 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, Judith Spiers (first inside) 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, P. Bennett 5, C. Hadley 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Jakeman, churchwarden for 35 years.

**Rougham, Suffolk.**—Aug. 10, 1440 Single Court and Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, C. Hancock 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Nice.

**Roughtown, Lancs.**—Aug. 9, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, D. Bradbury (first T.B.) 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Lynn and Gordon on the birth of a daughter.

**Scarborough, Yorks.**—Aug. 13, 1440 Bob Minor: Pamela Rennard 1, Mrs. Mary Beach 2, A. Grundy 3, Mrs. Yvonne King (first Minor) 4, E. P. King 5, M. King (cond.) 6.

**Stapleford, Cambs.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Kellock 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie Boddy 3, Julie Barnes (first in two methods) 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 5, C. Brookes 6.

**Stoke Bishop, Bristol.**—Aug. 23, 1320 York S. Minor: Alison Brown 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, W. Willans 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a farewell to Rosemary Snawdon, leaving for London.

**Stratton, Cornwall.**—July 30, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: C. J. Venn 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, D. C. Brown 3, J. P. Ladd 4, B. C. Watson 5, A. D. Flood 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, B. R. Eglesfield 8. By members of the Society of Raving Ringers to mark the opening of Stratton Church fete.

**Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.**—July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Susan Attrill 2, B. Holdaway 3, D. Brock (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. Wedding compliment to Paul Brand and Vanessa Rodrigues (married at Oxford, July 18).

**Swindon, Wilts (St. Mark).**—Aug. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hooper 1, D. Dancy 2, S. Mitchener 3, D. Herring 4, M. Sutton 5, M. New 6, M. Stanley (cond.) 7, A. Rogerson 8. First of Triples by 1, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**Thames Ditton, Surrey.**—Aug. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Anne Anthony 1, C. Collin 2, J. J. Bailey 3, J. King 4, P. Henry 5, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. Engagement compliment to Anne Anthony and Jeffery Bailey.

**Tooting Graveney, London, S.W.**—Aug. 16, 1344 Bob Major (6th place bobs): P. A. Butler 1, J. D. Cheesman 2, A. H. Long 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Rosemary J. Cheesman 6, R. A. Grant 7, P. R. Butler (cond.) 8.

**Topsham, Devon.**—Aug. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell (first on working bell) 1, M. Cain 2, M. Esboston 3, N. Orchard 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, C. Barr 6.

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.**—Aug. 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Chapman 1, Liz C. Duncan 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, R. J. Chapman 6, I. L. Dear 7, K. A. Hughes 8. For Matins.

**Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leics.**—Aug. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul Simmons 1, K. Ann Cooke (first inside) 2, Karen French 3, N. Cooke (first inside) 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5, A. French 6.

**Walton-le-Dale, Lancs.**—Aug. 17, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Nixon 1, R. Palmer 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, D. Marsden 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, A. Gardner 6, J. Sumner 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Jackson, tower captain at Bamber Bridge.

**Warfield, Berks.**—Aug. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Shepherd (first Minor) 1, Roslyn Oliver 2, Rosamond Murrell 3, K. Davenport 4, F. Price 5, Susan Sargeant (cond.) 6.

**Widford, Herts.**—Aug. 20, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss L. Stracey 1, J. M. Kemp 2, D. Digby 3, P. Owen 4, A. Swatton (cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6. First in method by all. Wedding compliments to Steven Burgess and Catherine Rayner; also Alastair Taylor and Angela Leather.

**Wilby, Northants.**—July 28, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. F. Skerritt (first quarter) 1, Jane Barber 2, A. Sanson 3, Mrs. A. Smith 4, J. E. Skerritt 5, T. G. Smith (cond.) 6.

**Wing, Bucks.**—Aug. 12, 1296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): R. J. Sharp 1, M. G. Hooton 2, N. Garrard 3, B. Eggesfield 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 5, D. Redfearn 6.

**Wolvercote, Oxon.**—Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Smith 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, M. J. Harrison (first inside and also of Doubles) 3, Rev. J. J. Fielding 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. A welcome to the vicar, Rev. M. J. Ottaway, on his return from three months in Tel Aviv, Israel.

## THROUGH THE WEALD

The Ash bellringers and friends from neighbouring towers enjoyed a very successful outing through the Weald of Kent on July 25. During the morning the sixes at Pluckley and Benenden were rung, and the heavy eight at Biddenden gave us a good thirst for our lunchtime break.

Ringing during the afternoon was on the eights at Goudhurst, Horsmonden and Tonbridge, where, as was the intention of the day, many of the younger ringers were given the chance to ring or conduct Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob. Following a salad tea at Hildenborough our last ring was on the six at Yalding, where a course of Kent T.B. made a fitting end to the day.

## END OF JULY TOUR

The University of Bristol Society held its annual tour this year in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire during the last week in July. Organised by two members in that area, David Marshall and Royston Blackler, all had a very enjoyable week.

On one of the days a small excursion was made into Leicestershire, where instead of general ringing it was decided to ring a quarter peal on the glorious ten at Loughborough Parish Church.

At Wollaton the "expert" Devon call-change and light bell ringer, Frank Mack, conducted us through "60 on thirds" call changes.

Bill Exton met us at Whatton, where we were very impressed with the well-kept ringing chamber, which contains some very comfortable old cinema seats, and later, to our great surprise, we managed to ring two courses of Duffell Royal at Duffield.

Frank Mack came into his own once again at Pinxton, Derbyshire (a very light new eight), where he demonstrated how light bells should be rung. E. G. M.



# Peals

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (29 cwt.)

#### 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

- 1 Avril Ivin
- 2 Linda Fleming
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- \*5 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
- 6 Frank W. Rivett
- 7 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 8 David R. Saunderson
- 9 Keith H. Fleming
- †10 C. Michael Orme

\*50th on the bells, and has now circled the tower. †150th peal. First in the method by resident members of the association.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (6 cwt.)

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

- \*1 Harry W. Howard
- 2 Peter Wilkinson
- 3 Gordon K. Green
- 4 Paul Maddock
- 5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 6 A. Doreen Edwards

\*Circled the tower four times. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye.

### MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire, St. Michael.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (15½ cwt.)  
5280 **SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, 127 changes of method, all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Peter Broadbent
- 2 Derek F. Yates
- 3 Norman Sherratt
- 4 Roland W. Morant
- 5 Raymond J. Ballard
- 6 Ivor R. Nicholls
- 7 Roy Worrall
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

First of 6-spliced by all.

## CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

### BRIDEKIRK, Cumberland, St. Bridget.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

#### 5040 DOUBLES (14 extents, 6 240's Grand-sire, 16 extents Plain Bob).

- \*1 Mary Dodd
- \*2 Douglas J. Beaumont
- \*3 Douglas T. Sim
- \*4 David G. Kealy
- 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- †6 James Hully

\*First Doubles. †First peal.

## EGREMONT, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (13½ cwt.)

#### 5040 MINOR (St. Clement's College, Original, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- \*1 David Bell
- 2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- †3 Douglas T. Sim
- †4 David G. Kealy
- †5 Colin F. Gates
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

\*First attempt. †First in 5 methods. †First in 5 methods inside. To honour the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

## DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### PINXTON, Derbyshire, St. Helen.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (5½ cwt.)

#### 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle.

- 1 Arthur F. Hall
- 2 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 3 Susan Davis
- 4 Robert Chambers
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Andrew Queen
- 7 Geoffrey Paul
- 8 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.)

#### 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1 Philip J. Rothera
- 2 Charlotte M. Harris
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Allen Twyman
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 7 Donald F. Murfet
- 8 John G. Gipson

### LONDON, St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (28 cwt.)

#### 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Susan Rothera
- 2 Maryl R. Fielden
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Christopher H. Rogers
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 7 Keith W. Brown
- 8 John S. Mason
- 9 John G. Gipson
- 10 Philip J. Rothera
- 11 John H. Fielden
- 12 Wilfred Williams

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

### MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (12 cwt.)

#### 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 1 Cambridge and Kent, 5 Plain Bob).

- 1 Sandra J. Turner
- 2 Ian V. Foster
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Patrick J. Cross
- \*5 Peter J. Sawyer
- 6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

\*First in more than one method.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (12 cwt.)

#### 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Roy D. Mills (Conductor)
- 2 Keith G. Game
- \*3 Gillian M. Laver
- †4 Tony Skilton
- 5 Jeremy D. Cheesman
- 6 Nigel Thomson
- †7 John A. Laver
- 8 Peter J. Munday

\*First of Surprise inside. †First in method.

### ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.)

#### 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- \*1 Beryl R. Simpson
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Felicity S. Hamilton
- \*4 Stanley G. Ponting
- 5 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 6 Norman Summerhayes
- 7 David C. Brown
- 8 Robert H. Newton

\*50th together.

### HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 cwt.)

#### 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (7

methods: 768 Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, 640 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method)

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Norman Summerhayes
- \*2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Joan Beresford
- †4 David C. Brown
- 5 Stanley G. Ponting
- 6 Robert H. Newton
- †7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- †8 Tom Page

\*100th for the guild. †First of Spiced Surprise Major. ‡50th together. 50th of Surprise Major as conductor.

### WONERSH, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)

#### 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- \*1 Stanley G. Ponting
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Alan D. Elsmore
- †4 David C. Brown
- 5 W. John Couperthwaite
- 6 Rowan S. Bradley
- \*7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Peter J. Munday

\*50th together. †First of Major in the method. A birthday compliment to Beryl R. Simpson.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### EATON BISHOP, Herefordshire,

St. Michael and All Angels.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)

#### 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 George T. Cousins
- 2 Austin T. Wingate
- 3 John F. Turney
- 4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 5 Michael Powell
- 6 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****CHISLEHURST, Kent, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15½ cwt.)

**5184 TESTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 Tony Lewis
- 2 Doris E. Colgate
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Arthur S. Richards
- \*5 Michael H. O'Callaghan
- \*6 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)
- 7 Stanley Jenner
- 8 Thomas Cullingworth

\*100th together. First in the method.

**TESTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

—58—16—12—38, 12—14, 38—36, 14, 3.  
8ths place l.e. 14263857. 4ths place bob.  
f.c.e. 24365.

**BROMLEY, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Washbrook's variation.)

- \*1 Christine M. Webb
- 2 J. Frank Smallwood
- 3 Tony Lewis
- 4 Herbert E. Audsley
- 5 Roger F. Overington
- 6 Dennis Randall
- 7 Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor)
- 8 James T. Stevens

\*First of Stedman. In remembrance William Pye.

**CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence, Jewry.**

Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Groves' variation.)

- 1 John Pladdys (Conductor)
- 2 Dorothea M. Robotham
- 3 Frances Dodds
- 4 Raymon A. Sheasby
- 5 Peter S. Abbott
- 6 Keith G. Game
- 7 John W. Smith
- 8 Geoffrey D. Armitage

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Mary W. Whalley
- 2 Hugh F. Pettifer
- 3 Joseph Whalley
- \*4 Douglas J. Beaumont
- 5 Alan Capstick
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.**

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (21½ cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 John P. Partington
- \*2 Richard S. Starkie
- †3 Christine Broadley
- †4 Keith P. Tompsett
- 5 Michael H. Tompsett
- 6 Roy Jolley
- 7 Michael J. Platt
- 8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

\*Has circled the tower. †First in method. Wedding compliment to Maureen Welsh (local ringer) and Gwyn Murfet (Soham, Cambs).

**BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (10½ cwt.)

**5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by Arthur Knights.

- \*1 Mary Dodd
- 2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- \*3 Graham Nabb
- 4 John Bagnall
- \*5 Colin F. Gates
- \*6 Douglas T. Sim
- \*7 David G. Kealey
- †8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

\*First in method. †First of Major in method. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor. To celebrate the birthday of Princess Anne.

**KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.**

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (6 methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Original, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, 2 Oxford T.B.).

- \*1 Hugh F. Pettifer
- \*2 Douglas T. Sim
- 3 Nicholas M. Newby
- \*4 Colin F. Gates
- †5 David G. Kealey
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

\*First in six methods. †First in six inside. To commemorate VJ Day, 1945.

**MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs, St. Thomas.**

Sun., Aug. 16, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (7 methods: Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Edward Jenkins
- 2 Christine Broadley
- 3 John P. Partington
- 4 Peter N. Chambers
- 5 Geoffrey S. Mills
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills, Ian and Nicholas, of Heywood, removing to Erith, Kent.

**HOGHTON, Lancashire, Holy Trinity.**

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

- 1 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)
- \*2 Christine Broadley
- \*3 Keith P. Tompsett
- 4 John P. Partington
- †5 Michael H. Tompsett
- 6 J. Barry Pickup
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Geoffrey Fothergill

\*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of 4-Spliced. Wedding compliments to Joan Garth and Kathleen Birchall, both members of the local band.

**WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.**

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- \*†1 Thomas Hobson
- \*†2 John Illingworth
- 3 James E. Andrews
- 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- \*5 William Birmingham, jun.
- 6 Dennis H. McCormick
- 7 Cyril Crossthwaite
- §8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

\*First in method. †25th peal. ‡75th peal and 50th of Surprise. §125th peal and first in method as conductor.

**NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.**

Thur., Aug. 20, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (4½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (1 2160 and 4 extents.)**

- \*1 John P. Partington
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley
- †4 Peter N. Chambers
- 5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
- \*6 Edward Jenkins

\*50th together. †First of Cambridge Minor.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****WHITWICK, Leics, St. John the Baptist.**

Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 12-part.)

- \*1 Helen Wright
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- 3 Wilfred Lord
- 4 Colin Lord
- 5 Horace Moulton
- 6 John Rawson
- 7 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
- 8 John Hawtin

\*First peal. A farewell to Canon F. G. Hogarth (vicar for 33 years).

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

**5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Arthur E. Rowley
- \*2 B. Stedman Payne
- 3 Clive Mobbs
- \*4 Kenneth Burdett
- \*5 Frank Chambers
- \*6 Alec Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- \*8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

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

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED MINOR** (19 methods: Double, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse, College, Wavertree, Childwall, St. Clements, Cambridge S., Primrose S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., London Bob, Double Oxford, Lytham, Thelwall, Single Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, with 142 changes of method).

- \*1 Elaine Pearson
- 2 William Bains
- 3 Jack Bray
- 4 Melvyn A. Rose
- 5 Roger Hippisley
- 6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

\*First peal. Most methods by all except 3rd. Wedding compliment to Eric Nicholson and Maureen Pearson, sister of the treble ringer.

**SCOTHERN, Lincs, St. Germain.**

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James.

- 1 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Conductor)
- \*2 Susan A. Faull
- 3 Gillian Radley
- 4 Harold J. Radley
- 5 M. Ian Minns
- 6 David W. Bee

\*First Surprise. For the Feast of St. Germain.



# LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**NEWTON NOTTAGE**, Glam, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8½ cwt.)

## 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

- 1 Anne C. Cooke
- 2 Donald G. Clift
- 3 Paul A. Williams
- 4 David J. Llewellyn
- 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 6 James Clatworthy
- 7 Tudor P. Edwards
- 8 Peter S. Bennett

First of London Major rung in Glamorgan by a resident band.

# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

**DAVENTRY**, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (18½ cwt.)

## 5120 MARSHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

Composed by George Crute.

- 1 Barry E. Saunders
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Derek H. Walters
- 4 R. David Baker
- 5 Peter C. Randall
- 6 John K. Foot
- 7 David J. Marshall (Conductor)
- 8 Patrick I. Chapman

First peal in the method. Wedding compliment for David J. Marshall and Pamela M. Major (July 11).

## MARSHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

—58—14—56—16—34—18—34—18.  
4ths place bob.

**MOULTON**, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)

## 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5

methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 Superlative and Yorkshire, 85 changes, all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- \*1 Selwyn J. Griffiths
- 2 Stephen B. Bell
- 3 Barry R. Care
- 4 J. Malcolm Tyler
- †5 Brian R. Danby
- 6 Malcolm J. V. Chown
- †7 Eric Billings
- 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

\*First on 8. †25th for guild. †First of spliced.

# SUFFOLK GUILD

**IPSWICH**, Suffolk, The Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Mary at the Quay.)

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (8 methods: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob).

- 1 W. Keith Whittell
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Walter Arnold
- 4 Alan R. Bridges
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 John L. Girt

**IPSWICH**, Suffolk, St. Clement.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15½ cwt.)

## 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- \*1 David G. Salter
- 2 Alan R. Bridges
- 3 Winifred Lockwood
- †4 Peter W. Archer
- 5 Frederick A. J. Steward (Conductor)
- 6 Roy W. Lockwood

\*First peal. †First of Doubles. First as conductor. For the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

# TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

**LANHYDROCK**, Cornwall, St. Hyderock.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by S. H. Wood.

- 1 Timothy J. Bell
- 2 T. Roy Hart
- \*3 Janet S. Evans
- 4 Canon A. S. Roberts
- †5 Brian G. Greenwood
- 6 Alan Carveth
- 7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)
- 8 Anthony J. Davidson

\*First of Major. †First peal.

**TRURO**, Cornwall, St. Keyne, Kenwyn.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.)

## 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Claudia A. Critchley
- 2 Heather A. Kippin
- \*3 Timothy J. Bell
- 4 Janet House
- 5 Anthony J. Davidson
- 6 G. William Critchley
- 7 Robert C. Kippin
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

# WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

**STOKE PRIOR**, Worcs, St. Michael.

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)

## 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 A. Colin Banton
- 2 Susan E. Banton
- 3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 Morley P. Tobin
- 5 Peter J. Brown
- 6 Robert Edwards
- 7 Gerald C. Hemming
- 8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

First in the method by all.

**HANBURY**, Worcs, St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

## 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1440

Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, 1280 Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Morley P. Tobin
- \*2 Susan Banton
- 3 Clifford Skidmore
- \*4 Peter J. Brown
- †5 Reginald H. Newton
- 6 Stephen W. Barton
- 7 A. Colin Banton
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)

\*First of spliced inside. †First of four-spliced inside. 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Fellows.

**KIDDERMINSTER**, Worcs, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (7½ cwt.)

## 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Joseph Pigott.

- 1 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- \*4 Peter J. Brown
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Robert Edwards
- 7 Michael G. J. Elson
- 8 Arthur C. Berry

\*First of Bristol inside. A birthday compliment to Stephanie Buckley.

**REDDITCH**, Worcs, St. Stephen.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

## 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Roger H. Hunt
- \*2 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 Morley P. Tobin
- 5 Peter J. Brown
- 6 Robert Edwards
- 7 Gerald C. Hemming
- †8 Michael J. Edwards (Conductor)

\*200th tower for a peal. †600th peal. First on the bells for 37 years.

**BRIERLEY HILL**, Staffs, St. Michael.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14½ cwt.)

**5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

- 1 Robert Edwards
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 5 Morley P. Tobin
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 Michael G. J. Elson
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**BOLSTERSTONE**, Yorks, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12½ cwt.)

## 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- 1 Melvyn J. Hiller
- \*2 Christopher N. Grandidge
- \*†3 Christopher J. Easton
- 4 Robert A. Beresford
- \*5 Paul A. Williams
- †6 John J. Durham
- 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 8 Ronald R. Warford

\*First of Watford. †50th together.

**PONTEFRAC**, Yorks, All Saints.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (12½ cwt.)

## 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1 Paul A. Williams
- \*2 Christopher N. Grandidge
- †3 Christopher J. Easton
- 4 John J. Durham
- 5 Robert A. Beresford
- †6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- \*7 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 8 Ronald R. Warford

\*First of Ashtead. †100th together.

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**BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.**  
Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, 320 Bristol, 192 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Jersey, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Michael G. Dodson
- \*2 A. Pattie Clapham
- \*3 Graham J. Jones
- 4 Gerald Parsons
- \*5 Peter H. Gardner
- 6 Ronald R. Warford
- \*7 John Robinson
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*First of 20-Spliced Surprise Major.

**HALIFAX, Yorks, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (10 cwt.)

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 488 Bristol, with 136 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Christopher J. Easton
- 2 Robert A. Beresford
- 3 Michael G. Dodson
- 4 John J. Durham
- 5 Peter H. Gardner
- 6 Ronald R. Warford
- \*7 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

**PONTEFRAC, Yorks, St. Giles.**

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (18 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. (87's.)

- \*1 Christopher J. Easton
- †2 Margaret Warford
- \*3 Robert A. Beresford
- 4 Michael G. Dodson
- 5 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 6 John J. Durham
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Peter H. Gardner
- 9 Ronald R. Warford
- 10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*100th for association. †First on 10 inside.

**WORTLEY, Yorks, St. Leonard.**

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by John M. Jelley.

- 1 Christine N. Grandidge
- 2 Christopher J. Easton
- 3 Melvyn J. Hiller
- \*4 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 5 Ronald R. Warford
- 6 John J. Durham
- †7 Robert A. Beresford
- 8 Paul A. Williams

\*475th for association. †125th peal.

**WHITBY, Yorks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.)

**5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by M. J. Morris.

- 1 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 2 Sheila Bruce
- 3 Peter Wishart
- 4 Joyce Barton
- 5 Ernest J. Padgett
- 6 Alan Jackson
- 7 Ernest Pannell
- 8 Roger A. Smith
- 9 Stephen W. Barton
- 10 Peter Bruce

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorks, All Saints.**

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.)

**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Dennis Knox.

- 1 Christopher N. Grandidge
- 2 Christopher J. Easton
- 3 Ronald R. Warford
- 4 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 5 John J. Durham
- 6 Robert A. Beresford
- 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 8 Paul A. Williams

**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorks,**  
St. Matthew.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 NORTHUMBERLAND S. MINOR**  
(7 extents.)

- \*1 Christopher J. Easton
- \*2 Robert A. Beresford
- 3 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 4 Ronald R. Warford
- 5 John J. Durham
- 6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*50th together. First in the method by all and for the association.

**SADDLEWORTH, Yorks, St. Chad.**

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (10½ cwt.)

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 131 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Christopher J. Easton
- \*2 A. Pattie Clapham
- \*3 Graham J. Jones
- 4 John J. Durham
- 5 Robert A. Beresford
- 6 Ronald R. Warford
- \*7 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major. A 20th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

## PEALS AROUND THE WEALD

All peals rung for Kent County Association except the peal at Maidstone.

**GRAVESEND, Kent, St. George.**

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.)

**5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Peter S. Bennett
- 5 Philip J. Rothera
- 6 James L. Towler
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 Peter G. Brown

**FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.**

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.)

**5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 960 Cambridge and London, 800 Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 736 Bristol, with 134 changes of method).

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Peter C. Randall
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 John G. Gipson
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

**COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex,**  
Holy Trinity.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

- 1 John G. Gipson
- 2 Anthony H. Smith
- 3 John H. Fielden
- 4 Philip J. Rothera
- 5 Derek H. Walters
- 6 John K. Foot
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

**WITHYHAM, Sussex, St. Michael and**  
All Angels.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Peter C. Randall
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Maryl R. Fielden
- 4 R. David Baker
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Tudor P. Edwards
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

**ROLVENDEN, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 John H. Fielden
- 2 Linda M. Foot
- 3 R. David Baker
- 4 Josephine A. Brown
- 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 6 Peter S. Bennett
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

**SALEHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.**

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 3hr. (16½ cwt.)

**5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

- 1 David E. Rothera (Conductor)
- 2 Donald F. Murfet
- 3 Derek Walters
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Richard S. Starkie
- 6 Keith W. Brown
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 James L. Towler

**LYDD, Kent, All Saints.**

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 3hr. (15½ cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 3 Derek H. Walters
- 4 Peter C. Randall
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 Anthony H. Smith
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

**EDENBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14 cwt.)

**5152 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

(The Baldwin/Humphrey Universal Composition.)

- 1 R. David Baker
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Philip J. Rothera
- 4 Donald F. Murfet
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 Peter S. Bennett



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

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 Maryl R. Fielden
- 3 Susan Rothera
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Derek H. Walters
- 6 Peter S. Brown
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 James L. Towler
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 John G. Gipson

**CHISLEHURST, Kent, The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (20 cwt.)

**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 Yvonne A. Towler
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 Peter C. Randall
- 6 Richard S. Starkie
- 7 James L. Towler
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

**LITTLE CHART, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (14 methods: Cambridge, Ipswich; York, Durham; London, Wells; Double Oxford, Thelwall; Kent, Oxford; Beverley, Surfleet; St. Clements, Childwall).

- 1 Donald E. Murfet
- 2 James L. Towler
- 3 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 4 Peter S. Bennett
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 Philip J. Rothera

**WYE, Kent, SS. Gregory and Martin.**

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (21 cwt.)

**5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 Superlative and Yorkshire, with 87 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 R. David Baker
- 4 Yvonne A. Towler
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Anthony H. Smith
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

**HYPHE, Kent, St. Leonard.**

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (19 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Anthony H. Smith
- 2 Richard S. Starkie
- 3 John H. Fielden
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 John G. Gipson
- 7 Philip J. Rothera
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

**CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.**

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.)

**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 R. David Baker
- 3 Donald F. Murfet
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Keith W. Brown
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 James L. Towler

**BIRCHINGTON, Kent, All Saints.**

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8½ cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Josephine A. Brown
- 2 Linda M. Foot
- 3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 John K. Foot
- 6 Peter G. Brown
- 7 John H. Fielden
- 8 Richard S. Starkie

**BIRCHINGTON, Kent, The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.**

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (15 cwt.)

**5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 Richard S. Starkie
- 3 John H. Fielden
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Peter S. Bennett
- 8 James L. Towler
- 9 John G. Gipson
- 10 Philip J. Rothera
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

**MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.**

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (32 cwt.)

**5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Anthony H. Smith
- 3 Keith W. Brown
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 Peter S. Bennett
- 7 Philip J. Rothera
- 8 John H. Fielden
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

**TUNSTALL, Kent, St. John the Baptist.**

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Derek H. Walters
- 2 R. David Baker
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Peter C. Randall
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 John G. Gipson
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

**ROCHESTER, Kent, Cathedral of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (30 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Yvonne A. Towler
- 3 Derek H. Walters
- 4 Donald F. Murfet
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 7 Anthony H. Smith
- 8 Keith W. Brown
- 9 John G. Gipson
- 10 James L. Towler

Wedding compliment to Christopher and Phyllis Osenton.

**SELF-PRAISE**

At Badgworth, Glos, a bell is inscribed:

"Badgworth ringers they were mad  
Because Rigbie made me bad;  
But Abel Rudhall you may see  
Hath made me better than Rigbie."

**TONBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (19 cwt.)

**5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 R. David Baker
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- \*3 Josephine A. Brown
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 John G. Gipson
- 7 Peter G. Brown
- 8 Peter S. Bennett

\*150th peal.

**WROTHAM, Kent, St. George.**

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (20 cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Tudor P. Edwards
- \*3 Susan Rothera
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
- †6 John G. Gipson
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

\*300th peal. †400th peal.

**Handbells**

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire, 35 Croft Av.**

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (13 in E.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

- 1-2 Charles F. Pocock
- 3-4 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)
- 5-6 Robert Peers
- 7-8 Thomas R. Butler

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**

**COVENTRY, Warwicks, 68 Warwick Av.**

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (15 in C.)

**5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

- 1-2 Frank W. Perrins
- 3-4 S. Clarke Walters
- 5-6 Geoffrey Pratt
- 7-8 Hubert E. Ashley (Conductor)
- 9-10 Hubert G. Summers

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**DERBY, Cathedral Belfry.**

Mon., July 13, 1970, 1hr. 57min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- 1-2 Derek Astridge
- 3-4 Gordon A. Halls
- 5-6 Robert M. Chambers
- 7-8 David F. Moore (Conductor)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.**

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 3min. (12 in F.)

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

- 1-2 Joseph Whalley
- 3-4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- \*5-6 Graham Nabb

\*First in hand.

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.**

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.)

**5040 MINOR** (12 methods: Perivale Alliance and Little Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's College, Plain and Hereward, Double Court and College, Double and Single Oxford, Original, Real, Reverse).

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



**GOOD BELLS—GOOD ORGANISATION**

The cool, windy morning of July 25 saw the Darlington and Teesside ringers assembled at the Baldersby roundabout on the A1 for another week's tour organised by Fred Hodgson, and the seven cars set off for the base at Cirencester. Whichever way you enter Cirencester, the vista is closed by the splendid tower of the parish church, and, familiar as it became by the end of the week, it never ceased to excite our admiration.

On Sunday we joined the ringers at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, for service ringing, stayed for Sung Eucharist, and afterwards joined the congregation for coffee. Later the party split to go sightseeing, some enthusiasts going to Bristol and, through the kindness of the Cathedral band, enjoyed the delightful eight. In the evening all assembled in the tower of Cirencester Parish Church, but the grand 12 there were too much for us, the back ten were not much more successful, and even Surprise Major did us no credit.

From Monday onwards we were threading the country roads and lanes of a very lovely part of England, seeing some magnificent churches, ringing splendid bells and meeting a lot of very courteous and helpful local ringers at the different towers. First call was at Lechlade, where the six went well to a variety of Minor and Doubles methods. A short run took us to Faringdon's squat, sturdy tower, where we had an enjoyable hour, and the bells were rung down in time to hear the carillon play a hymn tune at noon.

The afternoon began at Clanfield, where several touches were enjoyed on the ground-floor ring, and the party then moved to Burford, where the magnificent church has bells to match. We attended practice at Kingham in the evening, and as only two ringers turned up we had the tower almost

to ourselves. One of those who met us was Mr. Aubrey Lloyd, who used to ring at Headingley, and was able to talk about West Riding ringers and ringing with some of the party.

**STRIKING MEDIOCRE**

In pouring rain next morning we arrived at Wootton Bassett, but the bells were well worth the journey, and here we met Bert Kynaston. Those who did not follow him to Rodbourne Cheney got there eventually after some tricky manœuvring through the streets of Swindon, and enjoyed an hour on the light six, though the striking was nothing to be proud of. Much the same might be said of most of our efforts at the next tower, Stratton St. Margaret, but we did rather better on the excellent, heavier eight at Highworth. All the party attended the evening practice at Christ Church, Swindon, and greatly appreciated the kindness (and tolerance) of the local ringers in allowing us to join them in that notable tower. We had the added pleasure of meeting an old friend in Phil Tocock, from Oxford, who was to spend Thursday with us.

Through a breakdown, one carload missed the first two towers on Wednesday, and when the party arrived at Stroud they were only just strong enough to man the ten before going on to Upton St. Leonards.

The laggards caught up at Longney (another ground-floor eight), and the journey to the next tower, Haresfield, was somewhat complicated by work on a new motorway. We found the church, hidden in trees at the end of a long drive, and it was worth the trouble, for it possesses an excellent six. At the evening practice at Stonehouse we had the pleasure of ringing with the local band, who made us most welcome, and here again there was some good ringing on a very worthwhile six.

Thursday was a memorable day, beginning well at Bishop's Cleeve, where the ancient ladder to the ringing room excited a lot of comment. At our next stop, Pershore, most of the party ventured into the famous cage to ring and the bells were as impressive as the tower in which they hang. Some of the most enjoyable ringing of the tour was at our next tower, Eckington, where the handy eight go like a dream and the tower is a credit to the ringers. One of the party, venturing into the village during the ringing, heard such flattering remarks that he admitted to being a member of the party.

From Eckington the route led over the hills to Ledbury, and in the fine detached tower with its substantial octave we were almost lost in the wide open spaces. In the evening we arrived at Tewkesbury Abbey just after the Rambling Ringers, and so great was the crush, even in this big tower, that we had to be content with a quick in-and-out.

The last day's ringing began at Tetbury, where the vicar (Rev. M. C. G. Sherwood) offered the party a warm welcome. He is the son of a former vicar of Grangetown, Teesside, and his grandparents were from Cleveland.

**PRESENTATION**

We achieved nothing in the way of striking at Malmesbury Abbey, and found the lighter bells hard to manage. Rather better results were obtained at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, but by the time we got to that fine tower at Colerne the fatigue of a week's ringing was beginning to tell and we could do nothing right. During the lunch break at Malmesbury, Mrs. Laura Yates, on behalf of the party, presented a stainless steel tea set to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson as an expression of gratitude for all the work Fred had done in organising the tour.

The thanks of the party are due to Fred for doing all the work and picking such good towers, to the incumbents and to those who met us and helped us with such friendliness. It was for all of us a memorable holiday.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cook, Miss P. Dowse, Miss J. Warwick, David Cox, E. Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Park, Philip and David Park (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. P. Wishart, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Yates, T. Cox, W. Ward, J. Roach (Teesside), E. Hudson (Ripon) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Betts (Dewsbury).

Our English Housewife must be of chaste thought, stout courage, patience untired, watchful, diligent, witty, pleasant, constant in friendship, full of good neighbourhood, wise in discourse, but not frequent therein, sharp and quick of speech, but not bitter or talkative, secret in her affairs, comfortable in her counsels, and generally skilful in the worthy knowledge which do belong to her vocation.

—Country Contentments, by Gervase Markham, 1620.

**HANDBELLS—continued.****OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.**

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 1hr. 52min.

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1-2 Susanne Sargeant
- 3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 5-6 Stanley G. Scott

**MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.**

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (13 in E.)  
**5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Middleton's.)

- 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3-4 Christopher I. Rowson
- \*5-6 Frank C. Price
- 7-8 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

\*Completes Cambridge double-handed from Minor to Maximus. First of Cambridge Major in hand by all.

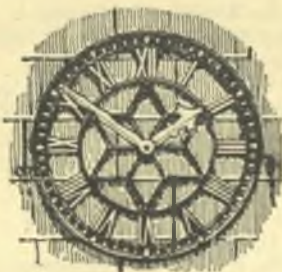
**SURREY ASSOCIATION****LONDON, S.W.4, 87 Sugden Road.**

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning (Conductor)
- 3-4 Ray J. Talbot
- 5-6 Stephen Darvill
- 7-8 Jeremy R. Pratt.

First as conductor. Wedding compliment to Len and Maureen Goodall.

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## Editorial

## ENJOYMENT IN RINGING

"You bellringers say you ring for the glory of God and for the Church, when of course everyone knows you do it because you enjoy it."

This comment, made last week by a non-ringer after morning service to a group of ringers, has often been heard before, but gives food for thought. Over the years many letters and articles have appeared in the daily and weekly press and in our R.W. and the arguments and explanations have been numerous. The subject can never be satisfactorily concluded for it all depends on the individual and the motive behind his ringing.

But is it right to condemn ringers for enjoying what they do? Is it right that criticism should be levelled at a body of people because they use church property for their own pleasure? And is it such a selfish pursuit as some would have us believe? We think not.

Bellringing is and always will be team work. If a team is happy and pulls together nothing but enjoyment is found. Happiness and enjoyment spread quickly to others and therefore is surely very creditable. The use of church property is essential in bellringing and the sound of the bells at any time brings to life outside what is otherwise just a beautiful building. The choir, the organ, the preacher are all inside the building and are virtually non-existent to the surrounding countryside, but immediately the bells peal forth the church becomes alive to those within earshot, and all are immediately aware of the church.

And selfishness? Anything shared cannot be completely selfish, and ringers generally have one main objective—to teach and to pass on their own knowledge of the art to others. At the weekly practice and monthly meetings everyone endeavours to ring something new and to improve, whilst in quarter peals and peals the whole team is striving to accomplish what it set out to do and to do it better than before. This surely proves that in bellringing there is a quality and purpose which is found in very few other pursuits. The mental and physical training and the social contact with men and women in all walks of life are a reward in themselves, and in the words of the well-known hymn

"Who sweeps a room as to the Lord  
Makes that, and the action fine."

So ringers everywhere, whatever your particular niche in the Exercise, do it to the best of your ability and try to understand that the other chap is also doing his part in this wonderful heritage we possess—bellringing.

The delightful picture last week of the London County Association outing was taken by David Gough, the group being at St. Paul's, Bedford.

The first quarter peal rung by Freemasons in Australia was on August 9 at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, the occasion being the annual service for the Combined United Lodge of New South Wales.

## Belfry Gossip

Going to Leeds University is David Herd, of Ripley, Derbys, and a quarter of Bob Triples was rung by his friends as a congratulatory compliment.

Miss Margaret Ellwood is back from her stay in the U.S.A., where she did not manage any ringing. She will make up for it during the next few weeks no doubt.

First peal congratulations to Douglas J. Beaumont, Helen Wright, Elaine Pearson, David G. Salter, Brian G. Greenwood, James Hulley, David Bell.

We are asked to state that visiting teams who wish to ring at Lyng, Somerset, should contact the priest-in-charge (Rev. R. J. O. Fry) or Mr. G. H. Baldham at Claygate, West Lyng.

New methods this week are Marshall Delight Major and Teston Surprise Major and there are two first-time conductors—Frederick A. J. Steward and Jennifer A. Dunning.

The Three Choirs Festival in Hereford Cathedral (August 23–28) is always preceded by a peal and ringing before each evening performance. The peal this year was at Clifford because of the condition of the cathedral bells.

Personal Records: Thomas Hobson (25), John Illingworth (75), Geoffrey Fothergill (125), Michael J. Edwards (600), Robert A. Beresford (125), Josephine A. Brown (150), Susan Rothera (300), John G. Gipson (400).

Peter D. Sell is, we understand, still in Kidderminster Hospital following his car crash. His injuries include a broken arm and leg and slight head injuries and he has thrombosis. He is, however, very cheerful and glad to see any visitors.

Attention is called to the displayed advertisement giving times of ringing at St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset. This is for the benefit of visitors who may be in the area and wish to join the local society in their ringing.

A North Lindsey Branch meeting of the Lincoln Guild is being held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday next. This had been advertised for September 5, and the change of date did not reach our office in time to correct the advertisement.

Several readers have written to point out that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, in 1926, conducted by Keith Hart, and not as printed in the Surrey Association history, "Ninety Years Young."

The four peals rung in Dorset were by ringers from South Northamptonshire holidaying in the area with their families. A further peal was attempted at Thorncombe on August 21, but this was brought to an abrupt end by a rope breaking after two hours of Pudsey Surprise.

Wishing to commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, eight members of the Middlesex Association gathered at Harrow Weald on August 20. All had known William Pye well and some had rung peals with him. The tribute consisted of a quarter of 1344 changes of Stedman Triples taken from John Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal and was accomplished in fine style.

We learn that John Taylor and Co. are engaged in rehanging the bells of Marlton, Devon, and adding a treble to make six.

In his letter to The Leicester Mercury, referred to in our correspondence columns, Mr. Durance, after explaining why we ring, concluded: "I would ask your correspondent to contact his local ringers and I am sure they would be pleased to explain . . . a better understanding is usually the result of such a meeting which is what, as ringers, we are all striving for."

The first peal on the recently-augmented bells at Whatton-in-the-Vale was rung by an almost-local band. John Shenfield, recently married, now lives near Lincoln and Fred Barber, who regularly practises at Whatton, belongs to Cotgrave. William Exton (of course) conducted.

It's happened again! Another quarter at Gospel Oak for evensong! Tony and Deborah Bishop came over from Wimbledon and Pam Gough made a welcome return to ringing after her months of travelling on the Continent to places as far apart as Israel and Iceland. Dianne and David Gazeley got leave to absent themselves from Hendon to help. (Keep it up.—Ed.)

"I recently called a peal on Charlie Hughes' 84th birthday. He rang like the veteran he is and I think he was about the only person in the peal not to make a mistake. He is one of the quiet members of the Exercise but has given yeoman service at Leyton and also in other local towers. He is looking forward to another peal next year for his 85th birthday and I am sure the band hope that this will come about," writes D. E.

Peter Anthony's column in the Newcastle Journal of August 4 contained an article about the bells in the civic centre being recorded on tapes and for sale at 21s. A reception to launch the scheme was held and tapes sent to four other Newcastles—in County Down (N. Ireland), S. Africa, New South Wales and Wyoming (U.S.A.). It concluded by saying: "Maybe Newcastle's carillon may one day make the charts."

A peal of Stedman Triples has been rung on the bells which formerly hung in the tower of the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, and were bought by the Oxford Diocesan Guild when the church was converted into a library. They were stored until another church in the diocese wished to buy them. Many peals were rung on them in Oxford at the end of the last century and the early years of the present one. Mr. F. Sharpe was the only member of the band who had rung on the bells in Oxford and was his first peal after his serious illness in 1968.

Who was the respected captain of a well-known West Middlesex 10-bell tower who concluded "it wasn't his night" at a recent practice? He rang up a stayless bell and, holding it on the balance, sat down on the adjacent bench to wait for the other ropes to be manned. Rising from his seat, he lost control of the bell and over it went. The rope disappeared into the bell chamber, caught on something and broke. Undaunted, later in the practice he took the bell again and this time let it over a bit too far at backstroke. He then entreated: "Well, hold me down someone . . . I must have lost weight!"



# CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## RINGING WORLD COMMITTEE Annual Report, 1969-70

Our report for last year referred to changes and cost of improvements in the format of the *Ringing World*; this year has been one of even more change—of Editor, of Convener and of still further changes in appearance.

Following a brief meeting at St. Albans, the committee have met in August, 1969, at Rugby, in November, 1969, and March, 1970, in London. In spite of long distances, the five members of the committee, Mr. D. Hughes our treasurer, and the two Editors have recorded 100% attendances, and at each of our meetings a member of the dais has also been welcomed.

On October 1, 1969, Mr. C. W. Denyer took up his appointment as Editor, a very happy outcome of many years of search and weeks of negotiation. From that date until the end of the year the services of Mr. T. W. White were retained as a consultant, and the smoothness of the change-over is greatly due to this.

Our new Editor, with his long experience of the technical side of the work, has been able, with the committee's agreement, to negotiate with Seven Corners Press Ltd., so that by the adoption of type and layouts which were more economical with the apparatus available we have been able to obtain the agreement of our printers for the maintenance of the existing (1969) charges for printing the *Ringing World* for a further 12 months at least. With rising costs and wages this is no mean achievement and we congratulate Mr. Denyer on the outcome.

We introduced Mr. Denyer and his family to our readers in the *Ringing World* of August 22, 1969 (page 649). The progress made since he took over has been received so favourably by the large majority of the readers that our hopes for the future under his care are high. He has shown great readiness to make various small changes suggested by readers and, with our support, he will continue to do so wherever possible to meet valid criticism.

In the *Ringing World* of September 19, 1969 (page 723), we paid a full tribute to Mr. White for his magnificent service to the Exercise for 23 years. And in the same issue, in the name of the Central Council and of the committee, we launched an appeal to the Exercise to show their appreciation. We are gratified to note that at the time of this report the response had been well up to our hopes. At the Council meeting this year the President will present to Mr. White a very tangible token of the esteem and affection in which he is held by ringers everywhere. We are grateful to Mrs. Staniforth who has received, acknowledged and banked the many contributions, and we thank all who have supported us.

The accounts for 1969 will as usual be presented separately, but we are pleased to quote from our auditor's report that they "reveal a profit for the year of £791, as compared with a loss for the previous year of £966. Taking into account the Selective Employment Tax refund which was received in respect of previous accounting periods, it is apparent that your newspaper broke even during the second six months of the year." We should draw attention particularly to the fact that during the last three months of 1969 additional expenditure was incurred for the salary of the new Editor and the retaining fee paid to Mr. White as consultant.

Further changes at Guildford include the taking over by Seven Corners Press Ltd. of the work previously done by the Surrey Advertiser. This meant that new arrangements had to be made for the distribution of newspapers' copies, hitherto carried out for us by the Surrey Advertiser since the cessation of business of Rolls House. We are pleased to say that Mr. Lucas at Guildford has now undertaken this work also and we are no longer dependent on other firms, being our own distributor and publisher.

With the advice and help of our auditor, Mr. David Tate, the system of accounting by Mr. Lucas has been revised during the year so that we are now able to keep a frequent check on the financial position throughout the year, without calling and paying for a full scale interim audit, as we did in 1969. To quote the auditor again, "the additional work Mr. Lucas has taken on has meant that it has not been necessary for

us (the auditor) to ask for an increased fee for the preparation of the accounts, despite rising costs." Our thanks are clearly due and have, of course, been given both to Mr. Lucas and to Mr. Tate.

We are still unable to say whether any dividend will be received following the liquidation of Rolls House, referred to in our last annual report, but it will be recalled that the whole amount has already been written off.

We have found it necessary, because of the need to preserve topicality, to rule that, unless in the clear interest of the Exercise, news items received in the *Ringing World* office later than one calendar month after the event shall not normally be published. This decision was announced to our readers on August 29, 1969.

We have also found it necessary to warn our readers of our concern at the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog of peals at certain times of the year. We have considered this matter further and peals sent in which are three months old, or over, will be printed in abbreviated form, as used for quarter peals.

One of the items we have dealt with was the question of charges for the new pictorial covers, and because of possible confusion between the report in the *Ringing World* of December 5, 1969 (page 947), and the correction printed on December 19 (page 989), we feel it desirable to reiterate here that when for a particular reason a guild or a band ask for the cover picture and accompanying articles for a specific date we considered it right both to charge for the block and to hope for payment for 50 copies of that issue.

Our experiment with Gift Tokens last December was only partially successful—some of the subscriptions so obtained would have been received anyway. However, the form of application did not appear until December 12. We shall repeat the experiment next Christmas, giving longer notice.

As we announced on December 5, we have decided on a new venture—a *Ringing World* calendar for 1971—to be produced during this coming summer and containing for each month a full-size picture selected from our covers. We hope to have samples on display at Ilkley and shall welcome comments from members of the Council. Any advance orders that can be given will help us to assess likely demand. We ask for the support of the whole Exercise for this venture and can think of no more appropriate calendar for a ringer's home or for the ringing chamber.

Next year the *Ringing World* will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee—a wonderful feat for a journal such as ours and a tribute not only to the work of our predecessors and the successive editors, but also to the keen interest and support of many devoted readers. Recalling the success of our Golden Jubilee number, we are considering ideas for a suitable celebration issue and will welcome any suggestions which our readers may care to submit either to the Editor or our Convener.

The Index for 1969 has been prepared separately from the journal as another experiment. You will not have to extract the Index from the paper so that it can be bound or filed at the front or back of the volume. We have been able to use those pages for other matter and at the same time save the cost of printing separately. Once again we have to thank Mr. H. L. Roper for giving so much time and patience to the task of preparing the Index, and this year the anonymous typist who made it possible to produce the copies at negligible cost.

We have decided that this coming August we shall retain pictorial covers and not as formerly issue 16-page papers without covers.

Readers will have noticed that in recent issues there have appeared photographs attributed to the *Ringing World* itself. We have to thank our new Editor, who deliberately chose as a parting gift from his former employers an appropriate camera, so that he could take such photographs when he attends meetings and social functions, thus giving us all pleasure and saving cost to the *Ringing World*.

We are still greatly concerned at our circulation figures. The average weekly sales for the first two months of 1970 were 5,781, compared with an average for the first half of 1968 of

## THE NEW FOREST AREA

After two visits to Norfolk, this year's annual outing for Hornchurch ringers took place in and around the New Forest area. The majority of the band, with wives, friends and children, gathered at Bishop's Waltham for coffee, then strolled to the tower, where we were met by Mr. Colley with the news that a broken clapper had put one of our towers for the following day out of action. His offer to find a substitute was gratefully accepted.

Our second tower was at Curdridge, and then we moved on to Romsey for lunch. Here we were met by Tom East, an expatriate Hornchurch ringer (now living in the Isle of Wight), and his wife, who joined us for most of the week-end.

A feature of the Hornchurch week-end outings is the quality and quantity of food consumed, and the long climb to the ringing chamber at Romsey Abbey immediately after lunch made some regret recent excesses, especially the final narrow ascent.

The maze-like one-way systems of Southampton caused some confusion in getting to St. Mary's, and here we learned that we could ring at Alton the following day.

We next rang on the six at Fawley, surrounded by an oil refinery, then through the Forest to the last tower of the day, at Lymington, and to Lyndhurst for the night.

An early start on Sunday took us to Christchurch Priory to ring for Matins and, after a glimpse of the sea, on to Ringwood. A picnic lunch was taken in the Forest and then a dash to our substitute tower at Alton.

Unfortunately, some of us were unaware that Alton has two parish churches, and spent some time waiting at the first one we came to. The remainder (with what they called common sense) went to the right tower.

Our last ring was at Westerham (Kent), where we rang for Evensong, admired the statue of Sir Winston Churchill and, following dinner, made our final run home.

All were unanimous that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, and our sincere thanks are due to all who had made it possible—the incumbents, the local ringers who met us (especially Mr. Colley for his efforts) and Frank Gant, who did all the organisation. C. C. M. P.

6,150, for the second half, after a price increase, of 6,012 and for the first quarter of 1969 of 5,907. We hope all readers will appreciate that continued improvement in our service to them depends on an increasing circulation.

We must end this already long report with our thanks to all who have helped in any way to maintain and we think enhance the service we have been able to give to the Exercise. To those mentioned earlier in this report: to Mr. David House who has prepared the leading peal ringers' list; to Mrs. Lucas who continues to work valiantly in the *Ringing World* office; to the staff of Seven Corners Press for their co-operation in the production of what many of your letters call the New Look; to those friends who have provided a place for our meetings, and wonderful hospitality; and above all to our loyal supporters, both for their written contributions to our pages, for their regular purchase of the paper and their generous voluntary contributions. The Convener wishes specially to thank all those, whether Committee members or not, who have helped him to get through very long agendas at our meetings, and Mr. White and Mr. Denyer for their never-failing support in all he and the Committee have tried to do.

W. G. WILSON, Convener,  
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R. F. B. Speed.  
M. J. Staniforth (Mrs.).

March, 1970



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## BIRTH

**TUBBS.**—To Carolyn and David, a daughter, Sarah Jane, born August 24, 1970. 9608

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**HARRIS.**—Robert and Caroline now live at Hickling, High Broom Road, Crowborough, Sussex. Telephone No.: Crowborough 5359, when the poles have been planted. 9600

**PARTRIDGE.**—As from Sept. 5 the address of Robert and Susan will be 15 Vernon Court, Vernon Drive, Stanmore, Middx. Telephone: 01-427 9514. 9586

## PERSONAL

"In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer."—Isaiah liv, 8.

**JONES.**—Would Mr. Reg T. Jones, who once lived at Ebbesbourne Wake, please communicate with Mr. K. Sansom at 65 Glebe Road, Buriton, Petersfield, Hants. 9607

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**BEEKEEPERS' HARVEST FESTIVAL**, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, Oct. 4, 3 p.m. All ringing beekeepers welcome. Please write for details of ringing times before and after service.—Miss Sturdy, The Old House, Longbridge Corner, Warwick. 9465

**BUSHEY, St. James.**—For remainder of 1970 all enquiries should be addressed to R. Baldwin, 15 Harford Drive, Watford, as I will be away.—C. W. Woolley. 9611

**CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE SOCIETY, CANTERBURY.**—If there are any bellringers coming to Christ Church in September, for their first time, please would they contact the Bellringing Society secretary, Anne Dawson, as soon as possible after reaching college (probably via pigeonhole D or in Bishop Cockin West, 9 and 10). 9597

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Annual Ringers' Service, Fordham, Sun., Sept. 13. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. for 6.30 Evensong and after service. 9532

**PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS.**—Set of 12 (minimum) 16s. Additional cards 3d. each. Separate copy essential.—Write T. W., Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. 1001

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

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## EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—First practice of term, Wed., Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's. New members of the University are invited to introduce themselves and obtain further information by contacting Bill Perrins, 174 Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hants. 9501

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Romford, Sept. 12. Ringing 6–8 p.m. September's weekday practice at Waltham Abbey, 30th. 9513

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity, Horfield, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (5) available 6.30–7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Men's Social Club (opposite church), Wellington Hill. 9617

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Bentley on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells available 6 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9594

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—An advanced practice will be held at Aldershot on Tues., Sept. 22, at 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman or any of the Surprise methods, etc.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9593

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Surprise Royal practice, Leatherhead, on Tues., Sept. 15, 19.45–21.15 hours. Methods: Yorkshire and London.—J. A. L. 9424

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Sat., Sept. 19, evening meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells (8) 6–9 p.m. An extraordinary business meeting will be held for the election of the officers of the Lancashire Association. Everyone welcome. 9614

**LEICESTER GUILD.**—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Sat., Sept. 19, 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 9576

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Mon., Sept. 14, 8–9.30 p.m. Evening practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., Sept. 25, 7.45–9.15 p.m.—C. H. R. 9503

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. (Note changed times.) Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 16 Capesthorpe Road, Wilmslow. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 9587

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Cambridge District) and **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Sept. 12, Guilden Morden, 3–4.30. Service, tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members; evening ringing, Littleton. Tadlow (3) also available 3–3.45.—J. S. 9432

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Goldhanger, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 9483

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, Widford (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Widford 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, Hunsdon (8), 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. B. Lucas, 14 Rise Cottages, Widford.—S. E. James, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9557

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Northchurch (8), Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No name, no tea. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110 High Street, Northchurch. 9554

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, near Ashford. 9537

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Petham, Sat., Sept. 12. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. W. Seward, Stoneway Caravan Park, Petham. 9572

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—North Lindsey Branch.—Burton-on-Stather meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, not Sept. 5 as previously advertised. Apologies for inconvenience. 9577

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Porthkerry, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge. 9374

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Sat., Sept. 12, St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 2.30–4.15 (Wembley Park then bus 297 or 83; alternatively bus 245 or 52—alight at Blackbird Cross). Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Church Hall—business meeting after. St. Mary's, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 6.45–8.30. Surprise practice: St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Sept. 14, 6–8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Asst. Hon. Sec. 9560

**ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Llandoverly, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cox, Pontaur, Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 9584

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting, East Bridgford, Sept. 12. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kneeton (3) 3–4. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford. 9549

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Holbrook (6), Sept. 12, 2.30–4.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. All names for tea to Mrs. Bertha Hardman, Swallows, Ipswich Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich, not later than Wed., Sept. 9. No names, no tea. Hoping for Stutton bells in the evening.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 9520

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6), on Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex. 9568

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Ashton (8), Sat., Sept. 19. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 9613

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrington (6), Sept. 19. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, etc.—R. J. D. 9604

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Stretton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Witter, 9 Hillside Road, Appleton, near Warrington, by Wed., Sept. 16.—J. Moore, Hon. Branch Sec. 9595

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Warkworth Surprise, Grandsire Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9583

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Alvington (5), Sept. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please provide own tea. Cups of tea available. Hewelsfield, 7–8.30 p.m. 9596

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Thorley, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 7–9 p.m. Names for tea essential to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043).—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 9616

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, St. Paul's, Walden, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. L. Dennison, 50 Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9610

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—First annual county striking competition, St. George's Church, Gravesend, Sat., Sept. 19. Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. each, obtainable from Miss L. Seton, 1 Ashwood Place, High Street, Bean, Dartford. Remittance and s.a.e. with order, please.—A. P. S. B. 9499

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. K. A. 9619



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Mancetter. Bells (5) 3-4 p.m. Witherley bells (5), 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Witherley, 6.30-7.30; Mancetter, 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone, by Wed. previous. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9615

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Striking competition, Waddington, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. (Team reps 1.45.) Names for tea to R. F. Smith, 66 Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln, by Wednesday. 9581

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—St. Michael, Wood Green, on Sat., Sept. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Southgate, 6.30-8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9602

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Marcham, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea in school 4.30 p.m. Notification for tea, please, to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15. 9551

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 19, at Yarwell, 2.45-3.45 only. King's Cliffe, 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Special methods: Erin Minimus, London Surprise Minor. Book teas to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday. 9580

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Raunds, Sept. 19. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. Names to W. Whitmore, 21 Mackenzie Road, Raunds, by Sept. 15. Ringing till 20.45. 9603

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Davis, Mount, Melpash, Bridport. 9579

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Crawford cup contest final to be held at North Collingham (6), Sat., Sept. 19, at 2.30 p.m. South Collingham (5) and South Scarle (5) bells also available, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to P. Raithby, Dis. Sec., 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark, by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome. 9550

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Striking competition, Sat., Sept. 19, Shreshill. Draw 2.15 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor. Half-an-hour's general ringing afterwards. Own arrangements for tea, prior to evening handbell tune playing course at Shreshill Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m., when Mr. George Askew, of Brewood, will demonstrate his system of tune playing requiring no knowledge of music. Anyone (including non-ringers) from anywhere welcome to attend or take part. Ideal for small teams wishing to try carols, etc.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9469

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Limpsfield Chart. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Stephens, 41 Barrow Green Road, Oxted.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9420

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 19, Ringmer (St. Mary the Virgin, 8), 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Break for tea approximately 5.30, followed by business meeting, in Village Hall. 9541

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Truro Branch.—Autumn festival, Ladock (8), Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Towers open: Probus (8), St. Erme (6). Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro, by Sept. 14. 9336

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Clent, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Election of branch officers at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. C. Ashford, 17 Old Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, by Sept. 16. Any names received after this date will not secure tea. I MEAN THIS!—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 9545

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—There will be a GENERAL MEETING at SHEFFIELD on Saturday, Sept. 19th. General Committee meeting at 3.15 p.m. in Ranmoor Parish Hall. Service 4.15 p.m. at Ranmoor. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e., and given to others at Ranmoor Church at 3.45 p.m. on the Saturday. Proposals about the finance of the Association will be made at the meeting after tea. Bells: Penistone (8), 11.30-12.45; Conisborough (8), 12-1; Silkstone (6), 12.30-1.45; Bolsterstone (8), 1-2; Eastwood (8), 1.15-2.30; Wortley (8), 2-3; Walkley (6), 2.30-3.30; Ranmoor (10), 3.15-4.10; Sheffield Cathedral (13), 7-9; Wortley and Ranmoor in the evening by arrangement.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9426

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Halse, Sept. 26. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Read, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset. 9582

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, at Hascombe (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Dunsfold (6) also available 3-4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Barnett, Yew Tree Cottage, Hascombe, Godalming, by Sept. 21. 9567

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Sat., Sept. 26, to ring for Flower Festival. Everyone welcome for ringing from 2.30 onwards. Cups of tea at 5, followed by evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec. 9601

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint quarterly meeting, Elloe Deaneries and Ladies' Guild, at Whaplode, Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: 4462), by Wed., Sept. 23. 9433

**SUFFOLK GUILD (S.W. District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N. and N.E. Districts).**—Joint meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Mrs. King, 1 Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, Essex, not later than Mon., Sept. 21. 9604

#### ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This will be held at Carmarthen on Saturday, October 10. Cost approximately 30 shillings per head, depending on total numbers. Will all those interested please contact John Prytherch, 33 Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest (office telephone: Milford Haven 2461), so that an estimate of numbers can be obtained. 9585

#### COLESHILL, BIRMINGHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL — SEPTEMBER 12

##### Northern Routes:

Rushall (6), 9 a.m.-10 a.m.  
Aldridge (6), 10.15 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Little Aston (6), 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m.  
Shenstone (6), 12.15 p.m.-1 p.m.  
Perry Barr (8), 1 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Aston (12), 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m.  
\*Castle Bromwich (6), 4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Erdington (St. Barnabas) (8), 5.15 p.m.-6 p.m.  
\* Subject to confirmation.

##### Southern Routes:

Packwood (8), 9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.  
Shirley (8), 10.15 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Knowle (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.15 p.m.  
Hampton-in-Arden (6), 1.45 p.m.-2.30 p.m.  
Bickenhill (6), 2.30 p.m.-3.15 p.m.  
Solihull (12), 4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Leek Wootton (5), 9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.

There are weddings at some churches immediately prior to ringing. Please do not intrude!  
Tea available at Colehill. Numbers, please, to:—  
Miss A. Deebank, 65 Stonebridge Road, Colehill, Birmingham, B46 3HA  
(Telephone: Colehill 62510).

#### DORCHESTER, DORSET

**ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS**  
Visiting ringers have recently been arriving to find that there is no ringing. The undermentioned are the relative times of ringing at present.

Times of service ringing have recently been changed and ringing now takes place as follows:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1st Sunday of month | — 5.45 p.m. |
| 2nd " " "           | — 9.45 a.m. |
| 3rd " " "           | — 5.45 p.m. |
| 4th " " "           | — 9.45 a.m. |
| 5th " " "           | — 9.45 a.m. |

Practice night: Tuesday, 7.30-9 p.m.

R. H. Duke.  
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#### UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

recent Summer Tour.  
Deeply touched by continued kind remembrances of old friends.  
Sincere thanks and best wishes.  
"Semper Eadem," York.

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#### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 10, 1970

##### ANNUAL DINNER

at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super-Mare.  
6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Price 28s. 6d.  
Tickets from Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare, before Oct. 5.  
S.a.e., please. 9612

#### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Society welcomes all freshers coming up in October. Please contact Peter C. Randall, 32 Coventry Road, Warwick, for details. 9578

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

DINNER-DANCE  
Southport — October 31  
Book the date.

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#### MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

welcomes all freshers.

Please contact the secretary, William M. Taylor, 125 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks.

It is hoped that practices will begin on

Tuesday, October 6.

9575



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Ringing festival and supper party, Sat., Oct. 24. Party to be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell; tower and other details later. 9542

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

Presentation and dedication of Master's Badge of Office  
**GREAT THURLOW**

Saturday, September 19

Ring 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.  
Names for tea to Ven. K. O. Child, Gt. Thurlow Vicarage, Haverhill, by September 16. 9478

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**THE 90th ANNUAL FESTIVAL**  
will be held at OXFORD

on Saturday, October 3, 1970.

11.30 a.m. Service in Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m. Social half-hour in Dining Hall.  
1.15 p.m. Luncheon in Dining Hall.

(Tickets 10s. 6d. each.)

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 28.

**Ringing arrangements:**

The list of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.

W. Butler, Hon. Gen. Sec.  
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**FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND BELLS**  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE**

Friday to Sunday, September 11 to 13.

Bells available:

Friday: 7.30–9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.–12 noon

2.30–4.30 p.m.

6.30–8 p.m.

Sunday: 10.15–11 a.m.

5.45–6.30 p.m.

Light teas and morning coffee available in the Church Room.  
All welcome. 9493

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**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**

The first practice of the autumn term will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street (two minutes from Tower Hill Station)

on Thursday, October 8, at 6.30 p.m.

Freshers at all London colleges especially welcome.

Forthcoming dates:

Outing, October 24.

25th anniversary dinner, November 28.

For further details you are invited to contact the master: Nigel Thomson, 6 The Holt, Wallington, Surrey. 9569

**THE OTHER DAVID J. MARSHALL**

There seemed to be a slow response to the invitations to the marriage at Daventry in July of David J. Marshall and Pamela M. Major. The bride's father is treasurer of the R.D.C. and his usual "requests" are left until another day. However, word got round and friends and ringers gathered in bright sunshine to give symbolic treatment to the splicing.

Daventry ringers fired with their usual precision before and after the ceremony and next day a band made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Marshall Delight Major. However, amends were made at a later date and the peal was scored with the bridegroom conducting. The organ was played by the master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. Malcolm J. Tyler, and included Stanley's Bell Allegro.

Miss Clare Chapman, daughter of the Daventry ringing master, was a bridesmaid and the best man was Mr. Malcolm McConnachie, a school friend of the couple and a former local ringer.

The happy couple made their getaway in an ex-Army vehicle, camouflaged in a most unmilitary-like fashion, and the latest report was that computer punchings still keep dropping out in the most unexpected places, but they feel well and truly married.

J. K. F.

**GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED**

August 28

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing The Ringing World:—

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September 4

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**LATE NOTICES**

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 9631

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Joint monthly meeting with Leicester Diocesan Guild (Hinckley District), Sat., Sept. 19. Afternoon ringing at Witherley and Mancetter. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing at Witherley and Mancetter.—Nuneaton also available 6.30–8 p.m. Details for ringing times at Hinckley District. Names for tea to F. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone, by Wednesday, please.—George Pluckrose. 9632

**CROYDON RINGING FESTIVAL.**—No ringing at St. Mary's, Beddington, 1.30–2.30, Sept. 12. 9625

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Church Stretton District.—An evening practice will be held at Clun on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) available 5.30 to 8 p.m. 9622

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, East Crompton, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Striking competition during part of afternoon. Please make own tea arrangements. Evening ringing.—G. Cheatham. 9623

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—St. Michael's, Wood Green, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Christ Church, Southgate, 3–4.30 p.m.—E. H. K. (This cancels advert 9602 on page 726.) 9628

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Wakefield (12), on Tues., Sept. 15. Bells available 19.00–21.00 hours.—A. C. B. 9629

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September 19

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Evensong 6.30, Sunday, September 13.

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Handbells during the service.

Tower open for ringing from 8 p.m.

All welcome. 9637



**25 YEARS AGO**

Taken from The Ringing World for  
September 7, 1945.

Under the heading "Peal Ringing in Kent," 12 peals were rung in a week, all being conducted by P. A. Corby.

Referring to the quick peal at Beccles (3 hours and 13 minutes), "B." wrote "You might ring a fair peal there in 3 hours and 55 minutes, but ten minutes longer would be better."

In certain cases where learners are unusually mentally alert call changes can serve a certain purpose, but almost everywhere the practice of Original or plain hunting on five and six bells will prove far more profitable.—Rev. E. S. Powell on teaching learners.

R. F. B. Speed asked all ringers and intending ringers coming up next term to communicate with him at Caius College, Cambridge.

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At Hyde, Cheshire, Miss Mary Elkins rang her first peal, Double Norwich, on the 2nd, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Thomas W. White rang the treble at Holy Trinity, Guildford, for Grandsire Triples. Two peals of Minor on handbells at Stoke-on-Trent were conducted by R. S. Anderson.

Three letters on the firing of bells were printed from William Ambler, Fred J. Lambert and Charles A. Bassett.

**50 YEARS AGO**

September 10, 1920.

The 14 bells at Buckfast Abbey were being rehung with new fittings by Messrs. William Aggett and Sons of Chagford.

A peal of Minor at Frant, Sussex, was rung by six of the Lambert family: Richard B., William H., Frederick J. (jun.), Frederick J. (sen.), Reginald E. and Robert T.

Bristol Surprise Major rung at Leiston included five Bailey brothers, and another at Worlingworth had four Baileys, whilst at Whitley Bay five ringers named Gofton took part in a peal—also Bristol Surprise Major.

The deaths were announced of George Balls (58), Earl Soham, Suffolk; Richard W. Baker, (56), Langham, Rutland; John Blackburn, (73), Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks; John Wymer, Wymondham, Leics; and Samuel Paice (64), Wokingham, Berks.

The leader spoke of bell restorations and of the neglect of bells in churches in the Metropolis, and a correspondent (Charles Withecomb) lamented the condition of the bells at St. James', Bermondsey, which were almost unringable.

Daniel T. Matkin conducted his first peal—Grandsire Doubles—on handbells at Ludlow, Salop, William R. Nash and Percy Lane ringing their first on handbells.

A team on a day excursion into Suffolk rang touches at Polstead, Stoke Nayland and Stratford, and Mr. C. J. Sedgley conducted.

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