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**St. Paul,  
Papanui,  
New Zealand**





## Cover Picture

## St. Paul, Papanui, New Zealand

IN CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, there are two rings of bells, and they are nearly the same age: St. Paul's (cast 1880) and the Anglican Cathedral's (cast 1881). In the 1850s the early days of the colony, Papanui was a small village of sawyers about three miles to the north of Christchurch. Its population in 1851 was about 200. The Maoris gave their name to the settlement from the flat boards sawn from the 70 acres of native wood nearby: "papa" means flat and "nui" means a board.

A swamp lay between the village and Christchurch, but the road, which was finished in six years in 1857, was for 20 years nothing better than a cattle track, and it was not uncommon for bullock drays and coaches to be bogged down in the treacherous ground. The village's population reached a peak in the late 50s (692 in 1857 compared to 953 in Christchurch itself), but this ceased when the native wood was exhausted and the sawmills were moved elsewhere. Nevertheless, it was not until the post-World War I years that Papanui began to lose its identity as a village by becoming absorbed into the growing area of Christchurch.

The first St. Paul's was built about 1852-53, one of the first churches on the Canterbury Plains. It was intended only as a temporary building, and originally consisted of a nave only. It was very small and, according to a letter in the "Lyttelton Times" in 1862, there was room for only 12 adults after the school children were seated. A chancel, south aisle, porch, and later a north aisle were added, but it is not known when. In those early days the church music was supplied by a violin, a cornet, a flute and an accordion, and about 1860 an harmonium was obtained. By the mid '70s the church had become too small and some of the timbers were rotting, so it was decided in 1876 to build a new church.

The foundation stone of the present church was laid in 1876 by Bishop Harper, who 12 years earlier had performed a similar honour at the Anglican cathedral. The new St. Paul's cost £1,856 to build and was opened in 1877. For a time the old church was used as a Sunday School, but later it was removed and became a blacksmith's shop! The debt on the new church was paid off by 1903, and the building was consecrated by Bishop Julius, whose son was to become the next vicar and eventually Dean of Christchurch.

## SHIPWRECKED

When a ring of bells was suggested after the new church had been opened, one of the parishioners, Mr. John Matson, promptly ascertained the probable cost and wrote out a cheque on the spot. Warners cast a ring of five at a cost of £285. They were shipped in the Knowlesly Hall, which was wrecked off the coast of South Africa, but the insurance on the bells paid not only for a second ring but also for the installation of gas in the church! This second ring forms the back five of the present ring of six. The old treble is about 3 cwt. and the tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat. The total weight of the old bells is about 26 cwt. The inscription on the tenor is: "We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land. St. Paul's, Papanui, 1880." The bells were dedicated in July 1880 by Bishop Harper and first rung by the Rev. E. Lingard, C. Cranston, F. Hudson, J. Sheriff, F. Blackmore, T. Hall.

From November until the following August the recently-formed Cathedral Society of Bellringers practised on the Papanui bells until their own bells were ready in September, 1881. The Papanui bells were rung regularly until 1903, but when the wooden tower was built bells had not been thought of, and now the creaking and swaying of the whole structure was most alarming. When the 9 foot cross on the steeple fell down one day the bells were thereafter only chimed until 1912, when the tower had become so unsafe that it was dismantled and the present one, also wooden, was built. It is 12 feet square and 75 feet high. But the whole church continued to sway with the new tower, and the bells were silent from 1914 till 1926, when a new, heavily-braced gantry was built inside the tower, detached from it and deeply embedded into concrete. This proved quite satisfactory and the bells could be rung again. As a matter of interest, a railway line borders one side of the church property, and the passing trains shake the tower almost as much as the bells do, but it is quite safe.

## FIRST PEAL

The Papanui ringers never formed themselves into a proper society, and by 1945 ringing had once again ceased and the fittings deteriorated. In April, 1950, the Cathedral Society rang the first peal on the bells to mark the centenary of the Province of Canterbury: 5040 St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire in 2 hours 42 minutes, A. Lancefield conducting from the tenor; but still the bells remained silent for another 14 years.

In 1964 the Cathedral Society was asked to train a local band and a Papanui Society was formed in May, 1965. In 1967 Mr. R. H. Idle, a ringer for 34 years, resigned as master at the Cathedral and was elected master at Papanui. At this meeting a sixth bell was mooted and a fund opened. Donations were soon forthcoming from parishioners and the local citizenry, and the Cathedral Society gave two generous grants.

To arrive at the correct pitch for the new bell, Taylors sent over a tuning fork: this and the bells were tape-recorded and the results sent back to Loughborough. The new treble was cast in 1969 and weighs 2 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Its tone is decidedly sweeter than the old chip-tuned bells, but its pitch fits perfectly with the rest of the ring. It was dedicated by the vicar (Arch-deacon Williams) and first rung on February 1, 1970, during a special dedication service.

The Society is now strongly established. Last year 176 rings were recorded, and the Sunday service band can now ring Surprise methods. The local high school provides plenty of learners and the light bells are ideal for learning on. On September 5, 1970, the Society rang its first peal, marking the 90th anniversary of the old ring of five: 5040 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the master, R. H. Idle, the only member of the band who had rung a peal before.

R. J. STEVENS, Deputy Master.

If all be true that I do think,  
There are five reasons we should drink.  
Good wine—a friend—or being dry—  
Or lest we should be by and by—  
Or any other reason why.

—H. Aldrich.

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## Middlesex County Association

## IN NORTH LONDON

Only six miles from the heart of London, on rising ground, stands the 19th century mediæval style church of St. Michael, Wood Green, with its 10 cwt. ring of six. It was here that the North and East District met on September 19 for their monthly meeting.

Despite a spate of weddings and the normal evensong, the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Sheen) graciously found time to conduct a short service.

The chairman welcomed several visitors, including Mr. A. P. Cannon.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Alick Cutler, who recently completed his 500th peal for the Association and, at approximately the same time, celebrated his golden wedding, and to Miss Dorothea Robotham and Mr. Brian Watson, for ringing their first peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major respectively.

A map of the county of Middlesex, compiled by Mr. T. G. Hawkins and showing the situation of towers with bells, was brought to the notice of members. This is a most useful acquisition for the ringing chamber (and personal use) and copies sold readily, the income derived therefrom being, at Mr. Hawkins' request, placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

Ringing continues to take place for mid-week services at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Thursday, 1-1.30 p.m.) and St. Botolph, Bishopsgate (Wednesday, 12.30-1.15 p.m.).

Gloria Simpson (Wood Green) and Celia Badham (Hackney) were elected as ringing members, whilst the belfry election, prior to peal attempts, of Stephen Darvill as a ringing member and Stanley Jenner as a non-resident member, were ratified.

Thanks were extended by the chairman to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting before a return was made to the belfry, where a variety of methods was rung until 8.30 p.m. Ringing took place in the afternoon at Christ Church, Southgate, under the guidance of Ruth Foreman, who stepped into the breach and undertook the duties of ringing master at short notice.

E. H. K.



## AT THE "GRAND ATLANTIC"

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S 80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

"A meeting was held on Saturday, May 31st, 1890, in the Church Schoolroom at Highbridge to consider the suggestion that the work of the Bath and Keynsham United Deaneries Association of Change Ringers be extended beyond the limits of the Rural Deanery of Bath to that of the Diocesan Association." This notice was quoted by Mr. J. H. Gilbert, B.Sc., C.Eng. A.F.R.Ae.S., general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, when at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, on October 10, the 80th anniversary dinner was held. The function was an undoubted success, having been well organised by a committee led by Mr. Gilbert, and about 180 attended from a wide area.

The Rev. H. F. Warren, master of the association, presided, accompanied by Mrs. Warren, and others seated at the principal table were the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson), president, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilbert, Mr. W. F. Scudamore (master, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Scudamore, Mrs. E. Palfrey (president, Ladies' Guild), Rev. R. N. Longridge (president, Salisbury Guild), Miss M. Legg, Mr. J. Brain and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

Proceeding, Mr. Gilbert said the notice was circulated and as a result the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers came into being, the former Association being seven years old when the change was made. Details of their early meetings and of numbers attending were given by the speaker and some amusing and interesting items were read out. The first officers included the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, of St. Mary's, Bath, as master, and the first quarterly meeting was at Wraxall on October 11.

By 1907 there were over 1,000 members and the association had not looked back since those early days, the membership now being 1,850. Many other details were given and for this 80th anniversary year there had been six peals and 71 quarters, in which 62 towers took part with 42 people conducting.

Mr. Gilbert concluded by reading out the names of those who were at Highbridge on that memorable occasion in 1890, and then asked the company to rise and drink a toast to their memory.

The toast was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells rung by Mr. J. R. Taylor 1-2, Mrs. Jennie Taylor 3-4, Mr. R. C. Kippin 5-6, Mr. T. Chapman 7-8, Mrs. Margaret Chapman 9-10.

#### A POLICEMAN'S LOT

The toast to "The Church and Clergy" was drunk on the call of Mr. W. F. Scudamore, who in true police jargon addressed the president and read a dossier of his (the Bishop's) career, as one of a "clergyman extraordinary," trained at Cambridge and ordained in 1934. The speaker then gave many amusing but nevertheless authentic facts of the president's career which eventually proved him to be a "bishop extraordinary."

The ringers were there that evening to demonstrate their loyalty, and giving details of various religious sects who waved banners and called from door to door, the speaker said the Church of England was unique in that it had its church bells. Proceeding, he said that many bells of historic value were being catalogued in the Gloucester Association and suggested the Bath and Wells Diocese should do the same.

Rising to reply amidst sustained applause, the Bishop, who is a gifted and natural orator, treated the assembled company to a feast of wit and humour and with words of wisdom which were at once

appreciated and honoured. He also spoke of the swans on the moat around Wells Cathedral, of the bell which they ring, and of the many happy hours and pleasures he had enjoyed for the past ten years in the Diocese. At the conclusion all felt that the president is verily a bishop extraordinary, and he is obviously greatly beloved by his diocesan bellringers.

#### THREE IMPORTANT DUTIES

"The Work of Diocesan Ringers' Associations" was proposed by the Editor of The Ringing World, who first thanked the



The committee who organised the dinner, photographed by the R.W. They are Mr. J. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Barbara Gilbert, Rev. H. F. Warren, Miss Marjorie Legg and Mr. J. Brain.

guild for inviting him to their dinner and for the very warm and friendly welcome he had received. He congratulated them on their 80th birthday and expressed appreciation for the support and encouragement extended to The Ringing World, which he hoped would continue, particularly in the task of increasing the circulation, which would help keep costs down.

Mr. Denyer then spoke on three duties which were, he felt, very important in the work of all associations and guilds:—

(i) To ensure that the church bells were rung regularly for services, and at all times to find and train recruits for that purpose.

(ii) That they support the clergy and diocesan authorities in the tremendous task which faced the Church in these days of apathy and disbelief, by regular attendance at the tower and in attending the services as well.

(iii) To build up as quickly as possible and in devious ways the bell restoration funds. These should be large enough to give the association officers the chance to offer £100 or £200 where bells were to be restored. When an offer like that was made it could well influence the incumbent and his P.C.C. in having the work carried out, whilst smaller sums might be brushed aside.

The recent news that Dr. Mervyn Stockwood of Southwark was to sell various

valuable items to pay the clergy was mentioned by Mr. Denyer, who pointed out that this lead might be followed by other clergy who would consider selling the bells of the church if they were not used. Once these were gone they would never be replaced. He urged his hearers to take this threat seriously.

#### HANDMAID OF THE EXERCISE

The toast had coupled with it the name of the Rev. R. N. Longridge, who in reply said how important was the ringers' journal—the handmaid of the Exercise. There would be many incumbents, antiquarians, historians and members of the public who would peruse regularly the cover and inside of The Ringing World for the comprehensive details of the parish churches. It was a worthy alternative to Collins' Guide to the Churches, and at one shilling a copy it was an excellent production. He congratulated the Editor on the high standard achieved. Without it how would anyone in Somerset know what was going on in Dorset, he asked, and he offered congratulations to the Bath and Wells Association on their 80th birthday.

#### SHORT, NO RELIGION, SOME JOKES

He had been advised by his son, said the speaker, to make his speech "short, no religion and some jokes," which Mr. Longridge proceeded to carry out to the great enjoyment of the company. At the conclusion he expressed thanks to the association for the pleasure all had received that evening.

During the evening the Rev. H. F. Warren introduced the speakers and welcomed the visitors and at the end of the formal proceedings proposed thanks to Mr. Gilbert and the committee for the work of organising the event, and this received acclamation.

Handbells were again rung, three leads of Bristol Surprise Major being well accomplished by Messrs. Taylor, Kippin, Chapman and Mrs. Chapman. There followed a couple of hours of informality in which it was a pleasure to take part, many experiences being exchanged and views expressed on topical (ringing) subjects. Somerset folk—and their ringers in particular—are very friendly and have the gift of making visitors feel welcome. They spare no effort to ensure that everything is done for the pleasure and comfort of their guests.



## Norwich Association.

## AT HINGHAM

Flower festivals, Sunday School outings and holidays took a serious toll on the attendance of the Northern Branch meeting at Hingham on September 5. Despite this the bells were rung to various methods under the leadership of the ringing master (Mr. T. E. Spight).

The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. W. F. A. Stones), the lesson being read by the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer).

It was decided to hold the annual branch meeting at Dereham in December. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the rector and to Mr. J. R. Elliott.

The secretary found his visit to the Drayton Flower Festival well worth while. Much credit must go to the organisers and flower arrangers for their splendid work.

## IN THE NORTH-EAST OF KENT

Ringers from several towers ranging from Cliffe-at-Hoo to Sittingbourne spent Bank Holiday Monday visiting the Thanet area of Kent. Towers visited included St. Laurence - in - Thanet, St. Peter - in - Thanet (where our regular driver once again had a "lesson"), Broadstairs, Herne (where some of the party were treated to a "jar" by the landlady of a local hostelry) and St. Alphege, Seasalter. A short stop was made for liquid refreshment on the way home. The tour was organised by Laurie Mitchell, and ringing supervised by Chris Osenton.

## Salisbury Guild.

## FOUR NEW MEMBERS

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Yetminster on September 12, with ringing also at Bradford Abbas. The guild president (Rev. R. N. Longridge) was present, and he and the branch vice-chairman (Rev. R. A. Wells) conducted the service, the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) giving the address. The lesson was read by Mr. T. Bleathman, and handbells were rung by Miss S. Corry, Messrs. T. Bleathman, C. Longridge and M. Corry.

New members elected were Mrs. I. Perry and the Misses T. Foster, D. Newman and A. Perry (all of Yetminster). Mr. Woods spoke in appreciation of the work done by Mr. C. Longridge in organising the branch outing.

## Lincoln Guild

## CLAPPER FELL OUT

A quarterly meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Whaplode on September 26. The function was joint with the Ladies' Guild and a brief business meeting was held, attended by about 30 persons. The bells were put to good use until about 7.30, when the fifth clapper fell out! Thanks to the invitation of Mr. T. Charlton, the ringers went over to ring until 9 at neighbouring Moulton. G. C.

## Hertfordshire County Association

## VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Walkern was the first tower for Northern District meeting. There was a good attendance, the visitors including one from as far afield as Victoria, Australia. Ringing catered for all tastes, whilst the children found alternative amusement in the pond! Ardeley, in its picturesque setting with the ducks and their ducklings swimming on the pond, was the scene for the second tower. Here ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise before the evening was rounded off in the Jolly Waggoner in the usual manner. M. M. R.

## THE ASTON FESTIVAL

The Aston Village Society held a festival of music, flowers and bellringing from September 18-20 at the parish church of St. Mary, Aston, Hertfordshire.

Concerts were held on Friday and Saturday nights, each of which was preceded by 45 minutes' bellringing. The two Sunday services each had prior ringing and took a musical form with an organ recital and singing by the Aston singers, while the church was decorated with flowers.

The ringing, by the local band, was traditional call-changes, for which Aston is well known, and favourable comment on the striking was passed by at least one well-known Devon call-change ringer. The ringers present were L. A. Izzard (captain), F. J. Pallet (conductor), D. Chalkley, A. Gray, D. Scales, H. Harradence, R. Falder, D. Warren, W. Warren, G. Sapsford, P. Jones and G. Partridge. R. F.

## IN SOMERSET

The Machen and Bassaleg (Monmouthshire) bellringers set out on September 5 for Bath and Wells. With the sun shining, our first call was at Publow, where all enjoyed the six, which are very mellow. The rector and his wife welcomed the visitors, and all enjoyed coffee and home-made scones on the rectory lawn. At Wells some of the non-ringers looked around the beautiful old town and the Cathedral. At Wookey we were again welcomed by the rector and later by the tower captain and his daughter. After lunch at Wells we were able to watch Morris dancers on the green.

At Midsomer Norton we rang the delightful eight and then on to Radstock, and again were met by the rector. We enjoyed ringing the six and afterwards left for our last ring on the eight bells at Bath (St. Michael with St. Paul). We set off at 8 o'clock and reached home safely. V. A. J.

## MRS. EDITH WATTS

Mr. Herbert W. Watts, who has been captain of Stansted, Essex, tower for over 60 years, has been bereaved by the death of his wife, Edith Watts. To her memory, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 14 at St. Mary's, Stansted. Although not a ringer, Mrs. Watts took an interest in ringing activities and was a ready helper at teas for ringers' meetings at Stansted.

## Obituary

## MR. SIDNEY BALL

Ringers of Lewisham District and older members of Surrey will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Sidney Ball (captain of Dartford ringers for the past ten years) in Joyce Green Hospital on September 23. He was 64 and suffered a long and painful illness for more than a year. A month ago he seemed to improve, but unfortunately had a relapse and was admitted to hospital for a major operation, from which he did not recover.

He leaves a widow, a son (in Canada) and a daughter, both married. To them all our sincere sympathies are extended in their bereavement.

Sid (as he was known) learnt to ring at Mitcham in 1922 and moved to Lewisham in 1940. He came to Dartford in 1956 and after two or three years succeeded to the captaincy. He had not rung many peals during his ringing career, his last being at Dartford in 1961, but he was a great ringer and took an interest in service ringing and helping youngsters. Until his illness he was regularly seen at Lewisham District meetings of the Kent County Association.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on October 1, followed by cremation at Eltham. Amongst those present were members of the local band and representatives of the district. R.I.P.

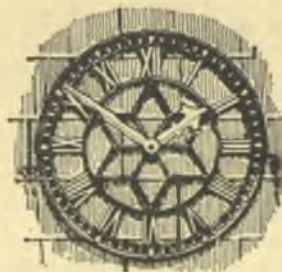
R. G. R.

## MR. C. A. THOMPSON

The South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association has recently lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Cecil A. Thompson, who was a member for over 50 years. He was 84 and had rung in 37 peals for the Association.

A regular service and practice night ringer at Redenhall until two years ago, he would cycle the five miles each way to ring. He was always good company and willing to go anywhere to help and to get a ring. He took a keen interest in beginners and was quite happy to join in rounds or call-changes with them.

He will be sadly missed by the Redenhall company and by the Association. A quarter of Bob Triples, half-muffled, was rung to his memory by members of the South Norfolk Branch at Redenhall, which was his favourite tower. W. J. F.



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## Editorial

### SECURITY

Dear Sir,—As secretary to the managing director of Yale Locks and Hardware may I correct the paragraph on security under "Belfry Gossip," in the issue of October 9.

Firstly, the phrase "Yale type" is a misuse of the registered trade mark of Eaton Yale and Towne Inc., and no doubt the phrase was intended to describe the standard cylinder rim nightlatch which is produced by many other manufacturers besides Yale.

Secondly, the words "useless for security" can be taken as defamatory of the goods manufactured by Eaton Yale and Towne Inc. We do in fact produce nightlatches where it is possible to deadlock the bolt against end pressure and the knob against rotation by a reverse turn of the key from the outside of the door.

The company also manufactures a wide range of lock and hardware products, including both cylinder and lever mortice locks and other high security devices. Insurance companies and the police do recommend Yale locks, the type of lock recommended depending on the level of security required. For tower security, especially where entrance to the belfry is from outside the church, they would suggest the Yale M.555 five-lever mortice deadlock and the Yale M.3000½ double cylinder security mortice deadlock, the latter being only one of four locks to carry the British Standards Institute Kite-mark as conforming to their Standard 3621 for Thief Resistant Locks.—Yours faithfully,

BERYL E. CAWSE.

Lichfield, Staffordshire.

The reason for publishing this letter as an Editorial is obvious. The term "Yale-type lock" is an accepted expression nowadays and we ourselves quoted from our correspondent (wrongly of course!). However, it is gratifying that we have among us someone who can advise us on security for our bells and belfries, and we have invited Mrs. Cawse to contribute a general article on this subject for the benefit of the Exercise.

It is a most important subject and of interest to all. The securing of traps and slides between ground floor and bell chamber presents many problems, and we look forward to printing the information on how to overcome such difficulties.

### A THESIS

Miss Deborah Power, a ringer from Ugborough, Ivybridge, Devon, and a student at the West London College, has chosen for her thesis the theme "Church Bell Ringing" and we have been privileged to see a copy.

She has dealt simply and basically with a proportion of this very large subject from a beginner's point of view and has written chapters on the development of the art, the tower and the bell, bell handling, basic principles of change-ringing and the Exercise and its activities today. There are appendices listing the ringing associations, the numbers of rings and a short bibliography, and the whole is well illustrated.

We hope that we can look forward to the time when Miss Power joins that select band of enthusiasts who devote some of their time and energy and ability to writing for The Ringing World. W. G. W.

## Belfry Gossip

Mr. Jeans, who did so much work towards obtaining the money for the Somerton (Somerset) bells (Ringing World, page 771) tells us that approximately £128 more is required and he would be grateful for any contributions towards this amount.

An attractive Christmas card on sale at the Bath and Wells Dinner was that of Frome Church, which at 8s. a dozen is very reasonable, and moneys collected go towards the bell restoration fund. Mrs. G. Massey will satisfy all inquiries made to her at Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome.

Mrs. Cynthia Kirkham was for 12 years a ringer at Northwich Church, Cheshire, and secretary until she and her husband went to West Pennard, Somerset, and took over the Apple Tree Inn. All ringers are made most welcome when in the area.

New Method: Ely Delight Minor, and New Conductor: Yvonne A. Towler.

Mr. E. H. Mastin, of Downham Market, Norfolk, sending us a peal and a quarter peal report, rightly says how proud the band are who rang the peal (Bob Doubles) at the first attempt. Two of the band can ring Surprise Major and other methods on five up to ten bells.

By ringing the 3rd to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at East Hagbourne, Berks, on August 24, John H. Napper became the seventh man to circle the tower. Those who know John's strong, silent ways will realise why this fact did not appear as a footnote to the peal—he didn't tell anyone!



JEREMY PIRON

of Bedford, who started to ring at the age of eight, following the rehanging of St. Paul's, Bedford, bells in 1966. In July, 1969, he rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples at Maulden, Beds, and this year he has rung Cambridge from Minor to Royal in addition to the recent peal of London Major already reported. Although taught by his father, Mr. Stephen Ivin has been, we understand, a major influence and a source of encouragement.

[We look forward to reporting more of this lad's achievements.—Ed.]

First Peal congratulations to Linda Milligan, Hilary A. Skinner, Simon Reading, Pamela Taylor, Susan Bagguley, Sandra Bladon, Alvin Kellock, Robert Currell, Sheila Holland, Roger Booth, John Richardson, Elizabeth Grigg, Edward Dicken and Nigel Booth.

Personal Records: Peter Hughes (50 peals), Malcolm Loveday (25), Roger Hunt (50), Peter Robertson (50), Marcus Sherwood (175), Gerald Moorhouse (250), George Thoday (750), Stuart Bamforth (25), Paul Reading (50).

"I note with interest the inquiry of Mr. Paul Boucher with regard to a ringing association for the legal profession. I, too, replied to the suggestion appearing in The Ringing World last year but have heard nothing further. I wonder what response there was at the time?" writes K. E. Beale, of Taunton. (Perhaps the original instigator of the inquiry will let us know.—Ed.)

"Roger Wetenhall and I met and rang two peals together in October, 1931. We never corresponded (or met) until he wrote in July and said he would like us to meet. He called in August and as a result the peal was arranged for him," writes Mr. J. E. Cawser, of Lichfield, Staffs. The peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Claybrooke, Leics.

"The band would like to extend their good wishes to the tower captain, Ken Rider, on his recent recovery from illness," writes Mr. J. Pladdys, sending a peal report from Rotherhithe, S.E., and adds that they would like to associate the peal with the "Mayflower" celebrations at Rotherhithe on July 4, for which a peal was attempted (by an almost identical band) and lost through a broken rope.

Sending a quarter from Silkstone, Yorks, Frances A. Garfield says it was accomplished after considerable expense to father's telephone bill! She hopes that Silkstone will be hitting the headlines in future, but the young learners could do with help from experienced ringers.

In a peal at Saffron Walden, Essex, after half a course the rope "tuck" came adrift and John Ketteringham had three hours' ringing with three feet of rope flying around and pulling on a single end! Quite distracting.

The ring of six at Burrington, Devon, will shortly be heard again after rehanging, as also the six at Mathern, Monmouthshire, the work being carried out by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

We ask all postal subscribers, when they have a change of residence, to supply the old address as well as the new. We also invite them to send us one shilling for cutting a new stencil, as this is the cost of these necessary cards. We often have half-a-dozen changes in a few months from some subscribers—mainly students—and we find it an expensive item.

Comments heard after a recent visit of the Cumberlands to Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. "Best ringing from visitors for years." "Beautiful to listen to," "That is how bells should be rung."

In his letter referring to Winchester and Portsmouth Guild policy (Ringing World, page 774), Mr. G. Dodd points out that nothing personal was intended against the guild master, the observations being made about the guild policy and not a criticism of any individual.



## Letters

### B.B.C. RADIO BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—A letter from Fred Scudamore a couple of weeks ago reported the commencement of a new radio station—B.B.C. Radio Bristol, which is to open each Sunday with bell recordings from a selection of towers in and around Bristol.

Several interested Bristol ringers switched on their sets last Sunday to hear an announcement that they were just about to listen to a recording of Bristol Cathedral bells. Then, to everyone's dismay and horror, followed a couple of minutes of rough Doubles on the back five.

A hasty phone call to the B.B.C. revealed that the person in charge of the bell recordings is in fact a Methodist minister who knows nothing at all about ringing. He has been working to a tight budget and has adopted the policy of using recordings from the West of England B.B.C.'s library as far as possible. The Bristol Cathedral recording was made on Easter Day, 1966, when many of the ringers who normally attend were away for the Bank Holiday, and five bells had to be rung instead of the usual touch of Stedman Triples and a course or two of Surprise Major. This recording was taken without the knowledge of the ringers or any of the clergy (as far as I am able to ascertain) I might add!! Seeing that it was an Easter Sunday recording, the B.B.C. thought "Ah, this must be something special," so they dug it out from the archives and put it on the air.

One principle and one question seems to arise from this incident. Firstly we seem to have taken several steps backwards in allowing the B.B.C. to broadcast something without being vetted by an experienced ringer. However, this has now been put right, as this in fact will be done before any further broadcasts are made. Also, the B.B.C. have promised to scrap the rough five-bell ringing and make a fresh recording of the Bristol Cathedral bells. And, secondly, the question I would like clarified is—have the B.B.C. any right to make recordings at random without the permission or knowledge of ringers or clergy and broadcast them as they feel inclined? I would be interested to hear the verdict of one of the Central Council Broadcasting Committee.—Yours faithfully,

D. JOHN HUNT.

Bristol.

### A MILESTONE AND CELEBRATIONS

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, October 3, a milestone in the history of bellringing at Bolsover Parish Church in Derbyshire was passed when the 250th peal was rung on the bells. Although the method rung (Plain Bob Major) was simple compared with some of the peals rung on these wonderful bells, the important thing is that it was achieved by seven members of the local band plus Mr. A. B. Cooper, for many years the ringing master at Bolsover, who now lives at Hull.

The peal, which was rung during the harvest celebrations, also marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Leonard and Joan Coe and the 21st wedding anniversary of Harold and Joyce Wagstaffe, also the birth of the first grandchild to my wife and myself.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS COOPER.

Bolsover, Derbys.

Few know how to be idle and innocent.

Irish Bell News.

### RECORD ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 11,111 Stedman Cinques on handbells at The Wayside, 150 Narborough Road South, on Saturday, December 12, 1970, commencing at 9 a.m. Ringing will be conducted by Peter J. Staniforth. The band will be as follows:—

- 1-2 David F. Moore
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7-8 Alfred Ballard
- 9-10 John M. Jelley
- 11-12 Gerald Moorhouse.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Leicester.

### GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

(Continued.)

Dear Sir,—Having completed the third quarter of 1970, it is time to report my observations, which follow a similar pattern as my two previous letters on this topic.

	Totals published	Donations acknowledged.
Peals	769	105 (£30-0-0d.)
Handbell Peals	109	—
Quarter Peals	1077	721 (£162-6-8d.)

In comparison with the previous quarter, published peals have decreased in their contributions to The Ringing World, whilst published quarter peals again show an increase. The respective figures are 13.654 per cent. and 66.945 per cent.

The total subscribed during the third quarter amounts to £262-0-6d. and is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Peals	30	0	0
Quarter Peals	162	6	8
Personal	69	13	10
	262	0	6

This shows an increase over the previous quarter but covers 13 issues instead of 12. Contributions from personal donors have increased, whilst those of peals and quarter peals have decreased. Peals account for 11.449 per cent. of this total, quarter peals 61.953 per cent., and personal donors 26.597 per cent.

As in previous letters, I am showing the breakdown taking an average of all peals (both tower and handbell) and quarter peals basing on six alternatively eight bells, with a 6d. contribution from each ringer.

	3s.	4s.
769 Peals	115 7 0	153 16 0
1077 Quarter Peals	161 11 0	215 8 0
109 Handbell Peals	16 7 0	21 16 0
	293 5 0	391 0 0

I am pleased to say that whilst compiling this quarter's statistics I have noticed far more 3s. and 4s. contributions, which leads me to believe that more bands are being just that little bit more generous in their giving. We are much closer the 3s. minimum total figure than we have been before. Can we beat it during this final quarter? Please try.

The date for increased postal charges has now been confirmed and The Ringing World Committee will need all the financial help that it can get if it is to maintain the quality and price of our weekly ringing journal. Please do all that you can to help. The Ringing World's future is in your hands NOW.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. CANN.

Solihull, Warwickshire.

### THEY WERE . . .

Dear Sir,—In response to the question "Who were they?" (Ringing World, page 774), I would inform Mr. Glen Clayton that "they" are the people whose names appear in this issue of the R.W. in connection with the peal rung at Samlesbury on September 5. I felt inclined not to reply to a letter couched in such terms, but as the names will be published in the report I feel that I must do so. The tour organiser (Rev. Michael Hart) has sent a separate letter to the vicar, expressing regret that Mr. Clayton had acted without consulting him (the vicar). It is regretted that the ropes were too short for the Samlesbury ringers the next day. Some of them were spliced and others taken up on the wheels by members of my band in the course of normal belfry maintenance. It is always difficult to judge after such repairs just how much higher the ropes are and we assumed that the local ringers would not feel too "put out," especially as it made the condition of the ropes better than before. We do, however, apologise for the inconvenience caused.

The stay on the third was severely cracked before we raised the bells and it did, in fact, fall off whilst the rope was being tried for length. The bell had to be rung without a stay during the peal. Mr. Clayton's statement that no note was left is incorrect, although I am prepared to accept that the note (which was fixed to the tower door) might have disappeared before the Samlesbury ringers met next day. We had left the tower to obtain a sheet of paper from one of the cars, and on returning found we were locked out. (Yale lock!) Thus we were unable to leave the note inside the tower, so fixed it to the door.

I would suggest that before letters such as Mr. Clayton's are sent to The Ringing World the "injured" party should make local inquiries first and so prevent inaccurate statements being printed and causing molehills to appear as mountains. — Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

London, S.W.

### ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Dear Sir,—I recently came across a paragraph in a local paper claiming that the bells of Holy Trinity Parish Church at Queensbury, between Bradford and Halifax, are the highest hung in England.

The building was erected in 1843, when the ring of six bells was given by Mr. John Foster, founder of the nearby Black Dyke Mills—home of what is perhaps the most famous brass band in the world.

The item in question gave the ground frame of the church as 1,142 feet above sea level and the bell frame as approximately 1,190 feet.

Does any reader know of the existence of bells in this country hung at a greater height above sea level than those at Queensbury?—Yours faithfully,

A. H. ROBINSON.

Bradford, Yorks.

### THE SAWSTON PEAL

(Ringing World, page 754.)

Forty years ago a peal of Bob Doubles was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association at Downham Market, Norfolk, it being one of Bob Doubles by an all-local band. A few months later a peal of Bob Minor was rung with the tenor as cover! It was the first peal conducted by E. H. Mastin, and also the first attempt by all the others in the band who were regular Sunday service ringers.—From E. H. Mastin.



# Quarter Peals

## QUARTER PEALS

should be submitted written on one side of the paper only and laid out in the form used in the R.W. Please study this carefully before sending **YOUR** report.

### FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

**Aldbourne, Wilts.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods, 1 and 3 leading): Peta Lloyd 1, C. Barnes 2, Frances Craig 3, T. R. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, S. Hale 8.

**Beckenham, Kent.**—Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: I. B. McLeish 1, M. K. J. Powell 2, Freda Cannon 3, Angela Cornish (first inside) 4, Christine Shiers 5, Stephen Gay 6, J. Dafters 7, S. A. Nicholls (first as cond.) 8.

**Benhall, Suffolk.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, T. Hughes (cond.) 2, M. Baldry 3, M. Peters 4, R. Peters 5, R. Peck 6. **Billingshurst, Sussex.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Bland (first quarter) 1, Sonia Hailes 2, T. Banner 3, H. Wood 4, B. E. Matthews 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, H. Bland 8.

**Blewbury, Berks.**—Oct. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, H. L. Bishop 2, P. E. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8.

**Brading, I.O.W.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I. Russell 1, Mrs. J. Reed 2, L. Jamieson 3, C. Frye 4, A. Russell 5, T. F. East (cond.) 6, K. Squibb 7, E. Duff 8. Also a birthday compliment to 7. First on eight for all but conductor.

**Bradpole, Dorset.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, Helen A. Haines 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, J. L. Glyde 6, M. J. Hiller 7, A. D. Case 8. **Caerleon, Mon.**—Oct. 1, 1500 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Rollings 1, R. E. G. Wilkinson 2, Mary E. Owen 3, J. Hankin 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6.

**Charlwood, Surrey.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Julie Dallison 1, Carol Gosling 2, Mary Dallison 3, K. Dallison 4, Marion Dallison (cond.) 5, P. Skinner 6.

**Chinnor, Oxon.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. G. Hazell (circled tower) 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, P. Wilkinson (first Minor inside) 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6.

**Chiseldon, Wilts.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (8 methods): Jackie Purser 1, Ann Toomer (cond.) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, F. G. Cook 5, J. C. Pearce 6. Most methods 1, 4, 5, 6 and as conductor. Also farewell to Margaret Bowman.

**Colchester (Shrub End).**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, A. Gibbons 2, D. Cobb 3, A. Wright 4, H. Millatt (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First in method for all except conductor.

**Cosgrove, Northants.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Judith Kingston (first quarter) 1, E. J. Lambert (first Cambridge) 2, M. Hooton 3, E. R. Lambert 4, A. Haseldine 5, R. Haseldine (cond.) 6.

**Dean Prior, Devon.**—Oct. 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: H. F. Myers 1, S. C. Pierce 2, A. N. Frost 3, A. W. Myers 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

**Drayton Parslow, Bucks.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles: Anne Williamson (first quarter) 1, Pamela Gough 2, Marion Addy 3, P. R. Aslett 4, C. F. Loke (cond.) 5, Hilary Aslett 6. First in two Doubles by 2, 3 and 5.

**Gotham, Notts.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. Plant 1, S. Wood 2, A. F. Bowley 3, M. A. Newell 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. Also birthday compliment to the father of the 2nd.

**Great Totham, Essex.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): D. Knewstub 1, W. Mills 2, G. Barber 3, F. Shynn 4, B. Keeble 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6.

**Havant, Hants.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Julia Harvey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Smith 2, L. Duguid 3, H. Milford 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, H. Allberry 6, M. Johnson 7, M. Marshall 8. For Evensong; also farewell to Julia Harvey, going to Bristol.

**Longbridge Deverill, Wilts.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jane Goodland (first quarter) 1, Heather Jones (first inside) 2, Kathryn Jones 3, Susanne Read (first inside) 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, Ann Baggs 6, Ruth Jones 7, M. Few 8.

**Long Sutton, Som.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Shire (first quarter) 1, L. Cornish 2, H. E. G. Jeans 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. Baldem 5, R. Paull (first quarter) 6.

**Maldon, Essex.**—Sept. 27, 1280 Bob Major: R. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Capt. N. Denson 2, Christine J. Towler 3, Yvonne A. Towler 4, B. E. Keeble 5, I. V. Foster 6, J. L. Towler 7, P. J. Sawyer (first as cond.) 8.

**Malvern Link, Worcs.**—Oct. 3, 1440 Bob Major: E. C. Barber 1, E. J. F. Rose 2, I. M. Bellamy 3, Ruth Morris 4, N. F. Bellamy 5, G. C. Bagley (first as cond.) 6, G. W. Edwards 7, R. G. T. Morris 8.

**March, Cambs.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, P. H. Langton 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Also farewell to Roger Hugh.

**Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs.**—Sept. 20, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Lucy Smith 1, Margaret L. Ellwood 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, J. B. Webb 6.

**Moreton, Essex.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janet Peck (first quarter) 1, D. Morton (first inside) 2, Barbara Shaw 3, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 4, M. Hollis 5, M. Coggins (first quarter) 6.

**Old Alresford, Hants.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Ann Palmer 2, A. Hoar 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Reeves (cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. Also farewell to Canon J. D. and Mrs. Rudd.

**Netherbury, Dorset.**—Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (46 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, I. Calvert 2, Helen A. Haines 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5, Jesse Davis 6.

**Slough, Bucks.**—Sept. 27, 1440 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 720 Cambridge S.): W. Birmingham 1, S. Hare 2, L. Stilwell 3, W. R. Hare 4, W. Gutteridge 5, D. C. Brown (cond.) 6.

**South Petherton, Som.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Holman 1, T. Marks 2, G. Glyde 3, E. Rice 4, R. C. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6.

**Stapleford, Cambs.**—Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. A. Kellock 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, Julie Barnes 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, J. Bates 6. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Lynn V. Bedford 1, Julie Barnes 2, A. A. Kellock (first inside) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, J. Bates 6.

**Swindon, Wilts (Christ Church).**—Sept. 27, 1440 Bob Royal: Ann Wilson (first on ten) 1, Carol New 2, Pauline Wilton 3, Shirley Charity 4, R. Everall 5, L. Cobb 6, M. Sutton 7, P. Minchin 8, E. Sutton 9, W. Daniels 10. First Bob Royal inside for 2 and 5.

**Syston, Leics.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Isobel Tomlinson 1, Elaine Smith (first in three methods) 2, J. Anne Rickaby (first as cond. in three methods) 3, J. Howard (first in three methods) 4, H. M. Payne 5, M. Finney 6.

**Watford, Herts.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Ling 1, R. Bell 2, Jill Laud 3, D. Laud (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, A. Mayes 6, G. Seaman 7, S. Laud 8.

**Westhoughton, Lancs.**—Sept. 27, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret Parker 1, Pauline Tallis 2, Kathleen Higginson 3, J. E. Andrews 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, R. Jolley 6, T. W. Smith 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8. First Surprise 1, 2, 3. By Sunday service band. Also for installation of Rev. T. Davies as honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral.

**Whitllesford, Cambs.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. York Moore 1, Sheila Hinton 2, R. A. Currell 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, J. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also for dedication.

**Wilburton, Cambs.**—Oct. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: E. F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, F. Jackson 3, D. Edgley 4, W. Seekings 5, G. Yarrow (cond.) 6.

**Wood Eaton, Oxon.**—1260 Doubles: K. P. Harris 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones (50th on bells, cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4, L. R. Porter 5.

**Abbot's Leigh, Som.**—Aug. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Ramsay (first quarter) 1, F. Broomfield 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

**Aldbourne, Wilts.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Doubles (four methods, 1 and 3 leading): Frances Craig 1, Peta Lloyd 2, S. Hale 3, T. R. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

**Aldridge, Staffs.**—Sept. 6, 1272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Riley 1, Sharon McGonigle 2, Daphne Appleby 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**Alfriston, Sussex.**—Aug. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wincup (first away from tenor) 1, Ann Sessford 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Susan Percy 4, Betty Percy 5, C. Percy 6. For the village fayre.

**Axbridge, Som.**—Sept. 10, 1272 Ipswich S. Minor: J. Trimm 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, A. Perry 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6.

**Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Applegate 1, R. Chaffer 2, R. Harrison 3, H. Baldwin 4, J. Parker 5, A. Crowder 6, J. Bray (cond.) 7, J. Foreman (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled following the funeral of Edward Fowler, over 50 years a faithful service ringer at the local church.

**Benhall, Suffolk.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Peters 2, T. Hughes 3, M. Baldry (first as cond.) 4, R. Peters 5, A. H. Archer 6. For Evensong.

**Biggin Hill, Kent.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Catherine Spicer (first Minor) 1, Penny Kift 2, Julia Collings (cond.) 3, D. J. Stocker 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, R. C. Kift 6. For Evensong.

**Biggleswade, Beds.**—Aug. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Andrea Webster (first quarter) 1, Sheila Spriggs 2, Susan King 3, Sheila Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, M. Mander (first as cond.) 6. For the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

**Billingshurst, Sussex.**—Sept. 25, 1250 York-shire S. Major: R. M. Cox 1, C. J. Champion 2, Sonia Hailes 3, G. Francis 4, F. H. Hicks 5, G. C. Rix 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, B. E. Matthews 8. Wedding compliment to Ray and Ruth Banner.

**Blunsdon, Wilts.**—Sept. 30, 1440 Bob Minor: Anne Ford 1, E. W. Ford (cond.) 2, T. R. Collins 3, Susan Houghton (first Minor) 4, P. D. Naylor 5, D. I. Herring 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Vincent.

**Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Bradshaw (first inside) 2, A. Dyer 3, E. Wicks 4, G. Parson 5, P. Beaven 6, F. Box 7, A. York 8.

**Bradpole, Dorset.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Calvert 1, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 2, I. L. Andrews 3, Helen A. Haines 4, R. Haines 5, A. D. Case 6.

**Bredbury, Cheshire.**—Sept. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Hibbert 1-2, S. I. Bamforth 3-4, M. Foulds (cond.) 5-6.

**Bredfield, Suffolk.**—Sept. 26, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Peters 1, R. Peters 2, M. Baldry 3, M. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6.

**Bredon's Norton, Worcs.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Stallwood 1, R. Hickmott 2, J. Firkins 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. Attwood (cond.) 5, R. Draiper 6. Half-muffled in memorial Guy Webb, churchwarden.

**Caerphilly, Glam.**—Sept. 3, 1280 Spliced S. Major (six methods): D. F. Moore 1, R. J. Sharp 2, E. W. Critchley (cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, A. V. Pearson 5, E. Edmondson 6, N. Donovan 7, P. Mehew 8.

**Chiddingfold, Surrey.**—Sept. 13, 1280 Bob Major: J. F. Payne 1, Marilyn Reay 2, Judith M. Collins 3, P. Payne 4, M. D. Fuller 5, R. Backhurst 6, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 7, T. J. Wellen 8. For Patronal Festival; also 21st birthday compliment to Tim Wellen.

**Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.**—July 25, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Willans 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, S. Bateman 3, B. Goodliffe 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, A. Buswell 6.

**Coulson, Surrey.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Doubles (four methods): A. Brock 1, D. Hands 2, G. Long 3, D. Little 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Winchendon Place B. Doubles: Pamela Cadman 1, G. Long 2, D. Atkins (cond.) 3, D. Little 4, A. Brock 5. First in method for all.



**Cradley, Herefords.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, I. M. Bellamy 2, N. F. Bellamy 3, J. Bury 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Savers (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam F. E. Bury, father of 4th ringers (ashes interred this day).

**Cuckfield, Sussex.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 2, F. F. Godsmark 3, Miss R. Stevens 4, G. F. C. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, E. Knapp 7, D. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival; also welcome to Judith Hilary, daughter of George and Shirley Ford (born September 22); also to mark the 51st year as ringers of 1 and 3.

**Cuddesdon, Oxford.**—1260 Bob Doubles: Isobel Nye (first Doubles) 1, K. P. Harris 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, R. D. Bing 5.

**Darley Dale, Derbys.**—Sept. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dakin 1, E. Dakin 2, P. Taylor 3, D. Kingman 4, Miss P. Hopkinson 5, G. Paulson (cond.) 6, B. Fletcher cover.

**Derby (St. Peter).**—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Triples: Miss J. H. Whitehead 1, K. Betesta 2, W. Steen 3, C. F. Roadley 4, D. Walklate 5, R. J. Wallis 6, A. Mould (cond.) 7, Miss H. Bartlett 8. For morning service. Also Sept. 20, 1260 St. Clements Minor: Miss J. H. Whitehead 1, A. Mould 2, W. Steen 3, R. J. Wallis 4, M. A. Willis 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6, K. Betesta cover. For Evensong.

**Easton-in-Gordano, Som.**—Sept. 28, 1320 Eastwood S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, E. T. Lee 2, P. J. England 3, P. Bridle 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. First by all.

**Exhall, Warks.**—Sept. 27, 1320 Bob Doubles: R. Rogers 1, D. Norman (first inside) 2, G. S. Hall 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Curtis (cond.) 5, G. Barnett 6.

**Farnborough, Hants.**—Sept. 27, 1440 Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, Heather Peattie (first quarter) 2, H. P. Reed 3, J. R. Perrett 4, S. A. Reed 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Farnham, Surrey.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. Blencowe 1, R. Anne Collins 2, Denise A. Wood 3, Mary Turner 4, Judith M. Collins 5, E. J. Futcher 6, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Harvest Festival.

**Forton, Staffs.**—Sept. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, W. Reynolds (cond.) 2, B. Cotton 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbot 5, D. Cartwright 6.

**Frampton, Lincs.**—Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Reynolds 1, L. Burrell 2, D. Fensom 3, H. Barsley 4, G. Burrell 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. To welcome a son to Rev. Sims and Mrs. Sims.

**Gotham, Notts.**—Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): R. Plant 1, J. R. A. Yates 2, A. F. Bowley 3, P. C. Selby 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam George Draycott, a loyal church member and 12 years churchwarden.

**Hardwicke, Glos.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Jones 1, P. Screen 2, R. Screen 3, Miss J. Page 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, D. Tomlins 6.

**Harlow, Essex.**—Oct. 2, 1264 Bob Major: E. Elliott 1, E. Willett 2, C. Moore 3, R. Walker 4, D. Langdon 5, L. Whitby 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8.

**Harpenden, Herts.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary A. Coburn 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, Diana Kingham 3, Gillian Lunn (first inside) 4, A. Day 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, F. Jacklin 7, Diana Parrott 8. For Evensong.

**Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Bailey (first quarter) 1, Christine Ottaway 2, Maureen Hannay 3, Elisabeth Ottaway 4, L. Hannay 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, A. Martin 7, J. Woolley 8. For Matins.

**Helsley, Yorks.**—Sept. 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): J. Leary 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 3, C. Davis 4, D. Hird 5, M. E. Buckman 6.

**Hersham, Surrey.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Miss H. Pady (first in method) 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, J. Bailey 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. A farewell to Miss H. Pady, who is leaving for Norwich. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: P. Hartt 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. King 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, P. Davis (first in method) 5, E. Rowe 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. For evening service. Also Oct. 3, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Miss S. Wood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, P. Henry 3, J. Maybrey 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. King 6. For flower festival.

**Hessle, E. Yorks.**—Aug. 16, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. C. Hope 1, A. Hessey 2, G. P. Horton 3, R. W. Sherriff 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also Sept. 6, 1440 London S. Minor: R. Bing 1, J. Dunning 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman 4, D. Towne 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. First London 3, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong. Also Sept. 20, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. C. Hope 1, A. Hessey 2, E. Moss (first Surprise) 3, R. R. Horton 4, M. Maughan 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Horncastle, Lincs.**—Aug. 22, 1260 Spliced Double, Plain and St. Clements Bob Minor: M. Whiting 1, H. Bennett 2, R. Bennett 3, H. Barsley 4, M. Ling 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to H. Bennett.

**Hurworth, Co. Durham.**—Sept. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Stewart 1, Anne Johnson 2, Eva Robson (first quarter) 3, Jane Bryant 4, E. Warden (first quarter) 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

**Ingoldmells, Lincs.**—Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Stow 1, E. Pickering 2, V. M. Shaw 3, A. E. Flatters 4, R. Stephenson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6.

**Intwood, Norfolk.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Hazel Pady 1, A. Brookes 2, Jill Steed 3, A. J. Illingworth 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5. First by newly-formed Keswick Hall Society.

**Kingston Seymour, Som.**—Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: T. Chapman 1, T. D. Hawkins (first in method) 2, D. James 3, S. Brown 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, S. G. Smith 6.

**Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.**—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, I. J. Whitear 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6, C. D. Collin 7, A. M. Cluer 8. For Evensong.

**Kirby Moorside, Yorks.**—Sept. 26, 1440 Bob Minor: Celia Dawson 1, Susan Baggage 2, P. Flavell 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman 5, D. Hird 6. First Bob Minor inside 3, 5.

**Lamberhurst, Kent.**—Oct. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean Beeken (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Collins 2, Karol Ashby (first Minor inside) 3, D. J. Beeken (first Minor inside) 4, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 5, S. G. Waters 6.

**Langdon Hills, Essex.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Cheryl Pretlove 1, Eleanor Clemo (first Minor inside) 2, K. Lucas 3, S. J. Clarke 4, S. J. Day 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6.

**Little Shelford, Cambs.**—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Liz Bird (first Minor) 1, Stephanie E. Boddy 2, R. A. Currell 3, Pat Hurworth 4, M. R. Kitson 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to R. A. Currell.

**Llanelli, Carm.**—Sept. 2, 1280 Rutland S. Major: T. J. Lock 1, Shelagh R. Melville 2, Helen J. Henderson (first in method) 3, E. R. Ropley 4, E. Winifred Keys 5, E. Edmondson 6, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

**Long Ashton, Som.**—Sept. 25, 1280 4-Spliced Surprise Major: P. J. England (cond.) 1, Heather Kippin 2, P. A. Rigby 3, Susan Moore 4, Vivienne Rigby 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, R. C. Kippin 8. First of spliced 4 and 5.

**Luppitt, Devon.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, Mary Sage (cond.) 3, T. J. Thorne 4, C. R. Broom 5, W. Broom 6. 85th birthday compliment to Miss Maud Bishop, P.C.C. secretary for 18 years.

**Maiden Newton, Dorset.**—Sept. 26, 1440 Cambridge Minor: G. M. Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway (first in method) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, J. Hartless 4, T. Matcham 5, L. D. Smith (cond.) 6.

**Manchester (Cathedral).**—Sept. 27, 1280 Bob Major: Miss M. Walshaw 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss I. E. M. Manby 3, S. N. Harrop 4, A. Ward 5, P. Boucher 6, W. Birmingham, jun. (first on eight as cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. For Royal Signals Association service.

**Marchington, Staffs.**—Sept. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Ann Eden (first Minor) 1, Theresa A. Parker (first Minor) 2, A. P. Sheldon 3, V. E. Holland 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

**Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.**—Sept. 20, 1272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: T. V. Barnard 1, R. M. Thompson 2, G. H. Terris 3, R. T. Thompson 4, F. J. Matthews 5, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 6. A farewell to ringers of 2, 4 and 6; also the rector (leaving after ten years).

**Marston, Oxford.**—Sept. 27, 1272 Minimus: Isobel Nye (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter 3, R. D. Bing (first Minimus) 4. For Farish Communion.

**Nettleham, Lincs.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Frankland 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Miss R. Wilson (first Minor inside) 3, D. Booth 4, W. Booth 5, C. Sharp (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Odiham, Hants.**—Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Green 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Betty J. Baysh 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. Le Marechal (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. B. Walton 6.

**Over Stowey, Som.**—Sept. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. Smith 1, Valerie Stone 2, Brenda Jarvis 3, C. Clarke (cond.) 4, G. Nabb 5, C. Herniman 6.

**Pinner, Middx.**—Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Enid M. Bardsley 1, Rosemary M. Sanders (first quarter) 2, R. W. Sanders 3, K. B. Sanders 4, M. R. Hickman 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6, R. K. Rattenbury 7, J. B. Smith (first quarter) 8. For opening of "Pinner Week."

**Polesworth, Warks.**—Sept. 27, 1320 St. Hilary Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, R. Knight 4, D. Horns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Sept. 27, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, D. Horns 3, A. Allsopp 4, M. Allsopp 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Portbury, Som.**—July 25, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss H. Kirkpatrick 1, W. Willans 2, V. James 3, G. Nabb 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. A wedding compliment to G. Skelly and Miss J. Seamark.

**Puriton, Som.**—Sept. 29, 1260 Old Doubles: Miss L. Bawden 1, G. Nabb (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Beck 3, Mrs. J. Broom 4, R. D. Short 5, L. Pope 6. For Patronal Festival. First in variation for all.

**Redhill, Surrey.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Ilman 1, R. Dallison 2, G. Charlton 3, Marion Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, G. A. West (cond.) 6, H. Comber (cover) 8. For dedication festival and a welcome to the grand-daughter of Mr. H. Comber.

**Rickmansworth, Herts.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: T. J. Bradbury (first quarter) 1, I. D. Harris 2, Miss M. A. Sears 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 5, B. M. S. Campbell (first quarter) 6. For the induction of the Rev. Kenneth Francis as Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, Essex, former parishioner of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth; also a compliment to Geoffrey and Angela Hall on the birth of their son.

**Ringmer, Sussex.**—Sept. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. A. Watkins (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Russell 2, R. Towler 3, Miss R. Lelliott 4, W. G. Merritt 5, K. King 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Towler.

**Rochford, Essex.**—Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clark (first quarter) 1, S. Thumpton (first inside) 2, G. Bacon 3, J. Tipping 4, P. Sloman (cond.) 5, Miss L. Woodcock 6. To welcome Fiona, daughter of Eric Lucas, and Neil, son of Janet and Mike Hallett. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sadler 1, P. Sloman 2, Miss M. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Robotham 4, N. Avis 5, Miss V. Jones 6, G. Walker (cond.) 7, S. Halliwell 8. To welcome Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tabor.

**Ruddington, Notts.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Yates 1, K. Walsh (first Minor inside) 2, A. Newell 3, D. Osborne 4, D. Oliver 5, N. Handley 6, P. Barber (cover). Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. Also Sept. 12, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Yates 1, K. Walsh (first T.B. Minor inside) 2, T. Kirkman 3, D. Osborne 4, A. Newell 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, P. Barber (cover). Also Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Shipman 1, K. Walsh 2, D. Osborne 3, P. Selby 4, A. Newell 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6. For the first anniversary of the dedication of the new ring of bells.

**Sandon, Herts.**—Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Copsey (first quarter) 1, Jane Foster 2, G. Smith 3, D. Hymas 4, G. A. Bainbridge (first as cond.) 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6.

**Sandy, Beds.**—July 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Sheila Spriggs 1, R. Mander 2, S. Ashton 3, M. Major 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. For the flower festival.

**Seale, Surrey.**—Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hiscock 1, Anka Rowe 2, Marilyn Reay 3, J. A. Collier 4, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 5, P. J. Rowe 6.



**Shipley, Sussex.**—Sept. 26, 1440 Bob Minor: W. Cherriman 1, Mrs. R. Verrall 2, Susan Beck (first quarter) 3, K. May 4, C. Longhurst 5, R. Verrall (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to 3.

**Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean Pike 1, Felicity Pocock 2, Ruth Ha-ford 3, Francesca V. McAlear 4, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. H. Lilley 6. For flower festival. Also Sat., 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. draws (first quarter) 1, Francesca V. McAlear 2, Jean Pike 3, C. J. Champion 4, J. H. Lilley 5, Butler 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8. A farewell compliment to 2 and 3.

**Silkstone, Yorks.**—Oct. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: M. Carbutt 1, Frances A. Garfield (cond.) 2, R. Fletcher 3, M. King 4, D. B. Tidball 5, H. Mann 6. Rung muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. Harbridge (grandmother of the conductor).

**Solihull, Warks.**—Sept. 25, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Christine Hewitt 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, H. H. Fearn 6, R. J. Cann 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, E. J. Cole 10. An 85th birthday compliment to treble ringer. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Muriel Reay 3, G. E. Fearn 4, D. H. Walters 5, A. Crabtree 6, R. J. Cann (cond.) 7, V. Green 8. For Evensong; also 750th anniversary of local church dedication.

**Somerton, Som.**—May 23, 1260 Bob Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Miss S. Allen 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, J. Cornelius 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. J. White 6. For the wedding of Mr. M. R. Gillingham and Miss L. R. Martin.

**Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral).**—Oct. 3, 1517 Grandsire Cinques: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Juliet S. Stoy 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, B. J. Stone 4, C. D. Collin 5, R. A. Grant 6, R. J. Collis 7, J. G. Hall (first G. Cinques) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, A. J. Brown 10, K. G. Game 11, M. J. Uphill 12. Peal attempt called round. To mark the consecration (September 29) of Rev. Hugh Montefiore as Suffragan Bishop of Kingston upon Thames.

**Stapleford, Cambs.**—Sept. 19, 1260 Doubles: J. Bates 1, Julie Barnes 2, Pat Hurworth 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, A. A. Kellock 6. Half-muffled in memoriam grandmother of 2.

**Stoke Bishop, Bristol.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Willans (150th quarter) 1, Alison Brown (first as cond.) 2, Mary Crofts 3, J. Collard 4, R. Gray 5, P. Randall 6. For Evensong.

**Tamworth, Staffs.**—Sept. 19, 1296 Bob Caters: Lin Cooper 1, G. H. Peers, jun. 2, Sheila Parsons 3, D. K. Lane 4, G. H. Lane 5, E. Elton 6, E. J. Dicken 7, G. H. Peers, sen. 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, A. A. Parsons 10. For flower festival.

**Todmorden, W. Yorks (St. Paul, Cross Stone).**—Oct. 3, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Owen 1, D. Bateman 2, C. Milthorpe 3, B. Owen 4, G. Cheetham 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6. In memoriam Miss H. Bell, former ringer.

**Totternhoe, Beds.**—Sept. 27, 1264 Bob Major: F. J. Cook 1, Sandra Cloughton 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. J. Scott 4, P. R. Aslett 5, W. Sear 6, J. Cloughton 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**Trumpington, Cambs.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: A. A. Kellock (first Minor) 1, Pat Hurworth (first Minor as cond.) 2, R. A. Currell 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, A. D. Lilley 5, M. R. Kitson 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. In memoriam Nora Grace Kitson. Also Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Currell 1, M. R. Ling 2, Pat Hurworth (first in method inside) 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, Marion Kemp 5, R. A. M. Newman 6, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. Congratulations to M. Ling on the birth of a son. Also Sept. 20, 1274 Bob Triples: Liz Bird (first Triples) 1, A. J. M. Brookes 2, Kitty Willers 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, R. A. Currell 5, Pat Hurworth 6, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. Farewell compliment to A. Brookes, leaving for Norwich.

**Twywell, Northants.**—Oct. 3, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: A. Idle 1, W. Whitmore 2, Miss E. Hall 3, Miss J. Green 4, F. Crosier 5, D. J. Attley (cond.) 6. First Surprise 3, 4, 6. In memoriam Mr. J. Ball (ringer at Gt. Addington).

**Upton Grey, Hants.**—Sept. 30, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: J. P. Colliss 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, R. Le Marechal 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. B. Walton 5, R. Green (cond.) 6.

### THREE IN A DAY

**Warnford, Hants.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: S. C. Milliken 1, C. P. Smedley 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, G. M. Hartless 4, J. C. Banks 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor inside for 2 and 4.

**West Meon, Hants.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, T. Matcham 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (first Triples as cond.) 4, G. M. Hartless 5, J. Hartless 6, L. D. Smith 7, J. C. Banks 8.

**Eling, Hants.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. C. Milliken 1, Susan Hartless 2, L. D. Smith 3, G. M. Hartless 4, T. Matcham (cond.) 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6. First in three methods for 2 and 4.

**Weare, Som.**—Sept. 17, 1272 London S. Minor: A. Perry 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, J. Trimm 3, Susan Stott 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6.

**West Hallam, Derbys.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Liz Arnold 1, G. Bevan 2, M. House 3, A. Burton 4, G. Futers (cond.) 5, R. Trueman 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. For Evensong, to mark the baptism of Jeremy Richard Tanner and Kevin John Birkinshaw.

**Westham, Sussex.**—Sept. 20, 1440 Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R. Baldock 5-6.

**Whitfield, Glossop, Derbys.**—Sept. 27, 1344 Bob Major: P. Broadbent 1, A. McFall 2, A. Hibbert 3, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 4, B. F. Trueman 5, M. Foulds 6, R. F. Andrew 7, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 8. First on bells since renovation. For harvest gift service.

**Whitwell, I.O.W.**—Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Evans 1, C. H. Denness 2, A. Russell 3, A. Evans 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, I. Russell 6. In memory of the conductor's brother.

**Whittlesford, Cambs.**—Oct. 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. A. Currell 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Birthday compliment to 2nd.

**Winford, Som.**—Sept. 24, 1440 Berwick S. Minor: Brenda Sheppard 1, J. Trimm 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Field 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Perry 6. First in method by all.

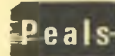
**Winscombe, Som.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Westlake 1, Brenda Sheppard (cond.) 2, C. Avery 3, J. Sheppard 4, C. Field 5, H. Hemmings 6.

**Winterbourne, Glos.**—Sept. 14, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): S. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Drew 2, I. Gaplin 3, H. Taysom 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6.

**Wootton, Oxon.**—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (9 methods): M. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, A. E. Hicks 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. D. Patching 6. Prior to the special service commemorating the wedding of the Rev. Mr. Calvert (diarist) at St. Mary's, Wootton, in 1876.

**Wragby, W. Yorks.**—Sept. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Stella M. Prown (first on tower bells) 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, G. E. Hancock 5, P. J. Charlesworth 6.

**Yatton, Som.**—Sept. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Marchant 1, L. W. Pullin 2, T. Hawkings 3, G. Marchant 4, D. Hawkings (cond.) 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. Dye 7, L. Lawrence 8. By the local band as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter England.



## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (22½ cwt.)  
**5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE**

#### MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 A. Stephen Taylor
- 2 John R. Ketteringham
- 3 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Peter H. Mackie
- 7 Keith J. Walpole
- 8 Christopher Forster
- 9 David E. Rothera
- 10 Frank Reed
- 11 Christopher H. Rogers
- 12 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)

### LONDON, S.W., All Saints, Fulham.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (18½ cwt.)  
**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.

- 1 Bernard J. Stone
- 2 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 3 John R. Ketteringham
- 4 Jeremy R. Pratt
- 5 Anthony R. Kench
- 6 David C. Brown
- 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
- 8 Peter H. Mackie
- 9 Frank Reed
- 10 Andrew W. R. Wilby

A compliment to Geoffrey Bridges and Elizabeth Cozens on their engagement.

(Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers)

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

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (25 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 John Phillips
- 2 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 3 William J. Rawlings
- 4 Harold N. Pitstow
- 5 Alan J. Frost
- 6 George W. Cecil
- 7 Michael P. Moreton
- 8 John H. Crampion

A compliment to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on the occasion of its quatercentenary.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

#### WINCANTON, Som., SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15½ cwt.)  
**5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 George W. Massey
- 2 Ronald G. Beck
- 3 Adrian P. Beck
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 Walter S. Rice
- \*6 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 7 Roy W. Rice
- 8 David G. Massey

\*First of London Major.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
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**CLEVEDON, Som., St. Andrew.**  
Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14 cwt.)  
**5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (1088  
London, 1280 Bristol, 1248 Cambridge;  
1408 Superlative; 107 changes of method).  
Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Peter Bridle
- 2 Diana M. Bridle
- 3 Heather A. Kippin
- 4 Peter J. Munday
- 5 Peter J. England
- 6 David James
- 7 Tom Chapman
- 8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

For the 45th anniversary of the dedication  
of the recast bells.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**ST NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary the Virgin.**  
Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (29½ cwt.)

**5056 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 George E. Bonham
- 2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 David Redfearn
- 6 Anthony R. Carter
- 7 David R. Saunderson
- \*8 George E. Thoday

\*750th peal.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

**MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.**  
Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13½ cwt.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Stuart I. Bamforth (Conductor)
- 2 Brian S. B. Kear
- 3 Ronald F. Andrew
- 4 Peter Dyson
- 5 Paul Boucher
- 6 William Birmingham, jun.
- 7 Paul Reading
- 8 Michael Foulds

First Treble Bob as conductor.

**CONGLETON, Cheshire, St. Peter.**  
Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (13½ cwt.)

**5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Paul J. Atkins
- 2 Derek F. Yates
- 3 Roland W. Morant
- 4 Frank R. Morton
- 5 Raymond J. Ballard
- 6 Basil Jones
- 7 Roy Worrall
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

First in the method for the guild, and by  
all except conductor.

**GOOSTREY, Cheshire, St. Luke.**  
Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.)

**5040 VALE ROYAL DELIGHT MINOR**

- 1 Ronald F. Andrew
- \*2 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 3 J. Stuart Coutts
- 4 Arthur E. Whiting
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 6 Michael Foulds

\*25th peal. First in the method.

**KNUTSFORD, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.**

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

- \*1 Linda E. Milligan
- †2 Roger G. Green
- \*3 Hilary A. Skinner
- ‡4 Jenny A. Green
- 5 Christopher J. Jones (Conductor)
- ‡6 Nigel W. Davies

\*First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First of  
Doubles and of Grandsire. All are local  
ringers. Believed to be first peal by resi-  
dent ringers since 1912.

**BROUGHTON, Staffs, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Sis A. P. Heywood's transposition.

- 1 Roger G. Green
- 2 David Vincent
- 3 Christopher J. Jones
- 4 E. Marion Key
- 5 Geoffrey Green
- 6 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 8 Leslie F. Smith

To the memory of Harry W. Howard (life  
member, Chester Diocesan Guild), who  
died September 30, 1970.

**ECCLESTON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (26½ cwt.)

**5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by M. Hodgson.

- 1 Raymond J. Ballard
- 2 Derek F. Yates
- 3 Norman Sherratt
- 4 Ivor R. Nichols
- \*5 Roland W. Morant
- 6 Roy Worrall
- \*7 Frank R. Morton
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

\*50th together. First in method by all  
except conductor.

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

**SHIRLEY, Warks, St. James.**

Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Colin D. Baugh
- 2 F. Mark Robottom
- 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4 R. David Baker
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

**KENILWORTH, Warks, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (4 methods: 1 Cambridge S.,  
St. Clements C.B., Kent T.B. and 4 Plain  
Bob).

- \*1 Simon J. Reading
- 2 David P. Crawley
- 3 R. David Baker
- 4 Hugh J. Baker
- †5 Paul Reading
- 6 Anthony J. Cox (Conductor)

\*First peal. †50th peal. With best wishes  
to Pam Whitfield and Paul Ebsworth (both  
of the local band) on their forthcoming  
marriage.

**BULKINGTON, Warks, St. James.**

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12½ cwt.)

**5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Norman Smith.

- \*1 Pamela Taylor
- 2 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 3 Jonathan Evans
- 4 George Pluckrose
- 5 R. David Baker
- †6 Brian A. Liggins
- 7 Geoffrey Pratt
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

\*First peal. †First inside.

### DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**SPONDON, Derbys, St. Werburgh.**

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8½ cwt.)

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

- \*1 Julia H. Whitehead
- \*2 Colin J. Roadley
- 3 David K. Walklate (Conductor)
- 4 Arthur F. Hall
- 5 Reginald J. Stretton
- 6 Kevin A. Betesta

\*First Minor. For the wedding of John  
Stennitt.

**DERBY, St. Luke.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (30½ cwt.)

**5040 BOB TRIPLES**

Composed by H. Hubbard.

- \*1 Julia H. Whitehead
- 2 David K. Walklate (Conductor)
- †3 Clarissa J. E. Caroe
- 4 Kevin A. Betesta
- 5 Reginald J. Stretton
- 6 Reginald J. Wallis
- 7 William Allsopp
- 8 Arthur F. Hall

\*First of Triples. †First on eight. A wel-  
come to the new vicar, Rev. Peter Peterkin.

**BOLSOVER, Derbys, SS. Mary and Lawrence.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Leonard Coe
- 2 Arthur B. Cooper
- \*3 Susan Bagguley
- \*4 Sandra Bladon
- 5 Allan Keller
- 6 Dennis Cooper
- 7 Harold Wagstaff
- 8 Robert M. Chambers (Conductor)

\*First peal. First of Major as conductor.  
250th peal on the bells. A 25th wedding  
anniversary compliment for treble and 7:  
also to celebrate the birth of first grand-  
child to 6.

**WEST HALLAM, Derbys, St. Wilfrid.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9½ cwt.)

**5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- \*1 Julia H. Whitehead
- 2 Kevin A. Betesta
- \*3 Colin F. Roadley
- \*4 Arthur F. Hall
- 5 William Allsopp
- \*6 Reginald J. Wallis
- 7 Reginald J. Stretton
- 8 David K. Walklate (Conductor)

\*First in method.

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**HARSTON, Cambs, All Saints.**

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (5 m/v: 2 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 10 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob).

- \*1 Alvin A. Kellock
- †2 Stephanie E. Boddy
- †3 Pat Hurworth
- †4 Allen Twyman
- †5 Martin R. Kitson (Conductor)
- \*6 Robert A. Currell

\*First peal. †First Doubles. ‡First in more than one Doubles. For Battle of Britain anniversary.

**FORDHAM, Cambs, SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

- 1 Peter G. Goodwin
- 2 Chris L. Bell
- \*3 Mervyn G. Brown
- 4 Roger J. Palmer
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

\*First in seven methods.

**HARSTON, Cambs, All Saints.**

Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (9½ cwt.)  
**5040 ELY DELIGHT MINOR** (a 2160 and 4 extents).

- 1 Jean Sanderson
- 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 4 Donald F. Murfet
- 5 Allen Twyman
- 6 George E. Thoday

First peal in the method (3D:35).

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

**TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex, St. Nicholas.**

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Ian V. Foster
- 2 Peter J. Sawyer
- \*3 Brian E. Keeble
- 4 Peter G. Pitt
- 5 James L. Towler
- 6 Yvonne A. Towler (Conductor)

\*First inside. First as conductor.

**MALDON, Essex, All Saints.**

Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (13 cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

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

\*First of Major.

**BRAINTREE, Essex, St. Michael the Archangel.**

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Cecil J. Barker
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Keith W. Brown
- 4 Peter G. Brown
- 5 Alan R. Syder
- 6 Philip J. Rothera
- \*7 Terry Earle
- \*8 Robert J. Lindsell (Conductor)

\*First in the method. For Patronal Festival.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

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

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (12½ cwt.)

**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 960 Chesterfield, 800 London, 640 Cambridge, Stockport, Wembley, 480 Bristol, Superlative, Teston, with 149 changes of method.)

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 Thomas Cullingworth
- 2 Tony Lewis
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Philip J. Simmonds
- 5 Ralph Bird
- 6 Ian H. Oram
- \*7 David C. Brookes
- 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

\*First of 8-spliced.

**SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (16½ cwt.)

**5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by John H. Fielden.

- \*1 Sheila M. Holland
- 2 Philip J. Simmonds
- 3 Barbara A. Van Asselt
- 4 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 5 Doris E. Colgate
- 6 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 7 Andrew J. Corby
- 8 Philip A. Corby

\*First attempt. A welcome to the rector (Rev. K. F. W. Prior).

**ROTHERHITHE, London, S.E., SS. Mary and Paul.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

From an idea by W. Willans.

- 1 Valerie J. Howard
- 2 Philip R. Down
- 3 John Pladdys (Conductor)
- 4 Alan D. Flood
- 5 David A. Town
- 6 John W. Smith
- 7 Tony Skilton
- 8 John A. Howard

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

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

**5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Parker. (C.C.C. 6.)

- 1 Michael H. O'Callaghan
- 2 James Hedgcock
- 3 Dorothea Botham
- 4 John A. Howard
- 5 Keith G. Game
- 6 Tony Skilton
- 7 Alan D. Flood
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**ABERGAVERN, Mon. St. Mary.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (25 cwt.)

**5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Keith E. Game
- 2 James Hedgcock
- 3 Ronald K. Russ
- 4 Gerald Bowen
- 5 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 6 David J. King
- 7 John Pladdys
- 8 John A. Howard
- 9 Clive M. Smith
- 10 Tony Skilton

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**STONE, Gloucestershire, All Saints.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- \*1 Roger G. Booth
- 2 Jennifer E. Bell
- 3 Ian P. Unsworth
- 4 Edward G. Mould
- 5 Frank G. Bloomfield
- 6 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by Roland Beniston.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 B. Stedman Payne
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Richard Clifton
- 5 David G. Massey
- 6 Roger Scholes
- 7 Frank Chambers
- \*8 Alec Jones
- 9 Roger Kendrick
- 10 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First of Bob Royal.

**LEICESTER, St. Margaret.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (on light 8)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

- 1 W. Arthur Riddington
- 2 Martin Green
- 3 Roland H. Cook
- 4 John W. Bramley
- 5 Rupert A. Clarke
- 6 M. Jack Pryor
- 7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 8 Alec R. Jones

**LEICESTER, The Cathedral.**

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.)

**5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Basil Jones
- 2 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
- 3 Martin Green
- 4 Murray A. Coleman
- 5 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 6 Burley P. Morris
- 7 Arthur G. Mason
- 8 Denis R. Carlisle
- 9 W. Arthur Riddington
- 10 Herrick B. Bowley
- 11 William J. Root
- 12 Robert B. Smith

**CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (13½ cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Alfred Ballard
- \*2 K. Paul Gilliver
- 3 Beryl E. Cawser
- 4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 5 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 6 Martin Green
- 7 Robin A. Gilliver
- 8 Roland H. Cook

\*Has completed the circle.

If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it.

—Carlyle.



**NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints.**

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)

- \*1 Clive J. Mobbs
- 2 Brian G. Warwick
- †3 Alec R. Jones
- 4 Richard M. Wilson
- ‡5 John Richardson
- †6 Arthur E. Rowley (Conductor)

\*Has circled tower. †50th together. ‡First peal. To the Glory of God in thanksgiving for harvest.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD****TWICKENHAM, Middlesex, All Hallows.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

- \*1 Elizabeth Grigg
- 2 Leonard Stilwell
- †3 Lesley A. Warwick
- †4 Jean Kelly
- 5 Anne Horsford
- ‡6 Malcolm S. Loveday
- 7 Wilfrid G. Wilson (Conductor)
- 8 Leonard G. A. Morley

\*First attempt. †First of Grandsire. ‡25th peal. Wedding compliment before the marriage of Norman F. Edwards and Josephine Quinney, both members of All Hallows' band.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD****OVERSEALE, Derbyshire, St. Matthew.**

Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
(Dexter's No. 1.)

- 1 Norman W. Attaway
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- 3 Alec R. Jones
- 4 Gordon H. Lane
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Robert B. Smith
- 7 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
- 8 Percival W. Grice

For Patronal Festival, also with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Parsons on their silver wedding anniversary.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (6½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Sheila Parsons
- 3 Roger N. Scholes
- 4 Ron D. Hughes
- \*5 Kenneth G. Parker
- †6 Edward J. Dicken
- 7 Arthur E. Rowley
- 8 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)

\*First on 8. †First peal.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****BUNWELL, Norfolk, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Walter Tyrell
- \*2 Samuel Flatman
- 3 Alfred W. Foreman
- 4 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 5 Frank Pearson
- 6 C. Frank W. Phillippo (Conductor)

\*First inside. On the eve of the Patronal Festival.

**SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Mary.**

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8½ cwt.)

**5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- 1 Robert G. Walker
- 2 Janet House
- 3 David Cubitt
- 4 David Heighton
- 5 Richard J. W. Housden
- 6 John Illingworth
- 7 Carole A. H. Patey
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

**EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (22½ cwt.)

**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.)

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Robert G. Walker
- 2 James B. Morley
- 3 Janet House
- 4 Carole A. H. Patey
- 5 Peter Adcock
- 6 George P. Adams
- 7 Martin Cubitt
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****MARSTON, Oxford, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (5 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (3 methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury, and 20 variations.)

- 1 C. Richard Miles
- \*2 Nigel Booth
- 3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor)
- 4 Richard D. Bing
- 5 Alec Gammon

\*First peal. A farewell to Leonard R. Porter, going to Loughborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD****DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.**

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 5hr. 55min. (18½ cwt.)

**9960 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
(Beddington version.)

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Patrick I. Chapman
- 2 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 3 Barry E. Saunders
- 4 Roger W. Smith
- 5 Alan J. Frost
- 6 David J. Marshall
- \*7 Murray A. Coleman
- 8 Alan A. Paul
- 9 Stephen Ivin
- 10 Peter Border

\*First of London Royal. The longest peal in the method.

(This appeared in The Ringing World, page 800, as rung at St. John's, Leicester. We apologise for the error.—Ed.)

**DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.**

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19 cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Barry E. Saunders
- 2 Bridget Paul
- 3 Raymond A. Vickers
- 4 Christopher C. Stokes
- 5 Malcolm J. V. Chowen
- 6 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 7 Alan A. Paul
- 8 Eric Billings

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD****URCHFONT, Wilts, St. Michael.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. (21 cwt.)

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

- 1 Edgar C. Shepherd
- 2 Norman G. N. Knee
- 3 James W. G. Twiney
- 4 Reginald F. Jones
- 5 Phillip S. Gaisford
- 6 Frederick S. Slatford (Conductor)

A compliment to Mr. W. Harding, churchwarden for 50 years. After meeting short for Stedman Triples.

**STOKE ABBOTT, Dorset, St. Mary.**

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES**

(20 methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaidsdon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob; 137 variations). Variation numbers: 1 to 16, 31 to 35, 42 to 45, 61 to 72, 77 to 80, 91 to 102, 107 to 110, 121 to 132, 137 to 140, 321 to 352, 317 to 402.

- 1 Mary E. Elmes
- 2 Ian Calvert
- 3 Graham W. Elmes
- 4 Melvyn J. Hiller (Conductor)
- 5 Timothy F. Collins.

Most methods/variations for all and for the guild.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION****DAWLEY MAGNA, Salop, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (1 Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Patricia C. Stocken
- 2 Alan Glover
- 3 Reginald H. Newton
- 4 Philip J. Evans
- 5 Nevil Holland
- 6 Ernest F. Willcox (Conductor)

For Harvest Festival.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM****NORTHAMPTON, St. Giles.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24½ cwt.)

**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Composed by John H. Fielden.

- 1 Ian C. Maycock
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Geoffrey Pearson
- 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 5 Anthony H. Smith
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 Peter S. Bennett
- 9 John H. Fielden
- 10 Philip J. Rothera

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD****ST. BREOCK, Cornwall, St. Breock.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

- 1 Roger Pengelly
- 2 Anthony J. Davidson
- 3 Valerie C. Pengelly
- 4 John Copping
- \*5 David J. W. Bath
- 6 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

\*First inside and on six.



# SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(University of Sussex Guild)

**BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicholas of Myra.**

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (18 cwt.)

## 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Produced by C. I. Rowson.

- \*1 Susan E. M. Read
- \*2 David L. Nibbs
- 3 Catherine M. Bew
- \*4 Brian R. Read
- \*5 Terry G. Williams
- \*6 Malcolm S. Loveday
- 7 Robert H. Newton
- 8 Michael J. Bew (Conductor)

\*First in method. First in method by the guild.

# WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

**HENFIELD, Sussex, St. Peter.**

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16½ cwt.)

## 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Timothy F. Collins.

- 1 James H. Lilley
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Ernest J. Ladd
- 4 William S. Croft
- 5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 6 Ronald E. Stillwell
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Frederick E. Collins

**HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.)

## 5088 HIGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Arthur Craven.

- 1 Philip G. Taylor
- 2 Timothy G. Pett
- 3 Reginald W. Rex
- 4 Brian Bladon
- 5 Beryl R. Simpson
- 6 Maurice New
- 7 Michael J. Church
- 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

First in the method by all except 3 and 8. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester for the Patronal Festival and centenary celebrations.

# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**DONCASTER, Yorks, St. George.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (30½ cwt.)

## 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 Alan W. Jackson
- 2 Patricia North
- 3 Ian North
- 4 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 5 Tom M. Cox
- 6 Ernest J. Padgett
- 7 J. Henry Fielden
- 8 Roger A. Smith

First in method for all except 4 and 7.

# Handbells

# CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

**MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.**

Thurs., Sept. 10, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield.

- 1-2 J. David Atkinson
- 3-4 Dan S. Pont
- 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 7-8 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
- 9-10 Peter Broadbent

**PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines**

Thurs., Sept. 17, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (15 in C.)

## 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Nicholl.

- 1-2 Alan F. Scholfield
  - 3-4 J. David Atkinson
  - \*5-6 Gerald Moorhouse (Conductor)
  - 7-8 William H. Dowse
- \*250th peal.

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, Derbyshire, 15 Horderns Road.**

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (18 in G.)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- \*1-2 Elizabeth A. Hibbert
- \*3-4 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 5-6 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

\*First on handbells. First on handbells as conductor.

# LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

**HILTON, Derbys, Elm Tree Farm.**

Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.)

## 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation)

- \*1-2 Robert M. Chambers
- 3-4 David F. Moore
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- \*7-8 David W. Friend

\*First of Surprise in hand.

**GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.**

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 in C.)

## 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

MAXIMUS

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- \*1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
- 7-8 Alfred Ballard
- 9-10 John M. Jelley
- 11-12 David F. Moore

\*First of Surprise Maximus on handbells. With the best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Dirksen (Washington, D.C.) on the birth of a son.

# LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

**WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.**

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (17 in A.)

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Peter Saunders
- 3-4 Roger Hippisley
- 5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor)
- 7-8 Richard Hall

# NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

**TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.**

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 23min.

## 5280 SPliced TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(2 methods: 4000 Kent, 1280 Oxford, with 80 changes of method: Liversedge var.).

Composed by Ernest Morris.

- 1-2 David R. Ingram
- 3-4 Derek M. Sawyer
- 5-6 William H. Jackson
- 7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

First in this variation by the band, and in North America.

# YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.**

Thurs., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (13 in E.)

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Stella M. Brown
- \*3-4 Thomas W. Strangeway
- 5-6 Robin Brown (Conductor)
- †7-8 Gail Cater

\*First in hand for 25 years. †First of Major in hand.

# MICHAEL UPHILL'S TOUR

**ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE WORCES- TERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.**

**PRESTON, Lancs, St. John the Evangelist.**

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (24 cwt.)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- \*1 Keith G. Game
- 2 Richard L. Underwood
- 3 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- †‡4 Christopher Hims
- 5 Peter S. Robertson
- 6 Ian Smith
- †‡7 Roger H. Hunt
- †8 Christopher J. Pickford
- 9 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 10 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

\*First of Royal. †First on ten. ‡25th together.

**KIRKHAM, Lancs, St. Michael.**

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (20 cwt.)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- 1 Michael J. Uphill
- 2 Christopher J. Pickford
- 3 Roger H. Hunt
- 4 Peter L. Hughes
- 5 Peter S. Robertson
- 6 Richard L. Underwood
- 7 Rev. Michael S. Hart
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

First of Bob Major since 1846 (the first on the bells) and first peal since 1936. With best wishes to Peter D. Sell for a speedy recovery from injuries sustained in a car crash.

**GOOSNARGH, Lancs, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (7 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob).**

- 1 Richard J. Stewart
- 2 Christopher Hims
- 3 Philip S. Woods
- 4 Keith G. Game
- 5 Christopher R. Harris
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

**LANCASTER, Lancs, The Priory and Parish Church of St. Mary.**

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (31 cwt.)

## 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- \*1 Christopher J. Pickford
- †2 Christopher Hims
- 3 Rev. Michael S. Hart
- 4 Keith G. Game
- 5 Peter S. Robertson
- ‡6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 7 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 8 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

\*First of Treble Bob. †First in method. ‡175th peal.



**HELMSHORE, Lincs, St. Thomas, Musbury.**

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9 cwt.)

**5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1 Richard J. Stewart
- \*2 Christopher J. Pickford
- \*3 Ian Smith
- 4 Peter L. Hughes
- 5 Christopher R. Harris
- 6 Christopher Hims
- †7 Roger H. Hunt
- ‡8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

\*First of Surprise. †First in method. ‡100th tower for a peal.

**BLACKPOOL, Lincs, St. John the Evangelist.**

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 Peter L. Hughes
- \*2 Ian Smith
- 3 Michael J. Uphill
- \*4 Christopher R. Harris
- 5 Rev. Michael S. Hart
- 6 Peter S. Robertson
- 7 Keith G. Game
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

\*First in method. First on the bells since 1946.

**BLACKBURN, Lincs, Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.**

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (25 cwt.)

**5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by Edgar Bennett.

- 1 Michael J. Uphill
- 2 Philip S. Woods
- \*3 Roger H. Hunt
- †4 Peter S. Robertson
- 5 Peter L. Hughes
- \*6 Ian Smith
- 7 Keith G. Game (Conductor)
- 8 Rev. Michael S. Hart
- 9 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 10 Geoffrey R. Drew

\*First of Caters. †First of Grandsire Caters.

**CHIPPING, Lincs, St. Bartholomew.**

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob).**

- 1 Richard J. Stewart
- 2 Christopher J. Pickford
- 3 Michael J. Uphill
- 4 Christopher R. Harris
- 5 Christopher Hims
- 6 Peter S. Robertson (Conductor)

**HASLINGDON, Lincs, St. James the Great.**

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Arranged by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- 1 Christopher J. Pickford
- \*2 Peter L. Hughes
- 3 Christopher Hims
- 4 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 5 Christopher R. Harris
- 6 Ian Smith
- †7 Roger H. Hunt
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

\*First in method. †50th peal.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, Lincs, Immanuel.**

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 John T. Parsons
- 2 Michael J. Uphill
- \*3 Roger H. Hunt
- 4 Keith G. Game
- 5 Rev. Michael S. Hart
- †6 Peter S. Robertson
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

\*50th peal for the association. †50th peal.

**BRINDLE, Lincs, St. James.**

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES (Grandsire, Plain Bob).**

- \*1 Christopher R. Harris
- †2 Peter L. Hughes
- 3 Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor)
- 4 Philip S. Woods
- 5 Richard J. Stewart
- 6 Christopher Hims

\*First of Doubles. †50th peal.

**RISHTON, Lincs, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Rev. Michael S. Hart
  - 2 Ian Smith
  - 3 Roger H. Hunt
  - 4 Christopher R. Harris
  - 5 Geoffrey R. Drew
  - 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
  - 7 Peter S. Robertson
  - 8 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)
- 50th as conductor. A welcome to Rev. Ernest W. Southcote, late Provost of Southwark, vicar of Rishton from September 22.

**SAMLESBURY, Lincs, St. Leonard-the-Less.**

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (19 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1 Keith G. Game (Conductor)
- 2 Michael J. Uphill
- 3 Christopher R. Harris
- 4 Peter L. Hughes
- 5 Richard J. Stewart
- 6 Roger H. Hunt
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

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**LANCASHIRE RUN-AROUND**

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The plate on the gatepost introduces one to "St. Mary Magdalen's Vicarage—Surrogate for Marriage Licences." Residents of Accrington might possibly be forgiven, therefore, for not realising that for a week this fine house was to be the headquarters of Michael Hart's "Peripatetic Pealers." In the vicarage our assault on Lancashire was planned and we adjourned to Rawtenstall belfry for a preliminary practice. The following morning the local band at St. James' was joined for morning ringing on the pleasant, light ten. Three very fine octaves were visited during the afternoon—Clitheroe, Kildwick and Skipton.

Ringing commenced on August 31 with a well-struck peal of Bob Royal on the lovely bells at Preston, but at Kirkham that afternoon great difficulty was encountered ringing Stedman Triples due to the very long length of unguided—and new!—rope. This attempt was soon stopped but the vicar gave permission for another try that evening. It was decided to go for Bob Major, which had not been rung since the first peal on the bells in 1846. It was good to see our dear friend (and former vicar of Putney) Clifford Carver, who greeted us at the church. He has the neighbouring parish of Treales, and it was a pity Kirkham bells did not go sufficiently well to ring "These Treales things" which he has been waiting to hear since the first peal of Treales Surprise Major at Putney for his farewell. The Bob Major was scored and also rung as a "Get well" to Peter Sell, in hospital following a road crash. Simultaneously a peal of Minor was rung at Goosnargh. The only complete failure of the week occurred the following morning when Stedman was lost at Scorton after a

change of method from Yorkshire—the local ringers desiring to ring the first of Surprise on this 1879 Warner ring. We were elated with our success at Lancaster Priory on Tuesday, having been warned that we could not stay the course for three hours. A good peal of Cambridge entertained the inmates of the neighbouring building—Lancaster Gaol.

Wednesday afforded a "lie-in" for those exhausted by the Lancaster peal, and they later drove to Helmsore to hear Cambridge brought to a successful conclusion. This was followed by the first of Surprise at St. John's, Blackpool (and first peal since 1946!). We were surprised that permission had been given, as the church is in the centre of this busy town. After getting the Roman Catholic church, we accepted a bottle of sherry from the priests. (A good example of Christian unity!)

Thursday morning was spent visiting towers north of Blackburn, and in the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the Cathedral bells. A further peal of Minor was rung at Chipping that evening, during which, for a good hour, the local tower captain was standing by the curtain separating the ground floor ringing room from the church explaining to his very attentive vicar and another gentleman the intricacies of the art. All credit is due to them for keeping their voices down and we trust they enjoyed watching and hearing the third peal on the bells this century.

A peal of Yorkshire was rung at Haslingden on Friday morning whilst arrangements were made for two peals that evening—at Brindle Vicarage to obtain permission from the vicar's wife (in the absence of the vicar) and at Rishton Vicarage, into which another old friend, Ernest Southcott (former Provost of Southwark) was moving in readiness for his induction on September 22. He was unable to give permission as he was not then incumbent, but a very obliging churchwarden did so. Later six went off to Brindle for a peal of Doubles, and the Oswaldtwistle band scored a good peal of Lincolnshire.

The start at Rishton was delayed as we could not get a clock hammer clear of the bell, but eventually several yards of rope round the chiming mechanism did the trick and a fast peal of Bob Major was rung. Two courses from the end we were alarmed by loud banging, then footsteps, followed by rattlings on the ringing room door, and finally silence. We feared somebody was upset at the length of ringing (it was the first peal for 18 years), but on leaving the tower the commotion was explained by a note: "Thank you for ringing. Came up the tower but couldn't get in. E. W. Southcott."

A most successful and enjoyable week ended with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Samlesbury. We are all grateful to Michael Hart for the use of his vicarage and to the two very capable and persevering "servants," Michael's mother and Stewart Pearce, who between them managed breakfast and the sometimes necessary evening coffee very professionally. M. J. U.

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Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be.

The last of life, for which the first was made;

Our times are in His hand

Who saith, "A whole I planned,

Youth shows but half: trust God; see all,  
nor be afraid."

—Browning.





#### FORMER TOWER CAPTAIN WEDS

On September 5 several members of the Aldrington (Hove) St. Leonard's band were very proud to see their former captain, Ann Sharpe, married to Mr. John Fowler, and the following Sunday there was a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles rung in honour of the happy occasion.

Prior to the wedding, at a small party, the ringers presented Ann with a set of smoke grey water glasses and matching jug, in appreciation of her services. For the past 12 years she has been a most loyal member of the band and during that time has held the offices of treasurer, vice-captain and captain. Although Ann will be living outside the parish the ringers expressed the hope that she would find time to visit them on occasions.

#### Coventry Guild

##### RINGING COMPETITION AND PRESENTATION

The Coventry Guild ringing competition was held at Harbury on September 5 and proved to be a very popular event, 12 teams from nine different towers taking part. It was judged by Mr. B. G. Warwick and Mr. R. W. Pipe, their separate assessments agreeing within a few per cent. The results were: Rugby 13.3 faults, Warwick I 14.0, Chilvers Coton 18.9, Kenilworth 21.4, Allesley A 24.6, Harbury II 35.5, Dunchurch 42.8, Harbury I 45.5, Allesley B 48.5, Brinklow 71.2, Bulkington 91.8, Warwick II 158.5.

Unfortunately Rugby were one member short when they arrived at the tower, so a member of another tower rang with them to make up the team. As a result they were unable to win the cup but at least have the consolation that their ringing was of a high standard. The first team from Warwick were a close second but would have had to work very hard had the Allesley first team not had a trip near to the end of their course of Cambridge. The Bulkington team were very ambitious with Carlisle Surprise Minor, which finished with a splendid crunch!

After the competition tea was provided in the village hall, where the ex-guild president, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, was there to present the cup to St. Nicholas, Warwick I team. This, however, turned out to be the means for making him attend the meeting, as the president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, presented him with a stainless steel tray and a set of cuff links as a mark of appreciation of his work for the Guild during the past years.

The service followed, with further ringing until 8.30 p.m. H. M. W.

#### Kent County Association

##### MR. LUCK CARRIES ON

The weather is always foul when the Canterbury District goes to Petham, but the welcome is always warm, as members were able to experience on September 12. This lovely church was gutted by fire in 1922 and most beautifully reconstructed. The present bells (tenor 6½ cwt.) were the first ring produced by the Whitechapel Foundry departing from the old standard tuning. Lovely they were then and still are they lovely now. Ringing was under the leadership of Dr. D. H. Niblett. Evensong was conducted by Mr. David Cawley, the preacher being Rev. Christopher Donaldson, rector of St. Martin, Canterbury. The offertory was for the Chislet Bell Fund.

A bumper tea preceded the by-meeting, presided over by the chairman, Mr. Bert Luck, and a message of goodwill was sent to the Vicar of Petham, who was indisposed. A goodly number of new members elected from a variety of towers testified to the fact that ringing is far from being a "dead duck" in the district. The news that Mr. Luck intended to vacate the office of chairman was greeted with dismay, and it was unanimously resolved that this popular gentleman be asked to reconsider his decision at least for another year. Mr. Luck, obviously moved, agreed: long may he chair us!

The general secretary (Mr. A. P. S. Berry) who, together with Mrs. Berry, was welcomed, drew the attention of members to the criticism of meetings in the R.W. and asked the meeting to give thought to the matter in their choice of officers, on whom the successful organisation of meetings depended. He also asked the district to think now of the forthcoming county A.G.M. to be held in the district next Easter. He wished the district well.

The members were entertained with tune ringing on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, Mr. L. Huckstepp and Mr. and Mrs. G. Grey. Many then returned to the church or to the twin parish of Walthem, with its central tower and complete Joseph Hatch four. The tuning of these bells (tenor 8 cwt. in A) was solved by Mrs. Berry, who pronounced them to be the middle minor four of the front six of a ring of ten in C! D. L. C.

#### FESTIVAL OF BELLS

Evensong at the Warminster Minster Church of St. Denys on September 13 was celebrated as a festival of bells, which annually takes place to recognise the work of the bellringers in the church.

The ringing beforehand took the form of a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles and the service, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Johnson, was opened by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by Messrs. E. Norris, E. C. Shepherd, N. Knee and F. Slatford (North Bradley). Lessons were read by Miss S. Howell and the tower captain, and instead of an anthem by the choir the handbells were rung to tunes by the Warminster Handbell Ringers, who had rung in the quarter peal. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. F. Tambling, rector of Zeals, himself a ringer. He took as his theme "Where you lead I will follow," as applied to ringing and normal Christian life.

At the conclusion of the service the belfry was thrown open to visitors, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to go "aloft" and "see how it's done." Ringing finally concluded at 8.30 p.m.

#### Bath and Wells Association

##### ON A WET DAY

It was a very wet morning on September 12, when ringers of the Bridgwater Branch, together with families and friends, set off on their annual outing.

Our first tower was in Dorset—Sturminster Marshall, where we rang on the 18 cwt. six before proceeding to Bournemouth for lunch. Here some members of the party had to bale out the coach, and delay in leaving was caused by a lady ringer who had mislaid her spectacles while trying on the latest fashions.

We continued to Beaulieu for the afternoon, visiting the motor museum, Palace House and 13th century Abbey ruins. Tea having been taken here, our next tower was Brockenhurst, and the light six surprised some of the ringers. As the tenor was only 4 cwt. an all-ladies band was called upon for a touch of Bob Doubles.

The bells lowered, we made our way to Ringwood and travelled the more isolated roads of the New Forest. We were rewarded by seeing deer amongst the attractive scenery. Ringwood was our last and only 8-bell ring of the day, and after an hour we once more boarded the coach en route for Bridgwater and home. C. K.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knight, following their wedding at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hendon, on Wednesday, September 16. The bride, formerly Miss Dianne Gazeley, has been a bellringer at St. Mary's for some years. The couple will leave for Australia at the end of October.

[Photo: Brent Studios, Hendon, N.W.]



## TRUE HARMONIC TUNING

(Continued from page 824.)

Another famous name in 17th century bell founding is that of Purdue. Thomas, of Clossworth, Somerset, is justly famous for his work at Exeter Cathedral, and the 11th here ("Stafford," 41 cwt., 1676) and also the 9th are very fine bells indeed, at least since retuning by Taylors in 1902. The much lighter 11th at Redcliffe, Bristol, is by an earlier Purdue (Roger, in 1622) and is almost as fine (Taylor retuning in 1903); so too is his famous tenor at Queen Camel.

Since writing this I have seen that H. B. Walters ascribes Redcliffe 11th to Thomas Stone, of Glamorgan. Whoever cast it, it is a magnificent bell. Queen Camel tenor is not, in fact, true harmonic but two of the many other Purdue bells which are are Hinton St. Mary tenor (1614) and Rampisham fourth (1615), both in Dorset and both by William.

John Wallis, of Salisbury, whose "plum" job was the provision of a ring of five bells (of which four survive) for Windsor Castle in 1612-14, produced several bells (but not really including these!) which are very good harmonically, perhaps the best being the tenor (20 cwt., 1618) of the sadly derelict ring at Cheselbourne, Dorset, the tenor (16½ cwt., 1612) at Sturminster Newton and the fifth at Hazelbury Bryan (1613) nearby.

It has been said that the Knight foundry of Reading produced a high proportion of bells with octave hum-notes, but I must confess to having never been especially impressed by its productions (with exceptions) such as at Great Haseley, Oxon (3/6, 1641), about which more below, and Hurstbourne Priors, Hants, fifth (1631); likewise I am not altogether convinced that Miles Graye I, of Colchester, deserves his exalted reputation. James, the first of the Keenes, of Woodstock, and Mears and Stainbank's tuning machine between them produced the very good tenor at Brampton, Hunts (1630 and 1934); I should like to hear more bells of his of this quality and also of Henry Oldfield II's, of Nottingham, who cast the excellent 3rd, 4th and tenor bells (retuned by Taylors in 1895!) at Branstons, Lincs. Judging from St. Clement's, Ipswich (6, 15½ cwt., 1660 except tenor), John Darbie's tuning was uncommonly close to true harmonic: in fact the 2nd and 4th of his four bells (1677-78) at Hintlesham are almost perfect.

Some members of the famous West Country family of bell founders, the Penningtons, really deserve to be mentioned (equally there are other members whose work is a real disgrace to the art) but I must move on, or rather back, for a brief look at the 14th, 15th and earlier 16th centuries.

Pre-Reformation bells are not, I think, very often notable for octave hum-notes or true harmonics, although I have noted several in Dorset, from various foundries, including some which have responded to enlightened retuning, this time by the Croydon foundry. Carlton, Beds, tenor ought also to be mentioned in this connection; and at Great Ponton, Lincs. are two mediæval bells (the 2nd and 3rd) which are true harmonic without having had any retuning. There was, however, one very important mediæval foundry whose contribution to English tuning seems to have been rivalled only by Taylors' and William Dobson's, and that was in Exeter. On the strength of the contents of four Devon towers alone (Torbryan, Littlehempston, Churston Ferrers and Gidleigh) one can safely say that

Exeter had a succession of founders of exceptional talent. Some of their bells are, harmonically, little short of perfect, and this as early as the 14th and 15th centuries! If I dare to make a criticism it is that Exeter bells are sometimes better in tune with themselves than with each other. I have the feeling that I am poaching on Rev. John Scott's territory, so I now propose to jump forward to the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries again.

The first of Taylors' competitors to join (or try to join) the true harmonic bandwagon was apparently Charles Carr, of Smethwick. Curiously enough we find both founders in the same tower, Carmarthen, in the same year, 1904, Carrs providing the tenor, frame and fittings, and Taylors the treble, 2nd and 4th bells! In 1907 Carrs cast quite a good chime (8, 4 cwt.) for Llanegwad, Carmar. The tuning is not perfect but surely a commendable effort for a small foundry. In 1910 they provided five bells for Bridstow, Herefordshire, two at least of which are very good, though "hard" in tone; the total effect is spoilt by the poor 15th century (R. Hendley, of Gloucester) tenor and the wickedly out-of-tune trebles added by Mears in 1924.

The year 1907 was the first year of Gillett and Johnston's "Simpson" tuning (which they loudly claimed as such) with rings such as the light six at Launton, Oxon, and the augmentation from four to six at Wool, Dorset. The contrast between the firm's work (both tuning and hanging) in this and the previous year is astonishing; it is odd that, after a good start, Gilletts seem to have had such trouble with their tuning later on, with comparative "duds" such as the tenor at Hillingdon and disasters in the form of several bells breaking apart at the shoulder. I have heard it alleged that some of these troubles were due to sabotage! Their first major ring, I think, and a very fine one at that, was at Wimborne Minster, Dorset (10, 29½ cwt.), in 1911. But 1911 was a very busy year and included the casting of new rings for Wolverhampton (12), Wrotham, Kent (8) and Oakham, Rutland (8). Listening to rings such as at St. Peter's, South Croydon (10, 30½ cwt., 1912), one wonders whether Gilletts were actually aiming at a reduction in resonance; and many of their earlier bells have a rather lovable hollowness or "growl" about them. By the early 1920's, however, they had stopped experimenting and their tuning had settled down into such glorious rings as at Petworth, Sussex (8, 18 cwt., 1924) and Clerkenwell, London (8, 24½ cwt., 1928). Regrettably, the firm's bridgework came to an end in the mid-1950's, one of Gillett and Johnston's last rings being at Cranleigh, Surrey (8, 16½ cwt., 1954).

(To be continued.)

### Durham and Newcastle Association.

#### CLERICAL MEMBER

On September 12 the Central District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held a ringing meeting and their A.G.M. at the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella, Blaydon.

Bill Tyson was re-elected chairman and ringing master, Bill Davison retired from the position of secretary (which he had held for three years) and Norman Johnson (of Blaydon) was elected in his place.

The Rev. R. Stephenson, rector of Stella, was elected as a clerical member of the association. N. A. J.



### THE DEAN OFFICIATED

A lovely wedding took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., on August 8, when Dean Brian Whitlow officiated at the marriage of Ethel Margaret Izard, only daughter of Mr. E. W. Izard and the late Mrs. Izard, and Rev. John Sanford Twining, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Twining, formerly of Gordon Head, Victoria, B.C.

The Cathedral choir, under the direction of Mr. Beal Thomas, led the singing of "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" as the bride entered and rendered the chorale "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" during the signing of the register. Given away by her father, the bride was attended by her nieces, Miss Margot Izard and Miss Patricia Izard. Mr. Russell Twining, of Vancouver, was his brother's best man and the ushers were Mr. Richard Izard and Mr. Richard Twining, nephews of the bride and bridegroom.

As the bridal party approached and left the church the tower bells were rung by fellow ringers of the bride, among those taking part being the bride's brother, Mr. J. Arthur Izard, and two of her nephews, Mr. Ted Izard and Mr. Ian Izard. They were later joined by the bride's father, Mr. E. W. Izard, when handbells were rung at the reception in the garden of her home, 980 Arundel Drive, where the toast to the bride was proposed by Canon S. S. Wickens. Following the honeymoon at Point-n-Point, Jordan River, the couple will live at St. Mary's Rectory, Birch Hills, near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (Box 447, Birch Hills).

### Hereford Guild.

#### A CROOKED SPIRE

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Cleobury Mortimer on September 5. Cleobury Mortimer, a pleasant, small country town midway between Kidderminster and Ludlow, has a crooked spire surmounting the tower of its parish church. The tower contains a pleasing ring of six, which was put to good use during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the branch ringing master (Mr. Harold Thomas).

The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. C. M. Oldroyd) and tea was provided by Mrs. Margaret Osbaldiston and her lady helpers. A feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present, and Mr. Thomas saw to it that they had plenty of opportunities of ringing.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Alec Osbaldiston, the local tower captain, for making the arrangements for this very enjoyable meeting.



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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**SANDERSON.**—Jean has moved from Heffers to become assistant librarian at the Department of Zoology, Downing Street, Cambridge (Tel.: 58717), from Oct. 27. 9899

## PERSONAL

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."—Psalm 100, 5.

Would Mr. A. Dempster, of 157 Petershill Road, Glasgow, N.1, please contact this office as his copy of The Ringing World has been returned marked "Gone away."

## MISCELLANEOUS

**HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING** (Middlesex, Oxford, Ladies and London County).—The meeting is on **November 14** and not as shown in the Ringers' Diary. Details later.—C. H. Rogers. 9910

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Branch.—Bicentenary of bells, St. Michael's, East Coker (8, 13 cwt.). Peals, quarters, practices invited, weekend Nov. 27, 28, 29. Ring Gordon Rendell, Martock 2329. 9874

**HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.**—Until further notice practice will be at Holy Trinity on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays and at St. Mary's on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. 9920

## EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—Practice at Galleywood, Mon., Oct. 26, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H. Dis. Sec. 9917

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Malmesbury (8), Tues., Oct. 27, 7.30 p.m. 9809

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Monthly evening practice, Sat., Fri., Oct. 30, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise. 9895

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne, Oct. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9845

**EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Morton, Oct. 24, 2.30–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names without fail to Mr. H. Smith, The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Derbys (Tel. Tibshelf 104). 9793

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Half-yearly meeting, Sat., Oct. 24, Trowbridge (12). Members and friends are asked to make a note of change in timing of programme: Service 3 p.m., followed by short business meeting; ringing 4–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing as required. Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10 Lancashire Road, Bristol, BS7 9DL (Tel.: 48933). Please make every effort to be in time for the service as the bells cannot be rung before 4 p.m.—B. J. 9830

## NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting in S.E. London on Sat., Oct. 24. Meet at St. Alfege Church (10), Greenwich, 1.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me as soon as possible.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec. (01-850 1014). 9868

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Chesham (6), Sat., Oct. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. L. Pearson, 75 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead. 9872

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester and District Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 24, at Islip. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Ringing at Wood Eaton only after tea. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN. 9882

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Central District.—A.G.M., Sat., Oct. 24, Barking (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 at Barking Tye, followed by general meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. E. Lester, 40 Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 9850

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 24, St. Peter's, Curdridge. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 p.m. 9725

**DEVON GUILD.**—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Pyworthy, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Holsworthy bells (8) in the evening.—R. G. Pearce, Branch Sec. 9884

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Sussex District.—Meeting, Westham (6), Sat., Oct. 31. Ringing 3–5 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 9861

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—Meeting, Oct. 31. Ringing at St. Martin's, Ruislip, 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available in St. Margaret's small hall, Belmont Road, Uxbridge, at 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome. 9915

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton, NN7 1BA (Tel.: Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday previous. 9897

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly general meeting, Sherborne St. John, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea, Village Hall, 5.15. Also Monk Sherborne bells 2.30–4 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tues., Oct. 27, please. 9879

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Goldington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea.—C. M. Payne. 9914

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Workington (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing until 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!—D. T. Sim, Sec. 9904

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Yeldham (6), Nov. 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and handbell ringing, business meeting and tower bells. 9847

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford on Sat., Nov. 7. Ringing: Meole Brace (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening at Meole Brace until 7. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Askey, 7 Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday before. 9871

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, Basford (8), Nov. 7. Ringing 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue, Breaston, Derby, by Oct. 30. 9881

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Early application, please (closing date October 26).

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720). 9691

## ST. MARY, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM.

### DEDICATION

of new ring of six bells

Sunday, October 25, at 3 p.m.

Bells will be rung at conclusion of service—no general ringing.

Open meeting to be arranged in near future. All welcome.

W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec., S.D.G. 9905

## SS. PETER AND PAUL, WARSOP, NOTTS

### DEDICATION

of

TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS

Saturday, October 31, 1970

at 3 p.m.

Open ringing after service until 9.30 p.m. Buffet tea provided.

Numbers, please, to H. T. Rooke, 9 York Terrace, Warsop.

All welcome.

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## SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970

Arcadian Hall, Market Street, Barnsley. 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 30s. (giving names) from A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, enclosing s.a.e., by Wed., Oct. 28. Ringing details to follow.

## DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 24

BLANDFORD PARISH CHURCH

Striking competition 3 p.m.

Service 4.30 p.m.

Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15 p.m.

Open ringing afterwards.

All Dorset ringers welcome.

9849

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"AMONG THE BELLS,"

by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Book or parts in any condition would be considered.

Roy W. Rice, 48 West Street, Banwell, Som.

## DEDICATION

of new ring of six

(Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.)

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Sunday, October 25, at 10.45 a.m.

Ringing after service until 4.30 p.m.

J. Sibson (Rev.), 17 Museum Street, Saffron Walden. 9913



**PRELIMINARY NOTICE  
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DEDICATION**

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### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### RINGING FESTIVAL AND SOCIAL

**Saturday, October 24.**

Due to unfortunate circumstances this function  
has had to be

**CANCELLED.**

9901

### SURREY ASSOCIATION

#### HALLOWE'EN SOCIAL

will be held  
on **Saturday, October 31,**  
in **St. John's Hall, Ravenna Road, Putney,**  
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Dancing, games and entertainment.  
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**C. F. Mew, 32 Wymond Street, S.W.15, or**  
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9880

## CLEVELAND RINGERS TOUR SCOTLAND

(August 7-10)

On a rather miserable Friday morning in  
early August Mike Livesey's tour of Scot-  
land started, after a delay for budding  
photographers to record the great moment.

Thick fog was encountered for part of the  
journey, which put us behind schedule, but  
we managed to make up some of the time  
and were not too late at the first tower, St.  
James', Paisley. For some reason, possibly  
because of the long drive beforehand,  
both experienced and inexperienced ringers  
seemed to find difficulty in striking the bells  
and the ringing here was probably the  
worst of the tour. A late departure en-  
forced another fast drive to enable us to  
book in at Fintry Youth Hostel and then  
return to Glasgow Cathedral by early even-  
ing. A visit to the wrong cathedral first  
made us keep up our dismal record by ar-  
riving there late also, but we joined our  
hosts to get the ten in action for some im-  
proved ringing.

Although we had been unable to get  
Inveraray bells on the Saturday we decided  
to go there, hoping to see the bells and  
possibly briefly to join any band who might  
be ringing there. No one was about and  
the bells were locked up, so we moved on  
to Stirling.

The following morning we joined Harry  
Glover and his band at Alloa to ring for  
Sunday service on the enjoyable eight be-  
fore making our leisurely way to the mag-  
nificent Dunblane Cathedral. We found  
the bells excellent and it is a great pity that  
they are not rung regularly. We rang at  
Dundee Cathedral for evening service and  
were intrigued by the Victorian extractor  
fan set in the floor. After the ringing we  
went to the roof of the tower, where there  
is a superb view of the city and road bridge.

Next morning we travelled via the im-  
pressive Tay and Forth road bridges to  
Edinburgh for the final ringing of the tour.  
First was the Cathedral, where most of us  
were able to ring our heaviest bell to date  
by grabbing the 42½ cwt. tenor and with  
the help of the local ringers we got the ten  
in action. In complete contrast we moved  
to Fettes College and the 2½ cwt. five were  
greatly appreciated.

The tour was a great success and thanks  
are extended to Mike Livesey and to  
Richard Harris and Bob Crighton for their  
efficient and uncomplaining driving, even  
when occasionally faced with suspect navi-  
gators.

The following ringers took part: George  
Willerton, E. Michael Livesey, Alex Pealing,  
Robert Crighton, Fiona Crosby, Richard J.  
Harris, Ronald S. Barclay, Lynnette Ban-  
well and Leslie Franks. **R. S. B.**

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## LATE NOTICES

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Oct. 24. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 9922

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Kent Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 7, Rainham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mrs. C. Cheal, 49 Ivy Street, Rainham, by Thurs., Nov. 5. All welcome.—R. W. 9923

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (8) 4—6 p.m. 9925

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual striking contest at Bolsterstone (8), Sat., Nov. 7. Draw 2.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names of teams and people requiring teas to R. Fletcher, 34 Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN, by previous Wednesday. 9924

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Freshwater, Oct. 31. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9926

The former Miss Margaret Izard, whose wedding is reported in this issue, is a very accomplished ringer and rang regularly at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. On many occasions she has helped to entertain visiting ringers from the U.K. and when in England has rung at many churches, including Winchester Cathedral and Christchurch Priory.

The story on the cover about the bells at St. Paul's, Papanui, New Zealand, makes interesting reading and all bellringers in the British Isles will wish continued success to the St. Paul's Society and also to the Cathedral Society at Christchurch.

Returning to New Zealand after several months' stay in the British Isles, Mr. and Mrs. Armitage left on October 6. They have frequently popped in the office to have a chat and there is no doubt they—and we—have enjoyed their holiday. We hope that we may meet again one day, but no doubt will see Mr. Armitage's name in the ringing items connected with Papanui.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

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## IN HIS 99th YEAR

Sending a subscription from Alhambra, California, Mrs. Ann Weatherby apologised for the delay but was disabled for several months with a broken right arm. Her husband, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who is in his 99th year, did much of his peal ringing in the Guildford area. and Mrs. Weatherby adds: "My husband has been a subscriber to bellringing magazines since Church Bells in the late 1800s and still shows great interest in ringing. He is self-taught, learning bellringing from Snowden's books and attending practice nights in various towns and villages."

## Wedding



The marriage between Richard B. Dorington, of Bilston, Staffordshire, and Bryony P. H. Moorby, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, took place at Kingston Parish Church on Saturday, September 5. The bride wore an ivory gown of Duchesse satin. The gown and full length veil were embroidered and made by her mother.

The reception was attended by 150 guests, 30 or more being ringers. The church porch was decorated with bell ropes, and handbells were rung at the reception.

## TWO YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—On September 14, 1968, the Central Branch of our Lincoln Guild held its quarterly meeting at our village, when Mr. J. Freeman was our chairman, with Mr. J. L. Millhouse ringing master and Mr. G. R. Parker secretary.

The meeting was well attended but many snags and incidents presented themselves that were very annoying to the officers concerned.

The meeting was never reported in the R.W.

The various incidents inspired a local ringer to write the following rhyme, which all concerned would agree is absolutely true in every detail and I am sure now that the said officers have had time to cool down they will only recall it with amusement. Here it is:—

The Central Branch of Lincoln Guild  
Held meeting mid-September,  
And Sothorn was the place they chose  
For long we shall remember.

It happened when our "Vic" was ill,  
So him they did not worry;  
We had a parson from away  
And he was in a hurry.

The village hall we tried to hire  
To seat our forty ringers;  
The young and old, some boys and girls  
And one or two beginners.

The hall was booked some time before  
For horticultural show;  
It happens every year just then,  
A fact we all should know.

So then we tried the reading room,  
Said they "You wait and see,  
For probably at that weekend  
'Twill be the football tea."

We told our problem to a friend  
Who said "You are a fool  
To run around the village so  
And never try the school."

We saw the powers that be up there  
"Oh, come to school," they said,  
"We'll set the tables up for you  
And find you all some bread."

The meal was over, past and gone,  
Geoff said "So now we pay."  
The ladies rushed in one and all  
To clear the pots away.

A local gent barged in the room  
As minutes true were read;  
"I hope you've all enjoyed yourselves  
And had good tea," he said.

When Harold tried to make a speech,  
As odd as it may seem,  
That fearless man walked in again  
To fetch the salad cream.

Before the ringing master spoke  
The chairman called a halt,  
To make quite sure our friend in there  
Did not require the salt.

The business meeting duly closed,  
Then back to church to ring;  
Some played the organ for a while  
But no one tried to sing.

They rang another touch or two  
To make complete the day,  
Then finished off on Dunholme bells  
Until they broke a stay!

Yours faithfully,  
C. V. CADE, ringing captain.  
Sothorn, Lincs.



## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for  
October 19, 1945

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all was rung at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, it also being the first for the Midland Counties Association. Harold J. Poole conducted.

Mr. T. Townsend was elected ringing master pro tem at a meeting of the Dudley and District Guild held at Oldbury.

The band who rang a quarter of Grand-sire Caters at Solihull contained five members of the Bragg family, it being conducted by E. C. Shepherd.

At a Devonshire Guild meeting at East Budleigh the company included Preb E. V. Cox (president) and the Rev. C. Carew Cox (president of the Salisbury Guild).

We are not disposed to quarrel with Mr. Joseph Dyke when he says that occasionally his ears tell him that perfection is reached in ringing . . . but we do think that "perfection" is a word which ought not to be used of striking . . . —Leader.

William C. Shute conducted a peal of Bob Minor at St. Paul's, Salisbury, in which Frederick E. Manns rang his first peal (on the treble).

At Braintree a handbell peal of Double Norwich was rung by Edwin Jennings 1-2, Christopher W. Woolley 3-4, John B. Woolley 5-6, Albert Wiffen 7-8. It was arranged and conducted by C. W. Woolley, being his 250th on handbells.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held at Leicester, and at the luncheon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were guests of honour.

## 50 YEARS AGO

October 22, 1920

A letter from G. P. Burton, of Bracondale, Norwich, called attention to the newly-formed Ypres League and the possibility of erecting a belfry tower on the battlefield containing a ring of bells for special occasions.

At the Central Northants Association meeting at Finedon it was agreed by a large majority that performing members should pay an annual subscription of 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.

The Norwich and Ipswich Association held their annual meeting on a Wednesday, when 70 were present and a service was followed by luncheon in Ipswich Co-operative Hall.

On October 21, 1920, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. John's Church, Cardiff. [It is thought that Fred Bailey is the only surviving member of the band.—Ed.]

At Warnham, Sussex, Miss Florrie Wyman rang the treble to Bob Major—her first peal, which was conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

The first peal on the bells at All Saints', Tilney, Norfolk, was one of Bob Minor. They were made a six in 1745.

At Monkseaton, Northumberland, five members of the Gofton family rang a handbell peal of Stedman Caters, and at Leiston four of the Bailey brothers rang a handbell peal of Stedman Triples.

A peal of Grandsire Triples for the Ancient Society of College Youths was scored by Arthur T. Morris, who tapped Carter's 12-part in 2 hours and 34 minutes before four witnesses.

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