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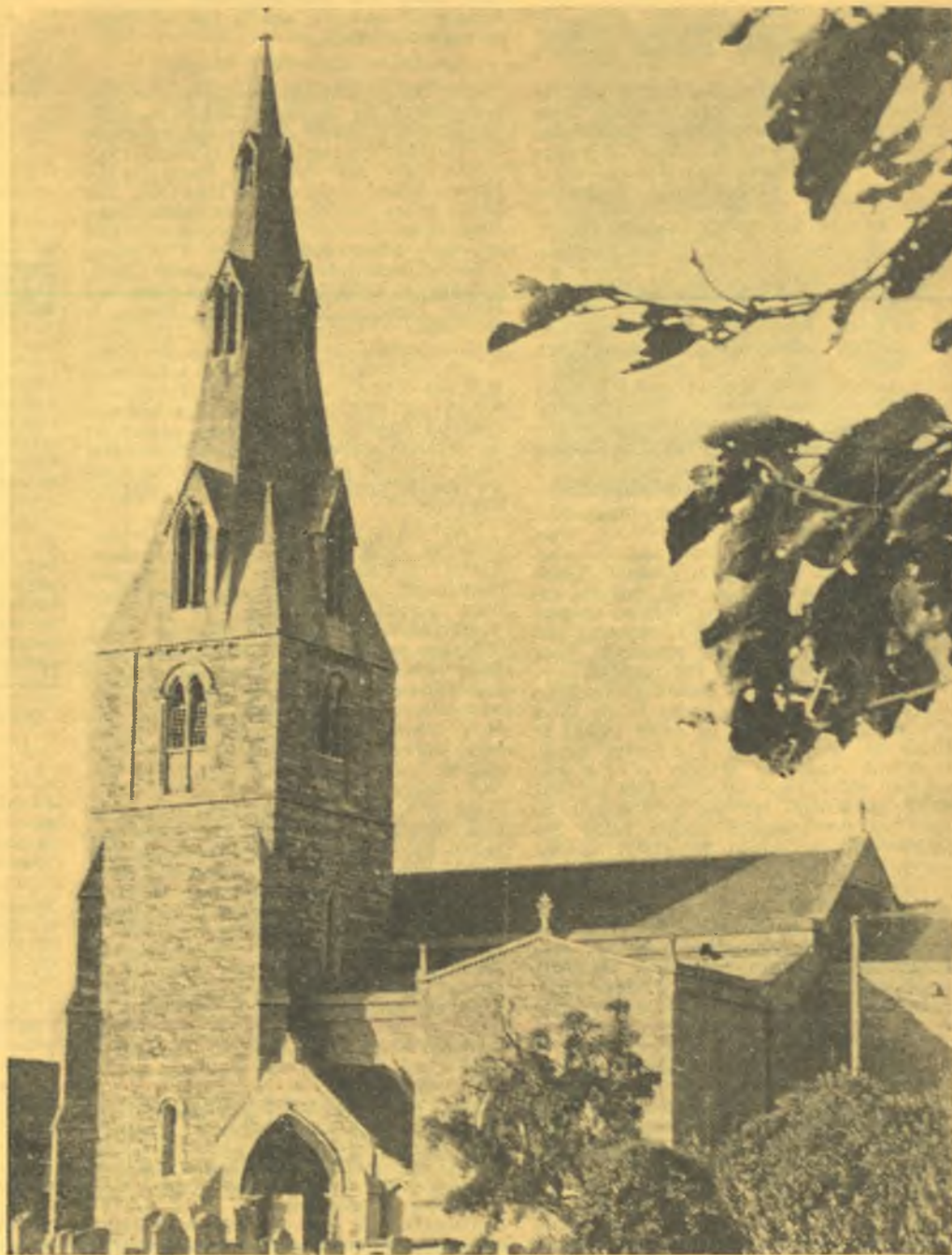
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**All Saints,
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Cover Picture

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THERE ARE OLD and beautiful churches in all parts of the Eastern Counties, and most are badly in need of repairs of one kind or another. Some are lucky to be positioned and seen by wealthy or interested tourists, whilst others are situated in small country parishes. Such is Polebrook in Northamptonshire.

All Saints', Polebrook, illustrated on the cover, has none of the advantages of wealth, nor does it have many visitors. It is sited in a very pretty, but small, stone-built village, and compares favourably with the better-known Cotswold beauty spots. It is certainly well worth a visit. Easy of access, it is 2½ miles from Oundle, the home of the famous public school, where many parents come to visit their sons. The other way it is eight miles from Norman Cross on the A.1 (little more than an hour's run from London).

The village is about 300 strong, with 74 people on the church electoral roll. There are two village shops (one of them being the post office) and, of course, a village "pub." Polebrook Hall, in the centre of the village, where Queen Victoria is reputed to have stayed, was extended considerably in the 19th century by the Ferguson family, and is now owned by J. Follitt Vaughan, Esq., M.P.

This village of "Pochebroc" is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and the Church of All Saints, like many other churches in the diocese, probably has an early Saxon foundation, on which the present building was erected. It is a church that is finely proportioned, and possesses great natural beauty, being built of local stone. The first recorded rector was Robert le Fleming (1250).

ON A NORMAN FOUNDATION

Built mainly on a Norman foundation, its glory is in its 13th century work, when the chancel was lengthened and the west end of the church was largely rebuilt. There are still Norman arcades with capitals, enriched with foliage, and a Norman chancel arch. The pulpit is 17th century, and possesses one of the few remaining hour glass sand timers left in the country.

The east window is beautiful, shaftings and mouldings giving a unity to its three lancets, totally unobserved when looked at from the outside. In a different mood, from the masculine severity of the east window, the chancel screen is 15th century, with the original red and gold still to be seen on the traceried panels below the middle rail, the screen doors still hanging on their original hinges.

Surely the north transept is unique! Imagination can be exercised here: the stone seating, and the somewhat more "developed" arcading running with its nine arches on slender shafting around the north and west walls. The fine window which brightens this lovely transept is a modern one, erected to the memory of a young Lifeguardsman, Victor Ferguson, who fell in 1918. It depicts a knight in shining armour offering his sword at an altar, with the archangels St. Michael and St. Gabriel standing by. The transept is now a memorial chapel, with the names of the Fallen in both the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars recorded.

The south transept is in a very different mood. Here are placed the mediæval pews, the fronts decorated with stylised copies of 13th century window openings (about three inches high). There is a double piscina and a square opening in the

masonry. The font is some 700 years old (although restoration work was done in the 20th century by a local craftsman. The roof in the nave is timber-framed, and contains some mediæval beams, one of which has the Cross Keys, of the Diocese of Peterborough, carved on it.

In the midst of the Eastern counties, celebrated for their beautiful spires, the broach spire of All Saints', Polebrook, is justly famed for its graceful proportions, rising firmly from the square tower. The original central tower collapsed and was rebuilt in its present position and form in the 12th century, and it is thought that the Early English spire was added at a slightly later date. The bell and clock chambers, housed in the spire, are lit and ventilated by gabled openings.

CONTAINS FIVE BELLS

The belfry contains five bells, the first being given by William Tawyer in 1717. The second is named Andrea and was made by Thomas Newcombe of Leicester, 1562-1580, whilst the third, S. Maria, is by Francis Watts of Leicester, 1564-1600. The fourth bears the following inscription: John Hunt, John Groom, Churchwardens. This bell was made by Joseph Eayre of St. Neots 1771." The fifth bell is by the same maker, and has on it the names of John Hunt and Henry Negus, Churchwardens, 1765. It also bears a Latin inscription: "Ego sum vox clamantis," meaning "I am the voice of one that crieth." At one time a Gleaning Bell was rung during harvest at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., and until about 1914-15 a bell was rung on Sunday after morning prayer (at 12 o'clock) informing parishioners that there would be another service in the evening (or it could have been the mid-day Angelus).

The bells hang in a wooden frame, which, to quote from a survey made by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, is "very poorly constructed indeed, and can never have been particularly strong. It is badly weathered and diseased." Because of this it is now only possible to ring three of the bells with safety. It is proposed to lower and rehang the bells in a new C.I. frame complete with new fittings, including new H.W. wheels, with W.I. plates and hollow box section C.I. headstocks. The bells will be turned, retuned and fitted with new W.I. clappers.

All this, with the ancillary works, will cost some £2,000, of which £1,200 has been raised by the parish of 300 people, but helped generously by the Barron Bell Trust and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The work is doubly necessary as the existing wooden frame is wedged against the tower, so endangering the structure, and could also endanger the ancient clock housed in the tower, which was made in the village in 1667 under the direction of the rector of that time (Dr. Wilkins, a famous horologist), founder of the Royal Society, and brother-in-law of Oliver Cromwell.

The clock is worked by weights and pulleys (one of the weights is a chunk of local stone). It is one-handed, chimes the hours, and keeps fairly accurate time. It is unique, the only other of its type being in Salisbury Cathedral.

We still need £800 for this work, and if you can help, please send donations to THE POLEBROOK BELL FUND. The Secretary, B. John M. Moran, Ashdown, Polebrook, Peterborough PE8 5LN.

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Obituary

MR. W. SMITH

Mr. W. Smith died suddenly at Whittlesey on October 26 at the age of 81. He was verger at St. Mary's for over 60 years and his passing ends 110 years of family service, not only for St. Mary's but also Whittlesey. His family served the town as harness makers in business, and as town criers by vocation.

Mr. Smith was a member of St. Mary's ringers for over 50 years. He enjoyed bellringing in every form—he conducted peals, played the carillon and was fond of tunes and changes on handbells. He will be remembered for his willingness to participate in any ringing, though he had a preference for Triples. J.E.

MUSICAL AND CAMPANOLOGICAL ENTERTAINMENT

"Under the auspices of the Hemel Hempstead Mutual Improvement Society, the Royal Holdfast Handbell Ringers gave a musical and campanological entertainment in the Town Hall on Friday evening the 15th inst.

"There were five performers and 130 bells, the largest bell weighing 11½ lbs. and the smallest 4 ozs. Mr. F. Mason, President of the Mutual Improvement Society, presided. . . . The Campanologists went through their programme with a slight alteration in a manner that gave great satisfaction and enjoyment to the audience, who frequently expressed their delight either of the clever manipulation of the performers or at the sweet music evolved from the bells. Several of the pieces were encored, Village chimes, Mandolinata (as performed on the bells at Antwerp Cathedral), Imitation of Village Bells and Chimes and Fairy Bells appeared to be special favourites with the audience. At the close, the President thanked the company for their attendance."

—Sent by Mrs. G. Manship, of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, who found it in an old paper dated February 23, 1884.

Durham and Newcastle Association.

ANNUAL MEETING

Ringers of today are often motorists and when they attend a meeting in a town or city centre they need to give attention to "making places" for parking and "dodging" traffic wardens. They need to be as familiar with the yellow lines of the Highway Code as the blue lines of standard methods. Better then to hold the meeting outside a meter zone these days, thought the secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in arranging the A.G.M. this year in Newcastle on October 3.

The business meeting, tea and service were held at St. Stephen's in Low Elswick, just off Scotswood Road of Blaydon Races fame. Although free from parking restrictions, the area is not without its hazards for motorists.

The surroundings of St. Stephen's have undergone considerable changes, with tower blocks replacing the older dwellings. The old church remains but alongside it there is a modern vicarage and an attractive modern church hall built, as a plaque records, with the proceeds of compensation for demolition of the previous hall. Its facilities were generously made available by the vicar (Rev. Martin Brion).

HELD THE FORT

The meeting faced a difficulty at the outset, as Roland Park had withdrawn from the presidency without completion of the full year of office. Bill Tyson, immediate past president, held the fort and conducted the election of a new president. Ken Lawson was the only nomination and he was declared elected. Later all the other officers were re-elected with one exception, but individual elections were held as members had expressed dissatisfaction with re-election en bloc. Kenneth Arthur was the one exception, and he retired (as announced last year) and Tom Cooke was elected to succeed him as ringing master. The officers for 1970-71 are: President, Kenneth Lawson; secretary, Denis Bayles; treasurer, Eric Harrison; ringing master, Tom Cooke; editorial secretary, Ken Lawson; auditor, Frank Ainsley; trustees, Kenneth Arthur and Eric Harrison. District officers:—Northern—chairman, S. Hewitt; ringing master, D. Martin; secretary, D. Wheeler. Central—chairman and ringing master, W. Tyson; secretary, N. Johnson. Southern—chairman, K. Lawson; ringing master, T. Cooke; secretary, F. Hodgson.

Sixteen new members were elected—nine from Hurworth, four from Shincliffe and one each from Brancepeth, Fenham and Lanchester. Two clerical members were elected and William Gofton was made a life member. Some years ago his father, R. Alder Gofton, was also a life member. It is not unusual for a son to follow in his father's footsteps, and give over 50 years membership to a ringing society, but for the father still to be alive when his son has done this must surely be rare!

From reports of a committee meeting in September it was seen that the financial position had improved with the increase in subscriptions; the total balances had increased by just over £20 and the general fund was just in credit. This position was regarded as satisfactory, as a comprehensive annual report had been printed for the first time for several years. A new ring of bells had been installed at Shincliffe, and the bells at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, had been rung again after rehanging, but on the debit side the bells of Hexham Abbey have been declared unsafe and ringing there has stopped. Efforts to revive ringing at Blay-

Hereford Guild.

FESTIVE OCCASION

The annual dinner of the Hereford Guild took place at the Royal Oak, Leominster, on October 17, when there was an attendance of 87. At the top table the master (Mr. Reg Powell) was supported by the Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. Hodson) and Mrs. Hodson, Mr. David Beacham (general secretary, Worcestershire Association), Miss Noele Gordon (TV star of "Crossroads"), Mr. and Mrs. J. Haliwell (Hereford), Mr. G. Cross (secretary, Hereford Guild) and Mrs. Cousins.

After an excellent dinner the speeches were brief and witty. The Church and State was proposed by Mr. J. Haliwell, with response by the Bishop; The Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. D. Beacham, response by Miss Valerie Edge (a past master), The Visitors, Mr. Harold Thomas (Bridgnorth), with response by Miss Noele Gordon.

At the conclusion, entertainment was provided by Mr. Les Bonner (magician), Miss Christine Benbow (folk songs). A touch of Bob Major on handbells was rung by Elizabeth Wycherley 1-2, Peter Wycherley 3-4, Norman Mattingley 5-6, Marcus Sherwood 7-8.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. George Cousins for his work in making the arrangements for this most enjoyable function. Earlier, ringing took place on the ten at Leominster Priory. F. C. A. B.

don, Morpeth and Hurworth were noted, the latter being particularly successful, as testified by the election of new members. The dinner held at Sunderland, the first for a number of years except for special occasions, had also been successful.

Peals totalled 21 (19 tower and 2 in hand) against 47 (46 and 1) the previous year. The leading peal ringers were George Deas and Eric Harrison (15 each) and Michael Maughan the leading conductor (with 9). Ealing Surprise Major was rung for the first time for the association.

RULES TO BE EXAMINED

It was agreed that a small sub-committee should examine the rules and report to the committee in January, when the Christmas party is to be held at Chester-le-Street. The dinner had been arranged for May 1 at the County Hotel, Newcastle, and the annual general meeting in September at Darlington.

The service was held in St. Stephen's after tea. The vicar conducted the service and gave a short address. He had the assistance of Peter Rock at the organ, Ann Lawson and Denis Bayles reading lessons, and Messrs. Anderson, Bayles, Johnson and Lawson in ringing handbells. The collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £3 1s. 2d.

With parking restrictions removed in the evening, members were able to make their way to the Cathedral, where ringing continued.

For dispersal, as for assembly, the association's territory is now served by a splendid road system linking its principal centres, and recently the Durham Motorway acquired a modern services area. On the way home several ringers tried the restaurant and found themselves attracted to machines bearing the label CHANGE. Such is the degree of automation in this establishment that unless one has the right coins the food and drinks remain visible but unobtainable. D. A. B.

EARLSHEATON BELLS

When Yorkshire ringers speak of the bells at Earlsheaton, they automatically associate with them the name of Mr. Hemingway Dransfield.

Hemingway is the second oldest member of the Yorkshire Association and reached the age of 90 on November 14. His association with Earlsheaton bells goes back over the whole of his life, for he started to learn to ring them in July, 1897, and continued to do so until a few years ago, when he had to give up, following an illness. His profound interest in the bells and in ringers and ringing in general, however, has not waned; Hemingway reads The Ringing World weekly from cover to cover and claims all ringers as his friends. It is understandable, therefore, that he looked at the weekend of October 3-4 with regret, for the bells were rung for the last time.



Mr. Hemingway Dransfield taking part in the final ringing at Earlsheaton.

St. Peter's Church was built in 1825 on steep ground overlooking Dewsbury and was buttressed by surrounding houses clinging to the hillside. It is reputed that the demolition of these houses in recent slum-clearance has allowed the hillside to become unstable and as a result the church is to be demolished.

In the early 1850s a fund was started in Yorkshire to alleviate suffering amongst the survivors of the Holmfirth flood, caused when a reservoir burst its banks. Surplus money from the fund was returned to the parishes which donated it, and in Earlsheaton it became the basis of a collection for a set of bells for the church.

Subsequently eight bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor in F, were installed by Mears and Stainbank and were rung for the first time on Friday, May 27, 1853. They were rehung by Taylors in 1916. In recent years the interest from a bequest of £500, left in 1941 by a Mr. Haythorne, of Heckmondwike, has helped towards their maintenance.

The early ringers at the church were keen on good striking and contest ringing, and the band soon became famous for its hoarding of the cups and shields awarded as prizes in striking contests by the local ringing societies in Yorkshire. They won the cup of the Halifax and District Association 20 times in nearly as many years and the cup of the now disbanded Heavy Woollen District Association innumerable times.

Hemingway relates that when he started to ring, all the learners paid 2d. per lesson for their tuition and were not allowed to (Continued overleaf)

WILFRED WILLIAMS' "BORDER" TOUR

The 1970 tour looked like being a wash-out when there was such torrential rain that Wilfred's car was aquaplaning up the M1, while Giles Galley was marking time in a garage in Sheffield after burning out his wiper motor on the M1 further north. But we all got to the Prince Rupert in Shrewsbury in the end, and Wilfred doesn't mind a "wet" birthday. We made a promising start the next morning with a peal of London Royal at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, being met by Hector Bennett, Ernest Willcox and other local worthies.

London was again successfully scored on the grand eight at Market Drayton later in the day and duly celebrated in the Corbet Arms in the company of Fred Price, Arthur Pearson and Ernest Drew, who kindly came to meet us.

Back at Shrewsbury the next morning we rang for the service at St. Mary's, and Pat Cannon demonstrated his masterly handling by knocking off his spectacles and breaking them! After lunch one band, augmented by George and Norah Randles, went to Broughton and rang Rutland, while at Wem a certain well-known 12-bell conductor, perhaps reflecting that six peals of Bristol on a recent week in Kent was too much of a good thing, slipped up in our first attempt at the method.

At the Wynnstay, Oswestry (our H.Q. for the rest of the tour), we found that the

EARLSHEATON BELLS—continued.

ring with the band proper until they could prove their competence. They were then paid 6d. per session for ringing on Sundays and had a system of deductions for late attendance—2d. deduction if not within the church gates as the clock struck the appropriate time and 4d. deduction if ten minutes late. If a ringer failed to attend without reasonable excuse then on top of receiving no fee a fine of 2d. was levied.

The keenness of the old bands for contest ringing was so great that relations between the ringers were sometimes strained; one ringer was turned away from the tower for several years after making a slip in a contest.

There are several peal boards in the ringing chamber testifying to past performances, but the chamber is dominated by a large portrait of a late ringer, Jack Garforth, who originally learned to ring at Dewsbury but moved to Earlsheaton following a dispute with the vicar. It was given to the tower on his death and has since kept an eye on the proceedings. Young lady ringers in recent years claim that during peals they have felt a little uneasy at the figure brooding down on them, demanding either good striking or no peal!

The Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association held an afternoon meeting at the tower on October 3, and upwards of 40 ringers took advantage of the opportunity of having a final ring on the bells. The ringing was concluded by a well-struck course of Kent T.B., which was the special method of the old bands and the method for most of the peals at the tower. Hemingway was present at the gathering and at tea afterwards.

A peal of St. Nicholas' Triples was rung on the following afternoon by a composite band from Ossett Parish Church and Wakefield Cathedral.

This concluded the ringing life of the bells and they were removed from the tower a week or so later. R.C.



Left to right: Bob Dennis, Wilfred Williams, Tudor Edwards, George Thoday, Ralph Edwards, Pat Cannon, Ken Hesketh, Peter Border, David Rothera, Stan Mason, Kingsley Mason, Giles Galley.

friendly young manager was also a ringer, hailing from Fairford, Glos.

On Monday morning London was rung at Church Stretton, and Spliced London and Cambridge Royal well rung in the afternoon at Coalbrookdale—the tower of the late Bill Saunders.

On Tuesday we ventured into Wales to ring on the delightful new eight at Berriew, where no peals are allowed now. The vicar (and Archdeacon) proudly showed us his Vicarage, built in 1616 by "TK" (Tenor King?). From there we drove over the mountains (with a glimpse of the Welshpool and Llanfair narrow gauge railway en route, complete with steam engine) to Dolgellau. Again no peal, as they are not allowed, but a pleasant ring. In the afternoon came our second failure. After practically three hours of Yorkshire at Barmouth, with two courses to go, we were stopped by the assistant curate. (There had been a breakdown in communications somewhere.)

On Wednesday a visit to two of the Seven Wonders of Wales—Gresford Bells and Wrexham Tower. At Gresford we rang Rutland, which was George Randles' first College Youths peal, with the senior steward and treasurer also in the band. A mid-day funeral necessitated an early start and a brisk pace (3-5). A visit to the lovely church at Malpas meanwhile verified that we could not ring there later in the week. After the band had refreshed itself with pints of "Border" ("the popular beer" from Wrexham) in the Yew Tree at Gresford, George and Norah Randles entertained us to a sumptuous buffet lunch at their home. The fine ten at Wrexham are mainly Rudhall bells and we scored a good peal of Cambridge Royal in the afternoon, before being welcomed at the Seven Stars by George Ledsham, landlord, ringer and friend of Ralph Edwards.

Thursday morning saw 65 minutes of Stedman Triples at High Ercall (cast by Taylor in the 1870s) before we had to stop because of a shift on the front; so again Leslie Barry's one peal attempt of the week was doomed. A local lady who evidently admired our ringing was there with a flask of coffee, which we drank round the font! Six good men and true, who had all rung over two tons to peals, set to work meanwhile on the heavy six at Clive (25 cwt.) and rang the first 7-method peal on the bells, with Kingsley Mason, whose first tour

it was, on the tenor. These bells are very loud outside but sound a treat across the valley, and as they were well rung no one seemed to mind. Meanwhile the losers had a ring on the lovely little six at Moreton Corbet (and also a choir practice, with a reverend gentleman at the keys and Ralph Edwards on the blower!). The day was completed with a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the grand Taylor 12 at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

On Friday we rang London at Shifnal, then Arthur Pearson and his wife kindly gave us lunch at Claverley before we moved on to the church, built in local sandstone and overlooking a very pretty village, where we rang Bristol. We enjoyed meeting Fred Bennett and Ernest Drew again.

On Saturday Lincolnshire at Northop (Flint) enabled several to score another county. Meanwhile Wilfred and David and Susan Rothera were sampling the local tennis courts at Oswestry. In the afternoon we rang Roger Baldwin's Bristol on the magnificent eight at Eccleston, cast by Taylor just after the turn of the century—real vintage bells!

Sunday was a memorable day for the scenery. We visited Lake Vyrnwy, the reservoir for Liverpool, built with a massive stone dam by the Victorians, with a backcloth of dark and silent forests. On through the Cambrian mountains and past the new Clywedog Reservoir to Llanidloes, where Alan Ainsworth (another new recruit) called London on the recently-augmented bells in their curious, squat tower.

On Bank Holiday Monday we rang a good peal of London Royal at St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme—the bells sound better outside than in—and met with disaster on the tuneful ten at Crewe, where after two leads of Pudsey Royal the sixth clapper broke. Our four failures were all for different reasons.

We rang 15 peals (some good ones, too, probably because we stuck to methods we all knew well), coupled with a sound knowledge of each other's ringing characteristics, enabling bands to be well placed—an important factor in peal ringing, often underestimated.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all, but not least to Wilfred himself, for a memorable tour.

G. C. G. D. E. R.

Editorial

FOOTNOTES

There is no bigger bone of contention in the R.W. than what should or should not be included under peals (and quarter peals) as footnotes. The "first peal, first in method," etc., of course, are essential, and there are the recognised additions for weddings, funerals, church festivals, but many bands seem lately to be finding every possible triviality to put under the peal details, many of which have no connection with church or public occasions. A peal rung for the treble ringer's wife's cousin's birthday, or for the 3rd birthday of the conductor's son is, we consider, not worthy of a footnote, and exaggerated and lengthy wording is absolutely unnecessary.

The bells are the property of the church and should first and foremost be rung for its festivals and services. There is an obligation for all peals to be published in the R.W., but this does not extend to footnotes, although sometimes these make interesting reading.

Occasionally items of especial interest and considered of more importance have been extracted from the peal report and used as news items. This has not found favour with the band ringing the peal as the two items are thus divorced. Quite a few of the footnotes rank as advertisements, and where this applies we suggest that the correct amount be enclosed so as to ensure publication of the details with the peal. We are always pleased to include short items of news under the Gossip heading, and if senders of peal and quarter peal reports will put these on a separate sheet every endeavour will be made to include such items.

To those who have not yet received their Ringing World Calendar we apologise for the delay, which is due to pressure of work in the printing machine room. Just as soon as we receive delivery of our reprint order, our staff (of three!) will combine their efforts to get the calendars despatched.

"In July I took a cardigan by mistake from a tower in the Bristol area. If the person who lost it will contact me I will return it," writes Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare.

Personal Records: Roland Morant (200 peals), John W. Smith (150), Ronald K. Russ (175), Mary Wells (50), William A. Yates (300), Frank C. Price (450), Christopher Grandidge (25), James Morley (100), Dorothy M. Durrant (50).

A quarter peal of All Saints Doubles was rung on All Saints Day in All Saints' tower, Ashcott, Somerset, the actual tower in which this method was composed. It was also a married couples' quarter peal and the conductor's 150th.

What was intended as the first peal of Royal by the Andover District, rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, unfortunately could not be counted as such. The illness of one of the ringers prevented him taking part and a substitute took his place. It is intended to get the first resident peal on another occasion.

Mr. G. H. Ellis, of Limerick, sends a cutting from Irish Independent, which reports that a business man has arranged for Beverley Minster, Yorks, bells to be taped to be used in the small church at Louisburgh, Co. Mayo.

The recent competition (run by the Nottingham District) to guess the total weight of Arnold bells was won by Mr. Reginald Wright, of St. Peter's, Nottingham, who was only 6 lbs. from the correct figure of 27 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

First peal congratulations to Norman Tawn and Julian A. Long.

The tenor clapper at Loughton, Essex, fell out on Remembrance Sunday, but a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

The Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1971, is now available and the advertisement gives details of where to send. There are several new touches and quarter peals this year and the publishers advise early application for this "must" among ringers.

Five young ladies (average age 13) took part in a quarter at Blunsdon, Wilts, and raised £11 10s. through sponsors for St. Leonard's Heating Fund.

Wearing his Southwell Diocesan Guild badge and seen drinking (whisky?) from the cup he had won, Mr. Derick Kirtton was pictured recently in the South Notts Advertiser after having become Coddington Conker Champion of 1970. Derick also had a bottle of sherry and half a dozen glasses presented to him by Mrs. Nina Terry, who organises many similar events for the old folk's fund. Derick's brother John is tower captain at Coddington.

Ordering a Ringing World Calendar, a gentleman in Gloucester enclosed a personal donation "to acknowledge the interest I, a non-ringer, get from it, and as thanks for the jokes and aphorisms I have occasionally 'lifted' to print in the parish magazine I edit."

The radio quiz programme "My Word" on November 9 included the question: "What are Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman?" After surmising they might be characters in the radio serial "The Archers" John Wells identified them as terms connected with campanology "which is what happens up campaniles." Frank Muir revealed that he had been a bell-ringer until the age of 14½, when he had his tonsils removed (why did that halt his ringing career?), and informed the audience that Grandsire Doubles, which he had rung, was a smaller version of Grandsire Triples. The questionmaster, Jack Longland, displayed diplomatic caution when he confirmed that these terms represented the "principal methods" of ringing changes, though he stood in fear of correction knowing the complexity of the subject and that "campanologists are incredibly skilful."

"Shattering the post-prandial Sabbath calm" is the description given by a correspondent in sending three quarter peals rung for the joining of three villages into one parish.

Six young people have, during the past 12 months, been ringing the bells at Poslingford, Suffolk (pop. 142!), and are equally accomplished to ring in a quarter. Having only five bells, the youngsters draw lots to see who takes part in the different quarter peals to be attempted. [With such enthusiasm, maybe an increase in the number of bells will be forthcoming one day soon.—Ed.]

Richard Jones, 43 Bradbourne Street, London, S.W.6, being a keen three-bell ringer, would be very glad to make the acquaintance of the author of the article on Yorkshire three- and four-bell towers published on page 885. He is, with friends, compiling a list of rings of three- and four-bell towers.

As the old farmer/dealer once said: "Honesty is the best policy—mind you, I've managed very well without it up to now."—Plain Bob.



IN 1935

Mr. F. Hodgson, of Darlington, came across the old photograph of a Gloucester tour in September, 1935, when he was perusing some personal papers of the late Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor. He says it would not be often in those days that such an abundance of talent would be gathered together, and we reproduce it here, with the names.

L. to r.: Stafford Green, John H. Cheeseman, George Williams, Alfred Pye (back row); Frank Bennett, George Martin, Len Stillwell, Gabriel Lindoff, Jim Shephard, J. C. E. Simpson, A. J. Hughes, E. Jenkins, L. M. G. Morris, W. H. Fussell and H. H. Firth (non-ringer).

It states that the photo was at Shipton-under-Wychwood (Oxon) and a peal of Superlative S. Major was rung.

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"ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir, — Whilst agreeing with Mr. Michael Uphill (page 854) that Plain Bob is best for starting learners, I feel he is both over-estimating their understanding and making Grandsire more complicated than it is.

Learners are only going to know when to dodge if they know in advance that they cut or wait at backstroke, or handstroke in Grandsire. I do not think many learners realise where they are dodging in relation to the lead-end.

I once had a band of "Minor only" ringers at an eight-bell practice. They were told that Grandsire Triples is third's place Bob Minor (with the work "by the treble" the same) and so should dodge one place higher, dodging therefore at handstroke. We rang a fairly respectable course. Once the plain course is familiar the bobs are simple; double-dodge where you are.

Having said the above, I think Mr. Uphill and W. G. W. would agree that as most methods are developed from Plain Bob, Grandsire, like Stedman, is an interesting sideline.—Yours faithfully,
East Malling, Kent. **STEPHEN GARNER.**

PROTECTING OUR BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is common knowledge that the stealing of bells from church towers—particularly those in isolated districts—is on the increase, as bell metal is valuable. The answer is surely to leave the bells standing in the "up" position.

Ringers know that this is highly dangerous. But if the rope ends are attached to a hook which can be drawn up and the securing rope padlocked, no visitor or ringer can get the bells "down." Nor can any thief ring the bells down to remove them without rousing the neighbourhood.

A large notice in the ringing chamber stating that the bells are up and that it is highly dangerous to touch them should deter any innocent visitor or unauthorised person from interfering with them.

Those who do so should be informed that such interference is at their own risk.—Yours faithfully,

Tewkesbury, Glos.

L. J. BIRCH.

RECORDS KEPT

Dear Sir,—As I keep a record of quarter peals published in *The Ringing World*, I find that I did not have a note of the quarter peal rung at Starcliffe, Derbyshire, on April 26, 1966, which Mr. Riley mentions in his letter on page 854.

As 1966 was the first year in which I started keeping these records, I could have missed publication of this quarter, in which case I would like to be corrected. If not, then the claim for the first quarter on the bells on July 25, 1970, still stands, at least since 1966.

Incidentally, the claim that the quarter rung at Shustoke, Warwickshire, on June 23, 1970, was the first for ten years is incorrect, as I have three recorded in 1966, i.e. June 26, Bob Doubles; September 1, Bob Minor; and one of 9 Doubles. — Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Portsmouth, Hants.

BELLS AROUND SCARBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the article on bells around Scarborough (R.W., page 855) as I am bringing up to date Consett Boulter's "Church Bells of the East Riding". There are, however, one or two points in need of correction and some things which can be clarified.

At Seamer your correspondent missed the most interesting bell, a small sanctus bell of French origin dated 1548. It is cracked and this has been cut out. Apparently it was used for many years at Seamer Railway Station before its restoration to the church.

Weaverthorpe's three are swing chimed (the tower is Saxon) and are by Edward Seller II, Samuel Smith I and William Oldfield. Helperthorpe's bells are hung for full circle ringing but the sides of the wheels are beginning to come off (why don't bellfounders use brass screws and glue instead of iron nails? Is it built-in obsolescence?). Kirby Grindalyth's three are at the moment unringable due to the work of pigeons: they are buried in droppings up to the waist. The fittings exposed were in good condition and with some work here it may be possible to get these going again. The 2nd and 3rd are interesting 14th century bells by John Potter, of York. The frame, etc., is by Taylors, 1876.

Burton Agnes had its bells rehung dead as a chime in 1968. The 2nd and 4th are by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, dated 1601.

Beeford's bells are now unsafe and I was unable to obtain permission to see them.

I was not surprised to hear that Leven's bells were stiff. When I visited there in 1968 they were prevented from swinging by pieces of wood nailed from the frame to the headstock! The tenor, incidentally, is 6-3-2 in B flat.

There are a few other sets of bells in the area which may be of interest to visitors there:—

Cayton (near Seamer), a Taylor three of 1897 (I have not been there yet so I don't know their condition).

Hunmanby, a swing-chimed three rehung by Taylors in R.S.J.s. A fourth bell used to be here until 1858, when it was sold to Mears to pay for a new clock. (It was a John Potter bell of c. 1370!)

There are "swing chiming only" twos at Reighton and Bampton (Bampton's bells are again 14th century, by John Potter).

At Bessingby there is a chime of eight tubular bells whilst at Sherburn there are eight hemispherical bells stacked saucer fashion, as well as a normal bell and another cracked one unhung in the tower.

There is a ringable three at Rillington (towards Malton) rehung in a metal frame by Taylors in 1909. These are swing-chimed by the locals.

The A170 road to Pickering from Scarborough has some interesting churches and bells. There are three at Hutton Buscel in a substantial wooden frame. Treble and tenor are Taylors 1902 recasts, whilst the second is an extremely fine bell by John Potter (yet again). The inscription is in his large Gothic capital letters and the bell looks as though it came from the founders only yesterday. The detail in the lettering is very clear.

Five miles further on is Ebberston, a three of 5 cwt. in a metal frame with plain bearings and Hastings stays. The next village of Allerston also possesses a ringable three in a 1910 metal frame by Taylors. The tenor of about 7 cwt. is a mediæval one, probably by John Hoton,

ST. MARY'S, BISHOP'S CANNINGS

Dear Sir,—The writer of the interesting account of Bishop's Cannings church and bells (*Ringing World*, November 13) refers to the fact that the village derives its name from the Bishops of Salisbury having at one time had a palace there.

I believe, to be strictly correct, that the original owners of the palace (or manor house) were the Bishops of the ancient See of Ramsbury, a small village near the eastern border of the county, but in 909 important enough to be made the seat of a bishopric. The great diocese of Sherborne was then split and most of Wiltshire and Berkshire were administered from Ramsbury, which endured as a diocese for 160 years. Succeeding bishops, however, found the small revenue to be an embarrassment and in 1075 the Sees of Sherborne and Ramsbury were united in one bishopric and the See was set up in Old Sarum.

Incidentally, All Cannings, a little further along the Vale of Pewsey, is a place of even greater antiquity and the Church of St. James, Devizes, was once a chapel of All Cannings Church of All Saints.

As for the folk of Cannings being simple, all good Wiltshiremen will reply in the words of the old song, "The vlie be on the turmut but there baint no vlies on me."—Yours faithfully,

Thurston, Suffolk. **C. W. HANCOCK.**

ENDERBY DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Whiting's query about Enderby Delight Minor and A. Gill.

Arthur Gill was a member of the Wathon-Dearne company, a tower which for at least a century and a half maintained a tradition of Minor method ringing culminating in 1927 in ringing 197 720's in 186 different methods, 147 of which had not been previously recorded.

Arthur prepared many notebooks which he distributed among his ringing friends, containing many methods which he had collected and classified.

The method Enderby is one such method. Arthur was no antiquarian and left few explanations as to the derivations of his methods. It may be that he had rung it somewhere at some time or perhaps the method was one of those rung and named by the Wathon-Dearne company.

With regard to "The Brides of Enderby" in Jean Ingelow's poem, I made extensive inquiries some years ago and was left in no doubt that the tune was fictitious.

I note that Mr. Whiting has not yet read *High Tide*. I would suggest that he repairs this omission at the earliest opportunity, as it is one of the most beautiful and moving poems in the English language.—Yours faithfully,

Wakefield, Yorks. **HAROLD CHANT.**

of York (c. 1450). The four at Middleton (just west of Pickering) are a pleasant ring of bells.

Hackness Church possesses three bells which are clocked (!). The frame is in poor condition.

The clergy, with one or two notable examples, have always been most helpful and displayed great interest in their bells when I have made my enquiries. In many cases it would seem that a few repairs would enable a fair number of rings to be rung properly again. Perhaps the ringers of the area may consider such work.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. DAWSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

Quarter Peals

ALL SAINTSTIDE (November 1)

Ashcott, Som.—1260 All Saints Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. A. F. K. Prime 2, A. F. K. Prime (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, Mrs. R. Parker 5, R. Parker 6.

Barkingside, Essex.—1260 Bob Triples: Janet Peck 1, Angela Jackson 2, D. Morton 3, D. Gower 4, Susan Turcan 5, Jillian Turcan 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Coggins 8.

Caddington, Beds.—1296 Surprise Minor (Norwich, London): Sheila Foster 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, Mary Faircloth 3, J. Faircloth 4, M. Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6.

Cockermouth, Cumb.—1376 Bob Major: Mary Dodd 1, P. Kay (first Major) 2, J. Brownrigg 3, P. Bell (first Major) 4, R. Wetenhall (first Major as cond.) 5, J. Hulley (first Major) 6, H. Byrom 7, C. Gates 8.

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex.—1260 Bob Doubles: Jennifer Martin (first quarter) 1, A. Gibbons 2, D. Whent 3, D. Martin 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6.

Cranham, Glos.—1320 Ipswich S. Minor: Bernard Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Malcolm Taylor (first in method) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, Eric Taylor (cond.) 6.

Fulham, London (All Saints).—1273 Grand-sire Triples: Jean F. West 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, E. J. Adams 4, A. J. Hampton 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.—1260 Bob Doubles: W. Hewitt (first Doubles) 1, Jane Smith 2, Angela Barrett (first inside) 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Wendy Young (first quarter) 1, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 2, Angela Barrett 3, N. D. Kirk 4, M. J. Kirk (140th quarter) 5.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—1320 Doubles/Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, I. J. Whit-tear 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. Also for Joint Anglican and Methodist Holy Communion. Also 1266 Bob Minor: Anthea S. Bruce 1, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. E. Bulleid 5, I. J. Whittear 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, J. Knipe cover.

Nettleham, Lincs.—1260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Frankland 1, Miss R. Redden 2, Miss R. Wilson 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, D. Booth 5, W. Booth (cond.) 6.

Oxford (St. Martin and All Saints).—1280 Yorkshire S. Major: J. Pearce 1, N. Allnatt 2, A. Pink 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, S. Bamforth 5, W. Porter 6, B. White 7, J. Camp (cond.) 8.

St. Albans, Herts (St. Peter).—1260 Bob Royal: Marion Owen (first quarter) 1, Dawn Owen 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Rosemary Howard (first P.B. inside) 4, R. A. Sheasby 5, T. C. Holland 6, Joyce M. Clarke (first as cond. on tower bells) 7, Frances Dodds 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

Silsoe, Beds.—1272 Bob Minimus: P. L. Robinson 1, T. P. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, M. D. Hodgson (14, first quarter) 5.

Sutton-on-Trent, Notts.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Wilson (first Triples) 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Hall 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8.

FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY (November 8)

Braintree, Essex.—1260 Stedman Triples: P. G. Brown 1, M. E. Downs 2, Josephine A. Brown 3, Anne C. Simkins 4, A. R. Syder 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, K. W. Reed 8. First Stedman 4, 6. Half-muffled.

Bramford, Suffolk.—1260 Minor (London S., Plain Bob): Sandra Cunningham 1, K. Dakin 2, Rev. L. Pizey 3, A. Munnings 4, R. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. Lockwood 6.

Charlwood, Surrey.—1260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, Mary Dallison 3, K. Dallison 4, Marion Dallison (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. Half-muffled.

Chisleton, Wilts.—1260 Doubles (five methods): Violet Ballard 1, Heather Rouse 2, Ann Toomer (cond.) 3, F. G. Cook 4, C. D. Wilkins 5, M. H. Rouse 6. Half-muffled.

Cleckheaton, Yorks.—1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Warford 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, R. R. Warford (cond.) 4, E. Betts 5, Mrs. Jean Allatt (first quarter) 6.

Enfield, Middx (St. Andrew).—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Pask 1, Linda J. West 2, R. R. Wood 3, D. J. Duggan 4, A. S. Baker (cond.) 5, N. Holtan 6. Half-muffled.

Finedon, Northants.—1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Richardson 1, E. J. Chapman 2, A. Marks 3, N. F. Pearson 4, E. C. Buckley 5, R. J. Cowley 6, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 7, K. J. Chapman 8. Half-muffled.

Haslemere, Surrey.—1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Quick 1, F. Bowden 2, B. J. Toms 3, Mrs. K. E. Bowden 4, H. A. May 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8. Half-muffled.

Hersham, Surrey.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Anthony 1, Hazel Pady 2, A. Bailey 3, Pam Bird 4, Dawn Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6, H. Colcombe 7, J. Bailey 8.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes).—1277 Grandsire Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Mrs. S. Trotter 2, C. A. Hughes 3, Mrs. H. Oatway 4, Mrs. E. M. Read 5, A. M. Stacey 6, R. Cadamy 7, B. Read 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. H. Burton 10.

Lutton, Lincs.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 4, G. H. Camp-ling 5. Half-muffled.

Markfield, Leics.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bilson (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, D. Seal (first inside) 3, P. D. Bailey 4, A. R. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Wardle 6. Half-muffled.

Petersfield, Hants.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Half-muffled.

Slough, Bucks.—1264 Bob Major: L. Stilwell 1, W. Birmingham 2, E. Armstrong 3, S. Hare 4, L. G. Pearson 5, J. C. Birt 6, D. C. Brown (cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8.

West Wickham, Kent.—Nov. 7, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Margaret J. Allport (first quarter) 1, Christine Northeast 2, S. H. Gay (first of Doubles as cond., 50th quarter) 3, C. Mundy 4, M. A. Gay 5, K. Gamm 6. Half-muffled.

Whitchurch, Cardiff.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Short (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Redman 2, F. Bailey 3, R. Hall 4, W. H. Hartford (cond.) 5, W. H. Dare 6.

HALF PEAL

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.—Sept. 17, 2528 Bob Major: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, W. T. Perrins 2, F. D. Mack 3, C. L. Barr 4, J. A. Foster 5, G. T. West 6, J. M. Clarke 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. Wedding compliment to James Clarke and Joan Hayward.

DATE TOUCH

Hellingly, Sussex.—Nov. 4, 1970 Cambridge S. Minor: D. I. Ramsay (first T.B.) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Beeny 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

FOUR IN A DAY

(October 28)

Uffington, Lincs.—1260 Minor (720 St. Clements, 540 Plain Bob): P. G. Butler 1, G. A. Flatters 2, Mrs. G. Butler 3, H. Barsley 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6.

Empingham, Rutland.—1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling 2, G. A. Flatters 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Edith Weston, Rutland.—1260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. A. Flatters 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. Butler 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. 50th together 2 and 6.

West Deeping, Lincs.—1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, M. J. Belcher 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, H. Barsley 6.

Abbott's Leigh, Som.—Nov. 7, 1440 Bob Minor: Helen Kirkpatrick 1, B. H. Goodliffe 2, S. J. Bateman 3, I. Newell 4, N. H. Coombs 5, R. W. Willans (cond.) 6.

Addington, Surrey.—Nov. 1, 1320 Doubles (3 methods): A. Hobbs 1, Penny Cocks 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5. For Family Communion.

Algarkirk, Lincs.—Nov. 3, 1260 Minor (four methods): D. Fensom 1, H. Barsley 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. A. Flatters 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. 25th together 4 and 6.

Alton, Hants.—Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, E. Fletcher 5, R. Tipper (150th quarter) 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Engagement compliment to Carol Stacey and Ken Waller.

Amersham, Bucks.—Aug. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: S. E. Darmon 1, Louise Evans 2, N. Whitlock (first inside) 3, A. K. Fortin 4, B. O. Spragg 5, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 6. In memoriam William E. Redrup.

Aylesbeare, Devon.—Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Wale (first quarter) 1, J. M. Carter 2, H. L. Crisp 3, W. Wale 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, A. Phillips 6.

Banstead, Surrey.—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. P. Cheesman 1, M. T. Harris 2, Rosemary Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, N. G. T. Steere 6, L. Reece 7, D. A. Young 8. First quarter 2 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

Bicker, Lincs.—Sept. 30, 1320 Doubles: S. Johnson 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 4, R. Baines 5, C. Bradley 6. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. B. Dawson 1, Yvonne Singleton (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6.

Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Singleton 6. Also Oct. 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Also Oct. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, H. Barsley 4, D. Fensom 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, M. J. Belcher 7, A. J. Singleton 8. Also Nov. 2, 1320 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, D. Fensom 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Blunsdon, Wilts.—Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Doubles: Louise Humm (first quarter) 1, Anne Ford 2, P. D. Naylor 3, Susan Houghton 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, Sandra Jones (first quarter) 6. For St. Leonard's Gift Day.

Bradford-on-Tone, Som.—Oct. 31, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela Bellamy 1, Rev. M. J. Odium 2, R. E. Colman 3, W. Stevens 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6. First Stedman 2 and 3.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, J. L. Glyde 2, R. Haines (cond.) 3, I. L. Andrews 4, M. J. Hiller 5, D. B. Ellery 6, Helen A. Haines 7, A. D. Case 8. For Trafalgar Day Evensong and also on United Nations Day. Also Oct. 27, 1296 Cambridge Minor: I. L. Andrews (first T.B.) 1, I. Calvert 2, A. J. Scott 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6, A. D. Case cover. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

Braintree, Essex.—Oct. 25, 1264 Bob Major: K. Reed 1, A. Semkins (first inside) 2, Josephine Brown 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Lindsell 6, P. Brown 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Bramford, Suffolk.—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Christian 1, Sandra Cunningham (first inside) 2, R. Whittell (cond.) 3, M. Whittell 4, P. Archer 5, S. Christian 6. For Evensong. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, Rev. L. Pizey (cond.) 2, P. Archer 3, A. Munnings 4, R. Lockwood 5, J. Hollins 6. For Evensong.

Brathay, Lancs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary W. Whalley 1, N. M. Newby 2, A. Capstick 3, E. Pepper 4, J. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Burford, Oxon.—Oct. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Prince 1, T. Hester 2, J. Coggins 3, M. Collett 4, W. Dixon 5, J. Collett 6, B. Hall (cond.) 7, T. Timms 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. R. Midwinter, Burford's oldest inhabitant.

Chinnor, Oxon.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Watkiss (first attempt) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, E. Harmsworth 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell 6. For morning service.

Coddington, Notts.—Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: J. Draycott 1, D. L. W. Tomlinson (first Minor, first inside) 2, Jennifer A. Curtis 3, D. J. Tysoe 4, D. E. Kirtan (cond.) 5, P. F. Curtis 6. For All Saints' Day. First Minor by Sunday service band.

Coleshill, Warks.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (3 methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): L. L. Willis 1, D. L. Hooper 2, Anne E. Deebank 3, R. Knight 4, M. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. Conington 6, A. G. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. For Evensong; also a 21st birthday compliment to Lynda M. Deebank.

Dickleburgh, Norfolk.—Nov. 1, 1260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Pl. Bob): D. Boast 1, T. Roast 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. Cook 4, H. Fuller 5, C. C. Pease (cond.) 6.

Dunholme, Lincs.—Aug. 26, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Bob Minor): H. J. Radley 1, Julie Radley 2, Gillian Radley 3, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 4, D. W. Bee 5, D. Phillipson 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Leslie Drury.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Exeter, Devon (St. Mark).—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, Susan M. Howe 2, J. L. Anderson 3, D. J. Atkins 4, M. R. Barker 5, C. F. Longridge 6, J. Hyden 7, R. J. Fox 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Dando 1, J. N. Longridge 2, Linda V. Cull 3, D. J. Atkins 4, C. F. Longridge 5, J. Hyden 6, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: Maureen P. Gardner 1, C. F. Longridge 2, Elizabeth Newbery 3, Margaret S. Powell 4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5, J. Hyden 6, K. A. Hughes 7, J. N. Longridge 8.

Talaton, Devon.—Nov. 3, 1272 Bob Minor: Margaret S. Powell 1, Elizabeth Newbery 2, Joan M. Kingdom 3, R. J. Wilshear 4, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

East Hagbourne, Berks.—Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Reed 1, W. R. White 2, Mrs. J. Garlick 3, C. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. Napper 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

Eckington, Worcs.—Nov. 1, 1344 Bob Major: Mrs. B. Schofield 1, Mrs. H. Schofield 2, A. F. Halling (first in method) 3, P. Treble 4, A. A. Paton 5, F. A. Munday 6, S. B. Schofield 7, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 8.

Epping, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1, R. Hayden 2, D. Langdon 3, C. Moore (first Stedman) 4, R. Walker 5, J. Aley 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For Evensong.

Evercreach, Som.—Oct. 2, 1260 Bob Royal: R. G. Beck 1, G. W. Massey 2, H. J. Sanger 3, Mrs. C. Higby 4, S. Lucas 5, E. J. Chivers 6, L. Wainwright 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8, R. Beck 9, D. McKay 10. First Royal 5, 7. A compliment to C. Wainwright and Miss N. Nolan on the eve of their wedding.

Far Headingley, W. Yorks.—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: Alison Child 1, J. C. Allen 2, Dorothy M. Skelton 3, P. R. Kelly 4, R. J. Atkinson 5, R. H. Roberts 6, E. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. I. Johnson 8. First Bob Triples 2, 3, 4, 5. For the induction of Rev. Roger Robinson as vicar.

Fleet, Lincs.—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, P. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, R. I. West 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. In memoriam J. B. Halifax (died November 3, 1969).

Hawkshead, Lancs.—Oct. 13, 1279 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whalley 1, Sheila H. Heaton 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, Dorothy M. L. Maudsley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For the induction of the vicar (Rev. N. B. Scott).

Heptonstall, W. Yorks.—Oct. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosalind A. Perry (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts 2, J. G. Rose 3, Rosamund M. Brown 4, J. C. Allen 5, D. Hird 6, R. G. Green (cond.) 7, A. M. Glover 8.

Horsell, Surrey.—Oct. 2, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell 1, E. R. Warner 2, D. Gain 3, Patricia C. Hill 4, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 5, R. Winckworth 6. For Harvest Supper. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell 1, E. R. Warner 2, D. Gain 3, D. Mozeley 4, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 5, R. Winckworth 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. J. Garrett (curate).

Hoos, Sussex.—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. J. Wooler 1, N. M. Chapman 2, D. I. Ramsay 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, T. M. Barlow 5.

Houghton, Hunts.—Oct. 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Longland 1, H. Levens 2, D. Prescott 3, F. Harwood 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, D. Longland 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goodliffe.

Hunslet, W. Yorks.—Oct. 11, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. C. Allen 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, A. Pattie Clapham 3, Elizabeth J. Campbell (first Cambridge) 4, G. J. Jones 5, D. Hird 6, J. G. Rose 7, R. G. Green (cond.) 8. Also Oct. 25, 1264 Bob Major: G. J. Jones 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, P. R. Kelly (first inside and of Major) 3, J. C. Allen 4, M. G. Dodson 5, I. G. Judd 6, D. Hird 7, R. G. Green (cond.) 8.

Hutton, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 All Saints Doubles: J. Walleit 1, C. Hill 2, P. Tyler Maggs 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5.

Kingswinford, Staffs.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Peakman 1, C. F. Jukes 2, Mrs. M. Eisel (first Triples) 3, N. Whitehouse 4, C. Peakman 5, M. Wright 6, J. C. Eisel (first Grandsire as cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Patronal Festival.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, S. J. Day 2, S. J. Clarke 3, K. I. Lucas 4, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 5, Eleanor Clemo 6. First principle 1, 2, 3, 6. First principle by a local band.

Leckhampton, Glos.—Oct. 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, Clare Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read 4, Helen Taylor 5, B. H. Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, M. P. Taylor 8. For the institution and induction of Canon Eric Brewin.

Leverington, Cambs.—Oct. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler 4, P. Charlesworth 5, G. Coleman 6. A farewell to P. Charlesworth.

Little Aston, Staffs.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Fairley 1, J. Budd 2, Valerie Perrott 3, R. Duckett 4, J. Paxton (first as cond.) 5, C. Duckett 6. First inside 2, 3. For Evensong; also 12th birthday compliment to 2nd. London, E. (St. Matthew, Bethnal Green).—Nov. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes 1, H. G. Weedon 2, J. Phillips 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. C. Offen 5, R. G. Brown 6, J. C. Slater 7, J. Platten 8. In memoriam John Mackenzie (bell tuner, Whitechapel Bell Foundry), died October 30.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.—Oct. 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: Pamela Hunt 1, Valma Fry 2, Judith Jack 3, L. H. Pink 4, M. W. C. Langdon (cond.) 5, W. J. Foot 6. First Doubles 1, 3.

Madron, Cornwall.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Diane Carter 1, W. R. Curtis 2, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 3, Marion L. Lidgley 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. J. S. Troon 6. Half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life and work of John David Cox, priest, Vicar of Madron 1963 to 1970. R.I.P.

Maidstone, Kent.—Nov. 1, 1265 Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, B. F. Baker 2, G. F. Cantrill 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, G. Patten 5, A. Macfadyen 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Thwaites 8. For Evensong.

Market Deening, Lincs.—Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Murdock 1, J. E. Coleman 2, C. Gibbons 3, P. Green 4, R. H. Daw (cond.) 5, S. Cooke 6. For the wedding of Victor (brother of 4th) and Glynis Green, married earlier this day. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Lee (first quarter) 1, Susan Aveyard 2, P. Green 3, C. Brown (first Minor) 4, C. Gibbons (first Minor) 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival; also for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams.

Nettleham, Lincs.—Oct. 25, 1320 Bob Doubles: A. Nicoll (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Wilson 2, D. Booth (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, W. Booth 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

Penhow, Mon.—Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. N. Williams 1, Jacqueline S. King 2, L. Cooke 3, R. W. Owen 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, J. Hoskins 6. Before the wedding of Meryl Edwards and Stuart Price.

Peterborough (St. John).—Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela Blackith 3, J. M. Tyler 4, W. J. Riley 5, D. P. Murdock 6, J. E. David 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

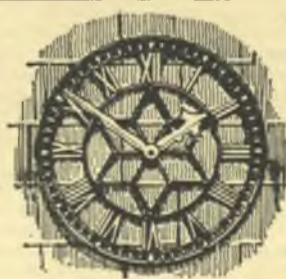
Piddlehinton, Dorset.—Nov. 4, 1320 Doubles (59 m/v): P. Cull 1, Mary E. Elmes (most m/v) 2, I. Calvert 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, G. W. Elmes 5.

Polesworth, Warks.—Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles (four methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Quadring, Lincs.—Oct. 20, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): J. Cook 1, W. B. Dawson 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, S. Johnson 6. Also Oct. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, W. B. Dawson 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton (cond.) 2, M. J. Belcher 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Belcher (cond.) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6.

Saxmundham, Suffolk.—Oct. 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. Peck 1, M. A. Baldry 2, T. Hughes (cond.) 3, M. J. Peters 4, R. P. Peters 5, A. H. Archer 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Alan R. Bridges.

Silsoe, Beds.—Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): P. L. Robinson (first quarter, aged 13) 1, T. R. Harris 2, P. A. Keene 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, C. Catlin 5, J. M. Randall 6.



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Shepton Beauchamp, Som.—Nov. 4, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. J. Dean 1, J. Kingsnorth 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, G. H. Baldam 5, F. J. White 6, M. Medley 7, D. G. Mayell (first Kent Major as cond.) 8. First Kent Major 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Sherborne, Dorset (Abbey).—Oct. 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Young 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda H. Sheppard 3, G. H. Baldam (cond.) 4, M. J. Medley 5, C. R. Field (first G.T.) 6, K. E. Beale 7, J. C. Sheppard 8.

Silloth, Cumb.—Oct. 24, 1296 Bob Major: A. Capstick 1, Mary Dodd 2, J. H. McTear 3, D. T. Sim 4, N. M. Newby, jun. 5, D. G. Kealey 6, C. F. Gates 7, K. M. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells, and to mark the centenary of the local church.

Solihull, Warks.—Nov. 1, 1259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Christine Hewitt 3, Verona C. Naylor 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

South Perrott, Dorset.—Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Valerie Calvert 1, Helen A. Haines 2, R. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, D. C. Ellery 6. Variation numbers 291 to 298 inclusive, believed rung for the first time.

Staunton, Glos.—Oct. 31, 1320 Surprise Minor (720 Norfolk, 600 Warkworth): Malcolm Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor (first in method) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Eric Taylor 5, Bernard Taylor (cond.) 6.

Swineshead, Lincs.—Oct. 27, 1320 Spliced Minor (4 methods): Yvonne Singleton 1, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 2, H. Barsley 3, G. A. Flatters 4, A. E. Flatters 5, P. H. Reynolds 6, W. B. Dawson cover.

Thornbury, Glos.—Oct. 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Poole 1, D. A. Chapman 2, G. T. Collins 3, G. Jackson (first Grandsire inside) 4, H. Taysom 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, P. J. Bird 7, W. C. Exell 8. Ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Poole.

Titchfield, Hants.—Nov. 1, 1440 Surfleet S. Minor: N. George 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, C. G. Bryant 5, H. L. Hatfield 6. First in method by all. A welcome to Megan Rachel Hatfield, daughter of Dianne and Lyndon (born October 24, 1970).

Twyford, Leics.—Nov. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. French 1, Karen French 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6.

Walkington, Yorks.—Sept. 23, 1440 Double Court: G. Drew 1, Joan Gray 2, Maris Stephenson 3, P. Carey 4, R. Carey 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of method 2, 4, 5. Also Oct. 4, 720 Kent T.B. Minor and 540 Bob Minor: Joan Gray (first as cond.) 1, Shirley Waddingham 2, Shirley Wight 3, P. Carey 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival. First in two methods by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Willingham-by-Stow, Lincs.—Oct. 24, 1320 Minor (three methods): Mrs. E. Gray 1, E. Dallingwater 2, J. F. Underwood 3, C. H. Baker 4, H. W. Cox 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Mary Bingham and David Hutchinson.

Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs.—Oct. 18, 1296 S. Minor: Daphne Cox 1, Mrs. A. G. Payne 2, B. Cox 3, H. Barsley 4, M. J. Belcher 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. For the christening of Rachel Lucy Love.

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Wills 1, Linda V. Cull 2, C. L. Barr 3, G. T. West 4, J. M. Clarke 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary Mack 1, C. L. Barr 2, F. W. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, G. T. West 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: G. T. West 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, K. T. Clarke (first in method) 3, J. M. Clarke 4, F. W. Williams 5, F. D. Mack 6, C. L. Barr (first in method as cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Royal: H. W. Barrett 1, C. Curson 2, I. B. Lowther (first on ten) 3, T. E. Spight 4, Adrial Walton 5, J. Dowe 6, C. H. Moore (first on ten) 7, G. D. Elvin 8, F. C. J. Arnold 9, H. Tooke (cond.) 10. 70th birthday compliment to P. W. J. Fryer and for the christening of Mr. Fryer's grandson (Peter Richard Fryer).

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (25 cwt.)

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

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 William H. Theobald
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 3 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 4 Antony R. Kench
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 Philip J. Rothera
- 7 Alan R. Patterson
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., Nov. 6, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 2 Variation.)

- 1 Alan M. Barber
- 2 Donald F. Murfet
- 3 Brian D. Threlfall
- 4 John G. Gipson
- 5 Frank E. Haynes
- 6 Philip J. Rothera
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 8 Dennis E. Pepper

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex, Christ Church.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (24½ cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by Richard A. G. Inglis.

- 1 A. Keith P. Poole
- 2 Martin Cubitt
- 3 Andrew J. Corby
- 4 William T. Cook
- 5 Christopher H. Rogers
- 6 Gwilym Salmon
- 7 Philip A. Corby
- 8 S. Clarke Walters
- 9 David E. House (Conductor)
- 10 Trevor N. J. Bailey

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (21 cwt.)

5058 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Barton (Selwyn).

- 1 L. G. Smith (Sidney Sussex)
- 2 J. L. Humphries (Jesus)
- 3 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)
- 4 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)
- 5 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 6 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 7 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)
- 8 R. L. Underwood (Cond., P'house)

A compliment to J. W. Ridgman (president) on his election to a Fellowship of University College.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (23 cwt.)

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by J. Carter.

- 1 C. M. P. Johnson (St. John's)
- 2 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)
- 3 M. Susan Jackson (Girton)
- 4 Hilary Muirhead (Newnham)
- 5 F. E. Haynes (Cond., St. Catharine's)
- 6 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 7 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 8 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
- 9 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
- 10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
- 11 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)
- 12 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)

A birthday compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, St. Thomas.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (14½ cwt.)

5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

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

*First in the method. †200th peal. First in method as conductor.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

ARLECDON, Cumberland, St. Michael.

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

5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES & MAJOR

Arranged by Kevin M. Price.

- 1 Vera C. Bell
- 2 Mary Dodd
- 3 Alan Capstick
- 4 Douglas T. Sim
- *5 David Bell
- 6 H. H. Furminger
- 7 David G. Kealey
- 8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First on eight. First Major and Triples by all and for association. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Furminger.

COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland, All Saints.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Arranged by Benjamin Annable.

- 1 Mary Dodd
- *2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- 3 Alan Capstick
- *4 Harry Byrom
- 5 Douglas T. Sim
- 6 David G. Kealey
- 7 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- †8 James Hully

*First Bob Triples. †First on eight. A farewell to the vicar (Ven. E. A. Pugh), recently consecrated Bishop of Penrith.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (22½ cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Edward P. Duffield
- 5 Richard J. Harrison
- 6 Keith W. Brown
- 7 Terry Earle
- 8 James L. Towler

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (5½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge).

- *1 Judy Harrison
- 2 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
- †3 Peter Sawyer
- 4 Richard J. Harrison
- 5 Yvonne A. Towler
- †6 James L. Towler

*First of Treble Bob. †First of 7-Surprise. †300th for the association.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
(Exeter Colleges Guild)**EXETER, Devon, St. Petrock.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Christopher F. Longridge
- 2 Margaret S. Powell
- 3 John N. Longridge (Conductor)
- 4 David J. Atkins
- 5 John Hyden
- 6 Kevin A. Hughes

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (23 cwt.)

5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Joyce M. Clarke
- 2 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
- 3 Elizabeth Forster
- 4 Frances Dodds
- 5 Julian D. Duggan
- 6 Terence C. Holland
- 7 Eric Edmondson
- 8 John E. Ewer
- 9 George W. Debenham
- 10 Harold V. Frost

For the wedding of Kenneth J. Darvill (past master of the St. Peter's Society) and Angela M. Wilton at Buckfastleigh, Devon, earlier this day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**DEPTFORD, London, S.E., St. John.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.)

5000 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR (2936 Little Bob, 2064 Plain Bob, 177 changes of method).

Composed by John Pladdys.

- 1 James Hedgcock
- *2 Valerie J. Howard
- *3 David A. Town
- *4 Peter F. Town
- *5 Tony Skilton
- 6 Trevor A. Cross
- 7 John A. Howard
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*First in these two methods spliced.

CITY OF LONDON, St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (16½ cwt.)

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

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Tony Skilton
- 4 Anthony J. Cox
- 5 Peter C. Randall
- 6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (25 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John Pladdys.

- 1 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 2 Tony Skilton
- 3 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 4 Anthony J. Cox
- *5 John W. Smith
- 6 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 7 Peter C. Randall
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*150th peal. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.**

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Margaret I. E. Manby
- 2 William Birmingham, jun.
- 3 Ronald Barclay
- 4 Peter Dyson
- 5 Paul Boucher
- 6 S. Nicholas Harrop
- 7 Roland F. Eccles
- 8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrop.

RIBCHESTER, Lancs, St. Wilfrid.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan E. Hill
- 2 Phillip S. Woods
- 3 Ian Smith
- 4 Geoff J. Howarth
- 5 Bryan D. Hill
- 6 John T. Parsons (Conductor)

Half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. J. S. Barnes-Wallis, 19 years rector.

ADLINGTON, Lancs, St. Paul.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Joseph Thornley
- *2 Pauline Tallis
- *3 William Birmingham, jun.
- 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 5 William Birmingham, sen.
- 6 Dennis H. McCormick
- 7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
- 8 Michael D. Fishwick

*First in the method.

SOUTHPORT, Lancs, Emmanuel.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Kenneth Edwards
- 2 A. Robin Guy
- 3 Denis R. Jones
- 4 Jeremy P. Richardson
- *5 David J. Bennett
- 6 Martin E. Snape
- 7 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)
- 8 John H. Fielden

*First in method. On the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**GUISELEY, Yorks (W. Riding) St. Oswald.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.)

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

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Elizabeth J. Campbell
- 2 A. Pattie Clapham
- 3 Gillian R. Cleaver
- 4 Jonathan G. Rose
- 5 Michael G. Dodson
- 6 Graham J. Jones
- *7 Roger G. Green (Conductor)
- *8 Alan M. Glover

*First of Spliced.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**STONEY STANTON, Leics, St. Michael.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14cwt.)

5152 STANTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by B. L. Burrows.

- 1 Neil Harvey
- 2 Christopher M. Sturgess
- 3 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)
- 4 Burley P. Morris
- 5 Martin Green
- 6 Robin A. Gilliver
- 7 John Vernon
- 8 K. Paul Gilliver

First in the method by all.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (30½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by J. R. White.

- *1 Philip R. Staples
- *2 Shelagh Dennis
- †3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- *4 David J. Smith
- †5 Clive J. Mobbs
- †6 Anthony E. Clayton
- *7 Richard M. Wilson
- 8 Stephen B. Bell
- 9 Stephen F. Royal (Conductor)
- 10 Roland H. Cook

*First on ten. †First of Royal. For the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.)

5088 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Sheila M. Anthony
- 2 Beryl E. Cawser
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 6 Barry E. Saunders
- 7 A. James Poynor
- 8 Rupert A. Clarke
- 9 Alan A. Paul
- 10 Graham C. Paul
- 11 Richard E. Price
- 12 Robert B. Smith

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Charles Middleton

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Ronald D. Hughes
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Clive J. Mobbs
- 5 Robert B. Smith
- *6 Peter D. Bailey
- 7 Alec R. Jones
- 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (4 cwt.)

5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

(One 2160 and four extents.)

- 1 Tom R. Roast
- 2 Geoffrey H. Pullin
- 3 Carole A. H. Patev
- 4 James B. Morley (Conductor)
- 5 Andrew Kett
- 6 Richard J. W. Housden

First in the method by all.

BELL ROPES**JOHN NICOLL**

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**MEASHAM, Leics, St. Lawrence.**

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9½ cwt.)

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

- 1 B. Stedman Payne
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- 3 Ronald D. Hughes
- 4 Frank Chambers
- 5 John K. Smith
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 Roger N. Scholes
- 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

Rung to open the Flower Festival.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**SLOUGH, Bucks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (17½ cwt.)

5040 EWERBY SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Helen M. Diserens
- 2 David C. Brown
- 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 4 Michael Hatchett
- 5 Robert H. Newton
- *6 Ronald K. Russ
- 7 Stephen J. Bedford
- 8 Peter J. Heritage
- 9 Norman V. Harding
- 10 Frank Reed

*175th peal. First in the method by all and for the guild. For the Feast of All Saints.

DRAYTON, Berks, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (9½ cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

- 1 Harry E. Wells
- *2 Mary Wells
- 3 Reginald W. Rex
- 4 Harry Lawrenson
- 5 Robert B. Blond
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 Peter R. Butler
- 8 John C. Baldwin

*50th peal. In memory of Alan R. Bridges, of Ipswich, Suffolk, who died on October 27, 1970.

BLETCHLEY, Bucks, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (15 cwt.)

5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Albert E. Daniels
- *2 Richard W. Yates
- 3 Terry G. Page
- 4 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
- 5 Malcolm G. Hooten
- 6 Raymond A. Vickers
- †7 William A. Yates
- 8 Roger Cadamy

*First in the method. †300th peal.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**WORTHEN, Shropshire, All Saints.**

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Richard C. Stevens
- 2 Elizabeth Stevens
- 3 Lorna E. Bedford
- 4 Jennifer M. Beech
- *5 Leonard Colley
- 6 Frank Beech (Conductor)

*First inside. For Patronal Festival.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**NORTHAMPTON, St. Giles.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (25 cwt.)

5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

(Circuit L/V.)

- 1 Frederick Vickers
- 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
- 3 Raymond A. Vickers
- 4 Barry E. Saunders
- 5 Rupert A. Clarke
- 6 Christopher C. Stokes
- 7 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
- 8 Barrie Hendry (Conductor)
- 9 Alan A. Paul
- 10 Graham C. Paul

STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob; 1 Kent T.B., Cambridge and St. Clements).

- 1 Philip Edgson
- 2 Iris R. D. Webb
- *3 Julian G. Edgson
- 4 Michael R. Bennett
- *5 Michael D. Fiander
- 6 Aubrey G. Eveleigh (Conductor)

*First in five methods. First in five Minor methods as conductor. Wedding compliment to Julian G. Edgson and Christine Lawrence.

WEEKLEY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (8 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
- *2 Selwyn J. Griffiths
- 3 Christopher Stephenson
- *4 Steven J. Bayliss
- *5 Christopher G. Chiplin
- 6 Richard J. Cowley

*First in the method. The conductor has circled the tower.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**HOAR CROSS, Staffs, The Holy Angels.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (28 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (4 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Elizabeth Stevens
- 2 Reginald H. Newton
- 3 Ian Friend
- 4 Frank Beech
- 5 Ernest F. Willcox
- 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

SUFFOLK GUILD**BREDFIELD, Suffolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Cecil W. Pipe
- 4 Ernest G. Pearce
- 5 J. Barrv Pickun (Conductor)
- 6 J. Martin Thorley

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17 cwt.)

5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Muriel R. Page
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Leslie G. Brett
- 4 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Alan G. Feaver
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

In memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

BARKING, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (11 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Jennifer M. Whittell
- *2 Margery Tawn
- 3 Neville F. Whittell
- †4 Norman Tawn
- 5 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor)
- 6 Edward E. Davey

*First of Minor. †First peal. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- 1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 2 Roger Peters
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 C. Jack Gibson
- 5 Winston S. Girling
- 6 A. Harry Archer

Half-muffled in remembrance of the Fall.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**LONDON, N., Stamford Hill, St. Anne.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 A. Stephen Taylor
- 2 Dorothea Robotham
- 3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
- 4 Neil V. Avis
- 5 Brian C. Watson
- 6 David A. Town
- 7 Peter H. Mackie
- 8 Keith J. Walpole

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**WESTBOURNE, Sussex, St. John the Baptist.**

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Henry Dains.

- *1 Eileen Jayne
- *2 William E. J. Cope
- *3 E. Winifred Keys
- *4 Christopher Renyard
- *5 Ernest Treagus
- *6 Philip Stevens
- *7 Neil R. Vollar
- 8 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor. To mark the 200th anniversary of erection of church spire.

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DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM****BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip.**

Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (31½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 2 Gillian Pipe
- 3 J. Edward Cawser
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Norman J. Goodman
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 9 George E. Fearn
- 10 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**STRATTON, Cornwall, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (22 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.

- 1 Ronald N. Marlow
- 2 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- 3 Mary E. Elmes
- 4 D. Roy Bould
- 5 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 Timothy F. Collins
- 8 Frederick E. Collins (Conductor)

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and
All Saints.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (2nd obs.).

- *1 J. Hilary Dash
- 2 Canon A. S. Roberts (Conductor)
- 3 Marion L. Lidgley
- 4 Robert Peel Pearce
- 5 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 6 Anthony Locke
- 7 Anthony J. Davidson
- 8 W. Reginald Curtis.

*First on eight. On the eve of the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Harry Miles on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of his first peal.

MAKER, Cornwall, SS. Julian and Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Cambridge, Beverley, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

- 1 George E. Mudge
- *2 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- 4 G. William Critchley
- 5 Anthony J. Davidson
- 6 Alan Carveth (Conductor).

*First in seven methods.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY**BRISTOL, St. Michael-on-the-Mount-
Without.**

Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (14½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Philippa M. Tubbs
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Anthony J. Cox
- 4 Ivor Newell
- 5 Peter C. Randall
- 6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD****SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Michael the
Archangel.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 ST. MICHAEL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by William Pye.

- 1 Colin J. Butler
- 2 Richard Green
- 3 Derek C. Jackson
- 4 Edward W. Colley
- 5 John S. Croft
- 6 Canon K. W. H. Felstead
- 7 George E. Evenden
- 8 Maurice J. Butler
- 9 David J. Forder
- 10 R. Roger Savory (Conductor)

First peal in the method. For the conclusion of the ninth centenary celebrations of the founding of this church. Also a farewell to Canon Felstead, vicar for 25 years.

ST. MICHAEL SURPRISE ROYAL—30—14—1250—1236—1270—1238—14
—50—18—90. 1.h. 15 B. f.c.h.: b, d.**SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (21 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. Tucker.

- *1 Christopher Pack
- †2 Michael J. Goss
- *3 Lynette Holbrook
- †4 Peter Watts
- †5 Philip G. Taylor
- †6 Peter L. Furniss
- 7 Bradley Murduck
- †8 Robert J. Crocker
- 9 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
- 10 Philip G. Murduck

*First on ten. †First of Royal. 21st birthday compliment to Bradley Murduck.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION****DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.**

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18½ cwt.)

5040 LINCOLNSHIRE S. ROYAL
(Traditional.)

- 1 Graham C. Paul
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- 3 Barry E. Saunders
- 4 Michael G. J. Elson
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Raymond A. Vickers
- *7 Reginald H. Newton
- *8 Peter J. Brown
- 9 Alan A. Paul
- 10 Gerald C. Hemming

*First of Surprise Royal.

**WORCESTER, The Cathedral Church of
Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 59min. (49½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by David E. Parsons.

- 1 Brian Bladon
- 2 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 3 Peter Beresford
- 4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Robert C. Kippin
- 7 Thomas J. Lock
- 8 Rodney B. Meadows
- 9 D. John Hunt
- 10 Michael P. Moreton
- 11 Dennis Beresford
- *12 Frank C. Price

*450th peal.

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)

5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Alan M. Jones
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- *3 A. Brian Ellsmore
- 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 5 Peter J. Brown
- 6 Michael G. J. Elson
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*First of Bristol.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14½ cwt.)

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

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

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

COSELEY, Staffs, Christ Church.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.)

5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative; 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 107 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 A. Brian Ellsmore
- 2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 3 Clifford Skidmore
- 4 Morley P. Tobin
- 5 Peter J. Brown
- 6 Gerald C. Hemming
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 David W. Friend

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, W. Yorks,
St. Matthew.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 3 Kent Treble Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

- *1 Julian A. Long
- †2 Christopher N. Grandidge
- †3 Robert J. Atkinson
- 4 Graham S. Miller
- 5 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)
- §6 Suzanne J. Snack

*First peal. †25th peal. ‡Most methods. §50th tower bell peal for the association. For the induction of the Rev. R. B. Wilson to St. John's. Bilton, Harrogate.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.

Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (42½ cwt.)

5040 DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.

- 1 David Hird
- 2 Margaret Warford
- 3 A. Pattie Clapham
- 4 Gillian R. Cleaver
- 5 Graham J. Jones
- 6 Peter H. Gardner
- 7 Philip J. Crossthwaite
- 8 John Robinson
- 9 Ronald R. Warford
- 10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the association.

PONTEFRAC, Yorks, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.)

5056 KIRKLINGTON S. MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Christopher H. Grandidge
- 2 Roger G. Green
- 3 Rosamund M. Brown
- 4 Michael G. Dodson
- 5 Peter H. Gardner
- 6 John J. Durham
- *7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 8 John Robinson

*Has now rung the alphabet twice to peals.
First in the method by all and for the association.

DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.)

5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 Iris Lemare
- 2 Ian North
- 3 Patricia North
- *4 Margaret White
- *5 John F. I. Turney
- 6 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 7 J. Henry Fielden
- 8 Roger A. Smith
- 9 Steven W. Barton
- 10 Richard E. Price

*First of Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.

Mon., Nov. 2, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (17½ cwt.)

5184 EASINGWOLD S. MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

- 1 Roger G. Green
- *2 Margaret Warford
- *3 Alan M. Glover
- *4 Graham J. Jones
- *5 John Robinson
- †6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- *7 Peter H. Gardner
- *8 Ronald R. Warford

*First in the method. †First "true" peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the association. A birthday compliment to E. C. Gareth Higgs.

Handbells**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD****CAMBRIDGE, F19, Selwyn College.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 in D.)

5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

- 1-2 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
- 3-4 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- *5-6 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 7-8 R. A. G. Inglis (Cond., Selwyn)
- 9-10 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)

Witness: J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn).

*First handbell peal. First Stedman in hand by all except conductor. First Stedman in hand as conductor.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(Farnham District)

FARNHAM, Surrey, 8 Beavers Road.

Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (12 in F.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- 1-2 Alan D. Elsmore
- 3-4 Rowan S. Bradley
- 5-6 W. John Couperthwaite (Cond.)
- *7-8 Michael J. Church

*First on handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House.**

Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (15 in C.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by Christopher T. Osenton.

- 1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
- 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 5-6 Christopher T. Osenton
- 7-8 Frank J. Matthews
- 9-10 Edward J. Beer
- 11-12 Stuart Sandford

First on 12 as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.**

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (14 in D.)

5040 MINOR (9 methods: Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; Single Court; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Single Oxford and Plain; Double Oxford; Real Reverse; London).

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

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.)

5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

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

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 33min. (14 in D.)

5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR

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

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 1hr. 40min (14 in D.)

5040 LONDON BOB MINOR

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

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 1hr. 32min. (14 in D.)

5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

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

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD**TORONTO, Ontario, Canada,****50 Ravensbourne Crescent.**

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.)

5088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(2 methods: 2208 Kent, 2880 Oxford, with 72 changes of method; Killamarsh var.)

Composed by C. Severn.

- 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. A wedding compliment to Ruth Shepherd (née Gay), founder member of this handbell band, and to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. R. C. Ingram, father of David R. Ingram.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**NORWICH, Norfolk, 60 Earlham Green Lane.**

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (16 in B.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

- 1-2 Martin Cubitt
- 3-4 Richard J. W. Housden
- *5-6 James B. Morley (Conductor)
- 7-8 H. William Barrett

*100th peal.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY**BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without.**

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (12 in F.)

(Traditional composition.)

Arranged by W. Willans.

- 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- *3-4 Anthony J. Cox
- *5-6 Peter C. Randall
- 7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*First of Major on handbells.

BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without.

Mon., Nov. 2, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (12 in F.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(Palindromic two-course block.)

- 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3-4 Anthony J. Cox
- 5-6 Peter C. Randall
- 7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.**

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (11 in G.)

5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

(9 methods: 1664 Plain Bob, 1376 Double Bob, 1056 Reverse Bob, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford L.C., 144 Gainsborough, 144 Wellington L.C., 96 St. Clements, 96 Crayford College, with 290 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

- *1-2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in nine methods on handbells.

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

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 1hr. 32min. (13 in E.)

5040 MINOR (22 methods: (1) Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby; (2) Kent; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV; (4) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, Wragby, Willesden, St. Albans, College Bob IV; (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; (6) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars; (7) Oxford.

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

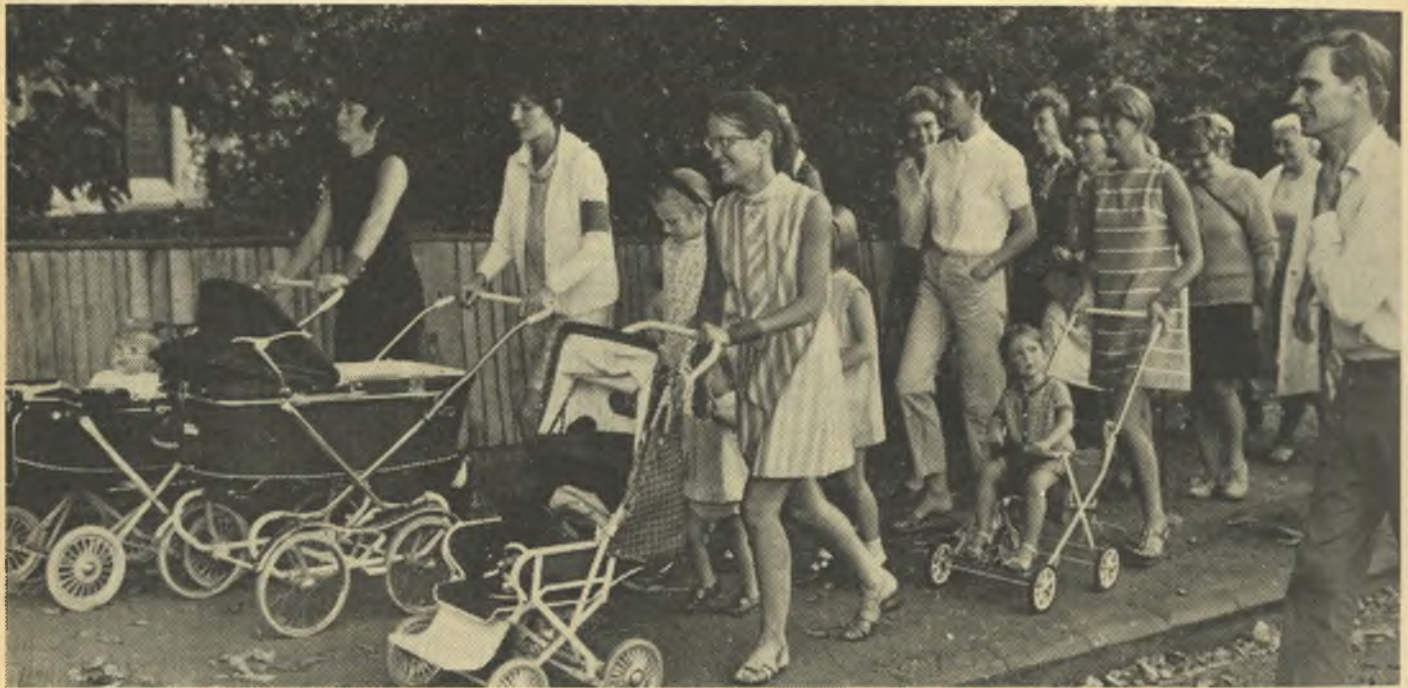
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SPONSORED WALK

While male ringers and friends toiled in the tower of All Saints, Benhilton, the lady ringers and friends of the church undertook a 10-mile sponsored walk on Saturday, September 26. Twenty-five "girls" set out from the church at 2 p.m. and their

ages ranged from 6 to 81 years. They had two babies (in prams) and two toddlers (in pushchairs).

By the time the 5-mile check point was reached five of the more elderly walkers had retired but the other stalwarts (plus the infants) completed the whole course and were home by 5.45 p.m. The route

took them from All Saints, through Carshalton, Carshalton Beeches, Woodmansterne, Banstead, Sutton High Street and home to the church again. All the participants expressed great enjoyment of the afternoon's "outing", and the expected grand sum of £115 in sponsor money to be collected was most gratifying.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER (from page 912)

Those present included: J. Anderson, J. E. Andrews, J. Arris, P. D. Bailey, T. N. J. Bailey, R. F. Baker, Dr. J. C. Baldwin, A. L. Barry, M. G. Bartlett, E. Bates, K. E. Beale, A. W. Beard, S. B. Bell, D. Beresford, P. J. Bird, G. W. Blackwood, J. H. Bluff, G. E. Bonham, D. R. Bould, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, D. C. Brown, K. W. Brown, R. E. Burberry, Rev. D. Burnett, R. L. Byrne, I. Calvert, J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, C. J. Castell, G. W. Cecil, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. T. Clarke, R. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. Coates, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, C. D. Collin, T. F. Collins, C. K. Cooper, F. Cooke, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, J. H. Crampion, J. S. Croft, K. S. B. Croft, M. Cubitt.

F. E. Darby, G. Davies, I. W. Davies, A. V. Davis, R. E. J. Dennis, C. W. Denyer, H. L. F. Derrick, E. T. Dibble, G. K. Dodd, S. Dutton, Dr. T. P. Edwards, H. W. Egglestone, D. B. Ellery, G. W. Elmes, N. Fanner, M. C. Faulkes, A. D. Flood, A. P. Foster, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox, A. M. Frost, H. V. Frost, M. A. Frost, Rev. G. C. Galley, F. V. Gant, J. L. Garner-Hayward, L. G. Gates, J. G. Gipson, E. J. Gower, W. T. Grice, R. Haines, C. R. Harris, Dr. D. Highton, K. J. Hesketh, T. W. Hesketh, R. Heyworth, J. W. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, M. J. Hillier, D. P. Hilling, R. W. Hinde, S. Holgate, D. E. House, M. L. Howe, D. J. Hunt, R. A. Hunt, F. W. Hutt, I. Huxtable, C. R. Jenkins, D. Jewell, A. R. Jones, B. Jones, J. R. Ketteringham, D. Land, R. G. Leale, E. T. Lee, A. F. Lewry, R. W. Lockwood, J. N. Longridge, J. H. Lott, C. F. Low, Rev. B. K. Lunn.

F. D. Mack, Dr. L. P. Mackie, P. H. Mackie, W. R. Manser, B. Martin, R. B. Meadows, P. Mehew, H. W. Milford, R. Milford, F. C. Mogford, D. F. Moore, G. R. Mordaunt, M. P. Moreton, E. G. Mould, F. A. Munday, S. R. Munday, B. Murduck, D. Murduck, P. Murduck, J. H. Napper, B. G. North, R. Offen, J. P. Ottaway, R. Overington, D. E. Parsons, R. Peers, G. Penney, D. E. Pepper, W. T. Perrins, J.

Phillips, H. Pinchbeck, C. W. Pipe, G. W. Pipe, R. W. Pipe, H. N. Pittow, A. K. P. Poole, J. S. N. Porter, J. R. Pratt, D. J. Purnell, W. J. Rawlings, J. P. Richardson, C. H. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, P. J. Rothera, E. J. Rowe, S. Rowe.

G. G. Salmon, D. R. Saunderson, J. Seager, B. Sellicks, P. G. Sherwood, D. C. H. Simpson, H. E. J. Smith, M. E. Snape, J. W. Stephenson, B. J. Stone, M. J. Stone, G. E. Symonds, T. Tarbatt, A. S. Taylor, L. R. G. Taylor, C. A. Tester, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, G. E. Thoday, Dr. I. D. Thompson, S. Thompson, N. Thomson, B. D. Threlfall, D. A. Town, A. Turner, A. M. Tyler, M. J. Uphill, P. S. Venn, G. H. Walker, R. G. Walker, K. J. Walpole, S. C. Walters, J. Weaver, D. Wheeler, R. V. Webb, K. R. Webb, B. R. White, S. A. B. Wigg, R. L. K. Whittel, A. W. R. Wilby, W. Williams, C. E. Wilmington, B. J. Wyld, D. G. Yeo, F. H. Youdale, D. Young.

New members elected during the year: G. H. Walker, J. E. Murfitt, J. E. Andrews, B. G. North, J. N. Lindon, M. A. Coleman, B. M. Wheeler, A. J. Dyer, A. M. S. Stracey, F. M. S. Stracey, E. T. Dibble, M. J. Stone, R. E. L. Burberry, W. J. Thomas, A. R. Lewis, D. C. Simpson, D. J. Bennett, K. J. Walpole, P. G. Holden, D. A. Town, J. Illingworth, D. A. Vince, A. M. Barber, A. C. Berry, M. Meadows, J. W. Blackwood, B. Martin, J. W. Collard, A. K. P. Poole, J. H. Wilton, N. P. A. Goulding, P. H. D. Jones, P. H. Mackie, I. Calvert, D. B. Ellery, P. Furniss, Rev. R. C. Lucas, A. R. Price, H. J. Ferris, C. R. Jenkins, A. D. Flood, J. F. I. Turney, Dr. J. M. Willcox, I. F. Garvie, M. J. Murphy, R. K. Mason, B. S. B. Kear, K. Hughes, W. H. Harford, M. G. Bartlett, R. G. Walker, M. Major, P. D. Bailey, Mr. Green, J. P. Richardson.



Camera shy? Not just enjoying the comment that the hair style was "way out" compared with the conventional cut of his drinking companions.

[R.W. photo.]

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

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As is customary at this annual function the reply by the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) gave details of happenings during the past year, and included the attendance that evening, 230, a slight drop on last year.

Members were present from 30 counties: Devon and Cornwall, Yorkshire and Lancashire, from Wales and many other places.

Special mention was made of George Symonds (96), a member since 1898, who was also present. A few days before he had conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major. (Applause.)

Other long-serving members present were Albert Turner (1908), Bill Rawlings (1914) and Bill Hibbert (1916).

Among the apologies were those from Harry Miles (1922) and Henry Hodgetts (1901), and a letter would be sent to these stalwarts conveying the good wishes of the assembly.

The company stood in memory of members who had died during the past year: Titus Barlow (1942), Cyril J. Hibbert (1935), Clarence H. Dobbie (1911), Herbert W. Knight (1942), Victor Griffin (1963), Frederick C. Maynard (1905), William Shepherd (1900), Charles C. Glass (1909).

Since the last dinner 55 new members had joined and 49 peals had been rung: 2 of Triples, 19 Major, 5 Caters, 6 Royal, 3 Cinques and 14 Maximus.

SPECIAL PEALS

On May 2 a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate as a compliment to the master, who was married to Miss Gail Buxton at St. Nicholas', Brighton, that day.

On June 13 at Claybrooke, Leics, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members resident in Leicestershire, whilst on June 20 a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon Parish Church was part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the rededication of the church following its rebuilding after a fire which had destroyed it.

Two peals were rung on July 11 at the same time—Bristol Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow and Cambridge Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, to celebrate the Festival of the City of London.

This year is the 400th anniversary of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and to mark the occasion a peal of Cambridge Major was rung by the society at St. Lawrence Jewry on September 26.

COUNTRY MEETINGS

On May 30 another highly successful country meeting was held in the West of England—with ringing at Bath Abbey and at five towers in Bristol, and arrangements for next year's meeting were already in hand: June 5, in Norwich and Ipswich. Country meetings are a highlight of the society's year and, as social occasions, are second in importance only to the annual dinner, said the speaker, who stated that normal Tuesday practices had been held throughout the year at the usual City of London towers and at Southwark Cathedral, with a number of special practices also on Tuesday evenings.

At a recent business meeting it was decided that, because of ever-increasing expenses, steepleage and the life membership fee would have to go up. As from Decimisation Day (February 15, 1971) steepleage would be 1s. (5p.) with the life membership fee 30s. (£1.50).

Mentioning the events of especial interest, the secretary spoke of the television programme on December 31, 1969, when the

master and several members took part in the recording of a programme at the Thames Studios, which was transmitted on January 1. The Whitechapel Foundry "Expo" tower and bells were erected in the studio and the master and George Symonds were interviewed—George proving to be more than a match for the young man who interviewed him. This must have been the first time that members shared a studio with elephants, added the speaker amid laughter.

SUITABLE REFRESHMENT

On Shrove Tuesday the society honoured the memory of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards. Mr. Edwards was a member of the society for many years (he joined in 1897) and in his will he left a sum of money to the society and expressed a wish that on Shrove Tuesday each year ringing should take place at one of the City of London churches and afterwards the ringers should take "suitable refreshment." He was a good member and a fairly frequent visitor to London so he well knew the form which the suitable refreshment would take. On Shrove Tuesday this year there were two practices and "In Memoriam" touches were rung at Cripplegate and at Aldgate.

For the City of London Festival the organisers had asked for ringing to take place at City churches on weekday evenings and this was carried out as a combined operation by the society and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—one more example of the good relationship which exists between the two societies.

At the Central Council meeting this year a proposal was made that the Council should consider the possibility of holding the 1972 meeting in London, and this aroused a good deal of interest in London ringing circles, for the Council had not met in London for over 20 years. An *ad hoc* joint committee of members of the Cumberlands and of the College Youths was set up to discover ways and means. The committee made it its business to contact all the London societies and the county associations bordering on London, and it was pleasant to be able to say that all agreed to a joint invitation going to the Council from the two old societies. The invitation had been sent and London ringers looked forward to an announcement that the Council would be going to London in 1972.

The junior steward (Mr. A. R. Patterson)



Mr. John Freeman (president, C.C.), who proposed the toast to the society, with Mr. A. N. Stubbs (immediate past master).

proposed the toast to the guests, whom, he said, he did not know, but then proceeded to list them! He made particular reference to the "master of another society" (Mr. D. E. Sibson was sitting next to the speaker) on more than one occasion; references which were of a jocular nature, but which were accepted in good part. Mr. Patterson, in mentioning several important dignitaries, added that their positions could not have been achieved without at some time acquiring an incidental immunity to flattery. He did not wish to waste any more time, however, and invited the company to rise and drink the health of all the guests.

Replying, the Rev. R. Simpson, who is Precursor of Westminster Abbey and Priest-in-Ordinary to H.M. the Queen, first acknowledged the comments of the proposer for his kind and charitable remarks ("but I wrote this before I heard him speak," he added amidst laughter), and continued, "We in turn want to thank the Ancient Society of College Youths for inviting us to such an excellent dinner and congratulate this youthful body on its attainment of 333 years. "Some men have glory thrust upon them," he continued, "for I am the Superintendent of the Belfry of Westminster Abbey—an office which I am very proud to hold."

THE ABBEY BELLS

"I have worked at the greatest Cathedral (Blackburn)—now I am privileged to work at the greatest Abbey—known to all who love our country. I have been reminded that the Abbey has an unworthy ring for such a great place. I am no expert—what I can tell you is that the Whitechapel Foundry, who have been associated with Westminster Abbey for exactly 400 years this year, will have the opportunity of putting things right in the not too distant future. More I am not allowed to say."

"I am well aware that young men and women are interested in the ancient art of campanology for all sorts of reasons, but one purpose is supreme. You may irritate the man who wants to go to sleep—you may give joy to the old person in a sick room, but when you ring before Sunday services you are preaching to far more than the vicar can ever hope to see in his congregation—the bells proclaim that Christ is the King and the Lord of all life."

So: ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

The master then spoke briefly, thanking all who had helped organise the event, and once more expressed pleasure at the attendance of so goodly a company, and especially the guests. He mentioned the master of 300 years ago, Thomas Denton, who joined the society in 1655; there was no record, he said of the master of 1770, it was not an active period, there being only one peal rung; the master for 1870 was Thomas Richards, when there were many peals rung and the foremost ringers of the Exercise were ringing with the society.

"This toast is the long tradition, 333 years, of the society," he added. "We have been warned this evening about relying too much on tradition. We must take what is worth pursuing and what is worth preserving and yet to be aware of the needs of today for the world of today," said the master, and asked the company to drink, in silence, the toast to the masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.

The formalities completed, the pleasures of the evening continued in what is now unique in ringing circles—an all-male company enjoying discussion, debate and story telling to the full, and no doubt making plans for future conquests in the field of ringing.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTHBy **W. T. COOK**

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Haworth did not have to travel so far next time he took part in an opening of a new ring of bells, as this was at St. Stephens's, Hampstead, on December 26, 1872. A College Youths' band opened the ten bells with various touches. As the notice of the dedication said, "Selections from the most approved methods of change ringing on nine and ten bells will be rung by a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths (founded 1637), under the general direction of the Rev. W. Wigram, M.A., Vicar of Brent with Furneaux Pelham, Herts. To commence at Twelve o'clock."

It was about this time that Haworth was engaged as official instructor to the bands at Waltham Abbey and Wanstead, Essex. It was quite a common practice in those days for a band to engage a ringer to instruct them, who would be paid for his services; and it was perhaps in 1872 that Haworth—as far as I can judge from his records—started to take on such appointments. Apparently he eventually left printing to become a full-time "professional" ringer; at least, so I surmise, though there is no absolute evidence for this. His appointment with the Waltham Abbey ringers lasted at least seven years. Presumably his duties there and at Wanstead involved attending regularly on practice nights only; later on, as will be seen, he took full-time appointments for definite periods, such as three months, and at the expiration of his contract he would leave that particular tower. Haworth was not the only one engaged in such business, as the diaries of William Fussell, which formed the subject of a series of articles in *The Ringing World* some years ago, show.

TESTIMONIAL

A testimonial from the Waltham Abbey ringers, dated July, 1873, reads as follows: "Mr. J. R. Haworth of the Society of College Youths, London, has met us for some time, and assisted us in the practice of Change Ringing, and we are pleased with his assistance, and glad to meet him on all occasions." There is a similar testimonial from the Wanstead ringers.

Next year, in 1873, the College Youths were again in Scotland for the opening of the new ring of bells in Dundee Old Steeple. Haworth writes: "Eight members of the College Youths were invited to open a peal of eight bells in the Old Steeple of St. Mary's, Dundee; and they started by the Great Northern Railway, through York, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Stirling, Perth, to Dundee. They left London at 8.30 on Monday evening, May 19th, 1873, and arrived at 10 on Tuesday morning. They had a capital reception by many gentlemen of the town—Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Leng and others—and after the peal on Wednesday sat down to a first-class dinner, presided over by Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Yeoman (Clerk of the works). They also rang at St. Paul's, another peal of eight (which had been cast and hung in 1872). Haworth, Cooter, Muskett and Ferris went across the River Tay to see the ruins of St. Andrew's Abbey and University. They returned from Dundee on Friday morning at 7.55 by the North Western Railway through Cumberland and Westmorland, passing Gretna Green and Carlisle, arriving at Euston Square at 8.30 p.m."

The peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on the Wednesday, May 21, immediately after the opening ceremony, and was claimed as the first peal in Scotland. Besides the

ringers already mentioned, the band included V. Tanner, W. Jones, M. A. Wood (who called the peal) and W. Greenleaf.

In the newspaper account of the opening of the bells occurs this sentence: "We hope that a proposal to employ an instructor from London to instruct ringers for both St. Paul's and the Steeple peal will be carried out . . . The inhabitants of Dundee as yet know little or nothing of change-ringing." The proposal was carried out, and Haworth was engaged for three months—July 14th to October 14, 1873.

It is this period and his subsequent engagements as instructor that form the subject matter of the second of Haworth's books. The "Dundee" book begins with press cuttings relating to the opening of the Old Steeple bells, and information about the other bells in the town. The arrangement of the other items, mainly press cuttings, is somewhat haphazard. It includes the testimonials from Waltham Abbey and Wanstead, already referred to, together with one previously mentioned from a firm of printers for whom Haworth was working in 1860.

ARRIVAL IN DUNDEE

On Haworth's arrival in Dundee, says *The Dundee Advertiser*, "A meeting of the intending ringers . . . was held in the Old Steeple at seven o'clock last night, when two classes of learners were formed—one for each peal (i.e. St. Paul's and Old Steeple). It was arranged that the Old Steeple ringers shall practice, so long as the Instructor is here, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and the St. Paul's ringers every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at seven o'clock in the evenings. Until the ringers obtain some proficiency the bells will be rung silently." The combined bands soon numbered nearly twenty members, who, on the 22nd September, formed themselves into the "Dundee Society of Bellringers." The rules were drawn up by Haworth, he having first obtained quite a collection of specimens of ringers' rules, which are still preserved among the College Youths' papers.

Progress seems to have been quite good. After a month the bells were being rung open—which provoked a letter of complaint to the newspaper—and just before Haworth's departure it was published in the paper that "Mr. Haworth, their instructor, having completed his engagement in Dundee, it is the intention of the members of the Dundee Society of Bellringers to ring complimentary peals on the bells of the Old Steeple and St. Paul's this evening, between six and seven o'clock, as a mark of respect to him before his return to London. After this the ringers will only practise one night in the week on each peal." At the meeting on 22nd September, Haworth was presented with a gold medal, bearing an appropriate inscription.

On his departure, Haworth also received the following unsolicited testimonial: "This is to certify that Mr. J. R. Haworth, a member of the College Youths' Society, has during the last three months acted as instructor of the local ringers of the two new peals of bells in the Old Steeple, and in the tower of St. Paul's Church, Dundee; that he has been most attentive, diligent and judicious in the discharge of his duties; and that the ringers have made highly satisfactory progress under his instruction. James Cox, Provost. Thos. Nicholson, on behalf of the Vestry of St. Paul's. John Long, on behalf of the donors of the Old Steeple bells." This testimonial was reproduced in *Church Bells*, October 25, 1873,

which seems to indicate that Haworth was anxious to find another similar appointment.

The next appointment of which there is any record, however, was not until November, 1875. In the meanwhile, Haworth had taken part in the openings of another four new rings of bells, and had rung his hundredth peal, Grandsire Triples, at Bethnal Green, on February 21, 1874. The first of these openings was the augmented ring at St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

TEN COLLEGE YOUTHS

"On Saturday, June 13, 1874," wrote Haworth, "ten members of the College Youths' Society, who were invited by the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, went from London by the Great Western Railway to open the bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, which had been augmented from eight to ten by the addition of two trebles." There follows a cutting from *The Plymouth Western Morning News* of Tuesday, June 16, from which we learn that this visit coincided with the inaugural meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. After the service on the Monday morning the College Youths' band rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman. Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. This was followed by lunch and the inaugural meeting, then the College Youths rang some more touches in the afternoon. In the evening there was a concert.

Haworth goes on: "On Tuesday the College Youths were invited to Plympton St. Mary, where they met Colonel Trelawny, the Rev. Mr. Kelly (a College Youth and a ringer), Mr. Woolcombe and Miss Trelawny, and rang several touches on the bells, with which they were much pleased. Under the porch of this church a circumstance occurred which had not been performed perhaps at any time or place before—a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, in which Miss Trelawny took five-six, and rang them without a mistake, before thirty or forty persons. She appeared to be about eighteen or twenty years of age. . . . Mr. Kelly invited the College Youths to his church, Plympton St. Maurice, about a mile from Plympton St. Mary, where they rang on the peal of six. They were kindly entertained by him at luncheon and dinner, and returned to Plymouth in the evening."

(To be continued)

Truro Guild.**PUNCTUALITY DESIRED**

The Penzance Branch held their Autumn Festival at St. Keverne on October 10, when some 60 ringers attended. The service was conducted by the vicar (Canon O. F. Pekkett), after which a buffet tea was provided by the ladies.

There followed a business meeting, at which tower secretaries were asked to be punctual in replying to notices of festivals, to facilitate easier tea arrangements, and members were reminded of the new system of paying subscriptions, which comes into force next year.

Thanks were extended by the chairman (Mr. Alan Carveth) for the warm welcome received at St. Keverne.

Ringing also took place at St. Anthony and Mawgan.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Penzance in April, 1970. M.C.

Look not mournfully into the past, it cannot return; wisely improve the present, it is time; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.

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AFTERNOON MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual general meeting is to be held at Grappenhall on Sat., Nov. 28. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. M. Thomson, 48 Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, Warrington (Tel.: Warrington 61793).—J. M. 184

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Emneth, Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 181

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Farnham (8), on Sat., Nov. 28. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 186

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, North Elmham. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. G. Cross, Esq., Park View, Elmham, East Dereham.—D. S. Parry, Branch Sec. 167

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Cuckney, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided only. Warsop available in evening. 192

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Eastbourne, Nov. 28. St. Saviour's (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Service at All Saints (8) 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please.—Div. Sec. 189

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—A.G.M., St. John's, Yeovil (40 cwt., 10), Dec. 5, 3–9 p.m. Names for teas to T. J. Setter, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 9873

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, at Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. R. F. Law. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Fowler, 50 Molivers Lane, Bromham. 221

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Honiley. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea if required. Also Rowington bells (6) 6.15–7.15 p.m. only. Names for tea to me, please.—H. A. Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. Tel.: Snitterfield 296. 210

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor (8), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea must inform G. Tembey, Holmlea, Woodend, Egremont. Note change of venue (spire damaged at Cockermouth).—D. T. Sim, Sec. 214

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Afternoon ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Newburn, Sat., Dec. 5, 2.30 p.m. 198

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Annual general meeting on Sat., Dec. 5. Ringing 3–4.15 and service at St. James (10). Tea 5 p.m. in St. Thomas-a-Becket Church Hall (behind Robinson Building near Bristol Bridge), followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at Christ Church (10). Names for tea to M. J. Hobbs, 16 Charnwood Road, Whitechurch, Bristol (Tel. 83-4874), by Dec. 1. No name=hungry stomach! 213

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M., Gloucester, Sat., Dec. 5. (Cathedral 2.30 p.m., St. Mary-de-Crypt after meeting.) Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to 139 Dean's Way, Gloucester, GL1 2QB, by Dec. 1. 199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Aldenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea and biscuits provided. Business meeting. Further ringing from 6 until 7 p.m. Names to J. R. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, near Radlett.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec. 231

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Wouldham (6), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. M. Perkins, The Rectory, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent (Tel.: Medway 61371).—D. P. L. 196

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Leake (6), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec., 9 Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by Dec. 1. 171

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East-ern Branch.—Annual meeting, Pakefield, Dec. 5. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea/business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Kindred, 91 Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft, by previous Wed.—N. C. 9974

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Newcastle on Sat., Dec. 5. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. L. Walley, 49 High Street, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Wed., Dec. 2. 9940

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-ampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Sat., Dec. 5. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield (Tel. Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday previous. 208

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, Arnold, Sat., Dec. 5. Ringing at Arnold 3 p.m., followed by tea 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Daybrook. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Foskett, 6 Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LE, by Wed., Dec. 2. 230

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and **EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint meeting and carol service, Sat., Dec. 5, Lower Beeding (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Carol service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Wadey, 31 Church Close, Lower Beeding, Sussex (Telephone: 0403-76 345), by previous Thursday.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 238

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, at St. Paul's, Sketty. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8EL. 188

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Bournemouth towers. St. John's bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall 5. St. Peter's bells 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mitchell, 107 Kinson Road, Bournemouth 55777.—Gillian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 185

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting, Dulverton (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to E.R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 211

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat.,
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual general
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1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, or
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn
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Evening ringing after meeting.—Maurice Hill,
Branch Sec. 250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks
Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham (8),
Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., fol-
lowed by tea and meeting. Please let me have
names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. R.
Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7 York Road, Stony
Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 248

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—
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p.m., and Cresswell (8), 7-8.30 p.m. Meeting
and tea arrangements later.—R. Fletcher. 243

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.
—Nomination meeting, Merton, Dec. 5. Bells
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and meeting. Evening ringing at Merton. Names
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S.W.19. 242

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western
Branch.—Meeting, Kildwick (8), Sat., Dec. 12.
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November 23, 1945

A letter from a "Gunner" in Norway told of some of the bells hung in the church in Narvik in the Arctic Circle.

At Worsley, Lancs, a peal of Oxford T.B. Royal was conducted by Joseph Ridyard, the other nine ringing their first in the method.

Nolan Golden and Henry Tooke took part in a peal of St. Clements Bob Major at Hethersett, Norfolk, it being their 100th together. Nolan Golden was the composer and conductor.

Bob Minor was rung at Thames Ditton, the conductor being Frank E. Hawthorne, his first in that capacity.

Information required. Can any reader give authentic highest and lowest average age of a successful peal band?—Adv't.

Mr. Thomas Langdon was injured by one of the bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and taken to hospital. The details were not disclosed, but it was "a considerable time before he was released."

One hundred and fifty ringers from all parts of Leicestershire assembled in St. George's Hall to consider the recommendation of the provisional committee regarding the forming of the new guild. Mr. J. P. Fidler presided and Mr. H. J. Poole was elected first president.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for

November 26, 1920

... concern of ringers for the future of *The Ringing World* and expressions of a desire that the Exercise should rally to the support of the journal as the only link between the ringers of the kingdom.—Leader.

Thomas Wallis and Sidney Holt rang their first peal on ten (Grandsire Caters) at Worcester, and Joseph Ridyard conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Worsley, Lancs, for Armistice Day.

Three cover bells (4, 6, 8) were used in a peal of Doubles at Ludlow, Salop, which Daniel Matkin conducted.

Edgar C. Shepherd and William B. Cartwright rang their first peal at Harborne, Staffs, conducted by George Figott.

Because of the unsafe state of the tower the ringing at Christ Church, Southport, had been suspended. (Gossip paragraph.)

Mr. George R. Marden was senior steward of the College Youths.

Mr. W. A. Cave wrote suggesting "... my brother ringers ... the conductor of a peal shall collect from each of the ringers the sum of twopence and to forward it with the details of the peal to the Editor of *The Ringing World*. This would help solve the financial difficulties."

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