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### C.C., 1965, AND OTHER MATTERS

IT was said of a certain generation that their only monument would be the asphalt road and a thousand lost golf balls. Some latter-day campanological Eliot remotely perched in the lofty gallery of the Guildhall at Northampton—one hopes he might have a good head for heights—would perhaps have found some similarly eloquent phrase to describe the reactions of the Central Council representatives assembled in solemn conclave at the 1965 meeting.

The proceedings remained securely earthbound—perhaps even eggbound—despite the valiant efforts of the president, brilliant as always, to keep the company alive and reasonably awake. "The Ringing World" debate, to repeat Philip Gray's description, was even more like a shareholders' meeting than usual. The desultory attempts to introduce the real things connected with "our paper" produced not a whisper by way of response and we had to content ourselves with the sad goings-on of the G.P.O., who have stored away in darkest Buckinghamshire some elephant-centipede which mysteriously dips its feet in printers' ink and in some remote sorting office picks out with unerring accuracy "The Ringing World" on its way to a particular postal subscriber and so defaces it that with or without his glasses he cannot manage to read a word and perforce must regretfully consign it unread to his wastepaper basket.

His position is more pitiable since others, particularly the clerical members, for whom the G.P.O. no doubt have a special respect and regard, are able to extract every Thursday morning from their letter boxes unsoiled and unspoiled a perfect copy of "The Ringing World," which apparently they peruse undisturbed and undisturbable for the rest of the day and far into the night, with every word well and truly read before the backsliders who have a newsagent's copy are able to catch a glimpse of it even if they should be lucky enough to obtain delivery by Friday morning.

All the other reports, despite the midnight oil expended in their preparation, were for the most part received without comment or thanks, merely a sigh of relief that we could pass on to the next without interruption or undue delay. It may be that the solemn walk to the microphone at the front of the hall proved too awesome, but how sad that no one felt moved by the hours and hours of trudging up and down belfry stairs that had gone into the record number of "cases" dealt with by the Towers and Belfries Committee—that no one could find a condemnatory word for architects who will have superfluous concrete bands in already strong towers, or for designers who plan for strength but ignore acoustics, or for dozens of other practical matters that cause problems everywhere for ringers.

Not a word either for those who collect information from all sorts of unlikely places about better references in the press or on radio or television.

The long awaited motion on the proposed peal tax, debated at length in four-ale bars up and down the country, also proved to be a damp squib. For some obscure reason the proposer withdrew it, apparently because it lacked the blessing of his Guild. One wonders how it managed to reach the Council agenda in the first place. In any case I thought Council members were

representatives and not delegates and were thus able to act as free agents.

As for the other motion, it is as well Tony Hancock is not a member of the Council or he might have applied to it his expressive if inelegant description "a load of old cod's wallop." It never became clear what the sponsors were really after but it was evident that whatever it was it will not be well received in Lincolnshire and might well not be popular in Derbyshire and Yorkshire. No one seemed to make the point that numerous non-Association peals would result. Some might think this a good thing but there is little enough control now over the technical aspects of peals and some Associations at least, including my own, do insist on seeing and proving the compositions rung in their name.

When it came to the place of the next meeting one felt relieved that no one proposed Christmas Island, since no one seemed to mind, presumably thinking the beer and the hotels, the peal ringing and the general entertainment would be all right any where. The Council would be advised to become at least half awake when these matters are discussed as Boffin Bay might not provide the facilities and way of life to which they are accustomed.

For a moment it looked as if there might be some eleventh hour fun. Frustrated expressions momentarily appeared on the unusually handsome faces of the platform party when a spokesman, apparently not officially appointed, began to report what had happened "at the Standing Committee last night" in regard to the days and dates for future meetings of the Council. There was a loud remark, it could have been of derision or even just disobedience from the back of the hall. Alas, this pearl of wisdom, for such it obviously was, has been lost for all time and the spokesman was evidently satisfied that no insult was intended since he thanked the interrupter and proceeded to tell the meeting what had been "decided" by the Standing Committee. No fighter for the eternal cause of democracy seemed moved to point out that it was the function of the Standing Committee to recommend and not decide,

There was an awkward moment, too, when we all but failed to record in time before the chairman's final hammer fell our well-merited thanks to him for his conduct of the meeting. One felt that the rest of the platform party, particularly the indefatigable and incomparably efficient secretary and his wife, might also have been included in the thanks, but, alas, it was not to be, and the 68th meeting of the Central Council reached its end to the homely rattle of teacups.

Perhaps some of the new representatives to be introduced to the president next year at Weston-super-Mare or, better still, Bath or Wells, will be forthright rumbustious fellows with a point of view that bursts for public expression. The present lot have proved much too docile, acquiescent and tame. Perhaps the Exercise is right in concluding that the social side of the Council meetings is really something!

Before anyone else says so, I admit I did not have a word to say at Northampton, but then I am only a poor little chap with a thin voice and nervous manner.

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NORTHAMPTON CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued from Page 420

## INCREASING POPULARITY OF PEAL RINGING

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE REPORT INCREASE OF 371 AND 548 FIRST PEALERS.—YORKSHIRE REPLACE LEICESTER AS LEADING ASSOCIATION.

ONCE again the peals totals have increased, mainly due to the Royal Births and a spate of handbell peals. The grand total is 3,366, with 3,064 on tower bells and 272 "in hand." The handbell peals are up by 31, due mainly to the continuous effort from the Swansea area.

We regret that a peal rung at Thorncombe—Doubles, with three first pealers and the first as conductor—had to be disallowed as there were, presumably, three covers. What a pity!!!

This year we have a fresh leader to our list—the Yorkshire Association—with 215 peals.

Here are those with more than 110 peals:

	Tower	Hand	Total
Yorkshire	207	8	215
Leicester	166	19	185
Oxford	178	3	181
Lancashire	156	4	160
Lincoln	145	2	147
Kent	142	1	143
Hertford	85	48	133
Swansea & Brecon	22	100	122
Southwell	119	1	120
These contributed 42.14 per cent. of the total.			

The Analysis breaks down as follows:

	Tower Bells		Handbells	
	1964	1963	1964	1963
Maximus	64	54 + 10	2	2
Cinques	54	35 + 19	1	2 + 1
Royal	189	169 + 20	10	18 - 8
Caters	89	84 + 5	3	6 - 3
Major	1,353	1,180 + 173	112	92 + 20
Triples	196	193 + 3	1	1
Minor	825	741 + 84	129	103 + 26
Doubles	290	254 + 36	14	17 - 3
Minimus	4	9 - 5		

3,064 2,719 + 345 272 241 + 31

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

There were 548 first pealers with 80 first as conductor. On many occasions we noted peals of Minor and Doubles with three, four and five firsts and first as conductor; also one peal of Stedman Triples with seven firsts; all meritorious. One made his debut as a conductor by tackling Stedman Triples at the age of 57—good show.

Now for some enumeration:—

Cambridge University: First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" by all. Silent and non-conducted do.

Gloucester and Bristol: Spliced Minor in 96, 80, 73, 65, 64, 63, 60, etc. methods "in hand"; 10,080 Spliced Surprise Minor "in hand."

Hertford C.: 16, 14, 12, 11, 10, etc. Spliced Surprise Major "in hand."

Kent C.: 37, 28, 25 methods Spliced Minor.

Ladies' Guild: Stedman Cinques.

Lancashire: 24, 21, 20, 17, etc., Spliced Surprise Major.

Leicester: 17, 15, etc., Spliced Surprise Major; 9, 4 Spliced Surprise Major "in hand"; 105, 71, 59, 42, etc., methods Doubles.

Llandaff and Monmouth: 31 methods Doubles.

Middlesex: 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, etc., Spliced Surprise Major "in hand."

Oxford G.: 60 methods T.B. Minor—42 methods Doubles.

Oxford Society: 51 methods Doubles.

Peterborough: 42 methods Doubles.

Southwell: 45, 42 methods Doubles.

Surrey: 43 methods Doubles.

Swansea and Brecon: 10,192 Plain Bob Major "in hand"; 20,160 Double Norwich.

Yorkshire: 36, 32, 28, 27, 21 methods Spliced Surprise Royal.

Non-Association: Double-handed tower bell peal of Bob Major at Balcombe.

We wonder why so many peals are duplicated in "The Ringing World." Whose fault is it? May we again ask those who forward peal reports to "The Ringing World" to ensure that they send in a factual report, not one of "wishful thinking": it would make the efforts of the Editor and ourselves so much easier.

The convener, sobered down by his committee, hesitates to express his opinion of those who ring peals, then forget to send in the report until after the time allowed for our

report to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Council. Will culprits please note?

For the Peals Analysis Committee.

W. AYRE (Convener),

The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in moving the adoption of the report, asked for the exclusion of two peals by the Leicester Diocesan Guild which did not comply with the Rules and Decisions of the Council.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, in seconding, replied to Mr. John Haynes' criticism of the format of peals in "The Ringing World" and said the present style helped the Peals Analysis Committee considerably. Congratulating Yorkshire on becoming the leading peal Association, the Canon said he was told that the peals they had rung would fill two complete issues of "The Ringing World." No doubt they might subsidise them (laughter).

## ALL-TIME RECORD FOR TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The work of the Towers and Belfries Committee for 1964, stated the report signed by the convener, Mr. F. Sharpe, constitutes an all-time record. Advice on bell and tower restoration was given in a total of 11 churches, 26 more than in 1963. It would now appear that the second cycle of bell restoration work, occasioned by the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure and mentioned in our last year's report, has reached its peak.

Of the 111 requests for advice, 23 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of the committee visited 88 churches.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed graphically thus:—

Australia 2, Bedfordshire 1, Berkshire 6, Breconshire 1, Buckinghamshire 3, Cambridgeshire 3, Cheshire 3, Cornwall 1, Derbyshire 2, Devonshire 21, Essex 4, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 1, Ireland 1, Kent 7, Lincolnshire 1, London 1, Middlesex 1, Norfolk 2, Northamptonshire 5, Oxfordshire 6, Somerset 24, Shropshire 3, Staffordshire 1, Surrey 5, Sussex 1, Yorkshire 2. Total 111.

The inquiries from Australia and Ireland were dealt with mainly by correspondence, although the authorities at Perth Cathedral commissioned a member of the Engineering Department of Perth University to confer with the convener during a visit to this country.

An analysis of the reports submitted reveals the following: Ten parishes sought advice on augmentation or provision of new bells, the same number as in 1963. The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells increased to 18, twice as many as in the previous year. Fifty-three churches sought advice on rehanging, or were advised by members of our committee to rehang their bells completely, an increase of 10 over the previous year.

### MORE P.C.C.'s INTERESTED

The number of churches seeking advice on repair and maintenance increased to 58. This again is a welcome indication that more parochial authorities are concerning themselves with this important work. These inquiries have doubled within the last two years.

Inquiries regarding tower oscillation, and advice on this and also on those towers where

extensive damage has been done to masonry, have increased to 22. Of these, perhaps the most interesting cases were Magdalen College, Oxford, Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, and Banwell, Somerset. The greatest increase was in the number of requests for advice on sound control and modification, of which 35 were dealt with in 1964.

Somerset again headed the list of inquiries, with Devonshire second, a tribute to the excellent work done by Mr. H. Sanger and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. The convener has given over 40 lectures to members of Diocesan Architectural and Professional Organisations, Parochial Church Councils and in Adult Education Colleges.

The committee met early this year to discuss the details regarding the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance. The subject matter was divided into sections and members are preparing draft manuscripts of these. Progress has not been so rapid as we had hoped but this was unavoidable in view of the increase of over 25 per cent. in the number of requests for inspections and reports on the condition of bell towers and their contents.

Moving the adoption, Mr. F. Sharpe paid tribute to the work of Mr. Sanger and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in the West Country. They had lost a very capable member by the retirement of Mr. W. A. Osborn, who had been very active in the West of England. He was very old and asked to be relieved. They had also lost Mr. J. W. Clarke, who no longer represented the Chester Diocesan Guild but was on the Chester Diocesan Committee. His place had been taken by Mr. John Worth. Two new honorary members had been made in Mr. F. E. Collins and Mr. Brian Austin. Mr. Alan Frost had been elected to represent the University of London from next year.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, in seconding, thanked Mr. W. A. Osborn for his work. His tremendous knowledge of bells and bell hanging was invaluable to him.

The report was adopted.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On June 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, G. Palmer 3, G. E. Fearn 4, V. W. Rigg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, R. J. Cann 7, P. D. Warren 8, T. J. Warner (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. For EVENSONG.



# The Platform at Northampton Town Hall



## THIRD VOLUME WANTED BY BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

### THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

In spite of changes in convenership and personnel during the last two years, brought about by death and retirement, this reconstituted committee has continued without being too unduly disorganised.

We miss the industry of our late convener, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, but we are fortunate in still having the unofficial services of our honorary member in retirement, Mr. L. Stilwell, and we are indebted to him.

The Biographies Committee has now been in existence for 30 years and up to 1964 had been led by two conveners—Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith and A. C. Hazelden.

The deaths of the following members and past members have been noted:

S. E. Bennett—Lincoln D.G., 1947. Died Feb. 29th, 1964. (Attended 1 meeting.)

E. C. Turner—Leicester D.G., 1951-53. Died March 25th, 1964. (3 meetings.)

F. W. Rogers—Winchester & Portsmouth D.G., 1933-64. Died June 9th, 1964. (19 meetings.)

Rev. W. M. K. Warren—Bath and Wells D.A., 1937-45. Died June 13th, 1964. (No meetings.)

T. G. Darch—Devonshire A., 1961-63. Died July 4th, 1964. (1 meeting.)

A. A. Hughes—Ancient Society of College Youths, 1915-30. Hon. member, 1931-64. Life member, 1964. Died Aug. 11th, 1964. (35 meetings.)

C. Sharples—Lancashire A., 1951-53. Died September 13th, 1964. (3 meetings.)

E. M. Atkins—Central Northants A., 1921-23. Cambridge U.G., 1927-53. Died Sept. 16th, 1964. (21 meetings.)

L. J. Williams—Lancashire A., 1937-38 and 1951-53. Died Nov. 18th, 1964. (4 meetings.)

Canon C. C. Cox—Salisbury D.G., 1924-29. Died Feb. 19th, 1965. (1 meeting.)

Other members whose deaths occurred in previous years and no report made are:

Rev. Pitt Eykyn—Hon. member, 1891-1895. Died July 14th, 1912. (No meetings.)

Rev. J. U. Todd—Bath and Wells D.A., 1891-1897. Died July 6th, 1913. (2 meetings.)

Rev. C. Buston—Winchester D.G., 1891. Died March 25th, 1920. (No meetings.)

Rev. R. L. Twells—Ely D.A., 1906-1908. Died Jan. 1st, 1926. (2 meetings.)

Rev. B. Darley—North Notts A., 1902. Died April 28th, 1926. (No meetings.)

Rev. H. C. Courtney—Bath and Wells D.A., 1898-1902. Died Jan. 2nd, 1929. (1 meeting.)

Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge—Bath and Wells D.A., 1930-1905. Died May 23rd, 1945. (No meetings.)

J. W. Cornford—Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1924-35. Died Dec. 6th, 1962. (No meetings.)

L. W. Wiffen—Essex A., 1936-44. Died Sept. 13th, 1963. (2 meetings.)

Albert A. Hughes, J.P., was head of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, and held the positions of honorary auditor to the Council; honorary treasurer of "The Ringing World"; and trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine.

The Council's records indicate there has been a total of 857 members since its formation in 1891, and this number includes 76 reverend gentlemen. In respect of some of these latter members a special effort has been made to bring records more up to date, and this has been successful. Mr. Lock has been a frequent visitor to the offices of "The Church Times" where every help and consideration has been readily given. It is desired to place on record our grateful thanks to the proprietors of "The Church Times" and to members of the staff for their valuable contribution.

With particular reference to foundation members, the following are those of whom we need more biographical detail—F. Ball, Chester Diocesan Guild; W. G. Cross, Eastern Counties Guild; J. Griffin, Midland Counties Guild; C. E. Malim, Waterloo Society; L. Newton, Durham and Newcastle D.A.; A. E. Nunn, Kent C.A. Of those deceased, 382 biography sheets have been filled in with as much detail as has become available.

The Council has two permanent and inscribed albums to contain the biography sheets, and they are now filled to capacity. It is recommended that expenditure be sanctioned for a third and similar volume.

In thanking every one of you who has given help, we still look forward to and in

**A WELCOME** from the Town, the Diocese and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was accorded the Council on Whit Tuesday. In the picture, from left to right, are: Mr. E. Billings (secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Canon G. F. Turner (president), the Bishop of Peterborough (the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh), Mr. J. H. Bluff (Master of the Guild), the Mayor of Northampton (Councillor Donald Wilson), Mr. John Freeman (vice-president, C.C.), Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president), Mr. F. W. Perrens (hon. librarian), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (assistant hon. secretary) and Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary and treasurer).

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fact rely upon the co-operation of colleague members, and we make this fresh appeal for all assistance possible so that the committee's work may be made an easier task in the fulfilment of its endeavours.

T. J. LOCK (Convener),  
57, Holloway's Lane,  
N. Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.  
W. PARROTT,  
W. H. VIGGERS,  
J. WILLIS.

Moving the adoption, Mr. T. J. Lock said it was necessary to provide an additional volume for the biographies, which would cost about £20; the last cost £16 5s.

Mr. John Willis, seconding, said the committee had been in being for 30 years and until 1964 had had only two conveners—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. A. C. Hazelden. They had now a new convener and it seemed that this would ensure for him a long life (laughter)

The report was adopted.

### University of Bristol Society

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting held on May 8th: President, Dr. G. Hudson, M.Sc., M.D. Officers for the session 1965-66: Master, Derek B. Williams; secretary, Miss Pauline Bligh-Cheesman; treasurer, Peter T. Hurcombe; tower secretary, Nicholas W. H. Simon.

### LATE NEWS

A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. Charles Button, of Kelvedon, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester, on June 4th. Known throughout Essex and Suffolk, he will be remembered and missed by hundreds.



# Education and Sunday Service Activities

## 1.—THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

At about half the Theological Colleges satisfactory progress or effective effort regarding annual lectures is being maintained. Colleges included in this section are: Edinburgh; Salisbury; Dublin; Kelham; Worcester; Lincoln; Llandaff; Canterbury; Cuddesdon; Ripon Hall and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Bishop's College, Cheshunt; Cranmer Hall and St. Chad's, Durham.

In the remaining colleges, individuals concerned have not been able to report success in securing or arranging for talks on bells and bell ringing. Colleges included in this section are: Lichfield; Lampeter; London College of Divinity; Mirfield; Oak Hill; Wells; St. Aidan's, Birkenhead; Queen's, Birmingham; Westcott House and Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Chichester.

Bound books have been supplied to several colleges during the year.

Hitherto all approaches to various Theological Colleges have been made by some official or member of the Association in whose area the College is situated. It is suggested that, in cases where such efforts have failed, this Committee is authorised to try and persuade the College concerned to permit a lecture. If successful, a suitable local person or the Association concerned could arrange for the lecture to be given. If still unsuccessful nothing would have been lost.

It is suggested that Association secretaries send a copy or copies of their annual report to the Theological Colleges situated in their areas. Some already do this.

## 2.—COURSES (RESIDENTIAL AND ONE-DAY)

Advice has been given to several Associations about courses in bell ringing and varying degrees of assistance given. The fourth consecutive annual course was held at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, in September, and a further course at Hereford Training College in April. The Guildford Guild held their first course from July 17th to 19th, and the Durham and Newcastle Association their fourth annual one-day course on March 21st. Recently, week-end courses were held at Hereford Training College and Burton Manor, Cheshire (the Cheshire Guild's first venture). In April the Derby Guild held their first of a series of three courses—this was for beginners. In July they will hold a course for non-ringers, and in November an instructors' course (at Lea Green, Matlock). On May 1st the Kent County Association held a one-day ringing school.

Another course is scheduled to be held at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, from July 23rd to 25th this year, and other courses are being planned elsewhere.

These courses meet a real need in the Exercise.

## 3.—BELFRY PRAYERS

Many requests for these were satisfied during the year but this need is now better fulfilled by the attractive prayer sheets produced in co-operation with the President and Mr. F. W. Perrins and now available from Mr. Speed.

## 4.—WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Last year two members of this Committee, in co-operation with the other ringers who went to the U.S.A., carried out an intensive week's training of the Washington Cathedral recruits. Happily the impact of this visit has had far-reaching beneficial effects. A good deal of training material has been supplied to Washington Cathedral by this Committee and the Cathedral authorities in return have loaned colour slides of the Cathedral and its bells, and a beautiful 16 m.m. sound and colour film about the building of the Cathedral, the installation, dedication and ringing of the bells, and the festivities connected therewith on Ascension Day, 1964.

Bell casting, hanging, bell fittings, handling and ringing are extremely well illustrated in this 20-minute film, which provides excellent propaganda for the purpose of church bells and bell ringing. On the several occasions it has been shown in schools, and to members of the public, it has been extremely well received. It might be well worthwhile for the Council to seek to obtain a copy of the film to loan out on request at a reasonable fee. The film could be a useful means of interesting Theological Colleges in bells and bell ringing. Arrangements are being made to show the film to the Council on Whit Monday evening.

Arising from the Washington visit, many of those who went have been called upon to give talks about bell ringing and their experiences, and the convener has given 15 such talks illustrated by tape recordings of the bells and coloured slides or film.

## 5.—MISCELLANEOUS

Advice has been sought where ringing has been stopped at two towers due to complaints.

We have had correspondence about a scheme for co-operation between one Diocesan Guild and the County Youth Organisation for the recruitment and training of young ringers. Should this bring worthwhile results something might be done to extend this development elsewhere.

Instructional notes and lecture notes have been supplied in response to one or two requests including one from Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, Yorks, submitted his study of "Bell Ringing in Schools" and will, in due course, pass this on to the librarian.

The Southwell Guild submitted its annual report, which included a special report on Sunday service ringing in the diocese.

Many inquiries have been received for handbell music and tune ringing "know-how" and these have been satisfactorily answered. One organisation even requested the loan of handbells, and one Methodist Church was loaned a tape recording of church bell ringing for its annual carol service.

Mr. F. Sharpe reports that he has given 40 or more lectures on bells and bell ringing methods during 1964. He has published a book on "Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," and has a book on "Cardigan-shire Church Bells" in the press.

The Convener has met many requests for his film strip and script on "Bell Control" and, having recently acquired improved facilities, would like to remake this film strip for issue through the Council. It is also hoped to complete work on a general interest film strip about ringing this year.

N. CHADDOK (Convener),  
17, Herringthorpe Grove,  
Broom, Rotherham, Yorks.

M. R. CROSS,  
F. B. LUFKIN,  
W. F. MORETON,  
F. SHARPE.

Mr. N. Chaddock moved the adoption of the report and said that one or two of the theological colleges in the second group, where progress had not been good, had moved up into the top group. One was Lichfield, where Mr. Clive Smith gave a lecture and got 12 recruits. In regard to courses, the Suffolk Guild had been missed out. Courses in 1966 included Guildford, Norwich and Hereford, and there was talk of a course in the South-West.

There was a paragraph in the report about the film of Washington Cathedral that they saw the previous night. A copy of the film would cost £40. If the Council could purchase they would soon be recouped of the expenditure.

Mr. B. Bartlett thought advice would be of great value to the two towers where ringing had been stopped.

Mr. C. K. Lewis recommended the Council to purchase a copy of the film for £40 and charge a rent for its loan.

Mr. B. G. Key asked ringers to exercise caution when on tower grabs. One car had been parked almost in front of a porch and an irate householder objected to this and the ringing.

The report was adopted and the expenditure of £40 for the copy of the film approved.

## METHODS COMMITTEE

The committee's report, signed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated that the Collection of Surprise Methods was now in print and the committee had nothing further to report. He moved its adoption and Mr. J. Mayne seconded.

The hon. secretary said there had been some correspondence about Triples Collections. What was the position?

Mr. Lewis: I have certain material in my possession from Mr. Blagrove and have had some correspondence with him. Something might be done but it would not be so large as the last collection.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hiller (first quarter) 1. I. Andrews 2. D. Ellery 3. A. Knight 4. M. Hiller (cond.) 5. J. Krstanovic 6. For the anniversary of the Coronation (June 2nd).

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## Non-resident Life Members to remain

For half an hour the Council discussed a motion: "That this Council recommends its affiliated territorial associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members," which was submitted by Mr. R. B. Morris, of Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University).

Mr. Morris said when he was peal secretary of his Association he came across two peals in which he did not know a single name. It was eight weeks after that their elections were ratified. He knew that peals were rung on the "no peal, no membership" basis. He felt that no Association relied on such income.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall said the motion did not ask the Council to decide anything, but to recommend. Members could therefore safely vote for it without committing themselves to anything. When he was a peal secretary he had the greatest difficulty in getting non-resident life members' fees. They were willing enough to claim the label but not willing to pay.

As things were at present they seemed to regard their peal ringing as a scoreboard and it was ably presented by Mr. Walter Ayre. "I should hate to do him out of a job but I do not think it is a measure of the progress of an Association." He thought that only peals rung by resident members should count.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devon Guild) said this affected his Guild as much as any in the country as they had many touring parties. It would involve his Guild in some loss of income, but his feeling was that it would suffer that if it meant a loss of absurdity. People in Devon would like to see an end of this custom and call a spade a spade.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley (Yorkshire) said he spoke as a treasurer. Most treasurers, he said, had the utmost difficulty in collecting revenue and controlling the spending propensities of their members. Personally he would not vote for it.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood said he wondered what would happen to him if such action like this was taken by the St. Martin's Guild, of which he had been a life member for the best part of 60 years. He did not think there was any-

thing wrong in this and he considered himself a St. Martin's Guild member. It had been a custom through the history of ringing that if a band visited somewhere else they rang a peal to be credited to that Association. There was nothing wrong or discreditable about it.

Mr. C. K. Lewis heartily supported Mr. Smallwood and said he was proud to be a non-resident member of many Associations.

Mr. G. W. Critchley (Yorkshire) said he was a peal secretary and he supported Mr. Smallwood. He was very proud of the peal of Maximus he rang for the St. Martin's Guild.

Mr. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth) wanted things to remain as they were.

Mr. W. T. Cook would prefer to ring a peal non-Association rather than in an area in which he did not live.

Canon Felstead, who regarded himself as neutral, thought it would be better for Associations to review instead of discontinuing the election of non-resident life members.

Mr. John Freeman said the Lincoln Guild last year collected £9 from non-resident members. He saw no purpose in referring it back to his Guild as he would fight like hell against it.

Mr. Morris seconded the amendment.

Mr. A. D. Barker, treasurer of the Oxford Guild, was against. He said he belonged to something like 30 different Guilds.

Mr. A. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) said the question was discussed 25 years ago when the proposal of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, and Mr. C. H. Kippin was to form one large Association of ringers. He hoped they would keep their small Associations.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said the Irish Association requested him to vote against the motion. Most of the ringers visiting Ireland, even if they did not ring peals, paid the 5/- to join the Association.

After further discussion the amendment was defeated by a substantial majority, and Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

**THE SOCIAL SIDE.** — Enjoying the hospitality of the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. Donald Wilson) after the Council meeting. On the left is Mr. C. K. Lewis, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and looking very happy in the centre is Mr. G. E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the only living man to have rung 2,000 peals. "The Diary King," Mr. William Viggers, is on the right.

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## C. C. AND OTHER MATTERS

(Continued from front page)

In the meantime, they say "The Ringing World" wants livening up, so what about an article at least once a month from each of the Council committees about the work they are doing and in more detail the things they are finding out—the articles to be written, of course, by some member of the committee other than the overworked convener.

What about contributions from non-members of the Council on such subjects as the day for the meeting—whether they like Whit Tuesday or "Spring Tuesday," as it will now become. Would they prefer some other day and, if so, would they be willing and able to stand for membership? Do they all think the Council operates on the right lines or could it be improved in some way?

Of course, some years ago, most Associations appointed a "Ringing World" representative. Oh, how I wish that those appointed would stir their bones and send some contributions to "The Ringing World" about, above all, people and their movements and their doings, about restoration work contemplated, hoped for, abandoned, or perhaps sometimes finally carried out, about Association affairs, hopes and fears. Whether they like ringing meetings or prefer courses and schools, indeed anything rather than the eternal silence, relieved only by the outing antics of some obscure Tom who put too much pepper in the fish and chips of some unidentified Dick to the immoderate and near hysterical amusement of some bluff and hearty Harry who appeared to have consumed too many draught Double Diamonds anyway.

P. A. C.



# A Comprehensive Survey of Overseas Ringing

## REPORT FOR 1964

Our 1963 report on overseas activities gave, we trust, an impression of rising interest and some notable achievements; 1964 has shown not only a consolidation of those points but the realisation of many projects and ambitions.

Whereas 1963 was a record one for the number of ringing centres, peals and quarters scored, the calendar of events for 1964 makes quite spectacular reading! When one reads of the two inter-Province trips in Canada, the Washington dedication and Fred Price's four-month teaching programme, the first peal in Southern Rhodesia and the Australian annual gathering in Hobart, Tasmania, it can be seen that the "noble exercise" is well established in the four corners of the globe. Long may it continue and congratulations to those who are doing their stuff in far-off lands.

### CANADA

This country has come into its own again and has had a most active year—the best for many a long day. In *Victoria* under E. W. Izard the Cathedral bells have been rung twice every Sunday plus practice and special services, an enviable record indeed. Membership with a good sprinkling of youngsters stands at 20 and these people have also rung handbells and given lectures for special occasions. Methods include Stedman Triples and T.B. Major. *Vancouver* under Ted Lee have also done well, thirteen members and ringing Stedman, Grandshire, Oxford Bob Triples. Bob Major and sometimes St. Clement's. Their highlight was a 700-mile trip over the Rockies to Calgary.

*Mission City* monastery (Westminster Abbey), standing on high ground overlooking the Fraser Valley matches its fine site with an equally fine ring of ten. These bells are rung to changes every day by the monks, conducted by Father Dunstan, in anything up to Grandshire Caters. *Calgary* repaid the Vancouver visit by one of their own to British Columbia in October and rang at Holy Rosary Cathedral and Mission; a great trip it was too. There is nothing more encouraging than to read of this sort of get-together amongst widely scattered ringers and of the untold good that they do. On Easter Day what is believed to be the first quarter ever rung in Alberta was brought round, one member travelling 400 miles to take part.

Now that A. J. Collins has moved to Ottawa (and provided some useful information on Canada) we are hoping to hear something of the ringable octave in *Quebec*.

### U.S.A.

Campanology "hit" the United States in 1964 with a bang, rather like Picasso's work raged in England! It was a "new art form" they said and they meant it.

The *Washington* dedication has told its own story so we won't make "old hat" of it here. This noble ring implanted the beauty of the sound of bells in literally thousands of people's minds and to those that had the honour of representing Britain on Ascension Day it was an unforgettable experience. The aftermath has been most interesting and Fred Price's mammoth efforts on the first ever almost professional four month course are remarkable indeed. It is estimated that altogether something like 85-100 people have been taught to handle and thus future prospects seem well assured. *Groton School* continue to ring the chapel 10 and very well they do it. We hope the stimulus provided by last year's visit continues and the prospect of welcoming another school party to England is very encouraging. It may be that some of these boys, after graduating, will find their way to either *Boston, Hingham* (Mass.) or *Chicago*, fine rings all of them but without bands.

William E. Howard writes from *Kent School, Conn.*, and again progress is the keynote. For the first time in their 34 year-history the tenor is being "turned in" and Kent T.B. has been added to the Grandshire and Stedman repertoire. A special invitation is extended to any would-be traveller—"do a Groton on us" they say!

Nowhere are handbells more enthusiastically rung or received than in the United States and these feature very largely in American life—it's nice to think too that most of the handbells come from England.

### AFRICA

We have received a very entertaining and informative report from Frank T. Blagrove on *Affaires Afriques*. There is no doubt that his and Mrs. Blagrove's arrival in Salisbury is a most welcome move.

### REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

*Woodstock*.—The band has been a little depleted here due to people moving on but Sunday service ringing and Monday practice still take place.

*Grahamstown Cathedral*.—Call changes are rung regularly on Sundays by the band of students from St. Paul's Theological College who, in the absence of anyone of experience, learn from the C.C. Handbook and teach the incoming freshman—all credit to them that there was ringing for Bishop Tindall's consecration. The huge louveres result in objections to the noise and some bricking up is contemplated. Brian Harris from Cheshunt has recently joined the band.

*Cape Town Cathedral* (10 x 26 cwt. Mears and Stainbank).—The new bells arrived during January and will at first be hung for chiming on ground level, pending the erection of the tower at Salisbury.

*Durban*, St. Mary's, Greyville.—Bells in good condition. The 10 active ringers persevere with Grandshire Doubles and with the encouragement of a keen Rector they keep going. Mrs. A. P. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Blagrove visited here during the year. These people also endeavour to ring at *Durban St. Paul's* whenever possible.

### RHODESIA

*Salisbury Cathedral*.—At the May meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild the future seemed difficult, owing to the departure of some of the best ringers—those left were only able to ring rounds. At the November meeting there was excitement due to the presence of Frank and Monica Blagrove. With Frank as tower captain progress has been dramatic, beginning with a quarter of Grandshire Triples that same evening, a peal of Doubles the following month and two quarters since. With a complement of 16, call changes on 10 are often rung for service. Practice is on Wednesday, 5.30-9 p.m. In March the Guild was re-formed to include Que Que and is now styled "The Central African Provincial Guild of Bell Ringers."

*Que Que* (4 x 5 cwt., Mears, 1962).—Regular service ringing and weekly practices are maintained and an appeal has been launched to provide two more bells.

### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

*Kilifi* (6 x 2½ cwt., Taylor, 1962).—Six ringers and twelve learners meet for weekly practice and service ringing. Contact has now been established with this most isolated tower who need every encouragement. In October Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt visited Kilifi and rang the six bells with four Kenyan boys. Call changes are painted out on long wooden planks and include a plain course of Stedman Doubles!

### AUSTRALIA

Not such a busy year as 1963 but one that was marked by three important and thrilling events. Two restorations (the first time that overseas rings have actually been returned for renovation to England) and the highly successful A.N.Z.A.B. gathering in Hobart. Added to this there were three peals and 60 quarters scored in a host of methods, including many of Surprise Minor methods. Peals were Grandshire Caters, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

*Perth* is a well established centre now and remote towers like this are going to benefit from the visit of the English tourists in Great Adventure II. Several quarters were rung in 1964 with Sunday service ringing top priority.

*Adelaide*. The Cathedral band have again done well and a most happy relationship with the Church exists. In addition to their own tower they have been responsible for ringing at the recently made ringable *Town Hall* octave and providing the necessary encouragement for *Walkerville*. Of the goodly list of quarters the most notable were Stedman Triples with three firsts and conducted by Bill Pitcher, Editor of "Ringing Towers," Bob Major—the first of Major by a local band (tenor 41 cwt.) and the first ever quarter at the Town Hall.

*Hobart*. Both St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity octaves have been kept going and no doubt the holding of the Australian and New Zealand annual gathering in Tasmania in June did a great deal for Hobart. Several beginners are being taught there. The peals of D.N.C.B. and Bob Major in Hobart at the time of the annual gathering were first class efforts—congratulations to all concerned.

In *Melbourne* the long awaited rededication of the twelve took place in October. The Cathedral's sympathetic attitude towards such a costly undertaking (shipping the whole ring back to England, etc.) was simply amazing and it is to be hoped that this will be well and truly backed up by the Melbourne ringers coming right to the fore and building up a strong band. The christening peal was a good one—Grandshire Caters, in which ringers from three States took part. There are ringers in Australia quite capable of ringing up to Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques—they now have the twelve on which to do it.

During this time Melbourne interest has been kept alive by regular ringing at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, and also handbells.

*Bendigo* also had the thrill of a rededication, in December—these are now a recast octave by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp, and by all accounts a fine job. Keenness is high here so we hope for big things!

*Ballaarat*. The two eights are regularly rung and the bands are fortunate in having the recent addition to their number of Warne Wilson, an ex-Bendigo ringer. Both Ballaarat and Bendigo share with Melbourne a triangular programme of visits amongst themselves—always enjoyable occasions.

Centres of progress and activity inevitably change and there is no doubt that in the last two years *Sydney* has become that centre. The variety of methods in quarters, tower- and handbells and for service ringing is commendable indeed. St. Mary's Basilica has scored quarters of Cambridge and Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples and Spliced Surprise Minor, etc., and some good handbell quarters under T. W. Goodyer's leadership. Regular ringing takes place at *Parramatta, Turramurra, Darling Point* and *Burwood*, whilst at Christ Church and St. Benedict's in the city itself, ringing for special occasions.

Other active towers in N.S.W. are *Yass* and *Maitland*, the latter being the venue for this year's State annual ring and striking competition.

*Canberra*, the Federal Capital, has had a Taylor chime of eight installed, but maximum use is made of them in chiming various standard methods.

*Maryborough* (Q) has maintained Sunday ringing under pretty difficult conditions—not least its remoteness from Sydney some 800 miles to the south.

St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Sydney, is to have a new Taylor ten—the first ten in Australia. All in all Australia presents a very encouraging picture and one which the English tourists next September-October will, we are sure, be keen to foster. May both sides make the most of this exciting venture.

This bright note is tinged with a certain sadness—the passing of four ringers with strong Australian connections. Jean Ireland (Adelaide), Bill Smith (Turramurra) and two of the 1934 English tourists—William E. Linter and Charles Sharples. May they rest in peace.



**Overseas Ringing Committee—contd.****NEW ZEALAND**

Christchurch Cathedral now has an active membership of 14 and several prospective beginners. Ringing has taken place every Sunday up to Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob.

Papanui (a light five) have their own call change band taught by the Christchurch ringers.

Hamilton again are maintaining service ringing and in 1965 yet another inter-island/State visit is planned—this time by the Christchurch ringers to Hamilton.

Nelson Cathedral in the north of the South Island have, we understand, been left sufficient money for a ringing peal. The C.C. are following this up with advice on installation and what to order, etc.

This rounds off our overseas survey. Every endeavour has been made to delete any inaccuracies and such advice is appreciated. May we ask anyone contemplating an overseas trip and wishing to contact ringing centres to write to either the convener or A. Victor Sheppard, when all information will be gladly forwarded. Also any corrections to our report or additions direct to us please.

(Signed)

GEORGE W. PIPE (Convener),  
8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich.

A. VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Mr. G. W. Pipe proposed the adoption and said that more and more this side of the Council's business was appreciated. A display of photographs of towers overseas was on view in that hall and had been arranged by Mr. Victor Sheppard. The forthcoming trip to Australia was a tremendous thing for overseas ringing and the blessing of the Council went with it. Nothing but good could come of it.

Mr. V. Sheppard seconded.

Mr. P. Gray, representative of the Australia and New Zealand Association said he had recently been in Australia and ringing presented a very encouraging picture. He wanted to bring to the Council the official welcome of the Australia and New Zealand Association, who were looking forward very much to the forthcoming visit. He had been a member of the Council for eight years and this was the first time he had seen his constituents.

Mr. H. Rogers (London County Association) commended the Washington Supplement and thought it would be a good thing if "The Ringing World" could manage two such supplements a year.

**RECORDS COMMITTEE****FIRST PERFORMANCES****TOWER BELLS**

(a) Single methods.

January

18 5,152 Kemsing S. Major, Kent C.A.

18 5,152 Kesteven S.M., Hertford C.A.

20 5,056 Mevassey S.M., Lincoln D.G.

30 5,088 Osterley S.M., Middlesex C.A.

February

3 5,088 Hoole S.M., Lincoln D.G.

5 5,152 Maldon S.M., Essex A.

22 5,040 Syon Court B.Roy., London C.A.

29 5,152 Harlow S.M., Essex A.

March

3 5,088 Quenby S.M., Leicester D.G.

13 5,152 Dedham S.M., Essex A.

17 5,152 Rothley S.M., Leicester D.G.

18 5,184 Kingsclere S.M., Win'ter & Ports. G.

29 5,184 Worcestershire S.M., Worcs & Dists.

April

1 5,056 Heene S.M., Sussex C.A.

2 5,088 Framley S.M., Middlesex C.A.

6 5,088 Vobster S.M., Lincoln D.G.

13 5,152 Spalding S.M., Lincoln D.G.

16 5,120 Hounslow S.M., Middlesex C.A.

20 5,024 Ilminster S.M., Lincoln D.G.

25 5,088 Grantchester S.M., Ely D.A.

25 5,056 Westray S.M., Ely D.A.

29 5,280 Timaru S.Max., Leicester D.G.

30 5,056 Kingsway S.M., Middlesex C.A.

May

10 5,152 Madingley S.M., Ely D.A.

11 5,024 Oundle S.M., Lincoln D.G.

16 5,152 Southend-on-Sea T.B.Maj., Essex A.

30 5,184 Whempstead S.M., Hertford C.A.

June

10 5,056 Whickham S.M., St. Martin's G.

21 5,088 Vyrnwy S.M., Lancashire A.

24 5,152 Mancetter S.M., Leicester D.G.

25 5,024 Selborne S.M., Middlesex C.A.

26 5,021 Fawsley S.M., Peterborough D.G.

July

9 5,088 Denbigh S.M., Middlesex C.A.

11 5,152 Nashdom Imp. B.Maj., Oxford D.G.

11 5,088 Alresford S.M., Win'ter & Ports. G.

13 5,040 Hunslet B.M., Yorkshire A.

18 5,056 Basford Del. M., Southwell D.G.

23 5,056 Seafield S.M., Middlesex C.A.

24 5,120 Enderby S.M., Leicester D.G.

August

7 5,120 Turvey S.M., Peterborough D.G.

8 5,024 Bermondsey S.M., Hertford C.A.

10 5,152 Bombay S.M., Lancashire A.

15 5,040 Itchen C.B.Roy., Win'ter & Ports. G.

27 5,024 Ramsgate S.M., Middlesex C.A.

September

24 5,152 Brent S.M., Middlesex C.A.

October

1 5,024 Lapal S.M., St. Martin's G.

2 5,088 Sedgley S.M., Worcs. & Dists. A.

10 5,024 Quarrington S.M., Lincoln D.G.

15 5,280 Laleham S.M., Middlesex C.A.

24 5,024 Datchworth S.M., Hertford C.A.

25 5,152 Islip S.M., Oxford D.G.

30 5,056 Thorverton S.M., Glos. & Bristol A.

November

30 5,152 Churchill S.M., Kent C.A.

December

1 5,024 Chartwell S.M., Middlesex C.A.

26 5,120 Stevenage S.M., Hertford C.A.

30 5,024 Farnworth S.M., Lancashire A.

(b) Spliced.

Jan. 11 5,040 21 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

April 18 5,040 27 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

25 5,040 28 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

July 5 5,040 32 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

Nov. 14 5,040 36 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

**HANDBELLS**

(a) Single methods.

Jan. 7 5,056 Ullesthorpe S.M., Leicester G.

Mar. 17 5,056 Zelah S.M., Leicester D.G.

April 7 5,120 Quornden S.M., Leicester D.G.

Oct. 23 5,056 Eastcote S.M., Middlesex C.A.

(b) Spliced.

June 5 5,120 18 Spliced S.M., Middlesex A.

Sept. 1 5,088 7 Spliced S.M. (all the work), Middlesex C.A.

.. 25 5,120 20 Spliced S.M., Middlesex A.

**RECORD LENGTH—TOWER BELLS**

July 120,160 Double Norwich C.B.Maj.,

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild.

The above is the report of the Records

Committee, being the first peals in the method

and progressive performances which have been

published in "The Ringing World" of 1964.

(Signed)

J. R. MAYNE (Convener pro tem.),

170, Headstone Lane,

Harrow, Middlesex.

F. T. BLAGROVE,

E. K. FLETCHER,

L. K. MARSHALL.

Mr. John R. Mayne presented the report on behalf of Mr. Blagrove (in Rhodesia) and said a new departure was an appendix of new Surprise Major and Royal methods to keep it up to date. Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and the report was carried.

The Appendix bringing up to date the Council's Collection of Surprise methods will be published in a later issue.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

The hon. secretary said that for 1966 there were two aspects. One was the actual date. For 1966 they had received an invitation from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit Somerset. They had also received an invitation from the Southwell Diocesan Guild for 1967. At the Standing Committee meeting the previous night the view was expressed it was time the Council visited London again. The Standing Committee recommended that the invitation to visit Somerset be accepted and that of the Southwell Guild for 1967, and that the Council express a wish to visit London for its meeting in 1968.

Mr. F. Sharpe moved that the Council visit the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1966 and expresses its gratitude to them for their invitation, and also to the Southwell Diocesan Guild for their invitation.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said in 1966 the Council meet on Whit Tuesday, and in 1967 on the spring Bank Holiday. He moved this, and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded.

Canon Felstead said the spring Bank Holiday would enable the clergy to come for a weekend. Was there any objection to a Monday meeting?

Mr. Anderson: It has been invariable for the Standing Committee to meet on the Monday. It would mean that the Standing Committee meet on a Saturday.

Mr. R. Leigh (Lancashire) thought it would be unwise to decide on a date just yet as a number of members did not know what holidays they would have with a spring Bank Holiday. He moved that the date for 1967 be left until next year.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. H. Gilbert (Bath and Wells) said their Association this year was celebrating its 75th anniversary and in that time the Central Council had never been to Somerset. 'I need say nothing about Somerset bells; we shall be very pleased to see you.'

Mr. J. D. Clarke (Southwell Diocesan Diocesan Guild): It is a pleasure to invite you to hold your meeting in Nottingham, the Queen of the Midlands. Its hotel accommodation is second to none and it is within easy reach of all parts. We have the first backward 12 in the country. The bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham are at present at the foundry and they will be back as a 12. We are delighted that you will share in our 21st birthday.

**VOTES OF THANKS**

The president proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Mayor of Northampton, the Bishop of Peterborough (the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh), Canon Turner, the president of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. J. H. Bluff, the Master, the Vicar of All Saints', the other officers of the Peterborough Guild and particularly the general secretary, Mr. Eric Billings, and to incumbents and tower keepers of towers visited.

A vote of thanks to the president for presiding was moved by Mr. Anderson.

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## Letters to the Editor

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—In two lines in "Belfry Gossip" we read that the London County Association drops from its title its connection with the Church! In this age, when so much is being divorced from the Church, it is sad to note that even a ringing organisation deems it necessary.

How I would have preferred to read: "The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild drops from its title the words 'London County Association,'" especially as there is now no London County as such.

One could go a step further and hope that one day in the pages of "The Ringing World" we will read that the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild drops from its title the words Middlesex County Association and—who knows—that the two Guilds have united to form the London and Southwark Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.

For God's sake (meant in its true sense) let's not openly drop our connection with the Church.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Upper Clapton.

### UPWELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—As organiser of the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Upwell, I should like to reply to the recent correspondence.

Firstly, the footnote to the peal is, I feel, a genuine mistake by the conductor, for, as we are all aware, there is a published list of towers where peals have been rung in the annual report of the Ely Diocesan Association.

Secondly, an additional footnote to the peal should have stated that the peal was rung as a farewell (although somewhat belated) to the Rev. A. G. Cope, who has now resigned the living.

I trust this will now make matters clear.—Yours sincerely,

A. K. PHILLIPS.

Emneth, Wisbech.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE TO GEORGE H. CROSS

Dear Sir,—The recent publication of a number of memoirs to the late George H. Cross indicate the high regard in which he was held by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Kent County Association and his ringing friends throughout the country. As his funeral was held at Chardstock, which is somewhat inaccessible, it is possible that many ringers may have been unable to express the respect to him they would otherwise have done. It has therefore been arranged, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Alphege's, Greenwich, that the service at the next meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, to be held on July 10th at 4.30 p.m., should take the form of a memorial service to the life and work of George H. Cross. It is hoped that many of his friends, not only members of this Society, will be able to attend.

At the meeting which will follow, it is proposed to discuss the form of a permanent memorial which will be placed in the belfry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in recognition of his long service as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and his leadership of the band at St. Martin's.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. SIBSON,

Hon. Secretary.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### EASTHAMSTEAD BELLS

Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," bring to the notice of all readers the present state of the bells at SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene, Easthampstead.

Several weeks ago during practice the tenor broke one of its gudgeons, since which time all ringing has been suspended. For some months the ringers had been looking into the feasibility of recasting the old six bells into a lighter ring of eight with a tenor of about six cwt. This scheme had to be set aside, however, as the church had been charged with raising some £3,000 for a new Community Centre building.

Since this unfortunate incident to the tenor occurred, the original plan has been resurrected as it is considered imprudent to rehang a rather poor tenor to an equally poor ring.

The ringers consider as a compromise that the present six should be recast and rehung in the existing pits leaving to some future time the addition of the two new trebles. The cost of this project amounts to £845 and the work is to be carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The ringers have committed themselves to raising this sum of money but to date have only just over £300. It is possible for the new bells to be ready and ringing by Christmas this year should sufficient moneys become available.

I therefore appeal to all ringers and non-ringers alike, wherever they may be, to assist us in making this possibility become a reality. The names of all donors are to be written into a leather-bound book and all donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

May I thank you all in anticipation.

FRANK C. PRICE.

10, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

P.S.—Cheques or Orders may be made out either to me or to the "Easthampstead Bell Fund," and forwarded direct to the address as above.—F. C. P.

### ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Billings, in his history of St. Peter's, Northampton, is a little out. It was five years, not one year, before the 1739 first peal that these bells were augmented from four to eight.

All the bells are dated 1734; and if he goes into Leicestershire to the hamlet of Nosely, where in that period Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Bart., held residence at the Hall, as well as the old Haselrigg House in Masefair, Northampton (sometimes called Cromwell House) owned by his predecessor, he will find an account of four bells coming to Northampton (to be broken up apparently by Rudhall) on Haselrigg's orders after the old tower at Nosely fell.

Rudhall cast no other bells in Northampton itself, so these, it seems, must be the four bells now in St. Peter's, which many have thought to be brand new bells, but were in fact recast from Nosely. There was in that old fallen tower five bells, one of which was retuned and recast at Haselrigg's expense and his name thus inscribed, as it also is on the present seventh at St. Peter's, Northampton, where the old four were also recast by Rudhall at the time of the augmentation—1734, not 1738.

P. AMOS

Weston Favell.

### LEICESTER VETERANS ENTERTAINED

A FEATURE of the activities of the Leicester Diocesan Guild is its thought for elderly ringers and on May 29th it provided a wonderful reunion at Coleorton in the north-west corner of the county. The church here has a handy eight (tenor 13 cwt.) and stands in the grounds of Coleorton Hall, now a seat of the National Coal Board. The grounds and gardens, with rhododendrons a blaze of colour, were open to the visitors.

Fleets of cars brought the veterans to the church by 3 p.m. and there were some great reunions, such as the two remaining sons of the four fathers and sons' peal at Belgrave in 1925 (the last time they met) and several others who had not met for 30 years. A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Burford) and those who were chorists sat in the choir. Singing was with a fervour reminiscent of the Welsh valleys.

A sumptuous spread awaited the party at Coleorton School. Afterwards a very comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. C. Belton, who was responsible for the arrangements. Those thanked included the Rector, the ladies, Coleorton ringers and the "younger" car owners. Mr. Ernest Bartram thanked the General Committee of the Guild for their blessing on the venture, to which Mr. Paul Taylor (a vice-president) replied. The services of Mr. Belton were acknowledged by Mr. H. Over, and his vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

The programme included selections by the Earl Shilton handbell ringers, musical items by Mr. and Mrs. R. Lord and the reading of reminiscences and extracts from "The Ringing Worlds" of the 1920's and 1930's. These prompted several "I remembers" and Harry Stoneley produced his miniature handbells, relics of the 1914-18 war. Mr. Paul Taylor gave a lighthearted story of recent happenings at the foundry and at 8 p.m. came "Auld Lang Syne," bringing to a close a memorable day.

The company included Miss H. Shipman, Messrs. J. Butcher, T. Briggs, E. Bartram, H. Churchill, C. Jelly, E. Tinsley, A. Moulds, J. Ward (Melton area), C. R. Belton, H. Stoneley, H. Wright, H. Hollis, J. Herbert, N. Walker, L. Hewitt, H. Wood, J. Buckingham (Hinckley area), G. Broughton, R. Barrow, R. Elkington, E. Geary, V. Geary, T. Isom, William Wood, E. W. Bowley, W. Tanser (Leicester area), F. Bindley, W. Draper, W. Dexter, W. Swan, P. Plowright (Syston area), A. W. Martin, L. W. Allen (Market Harborough area), G. Butler, W. Honner, W. Hickman, H. Over, E. F. Gobey, W. Smith (Loughborough area), J. W. Cotton and W. Curson (M.C.G.). Others in attendance with cars were Messrs. L. Allen jun., A. Ballard, J. Hodgetts, W. Root, H. L. Wykes, J. Kesterton, Joe Beal, G. Wright, J. Jelly, J. Adams, H. Bowley, J. Lawrence, J. Day, M. Stimson and Paul Taylor.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Kingcott (first on ten) 1. E. T. Lee 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, M. Collins 4, A. E. Cox 5, L. Derrick 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, D. G. Yeo 8, P. Bridle 9, J. Brain 10. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, founded on May 31st, 1890.

JOHN NICOLL  
BELL ROPES  
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# Birmingham University in Yorkshire

THE police, among others, were surprised to see a band of nine students gather outside New Street Station at 10.30 one dull Wednesday morning in April. Using this surprise to their advantage, the nine ringers poured into a minibus and made a smooth getaway, thus avoiding being arrested for loitering.

Mansfield was reached several hours later and here the party was augmented to eleven by the arrival of Alistair Mactadyen and his sister Jo. After a few rounds, a touch of Stedman was rung, then Blyth and Tadcaster followed before crossing into Yorkshire to York, where the tour was centred.

Thursday, the first full day, was notable in that at the third tower, Patrington, we had our efforts recorded by the B.B.C. Northern Station. The entrance to the ringing chamber at Patrington is via a tunnel some 25 feet long, being two feet wide, three feet high and triangular in cross-section. Despite none of our number being of optimum shape, we all managed to reach the ringing chamber and agreed that the bells were well worth the effort. After several more towers we arrived in Market Weighton (6) where, having rung York Surprise, we frequented the nearest fish and chip shop, the whole party by then having become suitably impoverished.

The first tower on Friday was the six at Holme-on-Spalding Moor (a ground floor ring), where we were joined by Steve Barton. Unfortunately the tail ends of the ropes were just out of reach. Deducing that the bells must be set at backstroke by some very tall ringers, our tallest member tentatively pulled at one of the ropes; it came down but unfortunately all the others went up. Luckily at this point the tower key arrived and the ropes were loosed from above. After this unusual start we rang for about half an hour, the "new" method at this tower being Double Oxford.

## A WARNING COUGH

North Ferriby was reached about lunchtime. We first located the church, then began to look for somewhere to eat. Began is, unfortunately, the operative word in the last sentence, for about 100 yards from the church the engine of our minibus gave one warning cough, then stopped. All jumped out. The engineers in our company immediately started scrutinising all relevant and some irrelevant parts of the engine with obvious delight; however, their search was fruitless. Attempts at push-starting were miserable failures; we appeared to be stuck.

Half an hour later we were ringing the six in the nearby church feeling much happier. (We bought a can of petrol.) Later that day we were again recorded, this time by the tower master of Hemingbrough, where there is a nice six with a long free fall of rope. The day was completed with the eight at Escrick.

Saturday's events of note were mainly concerned with the ringing (for a change), with Yorkshire at Norton-juxta-Malton and Double Norwich at Bridlington Priory (a heavy eight). Sunday morning saw some of us ringing at the Minster (unfortunately deprived of its tenor with clapper trouble) for morning service. This was followed by a quick row on the Ouse and then Sunday dinner. In the afternoon we rang for the St. George's Day service at the Minster, then we had a ring on the six at Huntington, finishing the day's ringing for Evensong at St. Stephen's, Accomb.

Monday started at Hovingham, where we were interviewed by the local newspaper reporter. Easingwold (a nice eight) has Yorkshire tail ends, which proved confusing to begin with. The incumbent came to join us soon after we had started, and one of our ringers inquired of him where we might obtain a few pies for lunch. Mishearing the question, the reverend gentleman retorted "You are very abstemious, young man," and directed us to an excellent pub. After lunch we visited Thirsk, Wath and Boroughdale, finishing the day on the excellent ten at Ripon Cathedral.

Tuesday began at Whixley, where we rang London Scholars' Pleasure. At Harrogate (which were, in my opinion, the best eight of the tour) we rang a good half course of Superlative. The day continued with three more sixes and two more eights before concluding the tour at Sherburn with another course of Superlative. That evening the whole party had a Chinese meal despite many of us having light wallets.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. Robert Hardy for organising the tour and driving the minibus. A. J. J.

## OBITUARY

### MISS CAROLYN VIBERT

The death of Carolyn Vibert at the age of 19, on Whit Monday, was tragic. It came as a severe shock to the many friends she had made. Secretary of the Bishopstoke band, she undertook this and other parochial duties with a cheerfulness which was characteristic of her nature.

Ringing was her chief interest, but she had also been a chorister for a few years. Under the guidance of George Pullinger, Carolyn made progress in the standard methods and stood in her first peal at Bishopstoke in April, 1961, Plain Bob Major, conducted by Tom Chapman. Since then she had rung a total of 65 peals, her last at North Lopham, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, conducted by David J. Forder, the day before her death. An accomplished ringer and a pleasant companion, Carolyn had rung most popular Surprise methods up to London Surprise Royal.

Having a passion for peals and week-end tours, she was a member of a party who had just completed a tour of the Norwich area organised by David B. House. Finishing at Hethersett on Whit Monday morning, the party made their way to Chelmsford for the evening ringing. This was the last time her friends saw her, for, returning home, the car she was travelling in was involved in a head-on collision on the A.30 just north of Basingstoke. Carolyn died instantly.

To her parents and brothers we express our heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral took place at Bishopstoke Church on June 14th, with a private family service afterwards at the South Stoneham Crematorium. Whole pull and stand was rung prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Rose. The large number of ringers, friends and parishioners present reflected the high regard all had for Carolyn. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the porch as the cortege left by: T. Chapman, Mrs. T. Chapman, R. C. Kippin and D. J. Forder.

Floral tributes came from all sources, her family, ringers, church workers, her fellow workers and management, neighbours and many more. A permanent remembrance in the form of a plaque will be placed in the belfry at a later date.

Ringers present, apart from those already mentioned, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faithfull, Mr. and Mrs. R. Faithfull, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thomas, Mrs. T. H. Francis, the Misses L. Cull, R. Kemp, H. Kippin, V. Rowe, J. Thorne, Messrs. M. J. Butler, O. N. Curtis, W. J. Durrant, P. Faithfull, J. Hartless, S. Kirby, B. J. Luff, M. M. Powell, R. R. Savory, M. J. Trigg and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

After the service a half-muffled peal was rung by a representative band, the composition being that used for Carolyn's first peal. T. C.

**STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, R. Penny 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. In memory of an old ringer and sidesman. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, G. Marchant 2, W. Stevens 3, B. Wyde 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells at Edensor will be available in connection with the meeting at Darley Dale on July 3rd from 7 to 8 p.m.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. Beeson, of Cranleigh, is seriously ill and his health is of concern to his friends.

The peal at Prittlewell on May 23rd (see page 397) was rung to welcome Heather Ann, born on May 5th, the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. Cansdale, the former ringing the second bell in the peal of Plain Bob Caters.

When the Western District of the Ladies' Guild met at Dunkerton on June 12th four new members were elected—the Misses B. Boyle and S. Hallett (Pilton), P. Pickard (Wraxall) and Mrs. S. Lewis (Warmley). A wide range of methods was rung on these very light bells.

Returning from Northampton, Canon Thurlow discovered that his visit to South Lopham to dedicate the rehung six bells had not been advertised in the issue of June 18th. We are asked to emphasise that all ringers are welcome and the bells will be available after the dedication.

If Miss Mary Jones, of Manchester University Guild, will send her address to Mr. David J. Marshall, 1, Hallgarth View, Whinney Hill, Durham City, he will pass his comments to her on her report of the Guild dinner. The editor has been through the Jones list of addresses in an endeavour to pass on Mr. Marshall's communication. He did, however, find a "Marjorie."



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### MEMORIAL TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The Kent County Association and other friends intend to place a bronze memorial plaque at the base of the tower at Milton-next-Gravesend to the memory of Frederick M. Mitchell, for so long their treasurer and secretary, who died in 1960. After months of negotiation a faculty has now been granted and the manufacture of the plaque can proceed. There will be an announcement later of the arrangements for the dedication and unveiling.

### GROTON'S VISIT

Mr. Russell S. Young, the master in charge of ringing at Groton School, is in England and is staying with Mr. Frank Price, at 10, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks. He writes: "I am in England until July 12th, principally on the Winchester-Oxford-Leicester axis, and would be glad to meet any schoolmaster-ringers who even remotely entertain the idea of teaching in America."

"Another group of Groton ringers will be arriving in two weeks for the third tour. We are looking forward to several weeks of ringing, learning and making friends in the mother country."

### LITTLE WALSINGHAM BELLS

East Anglia has many unringable bells, and it is therefore encouraging to hear of hopes for restoration. In his annual report on the fabric of St. Mary's, Little Walsingham, Norfolk, the Vicar (Fr. Alan Roe) expressed a wish to have the five bells retuned and rehung, with the possible addition of a sixth bell. Much work is still needed to be done on the tower, which would cost £4,000, but the bells would certainly be repaired when the money was available.

### SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The pleasant light six at Winterslow were perfectly suited to the beautiful weather of May 22nd, when the Salisbury Branch held its third annual striking competition. The newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. W. B. Vernon, welcomed the Guild at the service that preceded the event. After tea in the Village Hall a return was made to the church for the competition.

The result was: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire) 26 faults; 2 Sarum St. Thomas (Grandsire) 43; 3 Damerham (Grandsire) 48; 4 Wilton (Stedman) 59; 5 Salisbury Training College (call changes) 89.

We are most grateful to Messrs. A. V. Davis, L. Cobb and W. Cheater, of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, for their ready help and advice as judges. G. A. T.

### ISLE OF MAN BELLS

Mr. Geoffrey R. Marchant, of 137, Downend Road, Horfield, Bristol 7, inquires as to the state of the bells at St. Geram's, Peel, Isle of Man. On a recent visit to the island he was refused permission to look at the bells but the Vicar did mention that he had had numerous similar requests and, concluding Mr. Marchant, "it may be that someone was more persuasive than I."

### CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HANTS

The first week-end in July will be quite a "Ringers' Occasion" in Christchurch. It is believed to be the first time that the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild have decided to hold their annual general meeting in the Priory town. This meeting is planned for Saturday, July 3rd, and the following day will be observed as a Ringers' Sunday at the Priory Church.

The preacher at the Guild service at 4.45 p.m. on the Saturday will be the Rev. Frankland Rigby, M.A., Vicar of Bromesborough, Gloucester, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild. Mr. Rigby was formerly a member of the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, band.

At Evensong on the Sunday at 6.30 p.m. there will be some special music and ringers' hymns, the preacher at this service being Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc., Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and Rural Dean of Southampton. Visitors will be especially welcomed. Details of ringing times are included in the meeting advertisement.

### HANDBELLS THAT SAW ACTIVE SERVICE

A highlight of the Leicester Veterans' reunion at Coleorton was a course of Grandsire Caters rung on Mr. Harry Stoneley's miniature handbells, which he carried with him in the trenches in the 1914-18 war. Harry was still dressed in his Scouting uniform, which has made him a familiar figure for over half a century. He delighted the company with amusing anecdotes, particularly those of the famous Wednesday afternoon band of the 1920's and 1930's with James George and other giants of that era. Other survivors of the band present were Richard Belton, Joseph Cotton and Edward Gobey.

### MISBLOW PRODUCES ROUNDS

In a peal of Minor at Offton, in seven plain methods, on June 7th, a misblow took place 120 changes from the end. It produced temporary rounds and was immediately corrected. The extent was completed but the conductor (Giles B. Thompson) quite rightly has consigned it to the list of miscellaneous performances. He writes: "I think an interesting dilemma for all Minor ringers is brought to light. Had the same misblow been made elsewhere, rounds would not have occurred and the 720 would not then seem obviously false. Thus can anyone honestly claim as true anything on less than eight bells in which there is one distinctly misplaced blow? And further, is anyone less honest if this misblow produces temporary rounds?"

Taking part in the performance were: F. James Lockwood 1, Roger E. K. Whittell 2, A. Trevor Hawkins 3, Brian B. Hullah 4, Neville F. Whittell 5, George E. Thompson (conductor) 6. Methods: Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob.

### HER METHOD CONSTRUCTION KIT

E. M. B. writes telling of her method construction kit for learning methods. "Suppose a Minor method to be under consideration. Six pieces of transparent paper marked with six vertical, evenly-spaced, parallel lines—divided into six sections by horizontal lines in case of T.B. or Surprise. On one sheet mark out the regular hunting path of the treble (preferably a dotted line). The next sheet has the course of the 2nd place bell and the remaining four sheets courses of 3rds, 4ths, 5ths and 6ths place. It is an advantage to have a different colour for each bell.

At the bottom of each sheet is written in the appropriate colours above and below the appropriate vertical line the numbers 1 to 6. The dimensions of the framework and of the numerals must, of course, be identical for each sheet, as they are to be placed on top of one another as required. The sheets may be fastened together, either in natural order or in the order of the duty of any particular bell. Bob and Single construction kits could also be provided on the same lines, extending from one half-lead to the next.

"The course bell, and passing the treble, would be easily demonstrable; and the notion, so easily acquired by the learner, that a method consists of a wayward and capricious blue line thwarted at various points in its career by the antics of various arbitrary numerals (presumably following their own equally capricious blue lines) would have no reason ever to raise its head."

### TREVOR BAILEY'S 200 PEALS

Mr. Trevor N. J. Bailey has travelled far to complete his first 200 peals, involving ringing in 30 counties in England and Ireland and for 21 Guilds and Associations. Of his peals, only nine—and all Doubles—were rung "in hand" and all of these he conducted. The total conducted was 32. Approximately a quarter of his peals were on 10 or 12 bells, and in this group Cambridge Maximus heads the list with 12, other Surprise Maximus being Yorkshire 4, Londinium, 12-Spliced and Superlative one each. Royal total 25 (Surprise Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 1, 3-Spliced London 3 and Pudsey 4). There were 34 in Surprise Major, nine methods, being represented. Other Major totalled 29 (Plain Bob 18 and Double Norwich Court Bob 7) and Triples only eight. Significant of his county is 34 Doubles and 36 Minor peals. Altogether it is a very good list.

### MAJORITY RULE IN PEALS

The band who rang the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Colchester on Whit Monday in crediting the peal to the Oxford Diocesan Guild intend no slight on their "host," the Essex Association. As only two of the band are members of the Association, the remainder were prevented from joining by virtue of the majority membership rule. Perhaps Associations with such a rule should consider a change in their rules in view of the loss in revenue which is evidently suffered.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., June 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.			
*Frederick Sandy .. .. Treble	John C. Slater .. .. .	5	
Gillian M. Hussey .. .. 2	Peter Bridle .. .. .	6	
James R. Taylor .. .. 3	D. John Hunt .. .. .	7	
Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. .. Tenor		

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.  
\* First peal of Major.

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.			
George Prescott .. .. Treble	†Marjorie Legg .. .. .	4	
*Michael G. Bartlett .. .. 2	†Walter Rice .. .. .	5	
†Edgar Skipsey .. .. 3	†Roy Rice .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by George Prescott.  
\* First peal of Doubles. † First of Stedman. ‡ 125th peal.  
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

UPHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents Stedman, ten Plain Bob and 25 of Grandsire.			
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.			
Marjorie Legg .. .. Treble	Stanley Lewis .. .. .	3	
John Hall .. .. 2	Walter Rice .. .. .	4	

George Prescott .. .. . Tenor  
Conducted by George Prescott.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent St. Clement's Bob, two Kent Treble Bob, and four Plain Bob.			
Tenor 8½ cwt.			
Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	John H. Taylor .. .. .	4	
David Huddleston .. .. 2	Hugh N. Evans .. .. .	5	
Andrew Howard .. .. 3	Alan Tubb .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., June 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.			
Oswald Claybrook .. .. Treble	Frederick Jackson .. .. .	5	
*John R. Bibby .. .. 2	Cyril Valentine .. .. .	6	
*John Oultram .. .. 3	Walter Allman .. .. .	7	
John E. Bibby .. .. 4	Francis Bibby .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John E. Bibby.  
\* First peal in the method.

SADDLEWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.			
Denis Mottershead .. .. Treble	Philip Davies .. .. .	5	
*Allen Twyman .. .. 2	John Robinson .. .. .	6	
Denis Latham .. .. 3	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. .	7	
John Booth .. .. 4	Neil Lomas .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.  
\* First peal in the method.

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.  
CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.			
John H. McTear .. .. Treble	Alan Capstick .. .. .	5	
James E. Burles .. .. 2	Geoffrey Tembey .. .. .	6	
James E. Dickinson .. .. 3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. .	7	
Harold Wilson .. .. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. .. Tenor		

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.  
First peal in the method on the bells.  
Rung for Ascension Day, and as a 16th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Capstick.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.			
Frank A. Smallwood .. .. Treble	Ronald H. Bullen .. .. .	5	
Trevor Taylor .. .. 2	Burley Morris .. .. .	6	
Gordon A. Halls .. .. 3	Geoffrey Goodall .. .. .	7	
Murray A. Coleman .. .. 4	David W. Friend .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5216 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.			
Christopher J. Hughes .. Treble	Amburn Wilson .. .. .	5	
Len Goodall .. .. 2	C. Alan Friskney .. .. .	6	
Geoffrey N. Goodall .. .. 3	Richard Farnsworth .. .. .	7	
Clive Longden .. .. 4	Richard Shelkton .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by A. Percival Knights. Conducted by Len Goodall.  
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the composer.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.			
Frederick A. Adams .. Treble	Len Goodall .. .. .	5	
Harold Paddison .. .. 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. .. .	6	
Alan Keller .. .. 3	Christopher J. Hughes .. .. .	7	
*Verena Simpson .. .. 4	Malcolm P. Phipps .. .. .	Tenor	

Arranged and Conducted by Len Goodall.  
\* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., May 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent Oxford T.B., two each Kent T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob.			
Tenor 11 cwt.			
Nora Carlisle .. .. Treble	Ivan Barlow .. .. .	4	
*John Moore .. .. 2	Girling Rigby .. .. .	5	
Jack Chadwick .. .. 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.  
\* First peal in four methods.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.			
Katharine M. Macve .. Treble	*Henry Kirk .. .. .	4	
Alan G. Kirk .. .. 2	F. Martin Stanway .. .. .	5	
*Gillian M. Fanshaw .. .. 3	Andrew M. Macve .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.  
\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.			
Gillian M. Hussey .. .. Treble	John H. Taylor .. .. .	5	
*Margaret A. Boulton .. .. 2	Richard J. Bowden .. .. .	6	
Alan Tubb .. .. 3	*Alan Carveth .. .. .	7	
*Bernard G. North .. .. 4	D. John Hunt .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.  
\* First peal of Rutland.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
NEWBURN ON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, (2) London, Wells, (3) York, Durham, (4) Ipswich, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet, (7) Surfleet, Beverley.			
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.			
William A. Thow .. .. Treble	Andrew G. Craddock .. .. .	4	
James Crowther .. .. 2	Michael Maughan .. .. .	5	
Rodney A. Yeates .. .. 3	William Davidson .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by Michael Maughan.  
Most methods to a peal by all the band.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.			
Ivan J. M. Saunders .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. .. .	5	
Alison M. Mann .. .. 2	James L. Towler .. .. .	6	
Ian R. Pantou .. .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. .	7	
Peter G. Brown .. .. 4	Philip J. Rothera .. .. .	Tenor	

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.  
First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FYFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents St. Clement's and five Plain Bob.			
Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.			
Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Ian V. Foster .. .. .	4	
*Anne Edwards .. .. 2	James L. Towler .. .. .	5	
†Keith W. Brown .. .. 3	Peter G. Brown .. .. .	Tenor	

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.  
\* 25th peal. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.



## THE GLOUCESTER &amp; BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OAKSEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, and two each St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	Roland T. Wakefield .. 4
Alan, Tubb .. .. 2	Hugh N. Evans .. .. 5
Andrew Howard .. .. 3	John M. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 100 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Walter Ayre .. .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
John D. Faircloth .. .. 2	Roger Baldwin .. .. 6
Mary S. Taylor .. .. 3	Gerald Penney .. .. 7
Thomas J. Lock .. .. 4	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.  
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Jeanette Anne, to Jennifer and Vernon Green on May 28th.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

*Tony Lewis .. .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. .. 2	†Stanley G. R. Zobel .. 6
Doris E. Colgate .. .. 3	Ian H. Oram .. .. 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.  
\* 25th peal. † First peal of Major.  
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells on June 5th, 1915, using the same method and composition.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A. Corby .. .. Treble	*Doris E. Colgate .. .. 5
*Lucile M. Corby .. .. 2	*Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. .. 7
*Ann Jenner .. .. 4	*Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.  
\* First peal in the method.  
A compliment to Joan Warner and Lynn Taylor, on their engagement.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Single Oxford, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Shirley P. Town .. .. Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4
David S. Ossenton .. .. 2	Christopher T. Ossenton .. 5
F. G. Holgan .. .. 3	*Norman R. Mattingley .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.  
\* First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Richard Starkie .. .. Treble	*Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 7
*Philip Crossthwaite .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 8
*Christine Andrew .. .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. .. 9
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 4	Neil Bennett .. .. 10
*J. Colin Ashworth .. .. 5	Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 11
*Richard Parker .. .. 6	Harry Parks .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.  
\* First twelve bell peal.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BOTTFESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Alan G. Payne .. .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 5
Denis R. Woods .. .. 2	Cyril R. Burrell .. .. 6
*Derek J. Jones .. .. 3	Raymond H. Daw .. .. 7
Roger D. Bailey .. .. 4	Brian Harris .. .. Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox. Conducted by Brian Harris.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek J. Jones .. .. Treble	*Alan G. Payne .. .. 5
Denis R. Woods .. .. 2	Raymond H. Daw .. .. 6
Roger D. Bailey .. .. 3	Brian Harris .. .. 7
Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 4	Cyril R. Burrell .. .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian Harris.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Major. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Melvyn A. Rose .. .. Treble	†Michael Whiting .. .. 5
Raymond Chafer .. .. 2	†Harold Judd .. .. 6
†Geoffrey Bromfield .. 3	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 7
Michael W. Crowder .. 4	John Hall .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.  
\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*Michael R. Rooney .. Treble	†Raymond H. Daw .. 5
Keith R. Davey .. .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. 6
Derek J. Jones .. .. 3	Robert B. Smith .. 7
†Alan G. Payne .. .. 4	Brian Harris .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	†Harold Barsley .. 5
Frank Taylor .. .. 2	Brian Harris .. .. 6
†Alan G. Payne .. .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. 7
Derek J. Jones .. .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Brian Harris.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Lincolnshire.

THE LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Patricia E. Buss .. .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn .. 6
Patricia Diserens .. .. 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 7
Helen M. Diserens .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 8
John Manley .. .. 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. 9
Frank W. Lewis .. .. 5	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

LLANBRADACH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Harry Parkes .. .. Treble	Stephen Fenwich .. 5
W. James Goodfellow .. 2	Christopher Aldridge .. 6
Penelope J. Welch .. 3	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 7
*Alan Smith .. .. 4	David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells for 33 years.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARLINGTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Sydney M. Bailey .. 5
*Susan E. M. Davis .. Treble	Michael Hatchett .. 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 7
Arthur Barker .. .. 3	Lionel Grace .. .. Tenor
William Birmingham .. 4	

Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

\* First peal.

Rung in honour of the laying this day of the foundation stone of Christ Church, a daughter church in the parish of Harlington, by Major L. F. Ellis, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 6
Andrew N. Stubbs .. .. 2	*†D. Roy Bould .. .. 7
*Margaret A. Bould .. 3	Richard O. Humphries .. 8
Lawrence Smith .. .. 4	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 9
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5	David T. Darby .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by William A. Theobald.  
\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First in the method.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 SPOTBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox .. .. . 5
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 2	Thomas J. Lock .. .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. .. 3	John Hill .. .. . 7
Alick Cutler .. .. . 4	John R. Mayne .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Alick Cutler.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Edwin Deakin .. .. Treble	William A. Yates .. .. 5
James Linnell .. .. . 2	George W. Holland .. .. 6
Barry E. Saunders .. .. 3	Joseph Wm. Cotton .. .. 7
John A. Underwood .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a wedding day compliment to Mr. G. Barry Brown, of Billingborough, Lincs. and Miss Ann Warnes, of Barkby, Leics, whose wedding took place at St. Mary's, Barkby, this day.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. .. 5
John A. Underwood .. .. 2	William A. Yates .. .. 6
Arthur E. Rowley .. .. . 3	George W. Holland .. .. 7
Joseph Wm. Cotton .. .. . 4	James Linnell .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung for the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. J. Day, to the living of Measham.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 46 lb. in E flat.

Carolyn Vibert .. .. Treble	David J. Forder .. .. 5
*Peter M. Adcock .. .. 2	Brian J. Luff .. .. . 6
John R. Faithfull .. .. 3	David E. House .. .. 7
Michael J. Thomas .. .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Being seven differently called extents.	
Anthony H. Smith .. Treble	† Paul G. LeCount .. .. 4
*Jennifer M. Payne .. .. 2	† Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
Edward D. Elderkin .. .. 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First of Bob Minor.

Rung immediately after the marriage at this church of Kathleen Toman and Edwin Coleborn, by five members of the University of London Society and one member of the Kent County Association.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Frank R. Morton .. .. Treble	Dennis Latham .. .. . 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. . 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 6
Harold Dowler .. .. . 3	Roy Worrall .. .. . 7
Walter Sherratt .. .. . 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

## SPOTBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

38—38.4—58—16.34—14.5—12—1.

2nds place i.e. 1648. 4ths place bobs.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 3 Hours,

## A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

John R. Faithfull .. .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt .. .. . 5
*Marilyn C. Smith .. .. 2	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. 6
David J. Forder .. .. . 3	Malcolm M. Powell .. .. 7
Carolyn Vibert .. .. . 4	Brian J. Luff .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

\* First peal of Lincolnshire. First of Lincolnshire on the bells.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

Michael J. Thomas .. Treble	Malcolm M. Powell .. .. 5
Marilyn C. Smith .. .. 2	David J. Forder .. .. . 6
John R. Faithfull .. .. 3	Robert C. Kippin .. .. 7
*Peter M. Adcock .. .. 4	David E. House .. .. . Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

\* First peal of Rutland.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Edward Howes .. .. Treble	Kevin S. Hohl .. .. . 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. .. 2	George P. Adams .. .. 6
H. William Barrett .. .. 3	Peter M. Adcock .. .. 7
Rev. Malcolm C. Melville .. 4	David E. House .. .. . Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by David E. House.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Giles R. Shedden .. .. Treble	Anthony D. Sansom .. .. 5
Frederick R. Scott .. .. 2	J. Keith Ward .. .. . 6
Gillian A. Leale .. .. . 3	David P. Hilling .. .. 7
Robin G. Leale .. .. . 4	Michael P. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

FARINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Heywood's Transposition.	
Walter F. Judge .. .. Treble	Dennis Leslie .. .. . 5
Norman Leslie .. .. . 2	Francis A. White .. .. 6
John Drewitt .. .. . 3	Brian R. White .. .. . 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. .. 4	Edwin Drewitt .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 methods, being 120 each of April Day, Kennington, May Day, Clifford's, Southrepps, Royston, All Saints, Pinks, St. Helen, Newborough, St. Anne, Bluebell, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh and St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 240 Antelope, 840 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, 1,320 Grandshire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Garth A. Porter .. .. Treble	*Ian Ross .. .. . 4
Leonard R. Porter .. .. 2	Noel D. Deam .. .. . 5
R. H. Jones .. .. . 3	David Floyd .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

\* First peal "inside."

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Whit Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 7
J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 2	Barrie Hendry .. .. . 8
Alan F. Thirst .. .. . 3	Patrick I. Chapman .. .. 9
George E. Thodaj .. .. . 4	John S. Mason .. .. . 10
Antony R. Kench .. .. . 5	Peter Border .. .. . 11
Eric N. Harrison .. .. . 6	Wilfred Williams .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Surprise Maximus by the Guild.

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## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Charles E. Black .. .. Treble	†William A. Holmes .. . 5
Wendy Daw .. .. 2	Brian Harris .. .. 6
Denis R. Woods .. .. 3	Raymond H. Daw .. .. 7
Derek J. Jones .. .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. . Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse .. .. Treble	W. Leslie Weller .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 2	R. Roger Savory .. . 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 3	Peter A. Sharp .. .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 4	*A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* 600th different tenor "turned-in" to a peal.

EARLS BARTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Walter Ayre .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. . 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. .. 2	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. .. 3	W. Leslie Weller .. . 7
Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

MOULTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Roger W. Smith .. . 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. . 7
Peter A. Sharp .. .. 4	Jack L. Millhouse .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of London Surprise Major.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Roger W. Smith .. .. Treble	Jack L. Millhouse .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 6
Anthony J. Davidson .. . 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. . 7
Geoffrey E. Watson .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp .. .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

SCALDWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Containing 60 methods in the following 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Simon and Uffington, (2) Reverse St. Martin and Stowe Place, (3) Reverse St. Osmund and Datchet, (4) Plain Bob and Boxford, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton, (6) Shipway's Place and Tandridge, (7) St. Simon and Rugby Slow Course, (8) St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (9) St. Osmund and Merton S.C., (10) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., (11) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (12) St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C., (13) New and Itchingfield S.C., (14) Huntspill and Oakley S.C., (15) St. Vedast and Chipstead S.C., (16) Westminster II and Chesham S.C., (17) Blackburn Place and Broughton S.C., (18) St. Hilary and Ockham S.C., (19) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (20) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C., (21) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C., (22) Reverse St. Nicholas, (23) Reverse Winchendon Place, (24) Reverse St. Remigius, (25) Reverse New, (26) Reverse Huntspill, (27) Reverse St. Vedast, (28) St. Alphege, (29) St. Gregory, (30) St. Andrew, (31) Union, (32) St. Faith S.C., (33) St. Julian, (34) Reverse Plain Bob, (35) Canterbury Pleasure, (36) Reverse Shipway's Place, (37) Stedman S.C., (38) Coxwell Place, (39) St. Botolph, (40) St. Bartholomew, (41) Reverse All Saints, (42) St. Sebastian.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

Ronald Russell .. .. Treble	Roger W. Smith .. . 3
George F. Roome .. .. 2	Alan A. Paul .. .. 4

Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

The greatest number of methods rung in a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

James R. Taylor .. .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth .. . 5
Frederick R. Scott .. .. 2	J. Keith Ward .. .. 6
Edward R. Venn .. .. 3	David P. Hilling .. . 7
Brian J. Luff .. .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. . Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

MARKET LAVINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one extent Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

Edgar C. Shepherd .. .. Treble	Derrick P. Bailey .. . 4
Christopher White .. .. 2	Norman G. N. Knee .. . 5
George W. Massey .. .. 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. N. Knee.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents rung in 15 methods: (1) Stedman, (2) Salwarpe, (3-5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6-8) Clifford's Pleasure, (9-11) Southrepps Pleasure, (12-14) St. Martin, (15-17) Winchendon Place, (18-20) St. Simon, (21-23) St. Nicholas, (24-26) Grandsire, (27-29) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (30-32) Northrepps Pleasure, (33-36) Plain Bob, (37-39) April Day, (40-42) Kennington.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Edward R. Fairbrother .. Treble	George E. Morrall .. . 3
Ian Friend .. .. 2	Frank Beech, jun. .. . 4

Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Conducting shared by all the band.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. Treble	David E. Belcham .. . 6
Alfred J. House .. .. 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. . 7
Clifford R. Lovett .. .. 3	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 8
Michael J. Hallett .. .. 4	Ernest G. Pearce .. . 9
*Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 5	Walter Arnold .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Kent.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. Treble	James B. Morley .. . 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. . 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 3	George W. Pipe .. . 8
Frank G. Bloomfield .. . 4	Roderick W. Pipe .. . 9
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 5	Peter A. Sharp .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield .. .. Treble	Leslie G. Brett .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. .. 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 6
James B. Morley .. .. 3	Jack L. Millhouse .. . 7
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PUDESEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Frank E. Darby .. .. Treble	*John Schofield .. . 6
*Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 2	Andrew N. Stubbs .. . 7
*David T. Darby .. .. 3	*Raymond E. Finch .. . 8
*Harold N. Pitstow .. . 4	*Robert W. Hinde .. . 9
*R. James Cook .. .. 5	David E. Parsons .. . Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by John Schofield.

\* First of Pudsey Royal.



## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM. London.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry .. .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. .. 5
*Jean M. Egerton .. .. 2	‡Alan R. Millidge .. .. 6
Robert J. Cooles .. .. 3	James Attwood, jun. .. 7
†Martin J. Boskett .. .. 4	Alan R. Patterson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Alan R. Patterson.

\* First peal of Major for ten years. † First of Major. ‡ 50th peal.  
A 21st birthday compliment (June 7th) to Roger Millidge, brother of the ringer of the sixth.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKLEY. Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 27, 22, 24, 21, 23, 1 and 2).  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Frederick J. Lambert .. Treble	‡Paul Fox .. .. 4
†Amette Bradbury .. .. 2	Alan R. Baldock .. .. 5
Rosemary Earl .. .. 3	Ian V. J. Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

\* 400th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OVERTON. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Sydney M. Bailey .. .. Treble	*Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
*Frederick W. Soden .. .. 2	*Brian W. Hall .. .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 7
Michael Hatchett .. .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE &amp; DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM. Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*John J. Stanier .. .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry .. .. 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. .. 2	John C. Slater .. .. 8
Martin D. Fellows .. .. 3	David Beacham .. .. 9
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. 10
John C. Eisel .. .. 5	Thomas W. Lewis .. .. 11
Ian Lloyd .. .. 6	†James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by David Beacham.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First peal in the method and on 12 bells as conductor.

POWICK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

John E. Whittall .. .. Treble	R. George Morris .. .. 4
Anthony P. White .. .. 2	John Clements .. .. 5
Robert W. Cole .. .. 3	*Thomas W. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

\* 100th peal on six bells.

Western Branch quarterly peal.

TOTTENHAM. London.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Martin J. Boskett .. .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry .. .. 4
Robert J. Cooles .. .. 2	James Attwood, jun. .. 5
Alan R. Millidge .. .. 3	Michael J. Uphill .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Minster Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

Frederick Hodgson .. Treble	Thomas M. Cox .. .. 6
William Fay .. .. 2	John N. D. Chaddock .. 7
*Raymond Aldington .. 3	C. Michael Orme .. .. 8
John K. Smith .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. 9
Bert Sutton .. .. 5	†David Eames .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

\* First peal on ten bells and first in the method. † 50th peal.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Clive Longden .. .. Treble	Malcolm P. Phipps .. .. 5
Richard Farnsworth .. .. 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. .. 6
Christopher Hughes .. .. 3	John J. L. Gilbert .. .. 7
John Seagar .. .. 4	Len Goodall .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, consisting of 1,152 Superlative, 1,056 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 960 Pudsey, 864 Yorkshire, 128 changes. All the work.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Adrian Boorman .. .. Treble	Richard Shekelton .. .. 5
Alfred B. Sullivan .. .. 2	J. Henry Fielden .. .. 6
William Kirkby .. .. 3	Len Goodall .. .. 7
R. John Lumley .. .. 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	John Potts .. .. 5
Robin H. Brown .. .. 2	Len Goodall .. .. 6
Alan Sheppard .. .. 3	Adrian Boorman .. .. 7
James S. Webb .. .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

(Beverley and District Society).

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Trinity Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Heather J. Freeman .. Treble	†Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. 3
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	Susan E. Thompson .. .. 4

A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

\* First peal attempt. † First peal in the method "inside."

For Trinity Sunday Evensong, and also as a compliment to Simon P. D. Burnett, on his 16th birthday.

## HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane,

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	John R. Mayne .. .. 5—6
Roger Baldwin .. .. 3—4	†Gerald Penney .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* 100th handbell peal on 1—2. † 100th handbell peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close,

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Ealing and Watford, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Cambridge, Elford, London, Painswick, Radlett, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. .. 3—4	†Gerald Penney .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods, viz.: 18 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 24 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 12 in E.

*Nicholas J. Chesson .. 1—2	Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3—4
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\*Peter D. J. Beal .. .. 5—6

\* First peal. First peal "in hand" and first peal as conductor.



## WEST COUNTRY IRISH TOUR

**ARKLOW, WICKLOW.**—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, D. Pike 2, M. Heymann (first of Stedman Triples) 3, G. H. Marchant 4, G. Salmon 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, G. H. Pullin 8.

**BRAY, WICKLOW.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, Dianne Chapman 2, D. Pike 3, R. A. Vere Hodge 4, P. Bridle 5, C. Lewis 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, C. T. Mason 8.

**WATERFORD, EIRE.**—On May 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Bridle 1, Mrs. M. Schofield 2, Diana Chapman 3, G. H. Pullin 4, J. Brain 5, H. B. Schofield 6, E. T. Lee 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8.

**CORK, CO. CORK.**—At St. Finbarre's Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Salmon 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, D. Pike 3, M. Heymann 4, P. Bridle 5, J. Brain 6, E. T. Lee 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 13th, 1,320 Carlisle Surprise Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Bird 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 4.

**ADLINGTON, LANCS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. McNutt 1, Pauline Turner 2, T. Turner 3, B. Moss 4, D. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6. To mark the ordination in Blackburn Cathedral of the Revs. P. G. Wolfenden and R. G. Greenall, curates of this parish.

**ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.**—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Dean (12) 1, Angela French (14) 2, Catherine Ward (first away from treble) 3, D. Dean (14, first as cond.) 4, K. Prime 5, K. Cavill 6. After Evensong on Easter Day. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Ward 1, K. Cavill 2, Freda Prime (first as cond.) 3, Janice Haggitt 4, K. Prime 5, D. Dean 6, First in method 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Somers, a former ringer at Ashcott.

**BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Blanchard 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, I. P. Cox 3, R. D. Quartley 4, J. E. Newman 5, D. A. Burt 6. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar the Rev. R. A. Evans.

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Winchester (first Triples) 1, Rosemary Earl 2, Amette Bradbury (first Triples) 3, Valerie Mephram 4, G. Beene 5, A. R. Baldock (25th Triples) 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, I. S. Holland 8.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Thomson (first quarter) 1, F. E. Darby 2, Juliet Stoy 3, A. L. Bance 4, D. G. Spittle 5, J. Schofield (cond.) 6, R. J. Cook 7, L. A. Reece 8. For Evensong.

**BIGGIN HILL, KENT.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Collinge 1, Penny Kift 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, K. Rundle (first "inside") 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Lesley Rundle 6.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—On June 14th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Parkinson 1, T. Hobson 2, C. Brownlow 3, A. Critchley 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Cook, sen. (cond.) 6, J. F. Wood tenor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Tyson. The former is a member of the local band.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Cathedral, on May 28th, 1,344 Bedfordshire S. Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, J. R. Taylor 2, J. Parsons 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, J. C. Slater 7, P. Bridle 8.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—On Whit Sunday, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Davies 1, A. R. Lawrence 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, P. J. Small 4, B. J. Luck 5, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 6, D. G. Mitchell 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, E. A. Dixon 10. For Choral Evensong.

**CAPEL, SURREY.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, Judith Weekes 3, J. Nicholson 4, T. Gregory 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

**COOKHAM, BERKS.**—On June 11th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Horne 1, Mrs. M. Barton 2, Miss M. Adamson 3, Miss D. Hague 4, D. J. Young 5, T. H. Tocock 6, J. R. A. Muller 7, M. P. Barton (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. J. Grover, as Vicar.

**CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On June 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hudson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, A. E. Laker 4, J. Jeffery 5, I. Wickens (first of Major) 6, H. Burton 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. For the Dedication Festival.

## QUARTER PEALS

**DAMERHAM, HANTS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Kimber (first quarter) 1, Rev. G. W. H. Moule 2, C. Baverstock 3, J. Mussell 4, J. Baverstock (cond.) 5, D. Kerly 6.

**DUBLIN, EIRE.**—At St. George's, Drumcondra, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. M. Hubert 1, Miss E. A. Sadler 2, Miss M. B. Smith (first "inside") 3, C. J. Reede 4, R. A. Vere Hodge (cond.) 5, A. P. Pike (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the University of Dublin Guild of Change Ringers. A birthday compliment to Miss M. B. Smith.

**EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Crane 1, Sally Parrott 2, Jane Helder (first in the method) 3, S. Warren (first "inside") 4, D. C. Paul 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, Adrienne Gibson (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Helder 8. For Evensong.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Buckley 1, D. G. Pearson 2, K. J. Chapman 3, C. E. Richardson 4, E. J. Chapman 5, R. J. Cowley (first as cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday.

**FLOCKBURGH, LANCS.**—On June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill (first quarter) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, D. H. Garnett (first "inside") 3, A. Edgar 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

**GNUSALL, STAFFS.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Lawton 1, E. Young 2, P. E. Key 3, I. Friend (cond.) 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**HACKNEY, LONDON.**—At St. John's Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kett 1, Miss S. M. White 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, D. E. Rothera 4, B. E. Mathews 5, L. J. North 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, B. C. Burrough 8. A wedding compliment to Jean and Richard Crouch.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Palmer 1, C. Webb 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Mrs. G. Chinnery 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. For Whitsuntide.

**HERTFORD.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, V. Tubby 3, F. Cook 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, J. Game 6, P. Seales 7, D. Pullen 8. To mark the ordination of Rev. Christopher Birchwood, of All Saints', Hertford, and the Rev. C. Harris, of St. Andrew's, Hertford. Rung before the annual service of the Oddfellows.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Barron (first Major attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, K. Gould 3, Miss G. Smith 4, Miss J. Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, R. Newton 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carter 1, Miss B. Smith 2, Miss J. Loten 3, R. Biggs 4, R. Barton 5, Miss J. Barton (cond.) 6, D. Cornwall 7, K. Gould 8.

**HULL, YORKS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawry 1, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 2, F. G. Reed 3, D. V. Suptic 4, J. G. Hobson 5, H. N. Pickering 6. A farewell to Canon R. Iliff M.A., Vicar.

**ISLIP, NORTHANTS.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Edwards 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 4, F. E. Coales 5, M. J. Staley 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Fleckney and Susan Youngman.

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, R.C.P.): Pat Lucas (first quarter) 1, S. Royal 2, A. Cox 3, J. Royal 4, C. Royal (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. Also on June 13th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, St. Clement's): C. Royal 1, Shirley Jones (first quarter) 2, Judith Atkinson 3, A. Cox 4, S. Royal (cond.) 5, C. Sweeney 6. To mark the ordination of Mr. Frank Morley in Salisbury Cathedral.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On June 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, G. Marriner 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday.

**LICHFIELD, STAFFS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: P. C. Bowen (first on ten) 1, Gillian M. Webb (first of Caters) 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, C. M. Smith 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. T. Collins (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, F. T. Hayle 7, B. J. Townsend 8, E. A. Malin (first of Caters as cond.) 9, C. W. Bowen 10. Rung prior to the Trinity Sunday ordination service.

**LONDON, STAFFS.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Bowen 1, N. C. Bowen (first in method "inside") 2, C. M. Smith (cond.) 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. E. Monk 5. For Evensong.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, E. A. Todd 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. For Whit Sunday Matins.

**MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Pinney 1, F. Welch 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. W. Robinson 4, J. T. Locke 5, J. Cornelius (first of Minor as cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Well Association by past and present officers of the Crewkerne Branch.

**MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Bob and Plain Bob): P. Downer 1, Jane Owen 2, J. R. Williams 3, P. W. Smith 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Basil Griffiths, ringer and chairman, who was laid to rest earlier this day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: P. Downer 1, Jane Owen 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, W. Price 5, J. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Simcock 1, Jean Griffiths (first "inside") 2, J. R. Williams (joint cond.) 3, W. Price 4, J. C. Jones (joint cond.) 5, C. Evans 6. For Evensong.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 8th, 1,251 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, Miss P. Buss 3, Mrs. E. A. Lewis 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, Miss F. Webber 6, B. Luff 7, F. Lewis 8, R. C. Kippin (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, V. Cherrill 10.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Culpin 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, H. Ivings 3, J. E. Ivings 4, E. R. Nice 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For the wedding of John Lovick and Janet Wright, of Rougham. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): H. J. Culpin 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, E. R. Nice 6. For morning service.

**ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor and Doubles (three methods): A. Tubb 1, R. W. Sweet 2, D. Huddleston 3, H. N. Evans 4, J. H. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

**SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.**—On May 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. F. Prime 1, K. Prime 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short 5, G. Marchant (cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

**SIDDINGTON, GLOS.**—On June 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Wakefield 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, I. Stracey 5, M. Stracey (cond.) 6. Rung for the ordination of the new priest-in-charge.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joy F. Butler 1, G. J. Butler 2, Patricia E. Pitfield 3, S. J. Curtis 4, K. S. Croft 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, O. N. Curtis 7, J. A. Pitfield 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam Carolyn E. Vibert, of Bishopstoke.

**SYSTON, LEICS.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. M. Payne 1, Mrs. H. Humphreys 2, M. D. Barsby 3, H. M. Payne 4, Miss C. A. Smith 5, H. Humphreys 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Newborn 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Niblett, who has taken an appointment at Barnstable, Devon.

**TALATON, DEVON.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Brenda Bindon 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Gratton and Mr. and Mrs. L. Arscott. Also a birthday compliment to Carol Arscott.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, P. R. Keough 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, G. W. Elmes 7, R. W. Young 8. First in the method by all. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. John C. Wallis, Rector; and the ordination to the priesthood this day, in Salisbury Cathedral, of Rev. Peter H. Matthews.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Pomfret (first quarter) 1, J. E. Andrews (first "inside") 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Cunliffe 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. T. Hillis 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, B. Johnson (first of Kent as cond.) 6.



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### ENGAGEMENT

**MANGER—WRIGHT.**—The engagement is announced between David Chambers, elder son of Mrs. K. M. Manger and the late Mr. S. C. Manger, of Pratts Bottom, Orpington, Kent, and Jennifer Sally, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wright, of Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent. 7118

### DEATHS

**LLOYD.**—On June 21st, 1965, John Lloyd, ringer at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for 55 years. 7137

**LOWTEN.**—On May 25th, 1965, at his home, Victor Edward Lowten, ringer at St. Lawrence's, Alton, Hants, for over 50 years, and a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Aged 78. 7115

### PERSONAL

**N. A. C.**—Have you moved into Bath permanently? We haven't seen you for weeks. Let us know what your position is.—A. B. and B. R. 7129

**WILL** Mr. R. Scott, of Plot 43, Witchford Road Estate, Ely, Cambs, please send his address to the Editor, as his "Ringing Worlds" have been returned.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs iii, 5 and 6.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot on June 29th from 7.30—9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7086

### LOUGHTON, ESSEX

at St. John's Church on Sat., July 10th  
**OPEN TOWER DAY**

Anybody and everybody welcome. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. with intervals while visitors are shown the bells.

Light refreshments and exhibition in Church Hall.

Funds needed for belfry improvements. 7103

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT, GLOS.**—Rededication of the six bells (rehung by John Taylor) on Sunday, June 27th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. Ringing until 9. 7110

### ST. LAWRENCE'S, GNOSALL, STAFFORD.

#### RINGERS' SERVICE

**SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965, 6.30 p.m.** Ringing 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. Peel. To be followed by a social hour, when items will be played by the Junior Handbell Ringers (by special request). All welcome. 7127

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Outing, Saturday, July 3rd, in Leicestershire. Details from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3.—J. Seager, Sec. 7132

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**UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.**—Summer tour in Shrewsbury-Crewe area, September 22nd to 27th. Anyone interested in further details please contact: Dianne Bird, Risca, Godstone, Surrey, as soon as possible. 7136

**WOULD** well-established tower care to help needy church with gift of three bell ropes to help start young band. Cast-offs will do to start.—Goodrich, South Ormsby Rectory, Louth.

### MEETINGS

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7088

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Combined practice and striking competition at Seale (6) on June 26th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Rowe, 5, The Close, Sands, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7087

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—G. Randle, Sec. 7067

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Lydia Terry, 12, Eastern Avenue, Lydd.—C. T. H. 7050

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Lockington and Diseworth on June 26th. Bells (6) at Lockington 2.30 to 3.30. Diseworth (6) 3: Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Fletcher, 13, Page Lane, Diseworth. 7054

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Meeting at Hoar Cross on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7057

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 342nd anniversary at Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon. Lunch 5/6 and tea 4/6 available for those who notify me by Thursday, June 24th. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Tel. 2074. 7060

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Evershot, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash. Bridport. 7048

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Rearranged June meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Nix, 23, St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, by Wednesday 23rd.—Sec. 7087

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—The Winchester District will hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, June 26th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bone, Rowdell Cottages, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.**—Meeting at Kirkburton Parish Church, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided.—W. Mortimer. 7056

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgewater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Goat-hurst, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to follow. Names, please! Look up London.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7122

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting at Turvey, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, by Thursday.—C. Payne, Dis. Sec. 7123

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be at Honiley on July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. It is hoped that Rowington bells will be available after tea.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7120

**CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30.—Dianne Gibson, Branch Sec. 7106

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly general meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 3 p.m.—4 p.m.; Darley Dale (8) 3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service Darley Dale 4.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Grouse Inn 5 p.m. only for those who notify secretary by June 29th. Edensor (6) 7 to 8 p.m.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The Final of the striking competition will be at Orsett on Saturday, July 3rd. Start 2.30 prompt. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, by June 30th. 7051

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Striking Competition at Strettham, July 3rd. Service 2.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea at Wilburton (6). Please park cars in Vicarage grounds at Strettham. 7083

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Arlingham on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Longney (8) available after business meeting. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos, by Wednesday, June 30th. All welcome. 7105

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitstone, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.30—8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner. 7029

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 3rd at Bickleigh. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rose-neath, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous, please. 7108

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Stoke D'Abernethy and Cobham, July 3rd. Ringing Stoke D'Abernethy 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Cobham in evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernethy, Cobham.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7097

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Claverley, July 3rd. Bells (8) 6.30—8.30.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7070

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Barkway, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Names to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock, by July 1st. 7098

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, July 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7104

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.—11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10): 10.45 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6): 11.15 a.m.—12 noon, Westham (6) and Alfriston (6): 12.12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8): 1 p.m.—2 p.m., Willington (6); 2 p.m.—3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea (4/6) 4.15 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7121



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7119

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, together with Branch Striking Competition, at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to: D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk. 7091

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — S. and W. District.—Quarterly business meeting at Harefield, Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. and evening Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Corke, Taylors Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, by June 30th.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7125

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.** —Meeting at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Sutton, 10, Moorland Road, Cheddleton, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 7131

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Blofield, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 7099

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** —The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.** —Quarterly meeting at Lapworth, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea before June 30th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28, Phone SPK 1025. 7113

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. For tea notify Mr. T. Jeanes, 6, Church Hill, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7033

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), July 3rd. Names for tea essential.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 7117

**SALISBURY GUILD.** —Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warminster (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. M. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts. 7022

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Meeting, Hemingbrough, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, before June 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7069

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 3rd. Stapleford bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. — S. Adams. 7080

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division. — Practice meeting at Slaugham, Saturday, July 3rd. 3 p.m.—5 p.m., and Lower Beeding 6.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Tea at Pease Pottage Church Hall. Please notify for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 8, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage, near Crawley, by Wednesday, June 30th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7134

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Northern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Next meeting, July 3rd, Carlton-in-Cleveland (8). Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Edward Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Rison, by Thursday, July 1st. 7134

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion at Chilcompton on Sunday, July 4th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.** —Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Christchurch, Hants. General meeting 2.30 p.m. Service in Priory Church 4.45 p.m. Tea in Priory Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Ringing films will be shown after tea. Committee and general meetings in Church Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, July 1st, to: Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Ringing: Lyndhurst, 10.30—11.30 a.m.; Braemore, 11—12 noon; Hordle, 11.15—12.15 p.m.; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11.30—12.15 p.m.; Fordingbridge, 12—1 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 12.30—2.15 p.m. and after tea; Sopley, 6.30—7.30 p.m.; Ringwood, 7.45—8.45 p.m. — P. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY RINGERS' SUNDAY.** —July 4th, 1965. Ringing: 9—10 a.m.; 2.30—4.30 p.m.; 5.30—6.30 p.m. and after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc. R.D., Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 7058

**BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.** —Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, Saturday, July 10th. Entrance fee 10/-. Names sent to James W. Buxton, 21, Royd House, Shelley, near Huddersfield. Tea, please notify Mr. Michael King, The Vicarage, Wentworth, Rotherham. Both names to be in not later than Saturday, July 3rd. 7128

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** —Meeting, July 10th, at Buxted (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30—8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by July 9th. 7096

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting at South Weald on July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 7133

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 17 towers. Please send 4s. 6d. and s.a.e. for tea tickets and programme by first post, July 7th, to Mr. L. Mitchell, Fredaville, 28, Crown Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7064

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** —Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, July 5th.—P. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7135

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Ulceby, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements.—C. A. H. 7130

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** —Banbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Bloxham, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 and 6 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hitchcox, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham, Banbury, by July 7th.—C. J. Herbert, Hon. Sec. 7095

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 10th. Important—names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 7107

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 10th, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 3—4.30. Memorial service to G. H. Cross at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.45—8.15. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by July 8th. 7126

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice, Crantock, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Cups of tea provided: please bring own food.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 7124

### LATE NOTICE

**TOMORROW: SATURDAY, JUNE 26**  
Dedication of the rehung six bells at  
**SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK,**  
at 3 p.m.

by the President of the Central Council.  
Tea afterwards and ringing rest of day.  
All ringers welcome. 7102

### OBITUARY

#### MR. WARREN S. HORNBOOK

Mr. Warren S. Hornbrook, of Plymouth, who died on June 3rd, aged 73, will be remembered by the older generation of Plymouth ringers. He learned to ring in about 1906, at Charles Church, Plymouth, and rang his first peal in 1911. Before giving up ringing, for reasons of health, he had rung 50 peals and was for a while captain of the Charles Church ringers.

Although he had done very little ringing since the war, he was well remembered by many local ringers, who were represented at his funeral on June 8th by Messrs. T. G. Myers (Plymouth St. Andrew's), A. Westcott (a former captain of Charles Church), W. Collier (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth, and chairman of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers).

#### MR. ERNEST HOYLE

Had Ernest Hoyle lived another three days he would have reached the 54th anniversary of his greatest ringing performance, the 13,440 Bob Major rung on handbells at Pudsey, Yorkshire, on June 5th, 1911, which was then the record length on handbells. But it was not to be for Ernest died on June 2nd, 1965, at the age of 73, at Guildford, Surrey, where he lived in his retirement.

Ernest Hoyle was one of a young band who learned to ring at Pudsey in the first decade of this century. He was a very able ringer and rang several peals before joining the R.A.M.C. in the First World War. Later he transferred to the R.A.F. and when the war was over he returned to Farnborough to resume as a civilian the work he had been doing in the R.A.F. That was virtually the end of his ringing career for although he visited his "home" tower whenever he was in Pudsey he did little ringing elsewhere.

He is still remembered by some of the older ringers in Yorkshire as one who would undoubtedly have made his mark in ringing had circumstances allowed him to follow the art in which he started so well. W. B.

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## WEST COUNTRY RINGERS IN IRELAND

THE suggestion of an Irish ringing tour was first mentioned in 1964 but like most ideas born over a friendly pint, a venture of this type takes time to plan, so that "I-Day" was finally fixed for May 1st, 1965.

A party of eleven ringers from various parts of Somerset and Caerleon assembled at Bristol Airport and took off for Dublin. We arrived safely and soon made contact with Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, from Bradford Cathedral, who had flown in from Leeds, and with Eric Lee and Max Heyman, who had preceded the rest of us to pick up two of the three hired cars from Belfast.

The tour opened, fittingly enough, at Fred Duke's own tower, Drogheda (pronounced "Droida"), where we received a warm welcome and enjoyed some excellent touches on these Rudhall bells. The cars returned to Dublin to search for the digs, but not before the Victor achieved the doubtful distinction of having the first puncture. The evening in the city was rather spoilt by persistent rain.

### TESTS FOR HEIGHT AND ROPESIGHT

Sunday ringing commenced at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the grand 12, where many of the peal boards recall the ringing career of that outstanding personality Gabriel Lindoff. Next the anti-clockwise 10 at St. John's R.C. Church, where the completely open spiral staircase is a distinct drawback to those who dislike heights. The rather awkward circle, together with odd-struck bells, tests the ropesight and ability of any band who ring them.

Afternoon service ringing took place on the Murphy bells of Christ Church Cathedral, with methods up to Little Bob Royal, and at St. George's for Evensong. The bells were voted first-class and produced some good ringing, after which the party attended the service.

Bray was Monday's first objective, and the praise that one hears for these bells is well founded. A quarter peal of Double Norwich had been arranged and it was a pity that a rope end came out and proved its downfall. Disappointed, we rang a course of Bristol and departed. The journey to Blessington took us through the Wicklow mountains and gave us our first real taste of Irish scenery. The bells proved a hard-going anti-clockwise six, but the tone is good.

### WASHBROOK'S ARKLOW

Lunch followed, then away across the moors to Washbrook's Arklow, with its commanding view of the countryside around. A quarter of Stedman proved successful, preceding yet another wet drive to Wexford. These bells were not on the itinerary but diplomatic approaches were made, and to our delight permission to ring was granted for the following evening.

The first tower on Tuesday was St. Canice's Cathedral in the bustling little market town of Kilkenny. The tower barely rises above the main structure, and if the bells are to an extent noisy outside, they are very quiet and ideal for ringing peals without annoying the public. A pleasant run took us to Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, situated only a stone's-throw from the quay, and a welcome from the Dean. These are bells of character, hung by Gillets, and general ringing was followed by a brisk quarter of Yorkshire.

We set off on the detour to Wexford unaware that the fates were against us. Some time was spent fitting ropes on the front three bells and inspecting the frame before the bells were raised, but no sooner was Grandsire Caters under way than the tenor clapper snapped. Further ringing was carried on as best possible, but the effect was not the same, and we left the church with a strong sense of having been cheated, and made for the coast and Tramore, our H.Q. for the night.

### BLARNEY STONE

Wednesday, May 5th, commenced with a 65-mile drive to Doneraile, and our second six-bell tower of the tour. The trip to Bandon took us across the Boggeragh mountains, and confirmed Geoff Pullin's ability to triumph over the inaccuracies of the map and pilot us safely to our destination. After an enjoyable ring we turned east into Cork, and time was found to visit Blarney Castle. There were those who kissed the stone and received certificates to prove it, and those who did not, who do not require one anyway! At St. Finbarre's we were welcomed both by the Dean and by the president of the Irish Association, Mr. Fred Brogan. Outside the tower the bells sound beautiful, and both parties stayed to listen to the quarter of Plain Bob which was rung and which enabled Eric Lee to register his 1,000th peal.

Thursday's programme bore the hopeful label "Scenic Tour," but once again the fickle weather intervened and the views of Bantry Bay, the Healey Pass and other beauty spots were denied us. The mountain roads are twisted beyond belief and it was a relief to reach Killarney and a faster road to Limerick. We made our way to the R.C. Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, with its detached tower, and rang on what many of the band considered the best ring yet. The tower has an enthusiastic band, who accompanied us to St. Mary's Cathedral afterwards. A quarter of Bristol was lost here with just over a course to ring, and after meeting the Southern District secretary, Mr. F. G. Bingham, a mild celebration was held back at the guest house to mark the end of Phase I of the tour.

### ISOLATED BAND

Friday, May 7th, saw the Oxford and five of the party returning to Dublin and home, and ringing a successful quarter at Bray whilst the remainder headed north for Enniskillen. St. Macartan's Cathedral has a fine 10 with a teasing tenor rope and it was a pleasure to join the local company for practice as well as our scheduled visit. We in England do well to remember these isolated centres of the Exercise, where the next tower is 60 miles distant, and where the devotion and loyalty of the band keep the bells ringing.

After an early breakfast on Saturday we set off for Londonderry and its impressive Cathedral of St. Columb. Erin Caters and Plain Bob Royal went well, after which the local ringers joined in ringing on the middle eight. Lunch was followed by St. Patrick's, Coleraine. A drive along the Antrim coast soon brought us to the Giant's Causeway, more than usually impressive under the angry seas whipped up by the gale force winds.

Belfast was our H.Q. for the last three days, and Sunday, May 9th, was spent in and around the city. Morning service ringing was at Ballymena, where the local company were kind enough to give us the freedom of the belfry. Carrickfergus came next, a fine light eight hung in a well-designed memorial campanile. Concentration on the ringing was apt to stray at times, but if towers produce attractive ringers as well as bells, what can you do? After visiting Belfast Castle some excellent ringing was enjoyed on the Taylor ten at Dundela. After finishing the day on the six at St. Donard's, the party attended what turned out to be an inspiring Evensong for local youth organisations.

### "PLAYED THE BELLS"

Methods up to Wells were rung at Drumbo on Monday, once we had found the tower. From this point to Lurgan the road was choked with traffic, and we felt we were back in England again! Christ Church contains a fine 21 cwt. eight with rather springy ropes, and the ringing attracted the local Press, anxious for details of the visit. Photos were taken and the reporter was restrained from describing how we had "played the bells"

before we set off for Bangor. All went well at St. Comgall's but the tapping of the bells in the last touch of Double Norwich was carried on by loud hammering on the door, which turned out to be an irate tobaccoist, who said it was bad for trade! The afternoon was spent by the sea before finishing the day on the light eight at Hollywood.

The last full day arrived all too soon, when on Tuesday we rang on the eight at Hillsborough, in its attractive park setting, and finally at Rostrevor. In the evening we revisited Hollywood to join their practice, and gave John Lindsay a busy time collecting our subs, to join the Irish Association!

The party broke up on Wednesday, May 12th, to go its separate ways, and it was fitting perhaps that our plane back to Bristol was named "St. Finbarre" and thus kept green our memories of Cork city.

To Fred Dukes and the Irish Association, to the clergy and people of Ireland generally, and to our own organising committee, we express our sincere thanks for a wonderful time and a wonderful welcome which will be long remembered. J. B.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S YEAR OF CHANGE

The 86th annual general meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers was held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday.

The ringers' service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of West Ham, the Ven. J. D. Wakeling. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £7 13s.

The meeting followed in the Chapter House, where the Master of the Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, welcomed visitors from other Associations, Bath and Wells, Middlesex, Suffolk and the Gloucester and Bristol.

All the officers were re-elected to serve in the coming year.

The Master, in his review of the past year, said that 1964 had been a year of change, when the Association had created separate posts of secretary and treasurer. Although there had been doubts about the wisdom of the move, it was obvious that it had been successful and he hoped that the secretary, Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, and treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves, would continue in office for many years to come.

Referring to service ringing, he said that there were still many towers which were silent on Sundays due to the lack of a ringing band. Quite often this was the case where the church itself was not supported. The towers which flourished generally drew their members from the choir.

The treasurer, reviewing the financial position, said that income was down on 1963, and he pointed out that a marginal increase in District membership would be sufficient to rectify this. Partly due to non-recurring expenses, the balance would be low at the end of 1965.

After the meeting, lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall by members of the Association. Various towers around Chelmsford were open during the afternoon and ringing continued until 9 p.m. P. W. L.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Although there was a reasonably good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District on June 12th at the two five-bell towers of Great Barford and Roxton, only five District towers were represented.

Ringings during the afternoon was on the fairly heavy five at Great Barford. At the business meeting, which followed tea in the neighbouring Anchor Hotel, Messrs. K. Fleming and P. Mehew were elected as the two District representatives on the committee to revise, if necessary, the District boundaries.

Those present then went on to Roxton, where during the evening they were joined by a good number of visitors.

Next meeting: Silsoe, July 10th. A. R. A.



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