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CITY'S REDUNDANT BELLS GIVE VILLAGE A RING OF SIX



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TECHNOLOGY AND CHRISTIANITY CAN LIVE TOGETHER

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

[From a sermon preached at the dedication of Holt, Norfolk, bells.]

THIS is a highly technical age and some people question whether a faith which began in simple surroundings can inspire a technical society. What is the use, such people say, of quoting words like "I am the good shepherd" to men whose life is in mine or factory, who are lost in mass production, inspired by the power of the crowd alone? But Christianity began in a technical age. The Wise Men's gifts were the fruits of technology. Herod's new temple was a technical achievement, and Paul's travels depended on a technical organisation. And the proclamation from this tower at Holt is the fruit of technology through six centuries proclaimed in Christ's name.

One of the bells we hear tonight was cast by Thomas Potter in Norwich, in a highly skilled, technical and dangerous operation, which he accomplished 600 years ago. It has proclaimed the Gospel since then; first in the tower of St. Swithin and then, when that tower was taken down in 1881, it was transferred to St. Margaret's. That parish has now lost its population and in consequence the bell has come here to take a new lease of life, which may last as long in the future as it has in the past.

Thomas Potter inherited a technical skill already at least four centuries old in England and only last summer men were digging up at Winchester the furnace and moulds used for casting the bells for the Saxon Minster in which the Kings of Wessex were being buried 1,000 years ago. The technical achievement which cast Thomas Potter's bell has been gradually improved, so that today English bellfounders, like those who have rung Holt bells, are more skilled and have wider connections than ever before. In the last two years English foundries have sent magnificent new rings of bells to the Cathedrals at Washington, Sydney, Capetown and Guildford. So much for the dying Church and the inconsistency of Christianity and technology! These two can live together and the City of God is in Coventry—the city of constant strikes—as much as in Jerusalem which killed the prophets.

The Gospel is best preached in simplicity—Christ said so himself. Intricacy is not inconsistent with simplicity and we must learn not to let the one banish the other. The bells illustrate this so well. Bell tuning, hanging and change ringing are each an intricate science and I must compliment both the local ringers and the Gresham boys

on what they are achieving. But the result of all this work is, for the average listener, a challenge—simple, compelling, penetrating the souls of all who hear it. The sound of bells is wordless, so it is not subject to the limitations of words. Bells do not state a creed so they are not subject to the limitations of a creed. We are subjected to constant discussions about Christian belief, but the bells sound with a voice as simple as "Follow Me, My peace I give unto you," and one cannot turn one's back on a simple call, as one perhaps can when Christianity is reduced to a mere subject for discussion. A wordless call has no limits. There it is.

When people work together God's power is realised. These bells are the fruit of the working together of many people of goodwill, each for all and all for each. Not only have there been the technicians of whom I have spoken, but there have been besides so many here who have shown such splendid leadership and such fine co-operation, in raising the money. Let us encourage them by giving towards the sum still needed—by spreading interest and goodwill, and by doing all kinds of technical works here, either at cost price or for nothing.

It is usually invidious to mention names—but there is one very much in our minds, Billy West, to whose splendid leadership this achievement is so largely due. At this moment he is ill in Cromer Hospital, but he will have the satisfaction of knowing of the climax of his achievement, even though he cannot personally join in it.

Working together will continue here in the future. It will be the working together of men and women, boys and girls, who in days to come learn to ring, will teach others, and will maintain the bells and the ringing tradition in union with the 40,000 other ringers in this and other lands, which will keep the proclaiming of the Christian Good News from this tower as a living fact.

There is much talk today about the need for training the laity for work in the Church. But ringing is just one example of the fact that the laity have for centuries been quietly doing their work without talking about it. The quiet sincere leadership and team work among thousands of ringers is an example of lay work of which the Church can be proud.

So as Holt's bells ring tonight and in years to come, allow them to remind you of the three facts of which I have spoken: technology and Christianity are not inconsistent, each can be of great help to the other; the Gospel is best preached in simplicity, deep though its origins, its philosophy and its implications are: and it is when people work together as a team that God's power is released.

REDUNDANT NORWICH BELLS PROVIDE HOLT WITH RING OF SIX

HOLT Parish Church, Norfolk, was packed on February 6th, when the ring of six was dedicated at a special service at 6.30. Some local churches had closed down for the evening so that their people could be present. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Lynn, and the address given by the president of the Central Council.

There is an interesting example of "bells moving with the people" behind this new ring. Holt has for long possessed two bells hung for ringing, on which Gresham's school-boys and others have learned to handle. Their frame was intended to be adaptable for a larger ring at some future date. But how were four more bells to be obtained?

St. Margaret's, Norwich, is one of many "redundant churches" in the centre of that city. It possessed a ring of five hung "dead," consisting of three taken from the redundant St. Swithin's next door, when the tower of that church was taken down in 1881, with two others recast from older bells in 1908. These seemed likely never to be hung for ringing in St. Margaret's. So, when it transpired that Holt wanted a ring of six, a happy arrangement was made, by which four of the St. Margaret's bells were made available for Holt. Taylor's of Loughborough have made a very good job. They have retained the two Holt bells as 3 and 6, the old St. Margaret's 3 and 4 are now 4 and 5 in the new ring, and the two St. Margaret's trebles are recast into the two trebles at Holt.

A great deal of local interest was stirred up. The lead in this was magnificently given by Mr. Billy West, captain for 40 years of Wiveton tower nearby. He, together with many others, has given unsparingly of his time and talents, so that much of the work has been done free or at cost price. Indeed, the one most disappointing feature of the evening was the absence of three people—Billy West himself, who has knocked himself up with overwork in this matter, and was then in Cromer Hospital, the Rector of Holt, who is unwell, and the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Mr. Nolan Golden, who was away for a similar reason.

The form of service was planned round the dedication itself, which was preceded by a bidding prayer and the sermon, and followed by the opening plain course of Bob Minor rung by ringers from Wiveton, Aylsham and Reepham, and prayers, anthem (Purcell's "Bell Anthem") and hymns, during one of which a collection was taken to help pay off the still considerable debt on the work. A number of ringers attended, and many more were welcomed at the meeting held there on February 12th.

A tribute to Mr. Billy West appeared in our last issue.

BELLS TRIED OUT

Many ringers tried out the new bells on February 12th, when the Rev. D. Tuck conducted a short service and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville read the lesson. All were pleased to have Mr. Billy West there; although he did not ring, he ventured up to the ringing chamber. There are several willing to learn and it looks as if in the not too distant future there will be an up-and-coming band here.

It is gratifying to know that Wiveton bells will still be rung for Sunday services and we wish Mr. West and his many helpers every success in their new venture. Mr. Bird informs us that the fund is still some hundreds of pounds short and anyone willing to help should send a donation to Mr. W. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt. The collection for the fund at the meeting was over £10.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 26



MISS MARGARET E. CHILTON
The Southwell Diocesan Guild

The Southwell Diocesan Guild, through this series, proudly presents to the Exercise a brilliant young member of the fair sex in the name of Margaret E. Chilton.

Born in Newark-on-Trent, Notts, on March 20th, 1946, Margaret is a great-niece of the late Arthur Andrews, of Billingborough, Lincs (who stood in the first peal to be rung on the old five at that tower), and daughter of Arthur E. Chilton, the tower-keeper at Newark, and so carries on the tradition of a great ringing family into the third generation.

Educated at Newark Technical College and School of Art, Margaret passed seven commercial subjects and G.C.E. and is now em-

ployed by the National Provincial Bank as a cashier.

As an 11-year-old schoolgirl, complete with pigtail, she climbed the 92 steps to the Newark belfry and learned to handle a bell under the guidance of Mr. J. W. Raithby, Master of the Newark Society, and Mr. W. L. Exton, who is now general secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

After scoring her first peal by ringing the treble to Doubles at Elston, Notts, on October 29th, 1960, conducted by J. R. Pratchett, Margaret has continued with a busy life of peal ringing, having taken part in 108 successful attempts, 101 of which were for the Southwell Diocesan Guild. Happiest when ringing Caters but equally at home on any number of bells, her achievements include several multi-method/variations of Doubles.

Apart from peal ringing, Margaret has wide interest in other fields of the Exercise and has taken full advantage in this day and age of modern transport and willing team-mates, having rung in 299 towers covering 27 counties and is a member of six Guilds or Societies, one of them being the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Although Margaret enjoys ringing, she also plays an important part in looking after other ringers' interests, being hon. treasurer of the Newark Parish Church Society and an Executive Committee member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Six months ago Margaret said that she had two ambitions in her ringing life, one was to be the youngest person in the Southwell Guild to ring 100 peals, and the other was to be another lady to ring 500 peals. The first ambition was realised in September, 1965.

The future is always uncertain but, fired with the enthusiasm of youth and surrounded by a goodly company of ringing friends, she will surely be well on the way to the next target and inspire many young ringers in doing so.

An excellent and noteworthy record from a most brilliant youngster, deserving heartiest congratulations from the whole Exercise.

NORVING.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

All the officers were re-elected at the annual general meeting of the Cary Branch at Evercreech on January 22nd. About 70 members and friends were present and they stood in remembrance of the following who had died during the year: H. Milborne, R. Stuckey, F. Mead, J. Newport and J. T. Dyke.

The chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson) presented Association certificates to four members from Barton St. David, two from Castle Cary, five from Evercreech and two from North Cheriton. New members were elected from Bruton (three), Evercreech (four), Castle Cary and South Cadbury (one each).

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. A. Sellick) for conducting the service, Mr. J. Kinley (organist) and Mr. H. J. Sanger for making the arrangements.

Peal at Corfe, Somerset

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the band who rang the peal at Corfe, which I think was the first since 1936, but I am afraid it was not the fastest peal for the Association. I have rung in two at Dunkerton which were faster, 2 hours and 15 minutes on February 27th, 1960, and 2 hours and 16 minutes on February 11th, 1963, and also one in 2 hours and 21 minutes on February 11th, 1961.

The little six will go very fast indeed if required and there could possibly have been some rung faster again, but it is interesting to look back and find that I have rung peals here in almost 24 hours—one extreme to the other, but nevertheless equally enjoyable. — Yours truly,

ALAN F. LEE.

Bath.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District elected a new team of officers, following retirements at the annual District meeting on January 8th at Andover. The chairman is Mr. G. Dodd (retiring secretary); vice-chairman Mr. A. W. Alliston; hon. secretary Mr. J. Wimplet; Ringing Master Mr. R. Crook; Deputy Ringing Master Mr. P. Murdock; treasurers Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant.

The secretary reported a successful year, with 18 peals, which included the firsts of Highclere Surprise and Longparish Doubles and first for the Guild of Glasgow Surprise. The secretary is to draw up a rota of monthly practices and the Ringing Master hopes to organise advanced practices.

Next A.D.M. Andover, January 14th, 1967, and quarterly meeting, Ampot and Abbot's Ann on April 2nd.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A company of over 40 sat down to the bountiful tea provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers at the annual general meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch at Bridgnorth on February 5th. The Rector (the Rev. D. Allen) conducted the service at St. Leonard's Church. At the ensuing meeting Mr. A. Jones (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Joan Bennett (secretary-treasurer) were thanked for their services and duly elected for another 12 months. Ringing took place at both St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Churches.

NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Angell 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. E. Newman (first as cond.) 3, H. E. Applegate 4, R. F. Phelps 5, C. B. Applegate (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. N. O. W. Johnson.



UNIQUE KENT RINGING RECORD

Dear Sir,—When, some years ago, I first decided to try to trace my family history, I knew that my great-great-grandfather, Henry Down, was a ringer at Hythe, in Kent, and was born there in 1805. It was known, too, that his father, another Henry, was also a Hythe ringer.

Having established more recent relationships through Somerset House, which has birth, marriage and death records back to 1837, an examination of the Hythe parish registers was obviously the next step. These confirmed the young Henry Down's birth in 1805 and also that his father's name was Henry. But although the older Henry lived in Hythe and owned property and carried on a business there, there was no sign of his baptism in the otherwise complete registers; clearly, he had been born somewhere else, but where?

It was at this point that I decided to look in the ringing chamber. You can imagine my delight when I saw a framed silhouette of my great-great-grandfather hanging on the wall and under it the caption "Henry Down, a celebrated ringer of Hythe. Born at Saltwood 26th May, 1757. Died at Hythe 11th June, 1849." This silhouette the towermaster very kindly allowed me to have photographed. To add further proof of the relationship between the two Henrys and of the birth date of the elder, a peal board commemorating 5,040 Bob Triples in 1832 showed "Henry Down (Junr.)" on the treble and "Henry Down (Senr.), aged 75," on the 4th.

Thanks to these clues I now know that the elder Henry's father was named Edmund Down, that he was a "husbandman" (a farmer), and that he was married in the charming little Marshland church of Old Romney in 1746 at the age of 29. The search continues, but that is another story.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District A.G.M. at Southwark

It was announced at the annual general meeting of the Northern District, held at Southwark Cathedral on January 29th that a recommendation to invite the Central Council to hold its 1968 meeting in the London Borough of Croydon would be submitted to the Association's annual meeting in May.

Seventy ringers (44 resident of the District) were present and 14 new members were elected. The committee reported that the system of instructional courses was beginning to show a small return for the monthly visits of instructors to less experienced bands.

On being elected Master, Mr. W. Jackson said that his policy would be to keep the business meetings as short as possible and to spend more time in the belfry. Other officers elected were: Hon. secretary, Mr. N. Steere; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Bull; committee, Miss A. Mann, Rev. A. Clayton and Mr. C. Mew; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton.

Further ringing followed, including Surprise Royal.

Southern District

Despite the rather damp afternoon a large number of ringers attended the annual general meeting of the Southern District at Merstham on January 22nd. The Ringing Master, Mr. T. Bird, supervised the ringing before the excellent service. The tea prepared by the ladies was most satisfying. The meeting followed, at which 12 new resident members were elected.

The following officers were elected for 1966: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Streeter; secretary-treasurer, Mr. K. Game; assistant secretary, Mr. I. Wickens; auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. I. Wickens.

Ringing was resumed at St. Katharine's with methods ranging from Oxford Bob Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

I do not know when the elder Henry began ringing, but he was of some standing by 1802 (probably Hythe towermaster), for in that year (according to Stahl Schmidt—"The Church Bells of Kent," 1887), his name was cast into the tenor of a new ring by Mears of London. A family story has it that he went up to London for the casting and was fool enough to throw a guinea into the molten metal! The first record I have of one of his peals, though there must have been some earlier, is of 10,080 Bob Major at Hythe in 1818, in which he rang the 3rd. He rang many later peals and in fact remained active to a great age; he was certainly still ringing at the age of 88.

The elder Henry must have been proud to have lived long enough to see his son ring the 2nd in the long peal of 13,440 Bob Major at Hythe in 1846. Morris records this peal in his "History and Art of Change Ringing," and I believe it remained a record length in Kent for many years.

I would like to think that I might one day match my predecessors' prowess. However, my friends at Christ Church, Erith, would probably agree that there is still a long way to go yet!

It would be interesting to see if any other readers have ringing forbears of this vintage. Is there an Annable, a Snowdon or a Thurstans anywhere today? Finally, may I use your columns to say that if anyone has any further information on my ancestors, especially if they know of the whereabouts of any notebooks belonging to them, I should be delighted to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP R. DOWN.

32, The Drive,
Erith, Kent.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Carol Hedges 1, P. M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4. A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. Joan Cheney 6. Runa half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. D. Eveleigh, the conductor's mother, who died on December 23rd.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MEETING AT BATH WHITSUN, 1966

Headquarters:

Fernley Hotel, North Parade, Bath.

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Other Hotels:

Pratts Hotel, South Parade, from 35/- single.

Lansdown Grove, Lansdown, from 41/- single, 80/- double.

Royal York, George Street, from 40/- single.

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Grosvenor Hotel, 8-9, North Parade, from 27/6 single.

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Christopher Hotel, High Street, from 27/6 single.

Cleveland Hotel (U), Pulteney Street, 30/- single.

Carfax Hotel (U), Pulteney Street, from 25/- single.

Will members please mention the Council when booking.

Further details later.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon. Secretary.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Lifton on January 29th. The ringing included rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. L. Thornwill), who, after welcoming the Branch, in his address appealed to the ringers to dedicate themselves more earnestly than ever in sharing the struggle of the parish churches to call the people back to the Church. Between 50 and 60 people sat down to tea, which was served by the ladies of the church.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas. There were several changes in the officers elected, Mr. George Mudge (of Whitchurch) and Capt. Read (of Galampton) were new to the General Committee, the third member being Mr. Roy Bould, Ringing Master. Mr. R. Southwood, Plympton, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Miss Sylvia Sims, Press officer, Mr. Owen Thomas, auditor, and Mr. Roy Bould, Ringing Master, were re-elected. Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's, Plymouth) succeeds Mr. H. H. Thomas, who did not seek re-election as chairman. He was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Branch over the past 15 years, having been elected chairman in 1951. The resignation of Mrs. Bould as hon. secretary and treasurer was received.

A recommendation to the General Committee that £25 be donated to Whitchurch Bell Restoration Fund was carried.

New members elected were the Rev. Eric Hayman, Lynn Murkin, Linda Le-Tissier and N. A. G. Rowe (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and the Rev. Roy Harris, Vicar of Emmanuel, as an honorary member.

The votes of thanks were proposed from the chair and included one to Mr. Brimicombe and local ringers.

Next practice meeting: St. Budeaux, March 12th.

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Letters to the Editor

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL PEAL STANDS

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to enter into correspondence with Mr. Mason through the columns of "The Ringing World," but as my integrity as a ringer and my competency as a conductor have been questioned, I wish to speak to the Ringing Exercise in general in defence of both.

Over many years I have made a host of friends throughout the country and they have accepted me both as a ringer and a person commanding as high a standard as the band itself allows. These people will appreciate that the discretion I used as the conductor of the peal at Leicester on New Year's Eve and as to its validity requires no challenge. Therefore I have no hesitation in stating that the peal shall stand as one that should remain in the records of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. STANFORTH.

Leicester.

MIGHT NOT REMEMBER?

Dear Sir,—From his letter ("The Ringing World," February 11th) it is to be assumed that Mr. Mason's peals are always of a very high standard. Perhaps he always follows his own advice and asks the conductor to stop the ringing if he considers it too bad to proceed. But no! He might not want to remember a recent visit to a Somerset 10-bell tower in the light of what he has written. Or is his reputation at stake and the thought of the tenor-kings who have rung that certain tenor in recent years! Come now, what's fair to one is fair to another.—Yours faithfully

PLAIN HUNT.

(Name and address supplied.)

KING EDWARD SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I can see little point in changing the name of a Minor method that has already been established, as in the case of King Edward Surprise recently rung at Kildown, Kent, on January 8th, when it was renamed Keston Surprise.

Surely the situation was already sufficiently complicated—the "Minor Alphabet" recently published contained over 1,000 names, some of the methods having two, three, four and even five names.

Although published as King Edward in the "Bell News" in 1907 it was probably rung under that name before publication, and my records show that it was rung at Wath-on-Dearne and Felkirk in the 1920's as King Edward, although it was probably rung elsewhere as well.

In any case it already has a duplicate name, Crown Bob. Why tack on a third?—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, near Wakefield.

REDDITCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence on Redditch was interesting. St. Stephen's possesses a musical ring of eight and its spire is a landmark for many miles in a picturesque part of Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

Some remarks in the report of the County School outing were not quite accurate. I was privileged to conduct a quarter peal on the back six at the commencement of a week of festivities to celebrate the centenary of the borough charter in July, 1955. Four of the company were local ringers and as far as I know the band has been active for many years since.—Yours faithfully,

V. A. HEMMING.

(Formerly of St. James', Shirley, Solihull.)

WEST DOWN CAPTAIN ON CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your paper, say thank you to P. R. M. for the nicely-worded report on the death of my uncle, Mr. William Phillips, of Newport, which is more than I can say for the report by Mr. Claude Rush on the B.B.C. Christmas Bell Broadcast.

What we have been striving for all our ringing lives, "good striking," he writes off as "monotonous" and would be improved by "open leads," "clips" and "near misses." Blimey!

Should Mr. Rush take C. E. Thoday's advice to spend his next holiday in Devon he will do well to learn this little verse that hung on the wall at the school I attended:

A wise old owl sat in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Why can't we be like that old bird?

because he will meet quite a few who can "zend 'em around a bit viddy like."

On behalf of the ringers at West Down I extend to him a hearty invitation to join us if ever he is down our way.—Yours faithfully,

MERVYN PHILLIPS.

Captain, West Down, Ilfracombe.

"THANKS, PETER CROOK"

Dear Sir,—In Peter Crook's records are two peals rung in Cornwall in July, 1938. He rang them with a Cornish band. One of those ringers was a 12-year-old boy, who now says "Thanks, Peter Crook." Of that band only four can now claim to ring at all regularly, and only two of those are left in Cornwall, but Peter's example of keenness still bears fruit amongst those remaining in the Exercise who came into contact with him in that part of the world.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Dagenham.

THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry, if I may give a verdict it is to say that people have a right to please themselves what they ring in the name of **true changes** and without David J. Marshall's (or anyone else's) permission just because he or they don't like the method rung. The best answer to Mr. Marshall I consider came from Mr. Edmund Malin—particularly that last paragraph asking if he wants a "Police State" in ringing.

I have not rung a peal of Grandsire ten and doubt, with health and advancing years, whether I now shall, but I have rung (and enjoyed ringing) two peals of Grandsire Major, as well as three (maybe four) of Grandsire Minor. What is all this nonsense, anyway, about "boredom" of having to lay six blows behind at a call—does not the tenor man to a peal of Triples have to lay 5,040 blows behind?

To get the tenor behind for six blows does add music to Grandsire, and takes away some of the "cartwheel" stuff we so often hear to even-bell methods with no open leads, as many of the peals I've listened to have been!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

IN SUPPORT OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest the varied controversy in "The Ringing World" concerning Grandsire, I would like to express an opinion as to its merits as a method. In my early days of ringing, having been brought up in a five-bell tower, Grandsire was very much practised but I have never had any regrets for having had such a grounding in one method.

Forty years ago Grandsire and Stedman were very much the methods of the day and if one was not interested in either, let alone not able to strike them to perfection, you got very little encouragement to attempt any other method more complex. Today we too often find a ringer has had too little time spent on learning to handle a bell, mastering rounds efficiently, followed by a good grounding in the elementary stages of change ringing, including Grandsire.

After all, Grandsire and Stedman are two of the main foundation stones to the art of change ringing. Instead, a beginner is often hurried on to Surprise ringing; in consequence we often find inferior and very second rate striking. It is much like teaching a pupil at school to learn algebra and geometry before he has fully grasped simple arithmetic. Grandsire for its musical qualities ranks high, with scarcely a bad change whether in Doubles or Caters, with Stedman a very close second; perhaps some would reverse this order.

Looking back a good number of years, when we used to tour our District around Christmas with handbells and visit a large number of houses, I particularly remember an old gentleman (a true bell lover, but not a ringer), who always expected us and gave us a great welcome. We would ring in the spacious hall, table changes, either Grandsire Caters or Plain Bob Caters; he would invariably single out Grandsire Caters and maintain it was perfect bell music. So from this point of view I wonder how the listening public classify our efforts to put over our best effects of bell music. Is it Surprise ringing or Plain? Is it odd- or even-bell ringing which appeals most? Whichever way it is, I feel we owe a deep sense of gratitude to our forbears in handing down to us such a rich legacy as Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

LESSNESS SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. Jenner's letter (page 76, 1966) I must write in defence of Mr. Wycherley, under whose name the composition of Lessness, to which he refers, appears. The composition was sent in by me against Mr. Wycherley's advice because it is particularly suited to the Uxbridge/Lessness type of method and because it had not to my knowledge been published previously. No blame can therefore be attached to Mr. Wycherley.—Yours sincerely,

NEIL BENNETT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

NURSES' PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether it might be possible to get an idea of how many trained nurses there are in the Exercise. Although I know of a few student nurses who are learning to ring in this area I do not know any other trained nurse ringers. I imagine there must be a few somewhere, and wonder if a peal band of nurses could be raised.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD,
S.R.N., R.F.N., Q.N.

Liverpool.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—If we assume that failure of a clapper invariably occurs as the result of the sudden shock as it strikes the bell, the problem posed by Mr. Hayns, in "The Ringing World" of January 28th, becomes more readily analysed.

At that time the bell is practically stationary, so that it is only necessary to consider the effect on the clapper of the blow it receives as it meets the soundbow. Wherever this arresting and impulsive blow is applied on the clapper there must be a parallel impulse in the bearing to stop the rotation. Given the lengths from the clapper bearing to its centre of gravity to the point of contact with the soundbow and of the equivalent simple pendulum, together with its weight and actual speed as it strikes the bell, it should be possible to deduce the magnitude of these two impulsive forces, and hence compute the shear in the staple bolt.

However, the snags arise in determining the speed of the clapper at impact. This is related to the speed of the ringing, the natural speed of the bell, whether she is early or late struck, and whether she rings "right" or "wrong." I feel that these last are probably connected, but the speed problem seems extremely complex. Last November Messrs. King, McClenahan and Threlfall reported their investigations into the clapping of a bell ("Ringing World," November 25th, 1965, page 744) and, as their problem was also associated with the relative speeds of bell and clapper, they may be able to shed some additional light on this one.

Incidentally, the failures reported by Mr. Hayns would have been aggravated by the tension in the bolt due to the centrifugal force instantaneously in the clapper as it strikes the bell, together with that tension due to tightening the nut.

Could it be also that the area of the bolt might have been reduced through wear through ringing whilst it was slack for want of maintenance? Alternatively the strength of the bolt of a well-used bell might have been reduced by fatigue, being subject to some two and a half million stress cycles in a period of ten years.

Whatever the conclusions to which Mr. Hayns ultimately comes for the general design of clapper staple bolts, they can be of little immediate aid to any tower without substantial rehanging funds, as they could involve redrilling for larger bolts or providing re-balanced new clappers. New rings, however, will have an assurance of greater freedom from the disconcerting results of losing a clapper.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. BOOTHMAN.

Birmingham 17.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING

Dear Sir,—George Elphick mentions Iford, Sussex, a ring of three by William Chamberlain, to be added to those noted, Bartlow, Cambs, and South Elkington, Lincs.

I have also found what seems to be another ring of four, Fawsley, Northants, attributed to William Chamberlain.—Yours sincerely,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett, Herts.

OBITUARY

MR. W. T. BEESON

AN APPRECIATION—HIS PEALS

William T. Beeson, who passed on last July, had a ringing career lasting over 51 years. At the beginning of this span the opportunities to practise ringing demanded far more effort from the individual than today. From his records it is evident that Bill grasped every available chance and took pride in doing so. For example, a notebook reveals, "October 20th, 1914. 720 Oxford. 1st of Treble Bob," and "May 11th, 1915. A course of London Surprise inside, also first course of Woodbine inside."

Taught to ring by his father at Godstone, Bill rang his first peal (Plain Bob Minor) at Burstow in April, 1914. The second, over five years later, was of Grandsire Caters. In his third peal the conductor was Oliver Sippetts, and from then until 1950 Oliver's name appears with Bill's frequently. Many outstanding ringers have stood in peals with Bill, among them being Frank Bennett, Canon Coleridge, William Fussell, George Gilbert, Keith Hart and Alfred Pulling.

Many of his peals were of outstanding merit and of interest to the historians of the Exercise. Of special note are the first of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung (June 11th, 1927), the first of London Surprise Major by a "William" band (October 18th, 1924), the first in any Surprise method by a band of police officers (May 25th, 1929), 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major (April 6th, 1931), the first non-conducted peal by a same name band (Stepney, on May 10th, 1958).

Bill rang 873 peals altogether for 24 Guilds or Associations. Of the total, 486 were of Surprise Major in 59 different methods, with 25 peals in up to Six Spliced. His friends tried to help Bill to complete the alphabet but "M" eluded him. His other peals were: Cinqus 1, Surprise Royal 39, Plain Royal 5, Treble Bob Royal 8, Caters 33, Treble Bob Major 36, Plain Major 85, Triples 95, Minor 72, Doubles 6, "In hand" 2.

I first rang with Bill shortly after his first serious illness. Although often far from well he was always eager and ready for a peal. He never minded losing an attempt but became most outspoken when the striking fell below his conception of "good." In many hours of travelling to and from towers I learned to respect Bill as a man greatly concerned about the future of this country and the Church and interested in a variety of subjects as well as his beloved gardening.

Mr. Tom Lock writes: "Bill was a safe and reliable member on ringing tours, and would prefer not to attempt any method or methods unless he was quite sure. In this he showed a true sense of team spirit. Again, he would ring any bell to suit the rest of the band, but preferred to be around the back end. He never attempted to exercise the authority of a policeman but he would demonstrate the qualities of one by remaining calm and unruffled. His country brogue and dry humour were both appealing and fascinating, for one could tell that he enjoyed life in a quiet way.

He was always a pleasant companion on tours and was really entertaining when he 'opened up.' The members of his regular touring party for about ten years missed his burly figure and congenial presence after his first illness and were in hopes of his return, but it was not to be." S. G. P.

MR. W. C. WARD

The funeral took place at Great Dalby, Leics, on February 2nd, of William Coley Ward, who died in St. Mary's Hospital on January 28th, aged 80.

He learned to ring at Kirby Bellars, his native village, and worked on the Midland Railway at Trent Junction and Shirebrook and joined the ringers at Old Sawley. He served in the Royal Artillery in World War I and on his return settled in Asfordby. He had rung three peals for the Leicester Guild.

In the evening after the funeral a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled at Great Dalby by T. Field 1, A. E. Hinman 2, J. L. Day 3, H. T. Bonshor (conductor) 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

The splendid new parish hall at St. Peter's, Staines, made a very pleasant setting for the S. and W. District annual meeting on February 5th. About 35 members attended, and ringing at both Staines towers preceded the business meeting.

The accounts showed a similarity to those of 1964, with 172 ringing members paying subscriptions. The secretary drew attention to the sum donated to the Bell Restoration Fund, which was rather on the low side, and said he hoped that 1966 would produce far better results. To this end he had invested in a Bell Restoration Fund collection box, which would be left much in evidence at all future meetings. He hoped that before long the Association would be in a position to make grants for sound controlling purposes, since this was becoming ever more vital as the population density of the district increased.

The peal and quarter peal ringing activities had been on the quiet side, with only eight peals. The highlight of the year, however, had been the introduction of the weekday evening meetings and the response to the three meetings held had been most encouraging. After a discussion, all speakers agreed that weekday evening meetings possessed many advantages over those held on Saturdays, and a proposal was unanimously passed that after March, 1966, the Saturday meetings be reduced to three business meetings per year. The officers are to decide when these would be held, with February (A.D.M.), June and September being the probable choice. In future the A.D.M. would be held on the second Saturday in February to avoid clashing with the Cumberlands dinner. Weekday meetings would be held once per month, and joint meetings with other Associations would continue unaffected.

All the officers were re-elected. Mr. R. G. Leale was elected to the Central Committee in place of Peter Ruch. Six ringing members elected were: P. Venn and J. Smith (Hillingdon), J. Porter and Miss S. Davies (Ealing), R. Renn and Miss S. Bradley (Staines). Five non-resident life members were also elected.

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HALF PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on Jan. 25th, 2,688 Bedfordshire Surprise Major: G. R. Edwards 1, R. J. Clifton 2, E. Deakin 3, J. W. Cotton 4, A. E. Rowley 5, R. Beniston 6, D. S. Pont 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. Longest length in method by all except 4.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Jan. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, R. K. Russ (first of Cambridge Minor) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, D. J. Bleby 6. A wedding compliment to Brian and Anna Cox, who married on January 12th. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: G. C. Prior 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, J. O. Goulter 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, R. K. Russ 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. For the engagement of Elizabeth Abbie and David Bleby. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Kaye W. Lynas 1, Monica E. Collins 2, B. E. Potts 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, D. J. Bleby 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. A farewell to Basil Potts, on his way to New Guinea. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, R. A. S. Adams 4, J. Martin 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, R. K. Russ (first quarter of Major as cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (unconducted): Stella G. Rice (first in method) 1, Anne E. Sharpe (first in method) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, S. W. Brown 5, D. A. Hibbett 6. First unconducted quarter in the method for all the band.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Astridge 1, Margaret Arnold (first Major) 2, Felicity Hamilton (first on eight and on "inside" bell) 3, Geraldine Piper 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Tony Skilton (first Major) 6, R. Mills 7, J. Hayns (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5, D. Allman 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandire): B. Sarll (first on treble) 1, A. Swatton (first "inside") 2, P. J. Devrell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. G. Hobbs 6. To commemorate the accession of Queen Elizabeth II (1952).

BERKSWELL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Kedge 1, Miss B. Sawdon 2, Miss M. Hutchings 3, M. Edwards 4, J. Belshaw 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 5th, 1,616 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Treble 1, Catherine Powell 2, J. R. Norris 3, R. B. Newton 4, D. P. Treble 5, A. W. Bond 6, M. J. Bew 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. A farewell to Paul and Wendy Treble.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: T. Newlands (first on eight) 1, D. Reynolds (first on eight) 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, F. J. Sampson 4, J. C. Slater 5, R. W. Sweet 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8.

BROUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Graham-Scott (first quarter) 1, T. Raymond Garret (first "inside") 2, P. S. Abbott (first as cond.) 3, C. J. Higgins 4. First of Minimus by all and first on the bells. A welcome to the Bishop of Huntingdon.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances Templeman 1, Brenda Chatfield 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, M. G. Tong 4, K. I. Davis 5, D. G. Mitchell 6, T. H. Holmes 7, D. A. Chapman 8. First of Major 4 and 5.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Dunstan's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Miss F. Templeman (first of T.B.) 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, C. Beeching 4, A. Butler 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

CHARING, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Diana Bradford 1, Betty Robbins 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, Rhian N. Bagshaw (cond.) 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, J. L. Anderson 6. First in ten Doubles methods by all. For Evensong.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, A. P. Beck 2, G. Salmon 3, R. Short 4, H. J. Saner 5, D. Mackay 6, B. Stirling 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Starbuck 1, M. Uphill (cond.) 2, J. Rea 3, R. Cooles 4, C. Daws 5, A. Clayton 6. A.M.D.G.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. E. Davey 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, B. Downie 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. E. Davey 6, A. R. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Festival of Nine Lessons.

COLYTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. Manley 1, D. Summers 2, F. Stamp 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandire Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss C. Snelling (first in the method) 3, G. A. Fisher (first on ten) 4, G. H. Humphries 5, N. Brown 6, N. G. T. Steere 7, K. Taber 8, F. E. Collins 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Frewin (first quarter) 1, G. C. King 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. J. Bloomfield 4, R. E. Copleston 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 2, 4 and 5.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: W. Cull 1, R. Kennard 2, S. Brook 3, J. Baker 4, D. McLean (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6. For the wedding of Miss G. Ashby and Mr. M. Chamberlain.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livesey 1, Ruth Gay 2, P. H. Evans 3, A. J. Johnson 4, J. R. White 5, R. J. Parker 6, G. C. Paul cover. Alternate bobs called by 5 and 6. For Evensong by Birmingham University.

ELY, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandire and Plain Bob): T. J. Sandham 1, J. W. Pickett 2, B. Bass 3, F. Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, I. M. Waters 6. Rung to celebrate completion of 60 years as a ringer by 2, and birthday compliment to conductor.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, C. Reeves 2, Miss J. Balchin 3, G. Skinner 4, C. Yates 5, P. Colton 6, F. Wreford 7, C. P. Yates 8. First in method 3 and 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, C. Bryant 2, Miss J. Balchin 3, A. Truman 4, C. Yates 5, P. Colton 6, F. Wreford 7, C. P. Yates 8. For morning service.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Surrage 1, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 2, R. Fisher 3, R. Whiting 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Reginald (Dick) Bailey, a ringer at this church for 40 years, who was interred this day.

HALEWOOD, LANCs.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara J. Davies 1, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, J. Dunbavin 4, J. Robinson 5, T. M. FitzGerald 6, D. Allen cover. For Evensong, also in memoriam Mr. G. Milne, a member of St. Nicholas.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: G. Lightfoot (cond.) 1, J. Bellshaw 2, T. Kedge (first "inside") 3, M. Edwards 4, Miss B. Sawden 5, G. Cox 6.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Leleux 1, Miss V. Williams 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss H. E. Leleux 4, D. Fox 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HESLE, EAST YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Moss 1, K. Gauman 2, R. Horton 3, R. Jordan 4, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Hawree 6. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: C. Manley 1, T. Travers 2, R. Watts 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Lane 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Janet Real and Mr. David Coles, on the day of their marriage.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong (first Minor) 1, Mary I. Hildred (first Minor "inside") 2, T. W. Brighton (first Minor) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, Mary Carveth 4, A. Locke 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. F. Dunstan 8.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Bentley 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, N. Hough 3, C. J. Jones 4, A. Hough 5, N. Davies 6. For Candlemas service.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Davidson 1, A. P. Smith 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First in method 2, 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, Marion Lidgley 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. Peters 6. For the Feast of St. Ury.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Richards 1, Anita Foden (first "inside") 2, J. H. Allen 3, Anthea C. Richards 4, D. W. Barr 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Feb. 6th, 1,250 Surfleet S. Minor: J. Pladdys 1, D. L. Cawley 2, R. W. Powell 3, R. O. Humphries 4, R. D. Bailey 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 13th, 1,277 Grandire Caters: M. Hatchett 1, Susan Davis (first of Caters "inside") 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Marks 6, R. Collis 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. Oatway 9, F. Walters (first on ten) 10.

LONDON, E.—At St. George-in-the-East, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 1, Janet E. Crane (first "inside") 2, Jill P. Oakshot (first of Triples "inside") 3, A. J. Luford 4, G. W. Stevens (first of Triples "inside") 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, H. R. Ashmore 7, R. M. Ashman 8. For the Feast of Epiphany.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, Mrs. I. E. Hill 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, M. E. Turner 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Chick (15, first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Martin, a ringer, retired through ill-health.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. L. Claughton 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. E. Cheater 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, W. T. Perrins 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. Rung by the combined Ringwood and Wareham bands in memory of Mr. Gerald Arnold, of Lymington, died February 3rd.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morledge (cond.) 2, J. Smith 3, D. Wright 4, N. C. Lonyon 5, C. Morledge 6. Rung by the service band to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of 2nd ringer.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, W. T. Grice 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, T. E. Sone 4, S. Smith 5, L. Head 6, G. Evenden 7, B. F. L. Groves 8, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: G. Rendall 1, A. Best 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. W. D. Robinson 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Wills 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. French.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Griffiths 1, P. Beal 2, N. Chesson (first as cond.) 3, G. Wood (first in method) 4, P. Jackson (first "inside") 5, Joan Exeter 6.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Marshall 2, Miss W. Lee 3, P. J. Malloch 4, C. J. Clegg 5, L. Hill 6, R. M. Edwards (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 7, J. Brannan 8. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Harrison 1, M. Platt 2, Miss J. Lowndes 3, Miss H. Schofield (first "inside") 4, Miss M. Wright 5, J. Heap 6, J. Brannan (cond.) 7, R. M. Edwards 8. First quarter 2 and 3. Both for service.

NEMPNETT THURBELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: M. T. Hebdon 1, G. Hebdon 2, R. W. Rice 3, P. England 4, S. G. Smith 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor by all except 2.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Carol Hedges 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, J. G. Edgson 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. Rung for Evensong, half-muffled in memoriam George Cooper, sidesman.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Fox 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, Miss D. J. Mann 3, Miss H. E. Leleux 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 3 and 4.

NORTHAW, MIDDx.—On Jan. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Young 1, C. Cole (first Cambridge) 2, A. Boyd 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, M. C. Austin 6.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

Part A (continued from page 125).

Methods which have not been published or have parts used in other methods.

NEWARK	WOLLATON	MELVIN DOUBLES			
12345	12345	Plain Course	Bob		
21345	21345	12345	35241		
23154	23145	21354	53421		
32514	32415	23154	54312		
35241	34251	32514	45132		
53421	43521	35241	41532		
54312	45312	53421	14523		
45132	54132	54312	15423		
41523	51423	45132	51432		
14253	15243	41523	54312		
12453	12534	14523	43521		
21453	21534	14253	34251		
24135	25134	41235			
42315	52314	42135			
43251	53241	24315			
34521	35421	32541			
			Shipway's Bob		
Bob	Bob	CHEVASSE	MALTBY	CALLENDER	
Grandsire	Grandsire	12345	12345	12345	
Single	Single	21435	21435	21435	
Grandsire	Grandsire	24135	24135	24135	
		42315	42315	24315	
NEW	NEW	42351	24351	42351	
NEWARK	WOLLATON	24531	42531	24531	
12345	12345	24513	24513	42513	
21435	21435	42153	42153	42153	
24153	24153	41253	41253	41253	
42513	42513	14523	14523	14523	
45231	45231	14532	14532	14532	
54321	54321	41352	41352	41352	
53412	53412	43152	43152	43152	
35142	35142	34512	34512	43512	
31542	31524	34521	43521	34521	
13542	13524	43251	34251	43251	
15324	15324	Bob	Bob	Bob	
51234	51234	Old Doubles	O.D.S.	O.D.S.	
52143	52143	Single			
25413	25413				
24531	24531				
42351	42351				
Bob	Bob	ST. HUGH	WAINFLEET	WOLSEY	
Grandsire	Grandsire	12345	12345	12345	
		21354	21435	21345	
Single	Single	23145	24135	23145	
Grandsire	Grandsire	32415	42315	32415	
		34251	43251	34251	
Called:	Called:	43521	34521	43521	
As for New	As for New	45312	35412	45312	
Grandsire	Grandsire	54132	53142	54132	
		51423	51342	51432	
JACK OF BOTH SIDES		15243	15432	15432	
12345	31245	15234	15423	15423	
21354	32154	51243	51243	51423	
32415	23514	52134	52143	54123	
34251	25341	25314	25413	45213	
43521	52431	23541	24531	42531	
34512	25413	32451	42351	24351	
43152	52143	London		Pink's	
41325	51234	Extreme		Single	
14352	15243	Bob	Bob	Bob	
14532	15423	Thurlby	Old Doubles	Old Doubles	
41523	51432	Bob	Single	Single	
45132	54123	Single	Called:	Called:	
54312	45213	Old Doubles	Bob when 3, 4	Bob when 3, 4	
53421	42531	Called BPS	or 5 are to	or 5 are to	
35241	24351		make 2nds, e.g.	make 2nds, e.g.	
53214	42315		call a bob	call a bob	
35124	24135		every time 4th	every time 3rd	
31542	21453		makes 2nds.	makes 2nds.	
13524	12435				
13254	12345				
			(To be continued)		

Calls are Grandsire Singles.

Called:

Any bell as observation. This bell makes 2nds at the call.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bourdon bell of Perth (see page 90) is 28 cwt, 14 lb. and not 21 cwt, 14 lb. as appears in the article "Perth's Older Bells."

Miss L. Valerie Bird, of Selby Cottage, Melling, via Carnforth, Lancs, inquires whether there are any week courses for beginners during August. She prefers her own area or Wiltshire/Dorset.

Listeners to I.T.V. on Saturday, February 12th, had a background of bells to two broadcasts—during the wrestling those of St. Helen's Trowell, and in an interview with the Rhodesian Premier, Salisbury Cathedral.

The members of All Saints' Society, Great Addington, who participated in an in memoriam peal at Brigstock, Northants, for Frederick E. Tooley, thank Mr. J. Clipston, the local tower captain, for the cups of tea he provided after the peal.

With the exception of the conductor (Mr. Neil Bennett) all the ringers in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne on February 11th were members of the local band. Six were ringing their first peal of Surprise Royal.

The band who rang the peal of Grandsire Triples at Overton, Hants, on February 5th are indebted to Mrs. Sanders, wife of the Vicar, for standing in at a minute's notice and putting up a very creditable performance by ringing the treble to her first peal at the first attempt. It had been intended to ring a 6,144 of Bob Major, but the same morning Reg Rex was taken ill with flu and although he turned out he was persuaded to go home to bed. The band wish him a speedy recovery.

The "Church Times" of February 4th reported that the Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Rector of St. Luke's, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, had been appointed a Canon of Rockhampton Cathedral. Canon Boulsover was a ringer at Bexhill, Sussex, before leaving for Australia some 20 years ago.

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THE GOSPORT PEAL

After a lapse of 28 years another peal has been rung at Holy Trinity Gosport. It was Bob Major—the same as the previous peal. The bells are a very tricky eight and the peal was not rung without incident. A gradual introduction to the sound of bells was arranged in this built-up area. Last September the long silence, because of fears for the tower's safety, was broken by a short ring. Later came a quarter peal and then an open day with two hours' ringing in October. Finally, on January 30th, the successful peal attempt.

The tenor at the last peal was rung by Reg Reed, of Eastleigh, the "tenor king" of those days, and he afterwards claimed that the 3 hours and 8 minutes ringing nearly killed him. Pat Cannon accepted the invitation to be tenor man on this occasion—the easiest bell in the tower! The frequent shouts of "Get up" we considered were a put up job, writes G. D. The bell did not drop as much as some of the others and when the conductor reminded Pat that he was ringing the easiest bell in the tower his reply was: "Well, if this is the best bell I feel sorry for you lads."

The main worry, however, was of a rope breaking. Fortunately all went well, and 2 hours 55 minutes later "That's all" was called, and all the band felt satisfied with their efforts. David Hughes, of Liss, is thanked for the loan of two ropes, and Charles Bassett for three more. It is now up to the church authorities to accept the offer of eight secondhand ropes if they wish to have their bells rung.

There have only been three peals on these bells. The first was Stedman Triples on January 12th, 1897, conducted by Arthur E. Tomkins, and another on March 12th, 1938, Plain Bob Major, conducted by Frederick W. Rogers, the January 30th peal being the third.

CANADIAN IN AUSTRALIA

The first Canadian ringer to visit Australia, to the knowledge of Sydney ringers, is Geoffrey White, of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. He rang in a quarter of Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's Basilica, on January 30th, to welcome Prince Charles to Australia, and this was his first quarter for more than five years and his first of Minor. There was another quarter for Prince Charles—at Turramurra, where Cambridge was scored for the first time, although short touches have been rung sporadically here for 15 years.

FIRST OF THE SEASON

Under the supervision of Mr. A. L. Bennett, a number of members of the Devon Guild held their first outing of the year on February 12th, the route chosen being alongside the River Teign. The first two towers visited were Coombe-in-Teignhead and Stoke-in-Teignhead, two six-bell towers, where little or no Sunday service ringing is done now. Thence across Shaldon Bridge to Bishopsteignton, another six rather difficult to handle, where the ringing included a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. After tea in Teignmouth the final tower visited, St. James', contained a restored octave.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION GIVE GOLDEN WEDDING PRESENTS

A pleasant surprise awaited the secretary, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, at the annual meeting of the Northern Division at Cuckfield on February 5th. Before the business proper the Master (Mr. R. Johnson) announced that he had a pleasing duty to perform and presented Mrs. Hairs with a gilt Sheaffer pen in case, two golden wedding cards signed by over 100 members from the four Divisions of the Association and a large spray of flowers. Her husband was also presented with a Sheaffer pen. After recovering from her surprise, Mrs. Hairs expressed her grateful thanks.

The business meeting took the now familiar form. The secretary's report and balance sheet was received with enthusiasm, as it showed the largest balance for some years. The hon. secretary and the auditor were re-elected and the committee now consists of F. I. Hairs and H. Burton, and the new Ringing Master E. Knapp in place of G. Francis. Mrs. Hairs continues as C.C. representative.

After discussion it was decided to start practice meetings at 6 p.m. Another discussion related to helping beginners and it was agreed that the most useful thing would be for them to get out and about.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. N. Lawson) was thanked for conducting the service.

WITNEY BRANCH DINNER

Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Wigg attended the annual dinner of the Witney and Woodstock Branch held at Witney on February 4th. The Branch chairman, the Rev. P. Wilkins, presided, and the Master, in proposing "The Witney and Woodstock Branch," spoke in appreciative terms of the activities of the Branch.

The social which followed was ably controlled by Bob Clow, of Tackley, the programme including tune ringing by the Northleigh handbell ringers, Plain Bob Minor by David Floyd, James List and Peter Holden, and lapping Grandshire Doubles by Susan Cantwell, Alec Cantwell and David Floyd. Games and dancing continued until 11.15 p.m.

ST. MARY'S SCARBOROUGH

A promising outlook was presented at the first annual meeting of St. Mary's, Scarborough, on February 9th. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. Fay, reported that there had been three outings and the handbells had been used for change and tune ringing. While two or three ringers had left the band, they had six keen youngsters, one of whom had already rung her 720 to qualify for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Fay was re-elected Ringing Master with Mr. S. Wright as his deputy. Mr. E. King, of The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muster, near Filey, is the hon. secretary, and all correspondence re visitors and peals should be addressed to him.

It was decided to start a new belfry fund, to have the handbells overhauled and to order a new set of ropes. The Darlington area was chosen for this year's outing. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Keys Fraser), who presided, thanked the ringers for their services.

HAPPENINGS IN CORNWALL

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have recently dismantled two rings of six in Cornwall. The first was at St. Dominic's, where the bells had not been rung for a few years owing to their bad state. This is a complete ring of six cast in 1773 by John Pennington during the incumbency of Thomas Horndon, who was Rector of the parish for 48 years; his name is inscribed on the tenor. The bells are now to be completely restored in new frame and fittings, and these in a parish church which borders the banks of the Tamar will be an acquisition to ringers of South East Cornwall. The tenor is said to weigh 10 cwt.

The second ring of six dismantled was at Manacpan, this church being noted for the fig tree which is growing out of the south wall and is said to be two centuries old. Until 1902 there were three bells in this tower, the tenor having been cast in 1765 by John Bennet, a local founder at Helston. These bells were then recast and three more provided to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII, but were hung for chiming only owing to the unsafe state of the tower. In 1910, when the tower had been restored, the bells were hung for ringing and were opened on August 25th of that year. The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor weighs 8½ cwt. This ring is being rehung in the same frame on ball bearings and with other necessary renewals.

At Newquay Parish Church, to which a large bequest was left a few years ago for the provision of a tower and ring of bells by the late Rev. W. P. St. M. Michell, a retired naval chaplain, the tower was commenced last autumn and work has progressed to just beyond halfway, having passed the second string-course of the proposed four-stage tower. This is to be proportionately built to reach a height of 100 feet or more. Reconstructed stone is being used throughout to match the local stone with which the church is built. This tower will be a fine addition to the church and will dominate Newquay, but how long it will be before the proposed bells will be installed cannot be ascertained; the provision of the tower is a costly undertaking. The original suggestion was that a ring of 12 with a semitone bell would be installed.

MR. ROLAND H. COOK REACHES 200 PEALS

Peal secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Roland H. Cook, of Asfordby, rang his 200th peal on January 8th. They were rung in 92 towers, in 14 counties and for 14 Guilds or Associations. He conducted 50.

Surprise Maximus 3 (Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire), Cinques 3 (Stedman), Royal 15 (Plain 3, Surprise in seven different methods 12), Caters 5 (Grandshire 2, Stedman 3).

Major 9 (Plain Bob 5, Double Norwich 3, Kent T.B.), Surprise Major 69 (17 different methods), Spliced Surprise Major 5 (nine to 17 methods).

Minor: Plain Bob 9, Kent T.B. 1, two to 14 methods 44, Surprise Minor 11 (eight Spliced five to 14), Doubles 26 (three to 24 methods 4).

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, GREAT ADDINGTON.
BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Grandsire, five extents each of St. Martin and St. Simon, and thirty extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.
Mrs. F. E. Crosier .. Treble *John Mills 3
*Michael J. Hawkins .. 2 *Stephen B. Bell 4

Frank E. Crosier .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank E. Crosier.

* First peal. First peal for the Society.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Frederick E. Tooley, a faithful and well-liked ringer at this church for many years, who was interred the previous day.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble D. John Hunt 5
*Richard W. Sweet .. 2 John C. Slater 6
*Andrew Howard .. 3 *John Brain 7
Alan Tubbs 4 Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Rutland.

CONGRESBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. in C

John Brain .. Treble Edgar T. Skipsey 5
Eric T. Lee 2 †Walter S. Rice 6
*Geoffrey R. Marchant .. 3 William H. Kingcott .. 7
Peter J. England 4 John H. Gilbert .. Tenor
Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

A. Doreen Edwards .. Treble Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2 Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
Dennis Latham 3 Barry Corbishley .. 7
*Gerald Parsons 4 Roy Worrall Tenor
Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Norman Sherratt

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat

Johnson's Variation .. Martin Snape 5
Malcolm A. Phillips .. Treble *F. Leslie Coventry .. 6
*Robert Peers 2 David G. Wilford .. 7
†Julie E. Lethbridge .. 3 Joseph Ridyard .. Tenor
†David F. Moore 4 Conducted by Joseph Ridyard

Composed by C. Middleton. † First of Major and of Surprise.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

† First in the method.

In memoriam A. E. Salmon (organist and choirmaster of Emmanuel Church Southport), formerly resident in the Wirral

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Being seven different extents. John R. Scott 4
Leon A. Perry .. Treble Gerald Parsons 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2 Frank R. Morton .. Tenor
James S. Baker 3

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

First peal in the method by all.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*John F. Murfin .. Treble Gordon A. Halls 6
Felicity T. Webber .. 2 Douglas Derbyshire .. 7
Christopher Hughes .. 3 Colin Banton 8
David W. Friend 4 Burley P. Morris 9
George L. Roobottom .. 5 Sampson Walklate .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* Has "circled the tower."

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E

Denis R. Carlisle .. Treble Fred Gobey 5
Nora Carlisle 2 Christopher Hughes .. 6
Felicity T. Webber .. 3 Gordon A. Halls 7
Mrs. S. Foskett 4 David W. Friend .. Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Stuart Brown .. Treble Geoffrey Pearson 5
Gordon Lilley 2 John G. Gipson 6
Frank E. Haynes 3 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
William J. Ridgman .. 4 Dennis E. Pepper .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
A compliment to Brian and Jill Pratt and Geoffrey and Margaret Pratt, on the birth of a daughter and son respectively, both born on January 28th, 1966

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Brian J. Vaughan .. Treble *Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5
*Peter G. Pitt 2 Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Leslie Ward 3 Adrian Semkin 7
Neil V. Avis 4 *David E. Culham .. Tenor
Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

COGGESHALL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Claire Dillamore .. Treble Christopher K. Cooper .. 5
Ian R. Panton 2 Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6
Richard J. Harrison .. 3 Joe E. G. Roast 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4 Peter J. Eves Tenor
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.
Lesley Ward .. Treble Adrian G. Semken 4
Peter G. Pitt 2 Neil V. Avis 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3 Brian J. Vaughan .. Tenor
Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods being seven 720's viz: (1) London Scholars' Kingston and Sandal T.B. (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (5) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob (6) Double Court Bob. (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 9½ cwt.
Peter G. Pitt .. Treble *Neil V. Avis 4
Leslie Ward 2 Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3 Brian J. Vaughan .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Holy Nativity, Knowle.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble Alan Tubbs 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2 John C. Slater 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 3 D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Brearley .. 4 Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

Rung to mark the anniversary of the reconsecration of the church.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Being 20 extents Plain Bob, and 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire.
*Paul G. Trehy .. Treble †David Huddleston 4
*Gillian E. Thomas .. 2 Philip M. J. Gray .. 5
†Mary C. Knight 3 *Stephen J. Bendle .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

*Genebeth C. Webb .. Treble	Dennis G. Blows 6
*Christopher J. Webb .. 2	Roy Collins 7
Reginald W. Rex 3	Philip Murduck 8
Peter G. Smart 4	Reginald F. Crook 9
†Denby P. Murduck .. 5	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, with the best wishes of the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods/variations, being two extents each Wychbold, Windrush, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington and Southrepps, and eight extents each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*Jack Cale Treble	James Ward 4
James Ranford 2	John Clements 5
Leonard J. Walters .. 3	George Gwyne .. Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

* First peal away from tenor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Ayre Treble	Keith D. Waples 5
Antony R. Kench 2	Eric Edmondson 6
Augustin V. Good 3	Peter W. Harper 7
Gillian S. Martin 4	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Ipswich, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Walter Ayre Treble	Anthony K. Fortin 4
Peter W. Harper 2	Antony R. Kench 5
Augustin V. Good 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

For the Feast of Candlemas, and the Queen's Accession. Also as a birthday compliment to A. V. Good and a welcome to his grandson, Andrew Paul.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Terence Barton Treble	*Peter D. J. Beal 5
George A. Naylor 2	Brian Trill 6
*Joan A. Hayward 3	Brian Jemmett 7
*Nicholas J. Chesson .. 4	Peter M. Wilkinson .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Paul Bayes Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Reginald E. Lambert .. 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Robert T. Lambert 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	S. Geoffrey Waters .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent Single Oxford, and two each Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Graham M. Wood .. Treble	†Peter D. J. Beal 4
Nicholas J. Chesson .. 2	George A. Naylor 5
Joan A. Hayward 3	Peter M. Wilkinson .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Corbishley.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) St. Clement's

Bob, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B. flat.

*Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Martin L. Howe 4
†Shirley P. Town 2	Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. † First in three methods "inside."

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
*D. Paul Smith 2	†Andrew J. Corby 5
*H. Michael Williamson .. 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of London Minor. † First of Surprise Minor "inside."

BEARSTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) London, Cuncastre and Wells, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Rossendale, Stamford and Annable's London, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham, (6) Primrose and Norfolk, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 101 changes of method.

Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble	Ian H. Oram 4
John Faircloth 2	†Ralph Bird 5
*Tony Lewis 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* Most methods to a peal. † 800th peal.

YALDING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) Cheddleton, (2) Horton, (3) Cheddleton and Horton, (4 and 5) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitely, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Tony Lewis Treble	Ralph Bird 4
Mary S. Taylor 2	Ian H. Oram 5
John Faircloth 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42½ cwt.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Peter J. Wycherley 7
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 8
Christine Andrew 3	Jeffrey Brannan 9
Dennis Latham 4	Tudor P. Edwards 10
Margaret E. Fort 5	Derek Butterworth 11
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6	Neil Bennett Tenor

Arranged by Roderick Pipe.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*David Chadderton .. Treble	*Peter J. Malloch 6
*C. John Clegg 2	Edward Jenkins 7
*Margaret Wright 3	*Leonard Hill 8
Christine Andrew 4	*Ronald M. Edwards 9
Neil Bennett 5	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Malloch, Ringing Master at this church.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

John P. Partington (Ringing Secretary) Treble
Geoffrey Cheetham (Rochdale Branch Secretary) 2
Cyril Crossthwaite (Vice-President) 3
Frank Reynolds (General Secretary) 4
Joseph Thornley (Bolton Branch Secretary) 5
Stanley Anderton (Lancaster Branch Committee Member) 6
Albert Greenhalgh (Bolton Branch Ringing Master) 7
John F. Wood (Association Treasurer) Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

An officers' peal.

In memoriam Peter Crook.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke .. 5
Graham C. Paul .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Maigaret E. Fort .. 3	Richard J. Parker .. 7
*Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Jeffrey Kershaw .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick Pipe.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Major.

SAMESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
*Jane Reynolds .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 6
John Ascroft .. 3	Frank Reynolds .. 7
Roger Barnes .. 4	James E. Sumner .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (6 Part).

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of James H. and Jean M. Pailing.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John Ascroft .. Treble	*Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
Richard J. Parker .. 2	Graham C. Paul .. 6
Rupert A. Clarke .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	
*John Nelson .. Treble	*John Nixon .. 4
*David Marsden .. 2	*James E. Sumner .. 5
Lawrence Walmsley .. 3	Bernard Moss .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since being rung.

Rung by the Preston Branch to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Goodenough, ringer at this tower.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Maurice Lings .. Treble	William Bains .. 4
*Roger Hippisley .. 2	Frank Bloomfield .. 5
Harold Judd .. 3	John Hall .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.

Conducted by John Hall.

* First peal of Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock .. 6
G. William Critchley .. 2	John R. Mayne .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Gerald Penney .. 8
Dennis Knox .. 4	John Hill .. 9
William S. Deason .. 5	Frank C. Price .. Tenor

Composed by David G. Wilford.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*Susan E. N. Davis .. Treble	Norman F. Edwards .. 5
Pamela E. Brown .. 2	Christopher K. Hill .. 6
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 3	Peter N. Felton .. 7
*Martin E. Harrison .. 4	†Robin J. Collis .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Robin J. Collis.

* First peal in method. † First peal.

Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Miss Jan Cluett, of Chatham.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

*C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	Vernon Green .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	John R. Mayne .. 7
Alick Cutler .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 200th peal on these bells. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Tues., Feb. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. 2	Dan S. Pont .. 6
Edwin Deakin .. 3	Gordon H. Lane .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

First peal in the method by all except the 4th ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John A. Underwood .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. 2	Gordon H. Lane .. 6
*Edwin Deakin .. 3	Derek P. Jones .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Bradley Murduck .. Treble	Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
*Roger B. Pike .. 2	Philip Murduck .. 6
*Margaret A. Wilkins .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
David Wilcox .. 4	Reginald F. Crook .. Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Rung in memory of Henry E. Curtis, a former captain of Newbury Parish Church band, who died suddenly the previous week.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 ILKESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	*Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Brian W. Hall .. 6
Frank Reed .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. 7
Alan R. Pink .. 4	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 STOWE SURPRISE MAJOR

George Shellard .. Treble	William Birmingham .. 5
William A. Yates .. 2	James Linnell .. 6
Giles R. Shedden .. 3	George W. Holland .. 7
D. Kay Adkins .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (E.3).

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in the method (Tipler's E. 69-3, H. & M. Collection No. 2117).

Tenor 27 cwt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5080 STEPNEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 2	James Linnell .. 7
Anne B. Speed .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. 8
Avril Ivins .. 4	Stephen Ivins .. 9
Roger W. Smith .. 5	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

The first peal in the method (otherwise known as London No. 1) by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Frank E. Haynes Treble	Brian J. Luff 7
Patrick I. Chapman 2	John H. Fielden 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	Norman Chaddock 9
Norman J. Goodman 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
J. Alan Ainsworth 5	John A. Anderson 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David J. Purnell Treble	Martin D. Fellows 6
George E. Fearn 2	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
J. M. Elaine Dixon 3	John C. Eisel 8
Graham C. Paul 4	Michael J. Fellows 9
Edward W. Colley 5	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Richard H. Johnston .. Treble	†David A. Burt 6
Mrs. F. A. Penn 2	Charles P. Quartley .. 7
Nigel P. Spencer 3	Robert D. Quartley .. 8
Gilbert H. Harding 4	Frank A. Penn 9
*Richard J. Gardiner .. 5	Ronald H. Lucas Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Robert D. Quartley.

* First peal. † First of Caters. First of Caters as conductor. Rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Feb. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods/variations, viz.: six extents All Saints, four each Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. Gordon Marsh Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	David Oliver 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	Sydney Adams Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Emily Moore, aged 86 years, interred at Thoresby Park this day.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

W. Gordon Marsh Treble	David Oliver 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 3	George Dawson Tenor

Conducted by George Dawson.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Henry Harrison, aged 77 years, father of the ringer of No. 5, interred at Holme Pierrepont this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
George Challans Treble	*John Watkins 4
*Joan Booth 2	David Whetton 5
Herbert T. Rooke 3	Frank Cooke Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Oxford and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Simon Christian Treble	Roger K. L. Whittell .. 4
*Jennifer M. Andrews .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Robert E. Lester 3	Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Martin Whittell.

GRANTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

30—50. 14—50—30. 14—14. 50. 14—36. 70—14—70. I.e. 1426.

Composition sec "R.W." 1965, page 444.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in E flat.

Rosemary Kemp Treble	Peter J. Joyce 5
Heather Walters 2	Michael J. Thomas 6
Robert Partridge 3	Malcolm M. Powell 7
Michael D. Trigg 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by E. J. Linley.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

GOSPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Jan. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	Charles E. Bassett 5
Frank W. Lewis 2	Bradley Murdock 6
Philip Murdock 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Denby P. Murdock 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

The first peal on the bells since March, 1938.

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

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*Mrs. F. A. Sanders .. Treble	Denby P. Murdock 5
Reginald F. Crook 2	Paul G. Holmes 6
Philip Murdock 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Bradley Murdock 4	Michael S. Holbrook .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, being three extents each Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Seighford and May Day, and 12 each Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Penelope E. Goddard .. Treble	†Frank R. Tonge 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
*Terry Tarrant 3	John W. Cheney Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in eight Doubles methods/variations. † 100th peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alice McDowall, daughter of the Rector.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 3½ cwt.
*Heather Walters Treble	*Alan J. Luxford 4
†Michael J. Thomas 2	Robert A. Partridge .. 5
*Michael D. Trigg 3	*Roger W. Price Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal of Stedman and of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman Doubles and completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. ‡ First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Thomas W. Lewis Treble	Peter Bridle 6
Diana M. Chapman 2	John C. Eisel 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3	David Beacham 8
Alan Tubb 4	Michael J. Fellows 9
Arthur C. Berry 5	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming. First peal of Evesham Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

A farewell on retirement to Canon T. Charles Jones, 21 years Rural Dean and 28 years Vicar of Evesham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt.

M. Susan Jackson Treble	J. Henry Fielden 7
W. Eric Critchley 2	John J. N. Chaddock .. 8
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Stuart Armeson 9
Kathleen Higgins 4	Vernon Bottomley 10
John J. L. Gilbert 5	Wilfrid F. Moreton 11
Neil Donovan 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

The first peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Enid L. Roberts 1-2	*Suzette M. Wright 5-6
John H. Fryer 3-4	Thomas W. Goodyer 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

* First peal on handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 7-8
Giles B. Thompson 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5-6	John Worth 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY.—At 68 Warwick Avenue.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1-2	Paul K. Williamson 7-8
Frank W. Perrens 3-4	†Geoffrey Pratt 9-10
*Hubert E. Ashley 5-6	†Hubert G. Summers 11-12

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

* First handbell peal on twelve. † First twelve bell peal. First twelve bell peal for the Guild by resident members.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Feb. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Roger Baldwin 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10	

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells by all except the conductor. The first peal of Surprise Royal rung on handbells outside Leicester.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At Formby Farm.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

W. Arthur Riddington .. 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4	Cyril S. Jarrett 7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At "Glebeland," Tee Lane.

On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frank Bloomfield 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
Michael W. Crowder .. 3-4	John Hall 7-8

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by John Hall.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, H. Hardwidge 3, P. Gardner 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to E. J. Baker ("Ted"), former captain of this tower, on his 90th birthday.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SALOP.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Brook 1, Ruth Talbot 2, Mary Keay 3, Doreen Brassington 4, W. G. Talbot (cond.) 5, G. Simon 6. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. Y. Burnett), and his wife, on retirement.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. W. Barrett 1, G. W. Walpole 2, J. W. Forder 3, T. J. Brock 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Norman Cossey.

OVER STOWEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marchant 1, Valerie Stone (first in method) 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5, J. Aldridge 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Jan. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. K. Thompson 1, J. Gibbon 2, J. M. Preston 3, R. A. Yeates 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6. For Matins by O.U.S.C.R.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Prunella James (first quarter) 1, E. Lingard 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. Norris 6. For Evensong.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. Raine (first quarter) 1, G. Jennings 2, N. Elliott 3, M. Jennings 4, H. Burton 5, S. Arnold 6, I. Wickens (25th quarter) 7, T. Lewenden 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. G. H. Loder.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, A. Somerfield 2, R. Penny 3, P. Watiss 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second, also for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hutchings.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Suzette M. Wright 1, Clare J. Masfield 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, E. G. White 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. To welcome Prince Charles to Australia.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. K. Stacey 1, Enid L. Roberts 2, Clare J. Masfield (first touch of Cambridge) 3, J. C. Sheehy 4, J. R. Rainsford (first of Cambridge) 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. To welcome Prince Charles to Australia.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Metcalfe 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, W. Colwell 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls 5, T. Crabbe 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Roynon 1, Miss C. White 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, C. White 4, N. G. Kneze 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, B. D. Price 7, T. E. Mallard 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on the birth of his second daughter.

WARWICK.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Penelope Adams (first attempt) 1, Mrs. D. Randall 2, E. Holdsworth 3, P. C. Randall 4, Clare F. Dolphin 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, R. Randall 7, E. J. Gower (cond.) 8.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: J. L. Garraway 1, P. R. Staples 2, C. Wyld 3, J. Pladdys 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. L. Cawley 6.

WIVELSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, H. V. Young 2, F. Egerton 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, A. Gale 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elliot. Mr. Elliot is the lay reader and a great friend of all ringers.

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Corrections.—The ringer of the third in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Claverley, Shropshire, on December 11th (page 31) was Alan A. Elsmore and not Alan D. Elsmore as submitted. The conductor of the peal of Minor at Upton Bishop, Herefordshire, on January 11th (page 98) was Marcus, not Maurice, C. W. Sherwood as published.

OBITUARY

MR. H. WALTER SMITH

Essex ringers and many from more distant parts will be saddened to hear of the death on February 4th of Walter Smith, of 11, Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex, at the age of 80 years.

For 62 years Walter had been a ringer at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Great Dunmow. His regularity of attendance, both for services and practice nights, was notable. He was also a regular member of the congregation.

In 1909 he rang in the first peal on the bells, when the ring was one of six heavy bells. When the bells were rehung and augmented to eight in 1926 by Taylor's of Loughborough, all the masons' and carpenters' work for this conversion was done as a labour of love by an enthusiastic band of ringers in their spare time. Such wonderful sacrifices of time and skill are rarely seen these days. No record of the number of his peals is available but their total must have been considerable. Walter set the greatest store on Sunday service ringing and it was a matter of pride that he was always there. He was ringing until about eight weeks ago.

As a tower captain and secretary, Walter set a splendid example. He was also always ready to teach anyone keen enough to learn. He had endless patience and put up with the disappointment of losing a pupil with Christian resignation.

We in Dunmow will miss him but we cannot fail to be better for his example as a man, a ringer and a Christian. L.S.C.

MR. B. H. REES

Members of St. David's Guild were shocked to hear of the sudden death of their auditor, Mr. Benjamin H. Rees, of Burryport, in January. A retired civil servant, he was a churchwarden at Burryport for many years and was keenly interested in ringing, although not a ringer, being a founder member of the Guild.

His generosity in many ways is especially remembered by the gift of a badge of office for each Guild official. A genial character, he will be greatly missed by all. As a token of respect the Guild officers, together with the local tower captain, met at St. Mary's, Burryport, on February 12th, to ring a half-muffled peal. Unfortunately this was lost when a fifth of the way through and, instead, a quarter peal of Doubles was successfully brought round. To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

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PERSONAL

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."—Ecclesiastes iv, 10.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Betherdsen Players will be performing a three-act play on February 24th, 25th and 26th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on February 25th has been cancelled.—J. E.S.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

NEW RULE BOOKS

New rule books, including a short history of the Society, may now be obtained by members only, from the secretary. Price 6/6 each including postage.

COUNTRY MEETING

Preliminary Notice: Meeting at Gloucester on Saturday, May 7th. Full details later.

ANNUAL DINNER

Preliminary Notice: The 329th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1. J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

—Ringing on March 5th: Cherry Hinton 1-2 p.m.; St. Andrew's 2-3 p.m.; St. Benet's 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's 4-5 p.m.; Catholic Church 5-6 p.m.—F. C. Hobson. 8552

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—Practice during Lent on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., then Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. from April 13th onwards. All correspondence regarding ringing at St. Peter's to I. Stacey, 10, St. John's Street, Duxford, Cambs. 8543

ALL SAINTS', HUNTINGTON (YORK).—At the A.G.M. the following officers were elected: Guildmasters, Jennifer E. Pearce and Mary I. Hildred; hon. treasurer, John W. Kendall; hon. secretary, A. Colin Banton, 22, Pennine Close, Huntington, to whom all correspondence should now be addressed. 8558

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—All five practices in March will be held on Thursdays, 8-9.30 p.m., instead of Tuesdays. Back to normal after Easter. 8533

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, February 26th

Ringing Arrangements:

St. Mary's, Walton (8) .. 1.00-2.00
St. James', West Derby (6) 2.30-3.30
Emmanuel, Everton (8) .. 4.00-5.00
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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A country meeting will be held at LEICESTER on SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd. Will all Cumberlands please note and book the date so that we can have a good attendance. Further details later.—D. E. Sibson, Hon. Sec. 8548

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Betchworth, Tuesday, March 1st, not Merstham, March 2nd.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8529

TAPE RECORDINGS of carillons or bells playing hymns or other tunes wanted for copying. Blank tape sent if preferred.—Write: F. Fowler, Jun., 9, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts. 8540

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Summer tour, 1966, from August 20th-27th. H.Q. at Western Training College, Hinksey, near Oxford. The hon. sec. is now Rev. M. Melville, Sunningdale, Main Road, Ingoldisthorpe, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 8522

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DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—The secretary is now Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. Tel. No. 69589. 8531

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following in school. Names to Miss B. Gordon, Northrepps Cottage, West Hill Road, Woking. 8491

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6, 18 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Bournier, 2, Glebe Close, Smarden, near Ashford. —C. T. H.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). Joint meeting, Saturday, February 26th. Ringing: Fulmer 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Beaconsfield 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Old Town Beaconsfield.—W. S. Deason. Miss Hague. 8442

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Fakenham, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by business. Names for tea to George Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. 8482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Practice meeting, Wallingford, Saturday, February 26th. 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy, Hon. Sec. 8484

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and **DERBY DISTRICT.**—Meeting at West Hallam, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 8512

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Meeting of the Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. in the church (heated!). Names for tea to W D Bailev Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 8419

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on March 1st at 8.15 p.m. March practices, all at 6.30 p.m.: 1st. St. Paul's Cathedral: 8th. St. Michael's, Cornhill: 15th. St. Lawrence Jewry: 22nd. St. Giles', Cripplegate: 29th. St. Paul's Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 8538

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

—Meeting at Longwood, Saturday, March 5th. Names for tea to Mr. I. Roberts, 22, Bull Green, Longwood, Huddersfield. Method: Double Norwich. 8521

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trull, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8500

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, March 5th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.—R. J. Fox, Yeovil. 8554

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Biddenham, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Harral, 3, Main Road, Biddenham, Beds, by Thursday.—C. M. Payne. 8547

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, March 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells 6. Special method: Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington. Nominations for District officials will be required. 8499

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting of the above at Egremont, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland, by March 1st. 8534

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Quick, Hill Farm, East Budleigh.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 8532

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Special method: Hull Surprise. 8550

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at South Benfleet, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, Benfleet. 8530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District.—Meeting at Springfield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to I. R. Pantan, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 8490

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting will be held at Upper Cam on March 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Quarterly business 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Cam. near Dursley. 8530

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—An evening practice, Madeley, March 5th. Bells (8) 6.30–8.30—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8549

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Cottered on Saturday, March 5th. Bells at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme. Dis. Sec. 8544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. Kitchingham, Stone Hall, The Street, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Accrington on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington, at reduced charge if received by Thursday.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 8528

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Melling on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth, 8520

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Blaby (5) on March 5th. Bells 5.30. Service 6.30. Ringing afterwards. No business. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8487

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting at Faling, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing: Christ the Saviour's (8) 3.30–4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W. H. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Blechley, by March 3rd. 8493

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, March 2nd. 8523

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seaton (5), March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 1st. 8506

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Sturminster Marshall (6) Bells 3–5 p.m. Wimborne Minster (10) 6.30–8.30 Names for tea, at Wimborne, to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Thursday March 3rd. 8479

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cannings (8) on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8373

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, March 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr J. Potts, North Sweetmings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, Leeds, before March 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8527

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th. Times at Walkley now altered to 2.15–2.30 and 3–3.45 owing to a wedding. Ranmoor bells from 3.30 and after tea. Business includes new secretary and proposed changes to Cup Contest rules. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Webster, 29, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield 10.—J. Seager, Sec. 8557

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 5th, Wollaton. Bells (6) 3.30 to 7.30. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham. 8535

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea, by February 26th. 8498

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice will be held at Constantine (6) Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—Mrs. K. N. Mossop, Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. 8525

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Earls Croome (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Strensham (6) available 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea (Village Hall, Earls Croome), to J. J. Stanier, Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkwood, Worcester, by Wednesday, March 2nd. 8508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Woodstock, Thursday, March 10th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching. 8541

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. Withyham bells available between 2.30–4 p.m. Hartfield bells available between 7.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by March 10th, please. 8536

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Social at Boreham, Saturday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets 6/- from E. W. Roast, Twixus, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex, S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. will be followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Members requiring tea should notify Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey (Tel. Ewell 4986) by March 10th. Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Whitlock, 2, Battel Hall Cottages, Leeds.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Goodnestone, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2/- per person. Those who require tea please notify Mrs. R. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, by March 9th, together with cash. 8513

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday March 12th
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Cathedral 4.15; Town Hall 5.
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Tower, 293, Wilmslow Road, Man-
chester 14. 8556

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Woodbridge, March 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., then service. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All bookings for tea to Mr. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. — Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 8546

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cleeve Prior (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 8526

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society met at Penistone, near Sheffield, on February 12th, the new Vicar, the Rev. R. I. J. Mathews, took the chair. They learned that the Vicar's wife had an ambition to train a band of ladies to ring and had about 16 recruits. We wished her success, and also Mr. Arthur Champion, who had been struggling for a long time to keep the bells going.

Three new members were elected and Mr. Christopher Moxon proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting: Ossett, March 12th; adjourned annual, Barnsley, April 9th.
J. W. B.

QUARTER PEALS

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, B. Johnson 2, A. Bourner (first Minor "inside") 3, H. Deacon 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6.

STONE, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (21 methods): K. G. Weeks 1, D. M. Smith 2, W. Lambard 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, H. Taysom (first of 21 Doubles) 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Withey (first quarter) 1, Elisabeth Maude (first quarter) 2, Deborah Maude (first quarter) 3, T. King (first quarter) 4, A. Ivings (first as cond.) 5, Rung for A. Ivings' birthday.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grand-aire Triples: J. Swain 1, W. Brown 2, L. Cooper 3, P. Rumley (first of Triples "inside") 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8. A farewell to the Rev. E. A. Gaskell, and to mark his institution to St. James', Biddenham, Beds.

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