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WHO SAYS CHURCH BELLS A NUISANCE ?

By Canon Gilbert Thurlow,
President of the Central Council

CHURCH bells are sometimes a nuisance. The reasons alleged for this are often contemptible. Said one old verger to me years ago: "If we start ringing here, people will want to know why we have not rung before."

A new resident in a Norfolk village complained that the five small church bells "frightened his children." Their "image" of the faith must have been primitive indeed! But the village children, proud of their 1,000-year-old tower, thought differently.

Last year, some tycoon, having settled down to enjoy for the first time the "peace" of the countryside in a Midland village, sought to silence the bells of the ancient church. Again, village pride through the centuries showed him that money does not always talk.

But such absurdities apart, it is true that church bells are sometimes a nuisance. Usually this is because they are hung in the tower in such a way as to sound too loudly in the immediate vicinity, either by being hung on the level of the belfry windows or because the windows are too large, or for both reasons.

Confronted by this simple fact, the clergy often show an odd lack of imagination. "Shall we ring or shall we not ring?" "Shall we disregard complaints, or shall we forbid the bells to ring, disperse the ringers, and lose a valuable band of church workers?"

But there need be no such dilemma. In every case the obvious thing to do is to continue to ring, but to quieten the sound of the bells. This is quite easy. It need not cost much. It need not disfigure the tower windows. All that is necessary is to brick up the belfry windows inside, to a point where the sound of the bells becomes reasonable, and which can be determined by experiment. A similar result can be obtained by a different method, if it becomes necessary to rehang the bells. It is usually advantageous to replace the bell frame some 20 ft. below the window sills.

This lessens the strain on the tower and its consequent movement when ringing, and at the same time it mellows the sound pleasantly. An important constructional improvement, when doing this, is to bond into the walls a strong reinforced concrete girder all round the inside of the tower, holding it firmly together. This is particularly important in counties like Norfolk where the flint of which towers are built bonds together so badly, and cracks apart from time to time. Had this been done years ago at North Walsham, Oxborough, Tivetshall St. Mary, Wighton and elsewhere, these towers might have been standing today.

So, if you think your church bells are too loud, or if you are plagued by others who think so, worry no more! Say no more — "What a nuisance are my bells" — and think no evil thoughts about your fellow church workers the ringers! Instead, invite those who complain to help you make the bells more pleasant.

This is an important pastoral matter. The challenge of the Gospel is meant to sound with power and persistence, but its sound should bring peace, not unnecessary exasperation, and it should comfort rather than madden. Frequenters of a famous market place will know the old tale, "Don't the bells sound lovely?" "I can't hear a word you say, for the noise of them . . . bells." This need happen no longer.

[From The Norwich Churchman.]

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UTRECHT DOMTOREN, HOLLAND



THE LARGE SWINGING BELL
"THE SAVIOUR"

By W. E. BOX.

Apropos the remark by R. M. Clouston on the bells of Utrecht Domtoren, Holland, these were cast in 1506-7 by Gerard Van Wou, possibly in Utrecht. The largest is reputed to weigh 8½ tons, probably an exaggeration, but she is certainly hefty. They are swung on national holidays, festivals, etc.

The tower, of gigantic proportions, soars to 338 feet and, since the nave of the church was wrecked in a storm in 1674, has stood alone. It was erected between 1321 and 1382. The "tolling bells," as they are called, hang in the second storey.

In the uppermost section is the beautiful carillon of 44 bells (bourdon, 90 cwt.), cast in Amsterdam in 1663-64 by Francis Hemony (1609-1677) and his brother, Pieter Hemony (1699-c 1677), probably the most able bell-founders the world has known, who gave us what is loosely and wrongly called "Simpson" tuning of bells. The tonal clarity of this carillon and its audibility is remarkable considering it is hung so high in the tower, a fine memorial to the master founders of three centuries ago—the amazing Hemony brothers. It is tempting to go on writing about their personalities and achievements, but space is limited.

The Van Wou family founded at Kampen on the east side of the former Zuider Zee, their work being mainly chimes of ten and eleven bells in pre-carillon days. The last, Gaert Van Wou, died in 1527.



THE MAGNIFICENT 338ft. TOWER

READING UNIVERSITY WINTER TERM OUTING

Meeting beneath the forbidding twin towers of Wantage Hall on February 16th, 14 inwardly excited but outwardly calm members of the Reading University Society clambered into a decrepit minibus, which moved away with ominous difficulty.

The first two towers of the afternoon were the sixes at Arborfield and Finchampstead. Diverse Minor methods were rung and the climax of the afternoon was the eight at All Saints', Wokingham, where the elastically sprung ropes proved to be a new and startling experience for some of the band. Yet the standard of ringing improved surprisingly, finishing with a good course of Cambridge Major.

On the way to Binfield, the first tower after tea, what little confidence we had in the minibus was finally annihilated when the electricians departed for other worlds. Undaunted, we walked the remaining mile to Binfield, while the driver made desperate efforts to resuscitate the senile and doomed minibus. Two good eights, at Hurst and Twyford, where we joined the local practice and rang London with the help of two local ringers, concluded the day. Margaret Wilson is thanked for her efficient organisation.

R. E. S., M. G. I.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Two five-bell towers—Campton and Meppershall—were the venues for the monthly meeting on February 12th. Although members at tea were not many, numbers picked up at the meeting held in Meppershall Church and again during the evening. Mr. P. Rogers, diary in hand, called the changes as Ringing Master, incorporating everyone's tastes and abilities.

Next meeting: Old Warden, April 9th.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

On a bright but breezy day some 30 members and friends from 11 towers were present when the monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at North Wingfield on March 12th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, ringing to suit a wide variety of tastes took place on the 18 cwt. octave.

After tea, excellently prepared by the ladies, a short business meeting was held with the Rector, the Rev. N. Joyce, a ringer, in the chair. Following a warm welcome to North Wingfield from the chairman, details of the proposed outing to Derby on April 16th for the Association A.G.M. were discussed. Two new members—Philip Robinson (Chesterfield) and Anthony Grant (Killamarsh)—were elected.

Advance information was also given of the ringing festival the week following the A.G.M., which is being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., the founder president of the Central Council. In addition to ringing at over 12 towers, a special memorial service is to be held at Duffield, at which the preacher will be the Rev. D. St John Smith, president of the Clerical Guild.

Mr. F. Adams (Staveley) sincerely thanked all those who had contributed towards the recent presentation which marked his retirement after 17 years as District chairman.

The secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), on behalf of the District, wished Mr. A. Sallis every success in his new post as tower captain at North Wingfield.

Next meeting: Striking competition. Old Brampton. M. P. P.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Hemm (first quarter) 1, S. Davis 2, E. Hearnshaw 3, K. Hemm 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5.

LADIES' GUILD Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District took place at Portishead on March 12th. On a pleasant spring afternoon a good number of members and friends gathered to enjoy ringing here before the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. O. Fry. In his sermon the Rector spoke of the ways in which the Ladies' Guild could help ringers and ringing at the present time.

After a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, prepared by some of the ladies of the parish, a vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting—the Rector, the organist and choirboys, the tower master, Mr. R. Gale, and those who had prepared and served tea.

At the business meeting, members were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs. Briggs, who had taken part in the first Ladies' Guild peal at Cubitt Town, and who now lives at Portishead. They were also pleased to receive a message of greeting from another long-standing member of the Guild, Miss N. Williams, of Bath, now unable to travel to meetings.

The officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Mrs. de Jong; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Eyles, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Smith; representatives for the Guild annual meeting, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Battin. It was decided to try to hold quarterly meetings (subject to permission) at St. James', Bristol, and either Kelston or Marksbury, and to hold evening practices at Pilton, Swainswick, Colerne, Hemington, St. Philip and St. Jacob's, Bristol, and Frampton Cotterell. Two new members were elected Mrs. Carey (Chippenham) and Mrs. Parsons (Wraxall). M. de J.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER

THE fifth annual dinner of the Liverpool University Society was held on February 26th. As usual, the week-end's festivities really began on Friday evening with the arrival of many life members and friends in time to join the practice at St. Nicholas', where a Society touch of Stedman Caters was rung at Mr. Birkett's suggestion.

Only two of the five peal attempts arranged for Sunday morning were successful. Due to a change of both conductor and county, the Society managed to score its first Dinner Day peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major at Newton-le-Willows. This great event received due publicity from the local Press, who interviewed and photographed the band. In the afternoon, general ringing took place at Walton, West Derby, Everton and St. Francis Xavier's.

Dinner was served in the Bradford Hotel, Liverpool, with a company of 75 members and friends. The Master (Mr. J. J. Fox), having proposed the loyal toast, welcomed the visitors, without whom the dinner would not be possible. In reply to Mr. Fox's toast to "The Church," the Rev. G. G. Bradshaw, Anglican chaplain in the University, remarked that he had first discovered the meaning of "the invisible church" when he became incumbent at a church with a ring of bells. He referred both to those who slipped silently into the back pews and those who slipped equally silently out to slake the most righteously acquired thirst it is ever possible to acquire. Ringers, he said, were privileged, as he was, to officiate at the greatest occasions of human life, marriage and death.

VISITORS FROM EIGHT UNIVERSITIES

Mr. D. G. Wilford, proposing "The Visitors," said they could be divided in several ways. There were university and non-university visitors, and there were the old faces and the new faces. One "old face" which was missing this year was that of Tommy Rogers, Wirral Branch Ringing Master, who had died recently. Amongst the others who had faithfully supported every dinner they were glad to see Mr. Lester Gray, two honorary members, Alex Martin and Tudor Edwards, and friends from Wirral and Lancashire. The contingents from the Midlands and Essex seemed to have grown even larger. Among the new faces, perhaps lured by the prospect of ringing at the Cathedral, were those from the Universities of Bristol, Cambridge, Hull, Leeds, London and Oxford, and those from East Anglia and Wales.

Mr. A. J. Martin, secretary of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild, replied and thanked the Society on behalf of himself and Tudor Edwards for electing them honorary members. Referring to his misquoted remarks when he spoke at the Society's first dinner, Mr. Martin said that, with the guidance of Tudor Edwards, and the arrival of some very good ringers at the University, the Society had avoided the trap of pushing learners on too fast. He was, however, of the opinion that peal attempts on Dinner Day were not a good idea. Those who were staying with him had gone off reluctantly to ring, saying "See you in an hour" to the girl-friends who were not ringing. Either the peals or the late evening in the Pig should be cut out. But perhaps the Society's success in the morning showed that this view was unfounded.

"The Society" was proposed by Mr. D. B. Williams, Master of Bristol University Society. His statement that the northern universities were stringing along behind the southern ones was not well received by the many members of northern universities present.

Replying, Mr. V. D. Jenner refuted the idea that Liverpool in particular was copying any southern university. As is customary, his speech took the form of a report on the year's activities. The morning's peal success, he said, was due to a change of conductor. During the past year five peals had been rung, including the first of Caters and the

first in seven methods by the Society, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal had been lost a few weeks ago. There had been a good intake of freshers this year, and Cupid (we don't call him anything else; Liverpool believes in calling a spade a spade) had had a successful year. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooper were congratulated on their marriage (an excuse for a Society reunion) and Messrs. P. Bennett, J. Fielden and M. Phillips on their engagements to the Misses Marion Panton, Maryl Crossthwaite and Muriel Hastings respectively.

The Master was accompanied on the top table by the Rev. G. G. Bradshaw, Messrs. A. J. Martin and D. B. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooper, the Misses M. Crossthwaite, A. Freeman, M. Hastings, M. Panton and M. Williams, Messrs. P. Bennett, J. Fielden, D. Jenner, M. Pilgrim, M. Phillips, R. Shea and D. Wilford.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. I. Maycock and Mr. and Mrs. P. Rothera, the Misses H. Arrow-smith, A. Bates, C. Bland, E. Dixon, B. Fox, M. Fort, M. Pryor, J. Lethbridge, E. Tann and M. Webster, Messrs. P. Adcock, D. Address, G. Austin, P. Brown, G. Cooper, P. Crossthwaite, R. Dennis, M. Dodd, M. Dodson, C. Eden, T. Edwards, J. Foster, L. Gray, K. Hesketh, M. Hughes, R. Humphries, G. Jones, D. Keast, A. Kench, J. Kershaw, F. Mack, D. Moore, G. R. Mordaunt, D. Peers, T. Pett, C. Pocock, G. Pullin, G. Randall, D. Rothera and guest, M. Rowbottom, M. Simpson, A. Smith, G. Sparling, G. Thoday, J. Towler, C. Walters, J. White and B. Veitch.

The following morning there was a surprisingly large turn-out for service ringing at St. Nicholas', St. Francis Xavier's and Everton. The week-end was brought to a climax when, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter and the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Ridyard, we were allowed to ring for Evensong at the Cathedral. Two of the country's leading lady peal ringers rang the tenor to a touch.

P. A. F.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

Further hazards forecast for church bellringing, if Christian Unity becomes the main feature in our churches, were mentioned by the Rector of Neath, the Rev. F. T. Williams, in his address at St. Thomas', Neath, on March 5th.

It was the first meeting of the year for the Southern District, and the attendance was a fair representation of the church towers in the area. Tea was served in a very pleasant room in the Church Hall, and the appreciation for the excellent meal, served by the ladies of the parish, was expressed in full by the hon. District secretary.

Ringling throughout the day ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, also handbell ringing by request.

The statement of accounts for 1965 was presented and concern was expressed over the considerable drop in paid-up members since 1962. It was hoped that every effort will be made to enrol new members.

It was agreed to visit Newton Nottage for the September meeting. Three new members were elected.

In reply to a vote of thanks by the Master, the Rector expressed his willingness to welcome the Guild when they again decide to visit St. Thomas', Neath.

J. A. H.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Sixteen towers were represented when the Barnsley District Society met at Ossett on March 12th. The Rev. A. Smithers, curate, presided at the business meeting, at which a silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, a member for over 30 years. Mr. C. Moxon reported on the recent meeting of the Yorkshire Council, Allen Newbould, of Rothwell, was elected a member, and Mr. Harold Chant proposed the vote of thanks, mentioning the excellent tea. The curate's reply was most appreciative.—"Come again."

Next meeting: Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, April 9th.

The Oxford University Society Dinner

ONCE again the first Saturday of February marked the holding in Jesus College of the annual dinner of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers.

While the young and imprudent were exhausting both themselves and every available ring of bells in Oxford, good and bad alike, the connoisseurs and elderly ambled gently through the city, pausing now and then to pay a gracious call at the superior establishments of Merton, Magdalen and the Cathedral. The day's ringing was finely rounded off by the ponderous six at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

The Society's newly found penchant for matrimony deprived this year's Dinner Committee of much of the fun of their own special treat—the devising of the seating plan. With so much fidelity about, their natural malevolence had little scope for expression; one disgruntled organiser gave up altogether and retired to the neutrality of High Table.

After the meal the Society's president, Canon C. E. Wigg, proposed the loyal toast, which was followed by toasts to "The Church," "The Visitors" and "The Society." Father Hooper, the kindly guardian of the Society's home tower, is a speaker greatly admired for his intrepidity in still daring to brave a roomful of ringers after what must have been a grim ordeal of many O.U.S. dinners in the past. The guest of honour was Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, who spoke all too appositely about the folly of devoting too much of one's time as an undergraduate to ringing. One prospective examinee certainly felt the truth of the caution. The third guest-speaker, Mr. K. Darvill, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, was, of course, hampered in his task of wishing the Society prosperity by the fact that such a sentiment would be a

direct travesty of his very *raison d'être*—to be as rude as possible to the Oxford ringers short of actual libel. Mr. Darvill not only kept on this side of the law but also approached so near to being nice to us that there emerged among the Oxford ranks a dangerously radical element urging the view that our Cambridge counterparts are not such bad fellows after all.

But ultimately the first prize must go to the home team. It took Oxford minds to realise that intelligibility has no part in after-dinner speeches. With this in mind one could only congratulate the three Oxford speakers for going on so long. It may be a long time before we hear again a speech of such calibre as that with which the popular Master, Mr. Roger Heyworth, so brilliantly broke up the happy gathering.

The rest of the evening was spent in the college bar. One of the most pleasurable experiences of Dinner Day is to sit, with one's pint stoutly before one, watching the world wag by. And, above all, with what fascination of horror does the observer realise on renewing some old acquaintance the awful ambiguity of the indispensable, terrible cliché, "He hasn't changed at all!"

H. F. P.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Gale (first quarter) 1, R. J. Gale 2, A. J. Gould 3, V. H. James 4, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 5, D. Gale 6.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Forsythe (first of Plain Bob) 1, T. Hobson 2, R. Parkinson 3, J. F. Wood 4, C. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley (first as cond.) 6. To welcome Stephen M. France, grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

Letters to the Editor

ON TEACHING ROPESIGHT

Dear Sir,—For many years I have been teaching youngsters method ringing and the method I use is the reverse of that used by Mr. Davies.

The first thing I teach them (Plain Bob) is the coursing order 24653 and tell them twice round and lead again starting with the bell you finish with and stick to this until it can be well struck; when this can be done you then start him counting his places, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 6ths, 6ths, 5ths, 4ths, 3rds, 2nds lead.

Now able to strike and hunt, the next stage is a bob at the end of each course, having explained to him the coursing order 43652, 32654. When he has mastered this he is ready to learn method ringing.

This stage can be mastered in a very short time. All you have to do is to stand behind him and explain to him that, going up, he follows the bell that follows him, the last bell being his course bell going down, to follow the bell that follows his course bell; on six bells, take away himself leaves five bells, his course bell leaves four bells, the one before his course bell leaves three bells, so with only three bells to watch you will find that very soon he will be doing this without any help at all.

My latest recruit rang his first rounds on Christmas Day. At present he knows nothing about method ringing, only coursing order and counting his places. At the moment he is ringing three courses of Bob Minor and three courses of Bob Major easily, also plain courses of Little Bob Minor and Major.

My recent successes include Michael Bryan, who rang his first peal a year ago at the age of 13, ringing a peal of Minor "inside" to Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and the same week "inside" to a peal of Bob Major. He can now ring Cambridge Major, Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters. He has also rung a quarter of Double Norwich, all "inside."

Last November at the age of 11 David Gagen rang the treble to a peal of Minor and can now ring St. Clement's and Little Bob "inside" without any help, and has almost mastered Cambridge Minor. He can ring Little Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Bob Royal "inside" and the treble to Grandsire Caters.

My first success as an instructor was in 1932, when at Downham Market with a band of beginners, all service ringers, we rang a peal of Bob Doubles, first of Doubles by all and my first as conductor; later in the same year with the same band a peal of Bob Minor, their first of Minor, my first of Minor as conductor.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

A CANADIAN VISITOR

Dear Sir,—A young lady from Canada is making her first visit to this country in May and is very anxious to join a "tower outing" while she is here.

The most suitable dates and areas to fit in with her itinerary are as follows: Saturday, May 14th, any tower in Oxon, Wilts, Somerset, Hants or Dorset; Saturday, May 21st, Eastern Counties.

Should any tower in these areas have an outing arranged for those dates, and has room for an extra "passenger," perhaps the organiser would kindly get in touch with me.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP, Sen.

114a, Wessex Way,
Maidenhead, Berks.

THE BRISTOL AFFAIR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Christopher J. Jones' letter in your issue of March 4th, while this and the "Bristol Affair" are purely matters for the bodies concerned, various facets of the question present themselves.

The argument, if carried to its logical conclusion, would result in illogical confusion. If one tower in a Branch felt it would like to change to another Branch, then as many more as felt like it would be perfectly entitled to do so, and that would go for all the other towers in the other Branches and the Branch secretary would have to be constantly revising his records of who had gone where, and who had come in from whence.

No thought appears to have been given to the Branch officers, and particularly the secretaries, who have to carry on the administration and who probably do far more "voluntary" work in a "voluntary" capacity, in a "voluntary" organisation than any individual member.

It Mr. Jones, and any who support him, do not like the faces of their Branch officers, they have the power to sling them out and elect others to replace them. If there are other reasons, then it should not be beyond the capacity of the Branch and/or Association officers, with a little goodwill and sweet reasonableness on both sides, to sort matters out.

In addition to being voluntary organisations, our Guilds and so forth are democratic organisations, and democracy (to which so much lip-service is paid in so many walks of life) is very easily bedevilled by muddled thinking and the "non-return valve" or "one way (my way) street" type of mentality. So much emphasis is laid upon rights and upon privileges which, through the modern grasping attitude, have come to be considered as rights, that our obligations are apt to receive scant, if any, attention.

It was Dryden who wrote "Numerous, the herd of such who think too little and say too much."—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Pedmore, Worcs.

NURSES PROVIDED BELL

Dear Sir,—I have in the past taught quite a few student nurses to handle a bell, and at one period we could have raised a service band here composed entirely of nurses. However, either through marriage or the search for pastures new in the field of nursing, most of these have drifted away and at the present time there is just one other male nurse besides myself who rings here.

I was wondering whether Mr. Fitzgerald would think it worthwhile to put an article in "The Nursing Mirror"; it is possible that he would contact some ringers in this way who have stopped taking "The Ringing World" or some who have stopped ringing altogether: it could be a means of rekindling their interest.

Another point of interest to nurses who ring is that the second bell of our ring at Charminster was donated in 1962 by nurses and staff of Herrison Hospital.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST H. AMEY.

R.M.P.A., R.M.N.

Charminster, Dorset.

NURSES—WHY NOT THE MEDICAL GUILD?

Dear Sir,—Have Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Willes never heard of the Guild of Medical Ringers? This has been in existence over ten years, and nurses are eligible as associate members. I have rung in at least two peals for the Guild with several of them, and I am sure the hon. secretary (address in the "Ringers' Diary") would give a list of nurse members to any organiser of a peal attempt.

The Guild would welcome applications, from any member of the nursing profession who is a ringer, for membership. At least two meetings are held annually.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. NEAL SMITH,

Master,

The Guild of Medical Ringers
Twickenham, Middlesex.

CALLING ROUND IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see that my article on calling round has provoked some interest. Mr. Warne's letter raises one or two points which deserve to be pursued further; in particular the use of other calls on the "loose bell" besides 4ths.

I cannot agree with the strictures on hand-stroke rounds—a touch which has to be called round is probably false anyway—and I personally have no objection to 65's at backstroke. This is obviously a matter of opinion, but Mr. Warne's next point is one of considerable interest. To produce the plain course, or its reverse, the loose bell can be called:

(a) 4ths		(d) 0, 1
+ (b) W, H	+	(e) 1, 0
(c) H, W		

The callings marked "+" turn a hand-stroke position into a backstroke one (or, of course, vice-versa). Depending on the method, one or other of the four alternative callings can often be used to bring a touch round more quickly than is otherwise possible. In Bob Minor it is often quicker to call a coursing-pair twice before (i.e. the loose bell H, W) than to wait until the loose bell is in a position to make the bob. For instance, take lead 42356, c/o 65-2-4-3. This comes round in six leads if the loose bell is called to make the bob; in only three where the coursing pair 4, 2 are called twice before.

Different methods have different characteristics and to call up rounds in the fewest changes requires a study of the lead-order of each method in order to choose the best call or calls for the occasion.

Finally, may I say how pleased I was to see that this ancient branch of our art is again receiving some attention after long neglect. It is especially satisfying that the interest comes from one of the universities—a good omen, I feel, for the next generation of conductors.—Yours faithfully,

Walsall.

M. S. BRUCE.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT OUTING

Instead of a March meeting, the afternoon of March 19th saw members of the St. Albans District and friends leaving for London. The Science Museum was the first stop and, joined by a few more ringers, we wandered around, the hour and a half going very quickly. Then, after tea, the coach moved to the first tower, Fulham. Having been locked out of the grounds, we eventually got up for a ring. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Royal were enjoyed. It was a quick walk to Putney, and a long wait before ringing on the lovely eight. Methods from rounds to London and Spliced Surprise were rung, and then once more back to the coach and home. Sincere thanks were passed from the District to Mr. Roger Brown, the secretary, for a very enjoyable day.

J. A. F.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters of Mr. J. L. Hayns ("Ringing World," January 28th) and Mr. J. S. Boothman (February 25th), while I have had no first-hand experience of such a failure, it is nevertheless an engineering problem and the following would be my approach as a professional engineer.

I have not had a chance to make any measurements on a particular bell but have done a few "back-of-an-envelope" calculations on estimated dimensions, which I believe to be typical, with the following results.

Firstly, centrifugal force: The Central Council publication "Preservation and Repair of Bells" gives the maximum centrifugal force (plus, presumably, the dead weight of the bell) as equal to four times the weight of the bell. My own rough calculation gives three times, but the figure of four may be more accurate. The clapper travels only slightly faster than the bell so the maximum force can be taken roughly as five times its weight. Obviously this force would be far too small to cause failure in direct tension by a single application; for a 6½ cwt. bell I have estimated the total clapper weight to be 33 lb., 18 of which is in the ball (this checks with the ratio of 1/40th of the weight of the bell). Thus the maximum direct force is of the order of 165 lb. Assuming the clapper bolt to be ½ in. diameter and to be made of mild steel of 28 tons per square inch ultimate strength, a load of 12 tons would be required to cause breakage and a load of some six tons would be required to cause yielding.

Secondly, consider the impulsive force of the clapper striking the bell. On my estimated dimensions, the centre of gravity of the clapper would be about three-quarters of the length from the point of suspension to the centre of the ball, but a slight reduction in the estimated shank diameter would place the centre of gravity almost within the ball itself, which I feel may well be the case. The centre of percussion will therefore almost coincide with the centre of the ball. If so, one can use the analogy of a hammer, the action being similar. The calculation of impulsive forces is always difficult, since the instantaneous deflection of the contacting surfaces must just be determined or estimated. With a hammer, however, which is swung in roughly a circular arc (as also is the clapper), the force transmitted to the hand is quite small although the impact may be very large. The same principle applies to the clapper. Thus it is not likely that this is the cause of failure, since whatever the force of the impact at the ball, due to the majority of the energy being concentrated at this point, and almost none at the hinge, the force at the hinge will be quite low.

Thirdly, it is a common fallacy that the initial tension in a bolt aggravates the loading (to use Mr. Boothman's term). The theory of bolt tension due to externally applied loads can be found in "The Design of Machine Elements" by Spotts (published by Prentice-Hall). Briefly, if k_b is the stiffness of the bolt and k_p is the stiffness of the part or parts through which it passes (expressed as lbs. load required to produce one inch de-

flection) the increase in bolt load due to an externally applied force of F lb. is given by

$$F_{\text{incr.}} = \frac{F \times k_b}{k_b + k_p} \quad \text{Since in most cases } k_p \text{ is large}$$

compared with k_b , the increase in bolt load is small. This assumes that the initial tension is greater than the external load.

This, then, I believe, points to the most probable cause of failure, namely that the bolt has failed because it has not been tightened properly in the first case. It is considered good practice to tighten a bolt to 80 per cent. of its yield strength, say, in the case of mild steel, to a stress of ten tons per square inch, or as tight as it will go using a normal length spanner (without any extension in the form of tubes slipped over the end). If a torque spanner is available, bolt manufacturers will provide information as to the recommended torque for a given bolt size and material.

Vibration is always liable to cause threads to slacken off and the vibrations of the bell may well do this. A constant check should be made, particularly on new bolts, to see that this does not occur. If the bolt is allowed to become slack, movement will take place, giving rise to fretting and an ultimate fatigue failure. In this respect the musical vibrations of the bell may well give rise to high frequency reversals of stress, which may be far more important than any of the forces discussed above.

(It is my belief that failure of the clapper shank itself may be due to resonant vibration set up while it is in contact with the bell. Has anyone investigated the natural frequency of vibration of a clapper supported at the hinge and the ball I wonder? My guess is that in some cases it could be very close to the frequency of the bell.)

If it can be proved in a given case that the clapper bolt is not strong enough, the best solution, rather than boring out the hole larger, would be to make a new bolt to the old dimensions but in a stronger material, say an alloy steel such as BS970; EN16R. In doing so, care should be taken to avoid sharp corners at the junction of any larger section and the bolt diameter. The radius here should be as large as possible to avoid stress concentrations.—Yours faithfully,
Lincoln.

A. W. FROGGATT.
(C.Eng. A.M.I.Mech.E.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

Over 50 ringers and friends went to the Rochester District by-meeting on March 5th in the pretty village of Hartlip, with its well-kept church. Good use was made of the six bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Green, is a ringer, and he conducted the service. The singing was led by Mr. G. R. Bone, the 85-year-old organist, who was formerly headmaster of Rainham School. An excellent tea was provided by local ladies, and Mr. T. Barton proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. A welcome visitor to his native village was Mr. T. E. Sone, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sone.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 26th Council (69th Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966, in the Pump Rooms, Bath.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

Nominations for Office (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, honorary secretary and treasurer, and honorary librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

The following nominations have been made:

President: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

Honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Bottomley, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 19th, 1966.

Representative members (Rule 5 (iv)). Names and addresses of representative members must be sent to the secretary by May 3rd, 1966.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford,
Kent.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

On March 12th twelve members of the Liverpool University Society went on tour in the Cheshire district. The first tower was Neston (8), where the bells were found to be odd-struck, and at Bunbury, the next tower, the bells appeared to be very similar. Over the county border into Shropshire to visit Whitechurch, where there is a slightly heavier eight (19 cwt.) and then back to Cheshire for the quite pleasant sounding six at Audlem.

The long journey to Crewe proved to be very rewarding, for here the Society enjoyed what was probably the best ringing of the day on the ten (20 cwt.) at Christ Church. This was also the best attended of the towers, for here the original party was joined by numerous other members. Middlewich (8) was visited on the return journey.

The Society would like to thank the tower-master and incumbent at each of the above mentioned churches for use of the bells. Due to their kindness, and the fine weather which prevailed, a thoroughly good time was had by all participants. J. W.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey Purnell (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Susan Webber 3, M. Androlia 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, D. Purnell 6. For Evensong.

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OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES McGUINNESS

Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild has suffered its second loss within a short time. Charles McGuinness died in hospital on March 16th at the age of 66 after a long and difficult illness. Charles was an active ringer for more than 40 years, widely known in the Exercise and widely experienced in tower and handbell ringing.

He began to ring at St. Peter-at-Arches', Lincoln, and his first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung there in 1922. This was a first peal for several members of the St. Peter's company. When the Lincoln Cathedral bells were augmented to 12 Charles McGuinness joined the Cathedral company, after preparing himself during the period of waiting for the restoration of these bells, by going to Sheffield to practise on the nearest 12. He took part in the first peal on the Cathedral 12; this was Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

In the early 30's he and his wife, Hilda, were received into the Church of Rome, but Charles remained an honorary member of the Lincoln Cathedral company until his death. Charles and Hilda loved the social side of ringing, too, entertaining many ringers and travelling throughout the country to dinners, meetings, and joining the Universities Association ringing tours and attending Central Council meetings.

Among the peals Charlie was proud to have taken part in were Edward Jenkins' first peal of Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster, Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Cumberlands at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Stedman Cinques at Buckfast Abbey, the first peal of London Surprise Major for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the record length of 14.144 changes in this method, peals of Spliced Minor to 125 methods, and Spliced Surprise Major to 22 methods. He also rang many of the "firsts in hand" for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. In 1951 Charles and Hilda moved to Newcastle and were as popular with the ringers there as they had been in Lincoln, joining in all their ringing activities.

After returning to Lincolnshire to live in Boston in 1959, Charles' health deteriorated and although he attended meetings and took part in practices locally and at Surfleet, he was unable to take part fully as he would have liked.

All their friends will be sorry to know that after years of devoted nursing, Hilda was herself taken ill and had to go into Wyberton West Hospital, Boston, where she is still a patient. All our sympathy goes to her.

Requiem Mass and funeral service were held at St. Mary's, Boston, on March 19th. Many ringers were present, including the Master and secretary of the Guild, members from the Central, Eastern, Elloe Deaneries, the West and North Lindsey Branches of the Guild, and Charles' lifelong friends. Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcon. Many friends from church and from his employers, Messrs. Fisons, attended. May light perpetual shine upon him.

After the interment a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at the nearby Church of St. Margaret, Sibsey. The composition was the same as that of Charles' first peal of London Surprise Major.

J. L. M.

MRS. E. L. MELVILLE

The passing of Mrs. Melville at the age of 93 recalls my many visits to Guildford for handbell peals. I first met her in July, 1921, when she saw her husband take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples. After the peal she spoke of her ambition to ring a peal "in hand" and within two months she rang 7-8 to her first handbell peal. This was nearly 45 years ago and she was highly pleased seeing her age at the time would be 48. It was a good peal of Triples, still a popular method throughout the land.

W. S.

MR. G. L. HEWITT

We regret to record the death of Mr. G. Leonard (Len) Hewitt at the home of his niece at Stoney Stanton, Leics, after a short illness, on March 18th. Most of Len's ringing was done with Hereford, Shropshire and Leicester Guilds previous to his coming to Gloucester, where he joined the Cathedral and St. Mary de Crypt's ringers, and was a regular and punctual attender. From 1945 to 1956 he represented Shropshire Association on the Central Council.

He enjoyed a peal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being his favourites. His peal total was about 100, and although he was always willing to leave the conducting to others, he had called a few peals.

The last time the Gloucester ringers rang with him was last October at Stoney Stanton, where he had made arrangements for us to have tea and spend a couple of hours with him and his brother and niece, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

L. B.

MR. E. E. HUDDLESTONE

A regular service ringer and chorister at St. Peter's Church, Wymondham, Leics, for over 40 years, Mr. Ernest E. Huddleston died in St. Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, on March 10th. He was a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and also the Framland Society. The funeral service was on March 14th, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled in his memory.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

By LOUIS HEAD

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31265478x90	1	(6)	7	19
312456 (6) 19				
316254	19			
314652	19			
413256	6	19		
416352	19			
412653	19			
214356	6	19		
216453	19			
613452	6			

Repeat 3 times calling first course in each part.
2 5 (13) (15) 19.

B instead of S at 6 in the 2nd and 4th parts.
Omit the last two courses.

Singles marked by parentheses.
Rung at Canterbury on February 12th, 1966,
conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

5,376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

23456 W M H

43625	S	—
24635	—	2S
32645	—	2S
42635	S	2S
34625	—	2S
23645	—	2S
65324	S	S —
36452	—	—
46253	2S	—
36254	2S	S
26453	2S	—
46352	2S	—
26354	2S	S
32465	—	—

Repeated.

5-6 course for 44 out of 48 courses,
therefore suitable for handbells.

Ring on handbells, Swansea, Glamorgan,
on April 23rd, 1965.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Riverside Church, New York, is broadcasting on Easter Sunday a programme entitled "The Bells of Easter." Radio Station WRVR.

MARCH 4th, APPLETON

THIS year's Appleton Reunion was held on Saturday, March 5th, and, once more, was a very happy occasion with ringing friends from far and near: Pat Chapman, from Peterborough, George Cousins, from Hereford, a host of friends from London, Brighton, the Bristol contingent with Derek Jewell, lots of ex-Varsity ringers and, of course, the twins from Hinton Waldrist.

The traditional peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, whilst the second eleven went over to East Ilsley and also rang a peal, much to the delight of Fred Wilkins and the writer, who both think this is one of the ringing days when everything should go well.

At 6.30 p.m. about 120 sat down to a sumptuous feast and, after Grace, the Rector of Appleton opened the proceedings by proposing the loyal toast, which was acclaimed with enthusiasm.

The speeches at Appleton are always looked forward to, as they are short, sharp, sometimes witty but always to the point. This year, although several old stalwarts had been relieved of "toast duty" the newcomers were well received, everyone of course eagerly awaiting the reply of Frank White to the toast of "The Appleton Society," ably proposed by Canon Elliot Wigg.

Bill Coles (who already thinks he's one on 'em) proposed "The Church," responded to by the Vicar of Sutton Courtney, Ted Drewitt, always a cheerful chap (hope he gets away with his "dangerous driving" charge) proposed "The Visitors" in a delightful manner, and George Cousins suitably replied.

Then Fred Sharpe came into his own, opening the "Grand Concert" with the old Appleton song written by the village schoolmaster over 100 years ago, and thenceforward acted as chairman of the entertainments.

Songs from Fred Sharpe, Sir Basil Blackwell, Harry White and the C.O.S. from Basingstoke helped the evening along, but the titbit was a lapped touch of Stedman Caters by the White family, also some tunes by them and some Worcester lads, who were, too, most entertaining.

For some unknown reason at 11 p.m. the concert ceases, a choir is formed, and beautifully sung in harmony are hymns, psalms and lovely old country ballads, and when it is really time to call it a day the "Nunc Dimittis" is sung with great charm and dignity, and so ends another 4th of March.

The peal band would like to take this opportunity of thanking Frank White's sister, Phyllis, for a lovely lunch after the peal.

Once more we thank Frank White for organising such a delightful day and to see the family so united and able to ring the handbells as well as they do. We wish Frank many more years as the "boss man" on March 4th, a very wonderful day in the ringing calendar.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal at Compton Bishop (page 153) Geoffrey Hebden was ringing his first peal and not his first as conductor.

A bell removed from the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Helens, because it was unsafe, has been stolen from the presbytery yard.

The Suffolk Guild peal of six Minor methods (page 187) was rung at Dennington, and not Derrington. The possible excuse is imperfect handwriting.

The ringer of the second in the quarter peal of Spliced and Mixed Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor at St. Thomas', Oxford, on February 20th (page 176) was J. P. Coad, not S. K. Thompson, as submitted.

The secretary of the Eastern District of the Sussex Association is Mr. Godfrey M. Fitz-Hugh, and not as printed in issue of March 25th. Error regretted.

Cedric Royle, who rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Derby, on March 5th, was the 50th person for whom Mr. D. K. Walklate, of Derby, had called their first peal. A fine record!

Congratulations to Mr. Keith Young and Miss Maureen Howard upon their marriage at Rainham on March 5th. Keith has been a ringier at St. Margaret's, Rainham, for seven years.

Messrs. Harry Parks and Arthur F. Lewry, who had carried out the rehanging of the bells at Burgh-in-Marsh, Lincs, in a new frame, took part in the first peal on the bells after the rededication service.

(To be continued)

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SALISBURY, RHODESIA

Faces continue to change here. Jennifer Emms, of Prittwell, has visited the tower whilst on holiday in Rhodesia. Robert Harris has dropped in from Grahamstown. Bob was formerly at Cheshunt, and was ordained deacon on December 19th in Kimberley Cathedral. He is now at St. John's, Mafeking. Another welcome visitor was John Butler, formerly of Romford, now at Johannesburg. John recently brought out to Africa a silver tea service, presented to his father, Ernest Butler, by the South-West Branch of the Essex Association in the 1930's. Also passing through was John Thorp, of Hertingfordbury; John is at present teaching at Mathapha, Swaziland.

After four years at U.C.R.N., Salisbury, Colin Stevenson has returned to the U.K. He was presented with a suitable drinking vessel before he left, in appreciation of all his hard work in helping at the Cathedral. Russ Read and David Brown have finished their one-year course at U.C.R.N. and have returned to Zambia, where they will be teaching.

May we appeal for any spare copies of "Ropesight" to be sent to K. S. Cross, P.O. Box 766, Salisbury. They will be greatly appreciated here and at Que Que and Peterhouse.
F. T. B.

A BELOVED RECTOR

This week we record the in memoriam quarter rung by Leckhampton, Glos. ringers to their beloved Rector, the Rev. Edgar John White. Also in the band was a former curate, the Rev. John Homfray. The late Rector was a ringer, although in recent years he had not been able to participate. Leckhampton's Sunday service band is some 17 strong and this position in many ways is the result of the patient training by Mr. Homfray and the strong encouragement of the late Rector. All would have liked to have taken part in the memorial quarter, but those in the band represented all the different generations of ringers of the church.

LOUIS A. WILSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY

The quarter peal rung at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on March 19th, was the first since the bells were rehung on ball bearings a few weeks ago, and was a compliment to Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 17th.

Although Louis left Ottery St. Mary, Devon, during the late 1890's he still regards Ottery St. Mary as his home tower, and the Ottery and East Devon ringers were delighted to make the journey of 200 miles there and back to ring this quarter in his honour.

Until eight or nine years ago, Louis always came to Ottery St. Mary for his annual holiday, but since he has been unable to make the trip each year a party of ringers under the leadership of Charles J. Turner have made the journey to Wootton Bassett to meet an old friend, and the one ringer who can remember Louis in his "younger" days, John Arbury (77), has made the trip each year, and took part in the quarter this year and also in the peal rung for his birthday three years ago.

According to Mr. Wilson's doctor, we shall be making this "pilgrimage" for at least another ten years or so, and judging by the way Louis put the fourth through a course of Grandfire Triples prior to the quarter peal we have every reason to believe this will be so, writes our correspondent.

NEW MASTER OF GUILDFORD GUILD



MR. PETER G. SMART

Born at Guildford, 1941, learned to ring at Merrow, 1956, under Pam Warren; also did a great deal of early ringing at Clandon under George Grover. Married at Bramshott, Hants, 1962, and moved to Ash: elected tower captain at Ash, 1964. Rung 29 peals. Occupation, electronics engineer at Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, studying for H.N.C. (Higher National Certificate) this year.

MELTON MOWBRAY DINNER

The annual dinner of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at the Ann of Cleves Café in Melton Mowbray on March 19th, when 56 ringers, wives and friends sat down to an excellent spread. The Vicar of Melton Mowbray (the Rev. G. H. Codrington) and Mrs. Codrington were guests. Also present was the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, the Rev and Mrs. L. Loader, Mr. B. G. Warwick, Mr. T. C. Belton and Miss Belton. The Vicar proposed the toast "The Leicester Diocesan Guild." After dinner a social evening was enjoyed, organised by Mrs. D. Day and Mrs. E. A. Woodcock.

The arrangements for the dinner were in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Stimson (District secretary). Mr. J. H. Cook (District chairman) acted as M.C.

DEWSBURY IN THE NEWS

Dewsbury is again in the news with the first quarter by the new band of Vernon and Jeanne Bottomley. Five first quarters—and Bob Major, too—is a good start and the band hope to "bombard" us regularly with quarters and even a peal or two.

Statistics of the new band are: Increase of membership to the Yorkshire Association, eight; increased subscription to "The Ringing World," three; sales of "The Book," two. One of the band takes W. G. W.'s book regularly to work (and possibly to bed) and "a more grubby, much-read, beloved book you never saw. I am only surprised he has not read the print off it," concludes our correspondent.

"THE COMPLETE STRANGER" WRITES

From Brisbane, Queensland, the Editor has received one of those pleasurable letters from Mr. T. Roache, of 27, Hall Avenue, Norman Park, who writes that though he never had the pleasure of being a ringer, his purpose in writing "is to let you know how much I enjoy the paper which comes each week like a faithful friend."

"I must congratulate you on the excellent editorials which always appear on the front page, and the January 7th issue had such a wonderful article by the Rev. W. B. Williams, as well as one by Mr. Norman Chaddock, that I have read them both twice and they are surely masterpieces. 'The Ringing World' always has something good for me, and ringers in Britain are most fortunate in having such a fine paper."

"I am a Londoner, so I do know what bell-ringing is like, for I heard much before I came to Australia more than 50 years ago. Incidentally, I have made several pen friends at home, who all write lovely letters to me. We have only one tower in all Queensland, at Maryborough, 167 miles north of Brisbane. Our Cathedral of St. John here has a light eight, but are not turned by wheel. Four ringers have two ropes each, and the bells are fixed. Nevertheless, they produce some fine ringing. Other churches have a mechanical set, played by a small keyboard, and it produces the effect of a glockenspiel, a poor substitute for pealing."

"From time to time I have read correspondence in 'The Ringing World' which does not always sound pleasant. I refer to letters in which somebody has complaints either about ringing or the organisations and even personal matters, some not very inspiring and rather unchristianlike. . . . If some of those dissatisfied ringers would come to Queensland to live, where there is no ringing, how would they feel, I wonder? I sincerely hope that all who are working for the Church, God's work, will see to it that no malice or evil surmising will enter their minds, but remember that even if they cannot ring 'They also serve, who only stand and wait.'"

BROUGHT LIFE TO CRANBROOK

Cranbrook's was a "dead" tower when Michael Legg married and went to live there some six or seven years ago. He set to work on the bells, which would certainly qualify as "men's bells," and with great enthusiasm started to teach a band of young ringers. This was the more commendable as Michael was not himself at that time very experienced as a change ringer.

For some years the Cranbrook ringers have attended meetings and outings almost every Saturday and have made every effort as a band to improve themselves. Michael is not very keen about ringing peals himself but is very gratified that two members of his band have now rung peals and are probably the first Cranbrook ringers ever to have done so. Anthony Leves rang the treble to a peal of Surprise at Rolvenden on February 26th, and Richard Weeks did likewise at Frittenden on March 19th. Both rang very well and this step forward in their ringing should be a great encouragement to them.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHARD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

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

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by D. John Hunt

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Diana M. Chapman .. Treble	*Derek S. Beaufoy .. . 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. . 2	John C. Slater 6
Richard W. Sweet .. . 3	D. John Hunt 7
Alan Tubb 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of Yorkshire

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Richard W. Sweet .. . 2	John C. Slater 6
Alan Tubb 3	Frank D. Mack 7
*Andrew Howard .. . 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of Yorkshire.

TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George, Wilton.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. . 2	Trevor A. Cross .. . 6
Arthur H. Reed .. . 3	John C. Slater 7
Andrew Howard .. . 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt

Being seven extents.	
*Roger Fitzgeorge .. Treble	Andrew Howard .. . 4
Michael H. Gregory .. . 2	Alan Tubb 5
Diana M. Chapman .. . 3	John Brain Tenor

Conducted by Alan Tubb

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all.

Rung for St. David's Day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

Reginald Rowley .. Treble	*Ian Knox 5
*June Sinfield 2	Robert L. Piron .. . 6
John W. Sinfield .. . 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Robert R. Churchill .. 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stripp on the birth of a daughter, Rosemary Ann.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed. March 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Horsmonden. (2) Hereward, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Buxton College, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Pinehurst, (6) Double, Fulbeck, (7) Plain.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Ruth E. Gay .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke .. . 4
Andrew J. Jobson .. . 2	Richard J. Parker .. . 5
James R. White .. . 3	Graham C. Paul .. . Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Michael H. Gregory .. Treble	John C. Slater 5
Gillian M. Brearley .. . 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. . 3	D. John Hunt 7
Diana M. Chapman .. . 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. . Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.

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

A PEAL OF 5126 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb

G. H. Jones (St. John's) Treble	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 5
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 2	A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn) 6
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 3	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 7
M. C. E. Hodge (Fitzwm.) 4	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBURY, Works.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Double Cantab, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Jill Riley .. Treble	*Stephen F. Royal .. . 4
*Antony J. Cox .. . 2	*F. Mark Robottom .. . 5
*Peter C. Randall .. . 3	Ian C. Maycock .. . Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal in 11 methods.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Kevin Betesta .. Treble	Geoffrey Bridges .. . 5
Michael Willis .. . 2	David Walklate 6
*Cedric Royle 3	Jack Bailey 7
John Whiting 4	Reg Wallis Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey

Conducted by David Walklate.

* First peal.

BELPER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Richard Fox .. Treble	†Peter Taylor 5
Jack Dark 2	Peter Davies 6
Anthony Nicholson .. . 3	William Arnold Morley .. 7
*John Morley 4	†Paul Melbourne .. . Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by William Arnold Morley.

* First peal "inside." † First peal. First peal on the bells by an all-local band. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt 3 qr 16 lb in D flat.

*C. Duncan Davis .. Treble	Eric N. Harrison .. . 6
†Iris Thomson 2	†James Crowther .. . 7
Kenneth Lawson .. . 3	Kenneth Arthur 8
†John E. Anderson .. . 4	George S. Deas 9
†William G. Wilson .. . 5	†Michael Maughan .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal on ten bells † First of Caters. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORDHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Peter and St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat. March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F

Robin H. Rogers .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet .. . 4
Janet I. Rogers .. . 2	Roger J. Palmer .. . 5
Ali M. Barber 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas .. . Tenor

Conducted by Ali M. Barber.

First peal of seven Surprise on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Mar 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Neil V. Avis Treble	M. Baz Smedley 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 2	Peter G. Pitt 6
Adrian G. Semken 3	*Frank B. Lufkin 7
Miss Leslie Ward 4	Bernard W. Fairhead .. Tenor

Composed by John Reeves.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 650th peal. First peal in the method by all.

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

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 29 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire and Rutland, and 448 Bristol with 136 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Philip J. Rothera 2	George E. Thoday 6
Ian R. Panton 3	James L. Towler 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4	†Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 25th peal. † First of 50/spiced.

Rung for the birth of a son (Robert John) to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Eves. Also a birthday compliment to Clare Harrison.

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

On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 20 methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 4½ cwt.

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

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 48 methods, comprising 192 changes each of Derwent, Lindum, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Ridlett, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. Bertram Kynaston .. Treble	†Anthony R. Peake 5
Edward R. Venn 2	James R. Taylor 6
†Michael J. Hobbs 3	Victor Griffin 7
Brian Bladon 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* Has now completed the circle at this tower. † 25th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REDBOURN, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Kent T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
*George A. Reading 2	Gerald Penney 5
*Gillian S. Martin 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Paul Rixon and Mary R. Simpson, a ringer at this church, who were married later in the day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Tony Lewis Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	David S. Osenton 6
John W. Smith 3	Frederick J. Cullum 7
D. Paul Smith 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Mason and F. J. Cullum.

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

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard Weeks Treble	Richard Hayes 5
†Lucile M. Corby 2	†Andrew J. Corby 6
Hilary F. Hinde 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.

* First peal at first attempt † 150th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Arthur S. Richards .. Treble	*Doris E. Colgate 5
*Ralph Bird 2	†Ian H. Oram 6
*Dennis A. Chapman .. 3	*Stanley Jenner 7
†Ann Jenner 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb in G.

Ian H. Oram Treble	†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4
*Richard G. Crosland .. 2	†Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
†D. Paul Smith 3	†Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Crosland.

* First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Kent. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the Feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD I.B. MAJOR

Ilkerton Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

Jane Reynolds Treble	Christopher L. Watson .. 5
Cyril Crosswaite 2	Dennis H. McCormick .. 6
Betty Faunch 3	Roger Barnes 7
Margaret Crosswaite .. 4	John Ascroft Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Cyril Crosswaite.

First peal in this variation for all except the conductor

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Christine Andrew .. Treble	Kenneth Davenport 5
*Michael Platt 2	Dennis Latham 6
Sidney Hough 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Brian Schofield 4	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

* First peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

COPPULL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip J. Crosswaite .. Treble	*J. M. Donald Bateman .. 4
Margaret E. Fort 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
John P. Partington 3	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crosswaite.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard Treble	W. Ernest Rawson 5
*Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	*Gordon H. Lane 6
J. Edward Cawser 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
J. Martin Thorley 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method

A birthday compliment to Katharine and Penelope Thorley.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Martin Green Treble	Roland H. Cook 4
W. Ernest Rawson 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
Malcolm E. Wade 3	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Briggs, Somerby, and an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIBSEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

John Walden Treble	George H. Randles 5
Edward W. Colley 2	Harry Parks 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Richard Inglis 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a tribute of affection and respect to Charles McGuiness, whose funeral preceded this peal.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lines.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Arthur F. Lewry 5
Geoffrey R. Parker 2	James A. D. Woolford 6
Edward W. Colley 3	John Freeman 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Harry Parks Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans Treble	Walter Tomlinson 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2	John F. Pearson 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration and rededication of this church after the fire of Christmas Day, 1962.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

CAPENHURST, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Malcolm A. Phillips .. Treble	V David Jenner 4
*P. Ann Freeman 2	David G. Wilford 5
David F. Moore 3	Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Conducted by David G. Wilford.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor has now completed the family.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Edward D. Elderkin .. Treble	† John Pladdys 5
* Timothy G. Pett 2	Michael W. Coleman 6
* Roger D. Bailey 3	Richard O. Humphries 7
Yvonne Edwards 4	Roger W. Powell Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major.

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Less.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	David L. Cawley 4
Gerald W. Reynolds 2	Timothy G. Pett 5
John Pladdys 3	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

In memoriam G. J. Caesar.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BREWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Susan E. Smith 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method (Corrigan No. 350 renamed).

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST ILSLEY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	Mary Wells 5
Cyril J. Hibbert 2	Reginald G. Hooper 6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 3	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 7
Derek Jewell 4	William H. Coles Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

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

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	H. Jillian Pike 5
Kay Winterbourne 2	Michael S. Holbrooke 6
Freda N. Wilcox 3	Roger B. Pike 7
Michael J. Smith 4	David L. Wilcox Tenor

Composed by W. Shipway.

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

James Linnell Treble	Barry E. Saunders 4
Ronald Russell 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Roger W. Smith 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

A wedding compliment to Alan Paul and Cheryl Whittington, married this day at Rothersthorpe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Edgar C. Shepherd 2	Edward W. Colley 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Peter J. Stretton 9
* James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* 50th peal.

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

On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Roderick W. Pipe 2	John C. Eisel 8
* Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	† Peter J. Stretton 9
John R. Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus.

BREWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	Clifford A. Barron 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Martin D. Fellows 9
James Insley 4	David J. Purnell 10
John R. Insley 5	John A. Anderson 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul Treble	John C. Eisel 6
Martin D. Fellows 2	Clifford A. Barron 7
John A. Anderson 3	Michael J. Fellows 8
George E. Fearn 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
David J. Purnell 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

SOLIHULL, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Alphege.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Muriel Reay Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. 5
Edgar C. Shepherd 2	George E. Fearn 6
Anthony W. T. Cleaver .. 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Peter S. Bennett 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

*Anne Parry Treble	George A. Dawson .. 6
†Linda Wilkinson 2	Mary C. Poyner 7
Doreen Metcalfe 3	R. Brian Mills 8
Harry Poyner 4	William L. Exton 9
John A. Coates 5	*David R. Chambers .. Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous.

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal on 10. † First of Grandsire Caters "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Towler on his retirement after many years as churchwarden of this parish.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part Tenor	15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Christopher F. Mew Treble	Brian J. Bull 5
Robert J. Cooles 2	Alan R. Millidge 6
Michael J. Uphill 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
Julie S. Armstrong 4	*Frederick A. Benn Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Gillian A. Richards Treble	John C. Eisel 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Peter J. Brown 3	Robert Edwards 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by George Hughes.

Conducted by Robert Edwards

First peal as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Neil Donovan Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton 4	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At 18, Downing College.

On Wed., March 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
*J. N. de Villiers (Trinity) 1-2 | †F. H. King (Mag.) (cond.) 3-4
S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 5-6

* First peal at first attempt. † First "in hand" and as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Robert B. Smith 7-8
John Worth 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on ten handbells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1-2	Clarke Walters 7-8
Frank W. Perrens 3-4	Geoffrey Pratt 9-10
Herbert E. Ashley 5-6	Hubert G. Summers .. 11-12

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

BEARLEY, Works.—At College Farm.

On Fri., March 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*F. Mark Robottom 1-2 | Peter S. Bennett 3-4
Ian C. Maycock (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Childwall, (2) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) College Bob, (4) Canterbury Pleasure, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
Gerald Penney (cond.) .. 1-2 | *Julia A. Fellows 3-4
*Roger D. R. Brown .. 5-6

* First peal in eight methods.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Barbara M. Goodspeed and Graham Sillis on their recent engagement.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashted, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 16 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At Formby Farm.

On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer 3-4	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 7-8

*Stuart Sandford 9-10

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Caters "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.

On Friday, Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
John Hall 3-4	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.

On Wed., March 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
John Hall 3-4	Michael W. Crowder .. 7-8
Frank G. Bloomfield 9-10	

Composed by R. B. Smith.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

First of Royal "in hand" by all except conductor.

HALF PEALS

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Angela J. Upton 1, R. H. Hicklen 2, Beryl E. Jessop 3, H. F. Bissell 4, J. H. Upton (cond.) 5.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—On March 16th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. A. Carruthers 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, R. M. Ashman 3, M. J. Hiller 4, C. M. E. Hodge 5, G. J. N. Colborne 6, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 7, D. R. Baxter 8.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, B. R. White 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie 5, E. J. Smith 6, F. A. White 7, W. P. Judge (cond.) 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Jones 1, Miss E. John 2, Miss B. Foster 3, R. Swift 4, B. Johnson 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6, N. J. Davies (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. First Stedman 1, 2, 3, 5. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, A. Schofield 2, Andrea Tilley 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, G. Huxley 5, M. Kingsley (first in method) 6, N. Hobden 7, R. Harbours 8. M. Kingsley is moving to Newport, Mon.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Wright (first in method) 1, D. Cobb 2, A. J. Boyack 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, R. Nash 8. Rung for Festival Evensong, on the eve of the 34th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Nibbs 1, A. Tubb 2, C. P. Quarley 3, P. Gaisford 4, D. J. Orledge 5, A. Howard (50th quarter) 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, D. Nibbs 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): Juliet Hall 1, Wenda R. Harris 3, R. A. Blewitt 4, D. Fowles 5, A. J. Glass 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. To welcome the Rev. D. Strickland, ordained deacon this day.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Pouncey (first quarter) 1, J. Attwood, sen. 2, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 3, D. Trenfield 4, K. Pratt 5, R. Draper (first quarter) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Head (first quarter) 1, P. Martin (first "inside") 2, R. Minton 3, V. Sheppard 4, A. W. Bond (cond.) 5, J. Garner 6. On Harry Statham's birthday.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Lloyd 1, Shelagh Guthrie 2, Susan Devey 3, G. Bradbury 4, R. D. Baker 5, K. Price (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung in memoriam Mr. H. Butler, sen., a ringer for over 50 years at Sharnhall.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Tuffin (first quarter) 1, T. Collins (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Coombes 3, Maxine Lush 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, G. Goringe 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. G. Hine, a ringer at this church for many years, and Mrs. Hine.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's Church, on March 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, Kathleen M. Baker 2, Veronica E. Dupre 3, Helen Maltman 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Phillips 7, M. R. Wycherley (first quarter as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On March 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. R. Johnson 1, F. H. Bennett 2, Elizabeth Timmins 3, A. Pritchard 4, R. M. Hodister 5, W. A. Brotherton (first touch of Yorkshire) 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, G. H. Lane 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Hall 1, H. J. White (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, Miss M. Turner 4, H. J. Shuck 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, P. Edwards (first quarter) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On March 17th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, E. J. Razzell 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, G. H. Humphries 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, I. M. Parry 6, N. G. T. Steere 7, K. Taber 8, F. E. Collins 9, A. Brown 10. For the institution of the Rev. R. O. Bowley as Vicar by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Murray 1, Christine Murray (first "inside") 2, E. W. Roast 3, A. Spurgeon 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, I. Saunders (cond.) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Christine Murray.

QUARTER PEALS

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's Church, on March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Watts 1, Mrs. P. Osbourne 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. S. Weeks 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, W. Beavan 6, D. Bailey 7, J. Potter 8. For the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On March 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. E. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, D. Barraclough 3, H. Marsden 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, C. J. Garlick 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, L. F. Cox 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop 7, B. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Fergusson, for many years treasurer to Hagbourne Church Council, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

EASTVILLE, BRISTOL.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Bailey 1, M. Powell 2, D. Rennolds (first of Grandsire Doubles, cond.) 3, R. W. Sweet 4, L. J. Slade 5, J. M. Shingler 6. A farewell to Mr. G. Marchant, on his departure from Bristol.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, Joan Balchin 2, A. T. Truman 3, Ann Fellows 4, C. D. Yates 5, C. Bryant 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to Lesley Anne Foss, 5th grandchild of the conductor, born this day.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thornley 1, R. K. Lister (first quarter) 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson 4, A. Critchley (cond.) 5, J. F. Wood 6.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On March 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, J. N. Longridge (first in method) 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, T. Collins 6, R. T. Jones 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Verity, on completing 30 years in the ministry.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Everest (first of Minor) 1, G. Hills (first "inside" Minor) 2, D. Smith 3, L. Stilwell 4, R. Pelham 5, R. Cox (cond.) 6. A grateful compliment to Leonard Stilwell, on reaching 800 peals from his "beginners."

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On March 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Simpson 1, P. A. Slight 2, A. Colborne 3, H. Ketteringham 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6, J. W. Watson 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10.

HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. P. Brain 1, J. Hollins (first quarter) 2, S. J. Hammond 3, L. J. Parry 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On March 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (50th quarter, cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to the Vicar (Rev. Geoffrey Lawn) and Mrs. Lawn, on the birth of a son (Stephen David), and also a birthday compliment to Mary Hildred (March 11th).

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. S. Toon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, Mrs. W. Toon (first "inside") 3, Rev. E. C. Whitaker 4, O. Geere 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby (cond.) 1, D. M. L. Nicholls 2, Mrs. M. Whalley 3, K. Price 4, J. Whalley 5, N. M. Newby, jun. 6. First quarter on tower bells for 2, 3, 4 and 5. Both rung to mark the end of a session of evening classes.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On March 20th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford, 720 Kent): C. Holmes (first of T.B.) 1, K. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, A. B. Cooper 4, I. G. Campbell 5, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and in honour of the engagement of Christine S. Anderson to Keith Goldthorpe.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Newman 1, B. Read 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read 4, T. N. Stephens 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, H. Foll 8. Rung in memoriam Edgar John White, priest, Rector of Leckhampton, who died March 10th, and was buried this day.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 1, J. Sheppard 2, C. R. Jenkins 3, Brenda H. Boyce 4, R. C. Taylor 5. For Evensong.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rolph 1, A. Burbidge 2, Mrs. E. Duguid 3, L. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, G. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. P. and Mrs. E. Gant, on the birth of a daughter (Rachael).

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and St. Martin's): T. G. Hill 1, S. F. Royal (cond.) 2, R. W. Sherriif 3, M. R. Bennett 4, B. Hendry 5. A peal attempt called round due to the indisposition of one of the band.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. M. Clouston 1, Miss A. Hunter 2, Miss J. Denmark 3, G. Dodds (cond.) 4, B. Denmark 5, J. Southey 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Hibbert 1, Valerie E. Ware 2, D. M. Hibbert 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Engagement compliments to Miss P. R. Breton and D. M. Hibbert; Miss J. A. Breton and the Rev. K. Francis. Also a silver wedding anniversary to J. R. Lloyd.

ROUGHTON, LANCS.—On March 13th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Rigby 1, M. Holt 2, B. D. Holt 3, W. H. Nield 4, M. Rigby (cond.) 5. G. Nield 6. Rung for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. "Joe" Burgess.

RUISHTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia M. Arscott (aged 9) 1, Marion Beale 2, Adrian F. Arscott (aged 12) 3, Brenda M. Bindon 4, K. Beale 5, R. L. Arscott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3, who are daughter and son of the conductor. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to George Coles, of Taunton.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Rev. Russen W. Thomas 1, K. Salisbury 2, A. Johns 3, M. E. Lewis 4, R. Underwood (cond.) 5.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Willeit 1, Beryl E. Jessop 2, Jane L. Barton (first "inside") 3, M. F. Bissell (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Upton 5.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss D. J. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. J. N. E. Rees 3, G. A. Rees 4, C. G. Alban 5. Conducted jointly by all the band. In memory of Mrs. Blanche Clutterbuck, who donated two of the bells, and also for Family Communion.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, S. Brooks 2, A. Richardson 3, R. Hayden 4, R. Walker 5, E. Rochester 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, S. Levey 8. For Confirmation service.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hancock (first on eight) 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, Brenda H. Boyce (first Triples) 3, J. Sheppard (first Triples "inside") 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, J. G. Rose 6, R. C. Taylor (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. F. Bowditch (first on eight) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. H. Nicholson (first of Major) 1, Joan Hayward 2, Mrs. G. H. Nicholson 3, G. Kenward 4, J. Clark 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, B. E. Jemmett 8.

SUNNING, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Atkins (first away from tenor) 1, L. Newell (first "inside") 2, L. E. Norcutt 3, A. W. Burton 4, C. T. Williams 5, D. C. Willis 6, A. H. Willis (cond.) 7, R. Newell (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Stephen J. Atkins, on his 21st birthday.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Key 1, B. G. Key (cond.) 2, D. Hawksworth 3, G. Hall 4, R. E. Morris 5, R. L. Hawksworth 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. D. M. Hughes, inducted at this church two days previously.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Venn 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, E. Venn 3, H. Warr 4, H. Pester 5, R. Cuff 6. For the engagement of Edward Venn and Hilary Greenham, also a 21st birthday birthday compliment to Hilary Greenham and Ian Bowron.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Gregory (first quarter) 1, Doreen Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Hill.

TOTTENHOVE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Sear 6. For Evensong.

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DEATH

HEWITT.—On March 18th, 1966, after a short illness, G. Leonard, at Ancote Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. 8792

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NORTON, HERTS.—Practice meetings first Thursday of every month, 7.30 p.m. Please help keep these bells going.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8755

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The A.G.M. of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers was held on March 23rd, when the following officers were elected: Master, R. A. Partridge; Vice-Master, A. J. Luxford; secretary/treasurer, Miss H. Walters, Chamberlain Hall, Bassett, Southampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting will be held in the evening at All Saints', Sproughton (6) on Saturday, April 2nd, 7-9 p.m.—Winifred Lockwood, S.E. Dis. Sec. 8799

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Ladbroke on April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bishops Itchington after tea. Election of District officials at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Edden, Deppers Bridge, Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa. 8743

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Urgent.—Please note that the next meeting at Gosforth is Saturday, April 2nd, and not as printed in last week's "Ringing World." Bells (10) 3.15. Tea 5. Also, there are still seats on the bus for the Rothbury trip on May 7th. Please send names for both the above functions to the secretary, Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne 3. 8809

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and Annable's London. 8788

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Ringing after tea at Seale (6). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Gibbons, Berthorpe Lodge, Puttenham, Guildford, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8741

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Datchworth (6), Saturday, April 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cosy Cafe by booking. Further ringing at Watton-at-Stone (6) from 6 p.m. Essential numbers for tea to P. M. Searles, c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford. 8783

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Frittenden, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baker, 1, Bournier Cottages, Frittenden, near Cranbrook.—C. T. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brasted on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify me. Sundridge bells will be available after the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8705

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Aughton (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to K. F. Wilson, 18, Highfield Road, Southport (88806). 8768

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winterton-on-Sea, April 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 8750

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hanslope, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8808

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Aston, April 2nd. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8780

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Wath-on-Dearne (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 8731

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Evening meeting only at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on April 2nd.—S. Adams. 8775

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING On Saturday, April 2nd, at LEICESTER

All Saints' (8) 11.30-12.45.
Lunch at Co-operative Restaurant at 1 p.m. (price 8s.).
St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30-3.45.
Cathedral (12) 3.45-5.
Tea and meeting 5-7.
St. Margaret's (12) 7-8.
Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 8723

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottages, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), April 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 8756

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Elland (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. and after the tea and business meeting, which will be at 5 p.m. The committee will meet at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Paul Birkett, 43, Longdale Street, Elland.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Festival
SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1966

West Circuit:

Ashbourne	(8)	10.00-11.00 a.m.
Bradbourne	(6)	10.45-11.45 a.m.
Brassington	(6)	11.15-12.15 p.m.
Wirksworth	(8)	12.00-1.00 p.m.
Matlock	(8)	1.00-2.00 p.m.
Belper	(8)	2.00-3.00 p.m.
Duffield	(10)	2.30-3.30 p.m.

South Circuit:

Melbourn	(8)	10.00-11.00 a.m.
Aston-on-Trent	(6)	10.30-11.30 a.m.
Shardlow	(6)	11.00-12.00 noon
Sawley	(8)	11.30-12.30 p.m.
Long Eaton	(8)	12.00-1.00 p.m.
Sandiacre	(6)	1.00-2.00 p.m.
West Hallam	(8)	1.30-2.30 p.m.
Horsley	(6)	2.00-3.00 p.m.

Memorial Service at Duffield Parish at 3.30 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith

Evening Ringing:

Derby Cathedral (10) 6.00-8.30 p.m.
Derby, St. Peter's (8) 7.00-8.30 p.m.
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Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue,
Littleover, Derby. 8789

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special twelve-bell practice, for Holy Week, at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, April 6th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Brannan. 8793

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. onwards. Definitely no name, no tea after 6th.—Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill. Tel. 3131 8761

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Wells, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Y.M.C.A., Chamberlain Street. Meeting 2.15 p.m. Names for lunch (8/6) and tea (3/6) with stamped addressed envelope to undersigned. Ringing arrangements: Before service, Westbury-sub-Mendip (6), Street (8) 10-11 a.m., North Wootton (3), Wookey (6), Glastonbury St. John's (8), Dinder (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Wells St. Cuthbert's (8) 10.30-11.45 a.m., Cathedral 11-12 noon. After meeting: Wells St. Cuthbert's, Dinder, Croscombe (6), Wookey, Glastonbury St. Benedict's (6) from 5.30 p.m., North Wootton, Pilton (6), Pylle (6), West Pennard (6), Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells Cathedral from 6 p.m., Street, Walton (5), Meare (6), Baltonsborough (6) and Butleigh (6) from 6.30 p.m.—G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 8803

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Bees on Easter Monday, April 11th. Bells available 1 p.m. Egremont bells available 11 a.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland, on or before April 6th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment. — J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 8777

FAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Morton on Easter Monday. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. W. Swain, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton. Derbys by Thursday previous.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8800

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newport on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in St. Woolos' Cathedral at 4 p.m. Bells: All Saints' (8) 1.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' (12) 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting. Please send names for tea to the undersigned by Monday, April 4th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 8714

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 1966, LAVENHAM.

Evensong 5 p.m. (address by Rev. A. A. Muxlow, of Stowmarket).
Tea 5.45 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by annual general meeting.
Names for tea (home made, 3s. 6d. per head) to the undersigned by Wednesday, April 13th, please.

A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route 1.		p.m.	Route 3.		p.m.
Kedington (6)		2.15-2.45	Stratford. St. Mary (6)		1.30-2.00
Haverhill (6)		2.30-3.00	Higham (6)		2.15-2.45
Stoke-by-Clare (6)		3.00-3.30	Stoke-by-Nayland (8)		3.00-3.45
Clare (8)		3.00-4.00	Polstead (6)		3.45-4.15
Route 2.		p.m.	Route 4.		p.m.
Bures (8)		1.30-2.15	Buxhall (6)		1.30-2.15
Assington (6)		2.30-3.00	Rattlesden (6)		2.15-2.45
Sudbury, All Saints (8)		3.15-4.00	Felsham (6)		3.00-3.30
Action (5)		4.00-4.30	Preston (6)		3.45-4.15

Lavenham (8) 2.30-5 and 7.30-9 p.m.

From 7.30-9 p.m.: Cavendish (6), Long Melford (8) and Monks Eleigh (6).
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Bexley, Easter Monday, April 11th, 1966. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each, including a drink; children of resident members under 14 3s. each; obtainable for first 180 applicants on application with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 5th. Nomination for Central Council members, 1966-68, signed by proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than first post Thursday, April 7th.—P. A. Corbv, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 8737

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House 11.45 a.m. prompt. Ringing programme: St. John's (8) 2-3.30 p.m.; Hallow (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Grimley (6) 3-4 p.m.; Ombersley (6) 3.30-4.30 p.m. Claines (10) 3.30-5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 7-8.30 p.m. No formal arrangements for tea possible but some local restaurants will be open.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 8787

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Easter Monday, April 11th, Whixley (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Osborne, Whixley, York.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8806

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leamington Spa, April 16th. Bells of St. Nicholas', Warwick, available from 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; All Saints', Leamington, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Leamington bells available after meeting. Numbers for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 8802

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Limpsfield Chart, April 16th, from 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at Limpsfield 4.45 p.m. Please bring own tea; cups of tea will be provided. Evening ringing at Limpsfield 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by April 14th, please. 8795

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at Watford. Service 4.30. Tea (3/-) and meeting in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Resolutions regarding affiliated towers, election of N.R.L. members and election of C.C. representatives. Ringing arrangements: Abbot's Langley (6) 9-10.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30-12; Harrow Weald (8) 9-10.30; Bushey Heath (8) 10.30-12; Elstree (6) and Rickmansworth (10) 11.30-1; Bushey (8) 2-3.30; Aldenham (8) 3-4; Watford (10) 3.15-4.30; Watford and Langleybury (6) after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936) by Wednesday, April 13th.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8801

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

Preliminary Notice

A RINGING FESTIVAL will be held at Beverley on Saturday, May 21st. Service in the Minster 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.

Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Church House, Leicester, Wednesday, April 6th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing arrangements.—Route 1: Northwold (8), Hilgay (8), 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Crimpham (5), Denver (6), 10.30-11.30, Watlington (6), Downham Market (8), 11-12 noon, Magdalen (6) 11.30-12.30, Clenchwarton (5), Terrington St. Clement's (8) 1-2.30, Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Walpole St. Peter's (6), 2-3.30, Wisbech St. Peter's (10), 3.15-4.15. Route 2: March (6), 10-11, Wisbech St. Mary's (6) 10.30-11.30, Leverington (6), 11-12.30, Tydd St. Giles' (6), Tydd St. Mary's (6), 12-1. Then over to Terrington St. Clement's (Route 1). Service 4.30 p.m. at Wisbech St. Peter's. Tea 5 o'clock Church Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Wisbech St. Peter's 7-8.30, Elm (6), Emmeth (5), Upwell (6), Leverington (6) 7-9.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 8815

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, April 16th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4; Cathedral (12) 3-4.10; St. John-the-Divine (10) after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's), followed by meeting, which will include voting for new general secretary. Names for tea to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South (Tel. Leicester 823140), by Wednesday, April 13th. No name, no tea.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8811

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MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints', on March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. S. Evenden 1, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 2, B. Baker 3, P. Smith 4, L. Mannering 5, F. Hogan 6, I. Cullingworth 7, H. Smith 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Evered 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Emily Winsor, a native of the village, and for the first birthday of a grandson of the tenor ringer.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Colegate, on March 13th, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Miss J. Dagley 1, D. E. House (cond.) 2, M. Cubitt 3, G. H. Pullin 4, P. Adcock 5, D. Cubitt 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Blackler 1, Mrs. R. Blackler 2, Miss S. Pippelston 3, Mrs. J. Stockley 4, S. Humphrey 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 7, W. R. Nicholls 8. For Evensong.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, F. J. Cheal 2, T. Wright 3, B. Sayers 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, N. Humphries 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Stockbridge, of Rainham.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Tamerling 2, L. Nice 3, C. Hancock 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Last quarter before the bells are being taken away.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miles Hanscombe (first quarter) 1, C. Stevenson (cond.) 2, Monica Blagrove 3, Frances Pallett 4, R. Read 5, Stanford J. Hanscombe (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to Ian Stanley and Gordon Blagrove, and a farewell to Colin Stevenson. Ringers of 1 and 6 are father and son.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christina L. Salenage (first quarter) 1, Susan J. Webber (first in method) 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. J. Robinson (first of Triples as cond.) 4, T. Felicity Webber 5, P. W. Gay 6, A. P. White 7, P. C. Kimber (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples for the University of Keele Society. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norma Farish.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters: Mary Carveth 1, Virginia Drake (first on ten) 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, G. F. Dunstan (first on ten) 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6, A. F. Burley 7, A. Locke 8, A. J. Davidson 9, D. A. Trethewey 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Borcham, former Archdeacon of Cornwall.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,296 Killamash Treble Bob Minor: M. Boskeit 1, P. Robertson 2, Anna Sadowska 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method by all the band.

UPPER BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Steel 1, M. L. Baughan 2, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 3, F. Hutt 4, J. J. Spraggett 5. Rung in memoriam Rev. W. T. Gibbins, Rector of this parish, 1918-1948.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Matthews (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, A. Butterell 3, D. J. Wilkes 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. S. Eastwood 6. For Evensong.

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