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## BELLS AND RELIGION

DO bells serve a practical use in the ethics of religion? It is certain they do not improve, neither do they discredit, assembly of congregations. Firstly, it must be accepted that all who are members of the Church will readily agree that church activities have a purpose: to further Christianity and strengthen the Church, while at the same time providing suitable amenities for social discourse, etc. Therefore it is logical—though difficult to envisage—that bells, too, have a useful purpose in activities of the Church and its ultimate aim.

Observing from a mundane angle, one appreciates the value of bellringing, inasmuch it provides a form of fascination to people from all walks of life and is an important means of introducing young people to the Church. It is not so much a sport as an obsession. Nowadays the art is increasingly accused—by ringers and non-ringers alike—of having lost spiritual attributions; some even go so far as to declare that bells never possessed spiritual qualities. If they did, then one might insist that these qualities must be considerably enhanced by the strange, mystical appeal of scientific change ringing.

Prior to the Reformation, bells were an accepted and valued asset among society. The sick and dying heard and were comforted; the worker in the field put down his tools for a while; assembling armies paused; but, more important, bells troubled the conscience of the unfaithful. Bells announced times of the Church's commitments with God, and imparted to man the condition of himself and his neighbour. Although bells inevitably became associated with custom, never have they lost their intimate appeal to mankind. This is as true today as yesterday. There are some who loathe bells, but countless others love to hear them. Even people who care not for the Church and its concern for men's spiritual welfare are emotionally disturbed by the sound of bells.

Attendance at divine service, however desirable, is not the be-all and end-all of true religion. **Ringling of bells serves no practical part in church services.** In this respect service ringing must be regarded as a complementary act heavily weighted by tradition. But that act in itself, on Sundays and on any other day of the week, can have far-reaching effects.

Bells are able to touch men's hearts in unusual ways. That is the real purpose of the sound with which we are so familiar. It is unwise to attempt to confine God within four walls. Neither is it desirable—nor indeed is it possible—to confine the music of bells within church steeples. Bells, like sympathetic human action, symbolise the kernel, not the husk, of religion. Their sound, imbued with tradition and mystery, and armed with the strong voice of faith, reaches out to the people, probing into inaccessible minds. Therein, unseen despite those fascinations involved, is our real purpose as bellringers.

T. A. B.

## PUNCTUALITY

IT used to be the custom for some towers to keep a register of attendances, a practice which, perhaps, is not so popular now. There were also strict rules governing absentees and late-comers to service ringing and practices, etc. Many of the bands were a "closed shop," rules regulating the number of members to (say) 10 for an eight-bell tower, and other ringers joining the tower being placed on a waiting list for a vacancy among the full members and known as "probationers," whatever their ringing ability. Of course, there was a financial aspect to this arrangement, during the year the treasurer would collect a percentage of the fees paid to the ringers for ringing at weddings, funerals and on other special occasions, and place it in the Ringers' Fund. At Christmas time a collection was made among the parishioners on behalf of the ringers; this usually authorised by the Vicar who, poor man, would be expected to head the list with a substantial subscription.

What on earth has this to do with punctuality, you will say. Well, on Christmas Eve the money was shared out between the members of the band after certain dues had been met such as Guild subscriptions and, if agreed, a Christmas box to the probationers, etc. Then the register of attendances would be produced and the attendance record of each member read out by the secretary. Fines for absence and lateness were imposed and paid there and then, the money so collected being shared out again or, more likely, paid to the treasurer as a starter for the following year's fund. Fines were heavy, e.g., 3d. for an absence (unless sick), 1d. for up to five minutes late, 2d. for up to ten minutes late, and the member considered "absent" if over ten minutes late. The amount a ringer would take home after the share-out would be perhaps £3 at the most but this sum in those days would be very useful indeed, especially at Christmas time.

Returning to the main subject of this little article, however, one wonders how many of us would stand for a register of attendances and a system of fines such as this today. We enjoy much shorter working hours, a five day week, better transport facilities, etc., yet would it not be true to say that unpunctuality and irregular attendance impede the progress of many a band more than anything else? How often is the band very "thin on the ground" at the beginning of a practice when the learners are needing some decent rounds or a well struck course of something for their first attempt to hunt a bell? Absence and unpunctuality are sometimes unavoidable but how many of us can say "Not Guilty" when the skipper draws attention to the slackness which, perhaps, is creeping in?

A. V. D. in Christchurch District Newsletter.



# TRIENNIAL DINNER OF MIDDLESEX ASSN.

## Youth at the Helm Maintains Tradition

**T**HE accent was very much on youth at the triennial dinner of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on October 15th. London ringing is today led by youth, with the Masterships of the Middlesex, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths headed by young men under the age of 40.

It was a theme constantly referred to during the evening, and the leaders of the Church present in the persons of the Bishop of Willesden, the Archdeacon of London and the president of the Association, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, beamed their approval. With more than ever young people becoming interested in the Exercise, the future of change ringing is being built on a sure foundation. But the proceedings at the dinner had all the dignity that befits an Association entering its 70th year, and the stentorian voice of the professional toastmaster provided the appropriate background to a series of very good speeches.

The president's comment afterwards that it was the most enjoyable of the Association's dinners that he had attended was fully endorsed by the company of over 100 present. The organisation left nothing to be desired—a tribute to Miss Ruth Foreman, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow and Mr. W. S. Deason, the new Master, who undertook most of the work.

### THE COMPANY

Supporting the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) and Mrs. Taylor on the top table were the Bishop of Willesden and Mrs. Graham Leonard, the Archdeacon of London and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. J. D. Rock, Master of the College Youths, and Mrs. Rock, Mr. W. S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex Association, and Miss B. Walpole, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lankester, Mr. and Mrs. G. Leale, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Savory, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith.

The Rev. C. G. Oakley, Messrs. P. Beresford, P. Bevington, C. Bird, J. Britchford, I. Campbell, A. J. Coles, A. Cutler, Royden Davis, R. Dunstan, N. Edwards, D. Fowles, P. Gearing, G. Goodship, D. Grove, T. Hawkins, P. Hooton, W. G. Knight, R. Neal, J. Norsworthy, P. Lawrence, T. J. Lock (hon. general secretary), G. Marchant, D. Pickett, D. Rothera, J. B. Smith, E. C. Steele, J. M. Steele, D. Dawson Taylor, C. Venn, A. Warren, L. White.

Mesdames J. Hooton and P. Mayne.

The Misses J. Beresford, F. Clayton, P. Copas, R. M. Foreman, D. Gazeley, D. Hague, W. Harris, K. Higgins, T. Newcombe, D. Mullins, R. Myllys, D. Pickett, A. Rowlands and V. Ware.

Proposing the toast of "The Church," Mr. W. H. Coles said he had heard it said that there was no need for a toast of "The Church," as they were all part of the Church. He felt, however, that they liked to have "The Church" on their toast list, as it gave them an opportunity to pay tribute to the clergy and the Church officials. He thought that apart from ringing for church services, which they claimed as a priority, they had their practices and peals and were privileged to have the use of very expensive instruments for their ringing, which they were apt to take for granted.



**MISS RUTH M. FOREMAN,**  
Assistant Secretary.

She welcomed the guests with a witty speech.

### PROUD OF THE CHURCH

"The Middlesex have always been proud of our association with our Church," continued Mr. Coles, "and we can point to the fact that the Bishop of London is our patron and the Bishops of Kensington, Stepney, Willesden and the Archdeacon of London vice-presidents. Our president is the Vicar of an important church which adds lustre to our Guild."

The Bishop of Willesden replied and said he did not know whether they would be prepared to honour this toast "South of the River," but he was delighted to be with a body that did believe in the Church and did drink that toast with a certain amount of confidence.

His qualification for being present was that he actually learned to ring a bell and progressed as far as rounds! There were two reasons why he did not advance further. The first was that his Vicar left the parish when he (the Bishop) was a deacon and the burden on his shoulders was so great that he did not have time to continue. The other was that one of the learners held on too long to his rope and did not let go in time but he landed squarely in the font. They would be glad to know that the damage was confined to a broken little finger. But that incident put him off ringing.

He could remember the occasion when he would nip round the back of the church and lock the belfry door. His wife and he lived within 50 yards of the church and never suffered at all.

### A PRE-REFORMATION TENOR

Another reason he was pleased to be with them was that he had his name on a bell when he was Vicar of Ardleigh. They rehung the whole ring and on the sixth bell were the names of the Master of the ringers, the churchwardens and the Vicar. Some of them might have rung at Ardleigh. The foundation of this ring of eight was a very fine pre-Reformation tenor bell cast in 1415 and in its original condition. It was one of the oldest bells in Essex. The bells were all tuned to the note of this tenor.

Bishop Gordon Leonard gave an emphatic denial that the Church of England was dead or dying. One of his privileges as a Bishop was that he went about confirming people.

"Don't say the churches are empty," he said. The majority in North London were not. People went there because they were members of the family of God and one of the most encouraging things of the Church of England today was the quality of the laymen. There was a discipline which far exceeded anything in the past and it was with a good deal of confidence that he responded to the toast.

The toast of "The Middlesex County Association" was proposed by Mr. J. D. Rock, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He and his wife, he said, had lived in Middlesex for four years and they had a strong affinity with the Middlesex County Association. His wife learned to ring in Middlesex; they had only rung one peal together—at Cranford for the Middlesex County Association. They first met at a very unromantic tower at Brentford.

### HAPPY RINGING

When I first arrived in the London area as a country bumpkin I took up residence at Bedford and I did my early ringing at Feltham. I had many years of happy ringing in that area and heard a lot of criticism about the College Youths. In the main it was that they grumbled too much and drank too much. He could assure them that they did not grumble too much and, as to drinking, there was a young College Youth who went into a well-known hostelry. The landlord said to him "What are you going to have?" He replied "A gin and tonic." Supplying the drink, the landlord said "That will be 5s. 9d." "No," answered the Youth, "you said 'What are you going to have?'" A stranger joined in and said "I am a solicitor. You invited him to have a drink. You can't charge him." The irate landlord concluded by saying "Take your drink and get out of my house and don't come in again." Two hours later the Youth came back. The landlord said "I told you never to come back." The Youth: "I've never been here before." The landlord: "You must have a double." The Youth: "Thanks, brandy."

Mr. Rock congratulated his friend of long standing, Bill Deason, on being elected Master of the Middlesex Association. He would also like to congratulate him and the band who rang a quarter peal at Westminster Abbey, as recently his Society had failed in a peal of London there. He listened outside and felt that their knees were knocking in the first course, but it was well rung afterwards.

"I might add we have a young Master of the Middlesex, a young Master of the College Youths and a young Master of the Cumberlands with us. I think it is a healthy sign that we have young officers as we have more young people coming into the Exercise than ever before."

### "THE GRANNIES"

A few years ago, as young and irresponsible ringers, we did not get much credit and we decided to form a little Guild called "The Grannies." Anybody who got on in a successful way was elected to the Grannies Guild.

There were a lot of people who did not think much of ringers who did not ring 20 or 30 peals in a year or 12 spliced, but he would say to them, Think of the work of those old people in the past who could do none of those things but created an Association like theirs and his Society. In giving them the toast of "The Middlesex" he asked them to remember those officers who had done so much in the past to make the Association in the present happy state it was today.

The Master said in 1960 he became a "granny." He had that year the pleasure of taking part in a peal tour in Somerset. American tourists were present as they were adjusting their ropes and one of the tourists said in a broad American accent: "Say, do you think the little fellow will last?"

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**Middlesex Dinner—Continued.****JOHN MAYNE'S RECORD**

That speech was usually devoted to what the Association had done in the past. As they only had their dinners every three years he did not want to look back but to look ahead. The only reason he was in office was because John Mayne gave up. During the seven years he was Master 437 peals were rung and of those peals 222 were conducted by John Mayne. That meant that over one half were conducted by one man and it was a very fine achievement. It was a rather dangerous position for them when that man left and it was going to make a big hole in their peal total. They did thank him for all the work he did for the Association.

Peal ringing played an important part in the development of change ringing and he was sure it would continue to do so. In fact he could say that without peal ringing the Exercise as they knew it would not exist. Certainly it would not be possible to keep "The Ringing World" going without peals, and without "The Ringing World" the Exercise would fizzle out.

Peal ringing was most important but they had in their area considerable difficulty in peal ringing as they had a high density of population. He did not think they could expect the general public to put up with their tower's ringing of open bells. They must do everything they could to deaden the noise so that they could continue their peal ringing.

**GUESTS WANTED**

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed wittily by Miss Ruth M. Foreman, who was one of the organisers of the dinner. That dinner, she felt, was one of happiness because they only asked their guests to come because they wanted them.

Welcoming the Bishop of Willesden, she hoped that when he next visited Hendon he would not nip round the back and lock the belfry door. To the Ven. Martin Sullivan she could not recall that the Middlesex had had an Archdeacon at their dinners before. They appreciated John Rock—a worthy Master of a great Society—forgoing a peal at Cripplegate to be with them. The Editor of "The Ringing World" was also thanked.

Apart from the officials, Miss Foreman recounted that they had with them the Beresfords, the well-known members of the Society of College Youths, Norman and Mrs. Bagworth, Roydon Davis and Mr. Goodship. The curate at Willesden had kindly deputised for his Vicar. They also thanked their president for being with them, and Mrs. Turner. "He was always here when wanted and missing when not!"

**NEW ZEALAND MEMORIES**

The Archdeacon of London, who was previously Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, replied. He recalled that it was 43 years ago when he first held a bell rope in his hand. He was then a member of a ringing team 12,000 miles across the sea. Because the tower was considered to be unsafe the bells were only chimed. Hymn tunes were rung and he knew some 26 tunes. He longed for the day when there was nobody in St. Paul's Cathedral and he could climb the stairs and chime eight bells!

Later he was Dean of a Cathedral in New Zealand that had a fine ring of bells that were properly rung. The ringers were very proud to belong to the Ancient Society of College Youths and he missed meeting those ringers every Sunday at 10 a.m.

"In reply to your generous toast let me pay tribute to your skill. As a layman I am enormously impressed that you can ring 5,040 changes and not make mistakes. In 1944-45



**MR. W. S. DEASON,**  
the new Master,

who has proved that "the little fellow can last out."

I came to work at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The ringers there went into the tower to do their service and I assure them that they were not forgotten. The message of the bells both over the countryside and in cities is very real."

He would like to mention how much "The Ringing World" was appreciated not only in this country but throughout the world. It bound the ringers into a great fellowship. He was associated with a ringer who spent much of his savings in coming to England. He was a faithful subscriber to "The Ringing World" and in consequence when he came to this country he was not only passed on from tower to tower but host to host. It was a wonderful fellowship.

At the conclusion of the speeches there was handbell ringing. The guests sat around small tables and spent a particularly happy hour together.

**EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD**

The annual outing of the Guild was held on October 8th, leaving Tunbridge Wells well before 8 a.m. With a coach load of 41 people, 38 being ringers, we had one stop for coffee before arriving at Westbourne, Sussex (8). Then on to St. Mary's (10) and St. Michael's (10), Southampton, where we were met at the latter by Canon Felstead, and here the sun decided to break through the clouds for several hours.

An hour's ringing at Romsey Abbey (8) preceded a high tea in Romsey. A two hours' journey brought us to Billingshurst (8), the last tower of the day, after which liquid refreshment was taken before the last few miles home.

Thanks must go once again to Charlie Bassett for organising an enjoyable day's outing, and to Ted Baker for driving us and "keeping us on the straight and narrow," as one ringer was heard to comment. M. A. L.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****Canterbury District**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held recently in Canterbury. Ringing at churches in the city preceded the service held in St. Dunstan's Church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Following tea in the Parish Hall the annual business meeting was proceeded with. A welcome was given to visiting ringers, who included the general secretary and Mrs. Corby.

The District secretary, Mr. E. C. Phillimore, presented his annual report, which showed a slight loss in membership, due mainly to unpaid subscriptions. In his report the Ringing Master said that the meetings had been well attended, especially by the younger element, which gave great hope for the future.

The secretary had intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election, and Mr. Keith Davis was elected in his place. Mr. Phillimore was thanked for his past services. On nomination Mr. B. J. Luck was elected as chairman of the District, the office being vacant due to the recent sad loss of Mr. J. A. Russell, of Birchington. The retiring representatives on the Kent County Association Committee, Messrs. Eades and Chatfield, were re-elected.

It was reported that the bells of Preston-next-Wingham were at the bell foundry, and it is hoped that these bells may soon be heard again after a silence of about 50 years. The only person present who had rung on them was 83-year-old Mr. S. Walter. Votes of thanks were expressed to the various clergy, the Cathedral authorities and, not the least, to those who had prepared an excellent tea.

Next meeting: Eastry, November 5th.

B. J. L.

**Maidstone District**

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held on October 8th at All Saints', Maidstone. Over 70 members attended, including visitors from the Lewisham, Tonbridge and Ashford Districts. The service was conducted by the Rev. Peter Bond. Tea was provided in the College Rooms.

The Rev. Peter Bond was chairman for the business meeting. The secretary presented the District report, noting that there had been a rise of over 30 members compared with last year. Officers were then elected. Mr. M. Howe was nominated District secretary, Mr. G. Evenden and Mr. B. Groves Ringing Masters, Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. P. Carter District representatives, and Mr. P. Muchlinski "Ringing World" representative. A general vote of thanks was then given by Mr. A. Waddington. At the conclusion of the business meeting the Washington film was shown, followed by further ringing.

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# Letters to the Editor

## GREATER LONDON PEALS

Dear Sir,—Having noted your considerable efforts over the last few years to cut down the space taken up by peals in "The Ringing World," it causes me some surprise that you should be advocating a system for recording Greater London peals which would very often involve the use of an extra line of print, as in "Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone," in the issue of August 26th. In any case it is doubtful whether many of your readers are interested in knowing in what London boroughs towers are situated.

I do, however, see the need for consistency; and I would suggest that there are three ways in which peals rung in Greater London could be reasonably and consistently recorded. Firstly, each tower could be referred to by the district name, followed by "London," though it would be necessary to make the distinction between Hayes (Bromley) and Hayes (Hillingdon). Secondly, one could follow the old pre-L.C.C. county boundaries, so that the district name is in all cases followed by Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, Essex or Hertfordshire, except for towers in the City, which has always been independent. Or, thirdly, postal counties could be used, counting all towers in the London postal area as "London."

Of these, ringers possibly will be most ready to comply with the third suggestion, though I myself do not feel strongly on the matter provided that consistency is achieved.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. ROGERS.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

## FIRST PEAL AT RIPE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the recent peal at Ripe (page 645), I should like to point out that I took part in the first peal on these bells on July 6th, 1963. The claim to being the first peal since 1961 is therefore incorrect.

Also, with reference to the peal at Abbotsbury on May 27th (page 420), the fifth was rung by John W. Blackwood and the tenor by myself, and not as published.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BALDOCK.

Westham, Pevensey.

## UNUSUAL HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Reading your article regarding handbells played in a case or cabinet, I take this opportunity to recall that when my father was a young man he designed a cabinet into which he screwed 12 bells, a complete set cast by W. Blews and Sons, Birmingham, which opened out like a small table on four legs, one of which I have by me at this very moment.

They were struck, or rather tapped off, with two hammers, which consisted of two small canes about a foot long to which were attached leather discs about the size of a penny and, believe me, one could play anything from changes to "Auld Lang Syne."—Yours sincerely,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

## PLEA FOR MINOR AND DOUBLES RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Computing the statistics stated in Dove's "Guide," it is seen that 65.72 per cent of our belfries contain five or six bells. Of the 1,624 rings of eight bells, it is reasonable to assume that in half of these the bands are unable to ring more than Doubles and Minor, or perhaps only call changes. For this reason I would regard it as unfortunate that Mr. R. B. Smith concluded his excellent series of articles with the statement in Part VI: "We will only consider Major methods in detail." This article then completely ignores the Doubles and Minor ringer. Although I will agree that the theory of Major methods does not preclude participation by these ringers, I would advance the theory that most people will only put pencil to paper if they can see that the result will be of practical use to them. We have in Part VI, I fear, another example of our magazine being directed at a privileged minority.

If then this article was directed at the 1,624 eight-bell towers, together with the 240 tens and twelves where Major methods can be rung, may I now comment upon the examples chosen. It would appear to be a tradition amongst ringers that one progresses from Grandshire Triples to Bob Major, to Stedman, and to Kent as the ultimate in most towers. Tradition is, of course, the lifeblood of any organisation, but I would submit that the particular examples here chosen emphasise that lack of planning and disregard of educational principles, which is a prominent feature of our instruction. That an article aimed at beginners should discuss Double Norwich, Cambridge, and London Major is a further example of the erroneous application of this tradition.

So that my letter may not be construed as completely destructive, may I offer the following suggestions. The traditional series of methods has no educational justification, and if we are to accept Plain Bob as our basic method we must revise the initial sequence we put before our learners. I would suggest that the next logical step would be the introduction of Little Bob, which has identical place making, and has dodges in positions encountered in Plain Bob. Following this, a plain method with internal places could be employed to produce a variation from plain hunting with occasional dodges. I find that Double Oxford is very suitable, providing an introduction to Yorkshire or Cambridge places, and the back work of these methods. By this stage I would suggest that experience of method ringing would be developed enough to absorb easily the traditional methods. Certainly the ringer of Little Bob will easily ring the treble in any Treble Bob method, and Grandshire with its complicated work at bobs and singles also presents less difficulty.

I would agree with the critics that the traditional methods offer the best "bell music," but surely it is more important with our knowledge of learning processes to apply these to produce a logical development in change ringing. Thus we might retain more of our learners, who find bobs and singles in Grandshire so insurmountable, and who leave because none of us will make any attempt to understand this difficulty. Finally may I make a plea to Mr. R. B. Smith to renounce his article Part VII, and to prepare a new Part VI, devoted to Minor and Doubles ringers, and dealing with a number of plain methods, dif-

fering enough to provide an interesting selection, but not complex enough to preclude their application by the average band. — Yours sincerely,  
D. C. JACKSON.  
Totton, Southampton.

## CHORISTER-RINGER RECORD

Dear Sir,—Whether anyone living can equal or beat the record of 65 years both as ringer and chorister, achieved by Mr. T. Gascoigne and mentioned in J. W. Raithby's letter, I do not know. However, "The Ringing World" of November 4th, 1933, recorded the death of William Taylor of Wrotham, Kent, at the age of 92½, who had been a ringer until he was 86 and a member of the choir there for 75 years. When he learned to ring is not stated, but it seems most probable that he rang for at least as long as Mr. Gascoigne, whose own record is a remarkable one.—Yours sincerely,  
E. A. BARNETT.  
Crayford.

## RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

### Autumn Meeting at Nottingham

Saturday, September 24th, proved to be one of the best-attended meetings since the inauguration of the Guild. The programme for the week-end was certainly an excellent one and included a visit to the following towers: Bulwell (8), Basford (8), St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), All Saints' (8), Bridgford (8) and St. Peter's, Nottingham (12).

On the Sunday, for morning service at All Saints' (8), a successful quarter peal of Grandshire Triples was rung as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Pitman. The ringers were W. J. Thomas, E. J. Morris, J. A. Hoare, C. A. Bassett, G. Jennings, W. B. Kynaston (cond.), S. Foskett and E. J. Franklin.

Lunch was arranged at the C.W.S., Nottingham, and tea was served at All Saints' Church Hall, Mrs. Foskett and Mrs. Thomas being mainly responsible for the preparations. Much hard work was evident from the excellent tea served, and Mr. H. Walker thanked them at the short business meeting.

The Master (Mr. F. Hodgson) was in the chair and apologies were received from 17 members. The minutes of the last autumn meeting were read, and Mr. S. Foskett moved the adoption. Three new ringing members and two associate members were elected. Mr. Kynaston in his vote of thanks included incumbents of the churches visited and those responsible for the excellent arrangements made.  
J. A. H.

## ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS

The annual outing of the Isle of Wight ringers took place on September 24th, when a tour was made of mainland churches.

Despite a foggy crossing, the party was well on time for the first stop, at Hordle, where we were joined by friends from Hornchurch. A short halt was made for coffee on the run to Swanage, where ringing on the pleasant eight was much enjoyed. By this time the sun had appeared and some of the party had a picnic lunch on the promenade.

Wareham was our next objective and here we sped a bridal party on its way with a well struck touch of Stedman Triples. Further ringing at Ringwood preceded a splendid tea at the Star Inn. A quick run through the New Forest brought us to Lymington and our last ring of the day. Refreshments followed, and the party then boarded the last boat to Yarmouth.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents of parishes and to captains of towers for their kind reception, and to Mr. T. East for his most excellent arrangements.  
C. F. G.

# BELL ROPES

## JOHN NICOLL

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# BRABOURNE—BELLS AND BALLIOLS

By J. S. T. DAVIES



*The church from the south*

**BRABOURNE** is one of those places that one is hardly likely to come across when going from A to B; indeed, one would be much more likely to find it if one got lost on the journey for it lies on one of those parts of Kent where roads are narrow, signposts are few, and the rural scenery is at its best. With the rolling North Downs as a backcloth and the flat plateau towards Folkestone as a stage, few villages could be blessed with such an abundance of nature; the straggling village street winds among the foothills and is overhung by a few old houses, whose steep-pitched peg-tiled roofs seem to be bending and cavorting in sympathy with the old yew in the churchyard. But it is for peace and quiet that most people visit Brabourne; standing in the middle of the village street one can almost hear the silence, and it is hardly credible that the main arterial road to the Channel ports is less than four miles distant.

Let us now find the church, which is situated at the east end of the village, nestling under the slopes. We enter the churchyard on the north side past the sentinel yew, and it is plain to see that the Normans designed this fortress-like building with its heavy walls, small windows and massive square tower. But let us have a closer look at that tower; its ugly, bald parapet rises no higher than the church roof, yet the keen eye can see that it was once a stage or two higher. Inside, however, it is the chancel that attracts most of our attention. This really is an architectural gem, with a perfectly preserved Norman priest's door in the north wall, and above it what is regarded as the oldest window in any church, complete with its original glass. This window, hardly more than a deeply-splayed slit, throws a myriad of soft hues into a chancel that must have seen more of the making of our historical heritage than most.

## HEART SHRINE

The highlight of the chancel is the simple, delicate heart shrine on the south side, and there is little doubt that it contained the heart of John Balliol, founder of the Balliol College, Oxford, father of John Balliol le Scot, King of Scotland. The story goes that on the death of John Balliol in 1269 his wife had his heart embalmed in a casket of silver and ivory which she wore day and night. It was eventually buried with her in the Abbey of Dulecor, near Dumfries, but 40 years later the Abbey was desecrated. The younger Balliol, on his defeat by Edward I, was exiled, but not before he had resided at Brabourne, then a royal manor. His younger brother, a devout Cluniac, then took charge of the heart, and the chancel at Brabourne was aptly chosen for its last resting place, as it was one of the

few churches in England attached to a cluniac monastery—in this case, Monks Horton.

Descended from the Balliols were 18 generations of the renowned Scot family. For centuries their seat was at Scots Hall, a magnificent manor house on the outskirts of the parish, and the charitable disposition with which they held their offices of high esteem was large reflected in their benefactions to this jewel of a church. Here lived that Sir William Scot who was with the King on the Field of the Cloth of Gold: in these peaceful precincts walked Sir Thomas Scot, who was so powerful in Kent that he raised 4,000 men in 24 hours when the Spanish Armada came. Another Sir William, who died in 1524, was Knight of the Bath, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle, offices also held by his father, Sir John Scot. The list is endless, and it is with great awe one realises that they all came back to sleep in this humble little place that they loved, under a fine gallery of brasses.

## TENOR'S FINE TONE

The massive Norman west tower gave way in the 15th century, when the upper stages were removed. To strengthen the tower the arch was rebuilt, and an angle buttress of gigantic proportions was placed at the south-west corner. At this time records show that there were four large bells and one horse bell in the tower. Whether these bells remained until 1605 is not known, but in that year the present 11½ cwt. tenor was cast by Joseph Hatch, the celebrated local bellfounder, and ringers alike still agree that its fine tone dictates the ring. Half a century later, in 1656, four smaller bells were cast by Joseph's nephew, William Hatch, and thus the basis of the present ring was formed.

At the close of the 17th century, however, the tower was again giving rise to some concern, and in 1699 it was thought prudent to remove the bells altogether. Work soon commenced on rebuilding and strengthening the upper stage of the tower, and new leads bearing the date and appropriate churchwardens' initials were laid in 1700. A new bellframe was made by Mr. Finn (a local man whose descendants have been ringing in the tower for two and a half centuries), and the bells rehung therein by John and William Walke, bellhangers, the work being completed in 1702.

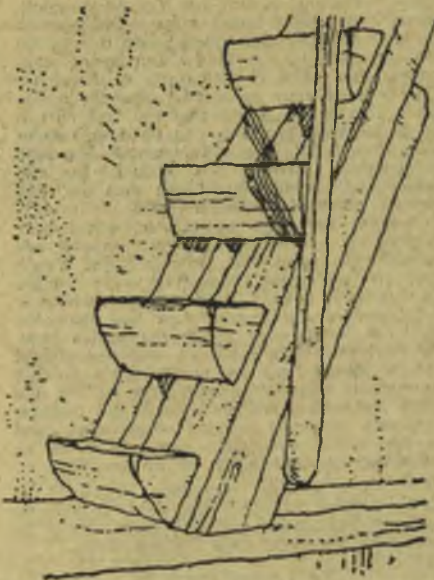
Two other alterations only have taken place since this date. In 1774, bells numbers 3 and 4 were recast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman of Whitechapel, and in 1917 the Whitechapel Foundry recast William Hatch's old treble, added a new bell to make six, and modified the frame accordingly. This new

bell was called the **Canada bell**, being given by subscription to commemorate the sojourn of Canadian troops in the parish who fought in the Great War, and the Canadian hospital at Monks Norton.

We are nearly at the end of the history of Brabourne, but a word or two should not be omitted about the fine old belfry staircase. Fabricated from a massive oak split across its length, with the triangular block steps neatly pegged together, it is believed to be coeval with the Norman tower and thus has survived two rebuildings.

## FIRST PEAL CONDUCTED BY EDWARD RUCK

The first peal on the bells (5,040 Bob Minor) was rung on January 26th, 1936, half-muffled in memory of the late King George V, being conducted by that grand old man of Kent ringing, Edward Ruck. Even at that time it was noted that Finn's frame was nearing the end of its useful days, the fifth bell being particularly hard work to ring. Now, after a silence of two years, the bells have revisited their birthplace at Whitechapel for retuning and refitting and have been skilfully rehung by Harry Parkes in a cast iron frame on a concrete ring beam foundation. An excellent result has been achieved, the bells being easy to ring despite the long draught, and their rollicking music echoes with a new mellowness over the fields and pastures. During the simple dedication service there seemed to be a unanimous feeling of final achievement and



*The tower staircase*

quiet satisfaction: it was as though the spirit of the long-deceased Scots was alive and was saying: "Well done! You have striven to maintain the heritage which we have handed down to you."

So, reader, when you are next heading towards the Channel coast, why not turn off beyond Ashford and head towards the village under the Downs? You may not find all the seaside amenities, but you will find this little enclave of English history and you may catch that same spirit of peaceful contentment that is alive in Brabourne today.

**WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain): A. Waller 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey 5, R. W. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. B. Dawson, who this week retired from the parish after 34½ years as Rector. Through his efforts the bells were rehung. Also as a farewell, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by K. Knibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, L. Whitten 3, E. Briggs 4, W. Whitmore 5, F. Coales (cond.) 6.



# THE MAINTENANCE OF BELL ROPES

By NEIL D. LOMAS

ONE of the most important aspects of towerkeeping is the maintenance of bell ropes, and in view of the high cost of replacement it is important that their life should be extended for as long as possible. A system which will help towards this is outlined below. Since all rope maintenance depends on splicing, instructions are given for making two different splices which all towerkeepers should be able to do.

It should first be pointed out that a short splice should never be used in any position below the garter hole, although this is in fact frequently done, presumably because it is thought that a short splice is easier to make than a long splice, but this is not actually the case. The only place where a short splice is acceptable is within the wheel, when the rope is too short to tie to the spokes properly. To replace the tail-end the best procedure is to make two eye splices, linked together, close to the sally so that replacement can subsequently be effected any number of times without the rope available for splicing becoming too short.

It is not necessary to keep a long splice away from the pulley or rope guides, and indeed it would usually not be possible to do so, although it would obviously be wise to avoid putting a tuck actually in the garter hole.

The following system of "planned maintenance" has been found quite satisfactory in practice. Initially the rope should be put on with the sally in the lowest convenient position, so that when chafing starts in the garter hole the rope may be moved upwards a few inches, leaving no doubt that the bad part is out of harm's way. This can be done two or three times before the sally becomes too high for comfort. When this occurs, the old chafed part should be cut out and the rope rejoined with a long splice, when the process of moving the rope upward in stages may be repeated. After this has been done it will probably be found that a considerable length below the pulley will be getting worn, so the top should be cut off below the garter hole at a distance of about four feet less than the length of spare rope above the garter hole. The portion which has been removed should then be spliced back on, upside down, so that the unworn rope which has spent its life tied round the spokes will now be in the position previously occupied by the worn part and the part which was in the garter hole will be well above it, and hence of no concern.

By adopting this procedure, when it is finally decided to scrap the rope, it will be well and truly worn out, and there should be practically no good rope thrown away.

## A LONG SPLICE

To make a long splice it is first necessary to unlay each of the ends to be joined for a distance of about 15 inches for a normal bell rope or a little longer for a heavy one. The ends should then be "married," with strands from each rope alternating as in Fig. 1. The two ropes should be pressed closely into mesh with one another, and two adjacent strands tied together with a half-hitch to prevent the whole assembly from falling apart. One strand should then be unlayd away from the junction and the appropriate one from the other rope laid in its place to within about three inches of its full length. When laying the strand in, its twist should be maintained to keep the part which was to the outside still in that position. These two strands should then be temporarily tied together, and the process repeated with the remaining two strands from the point of juncture in the opposite direction. This will result in the situation as in Fig. 2, shown here with the strands unknotted, for the sake of clarity. The ends of the strands should then be cut off as required, to leave each about three inches long, when the process of tucking may begin. This is the most difficult part of the process to describe and illustrate, although it is easy enough to perform.

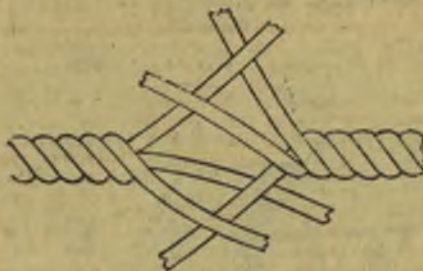


FIG. 1

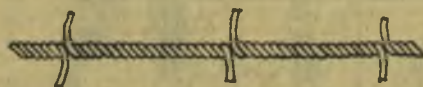


FIG. 2

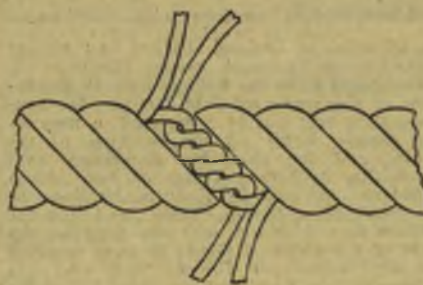
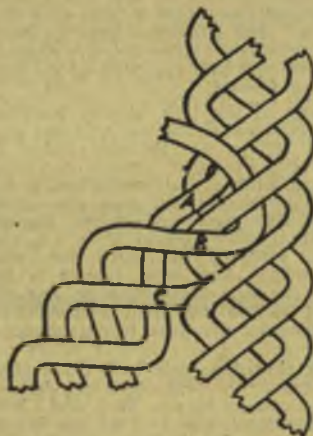


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



The two adjacent strand ends should be split into two approximately equal parts, still maintaining their twist, each for a distance of about three-quarters of an inch back from the point at which they cross. Two of the resulting half-strands, one from each part, should then be tied round each other twice, in the direction of twist of the strand. This is shown in Fig. 3 somewhat distorted for the sake of clarity. In practice it will be found that the "knot" occupies nearly a full turn of the rope. The knot should then be pulled up tightly great care being taken with an old rope not to break the strands. There will now be four half-strand ends protruding, each of which should be passed over the strand from beneath which it emerges, in the direction of twist and tucked under the next strand. The method of tucking is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 4. The ends should then be pulled tight and cut off, leaving about half an inch projecting. The process should be repeated at each of the other two positions to complete the splice.

With a little practice it will be found that the entire operation will occupy less than a quarter of an hour.

## FOUR-STRANDED ROPE

In the case of four-stranded rope the process is basically the same, but one rope should be initially unlayd about twice as far as the other so that the removal and replacement of the strands may be carried out once in one direction and twice in the other for different distances, giving four tucks which may be arranged at approximately equal intervals.

To splice a three-stranded to a four-stranded rope the four-stranded rope should be dismantled into its individual yarns for about two feet, and these should then be reassembled into a three-stranded rope, each strand being twisted in the appropriate direction. A splice may then be made in the usual way. This process is, however, best avoided if possible as the result is usually not very neat.

There is some difference of opinion over the question of whether or not ropes should be treated, to lubricate them and render them more pliable, and there are nearly as many concoctions in use as there are advocates of treatment. It is in fact more difficult to make a satisfactory splice in a greasy rope, and in these conditions it would probably be wise to unlay the rope for splicing for considerably more than the 15 inches previously suggested. A diligent towerkeeper who inspects his ropes regularly, and is prepared to splice them when necessary, will probably obtain the same life from them whether they are treated or not.

## TAIL-END

To replace the tail-end and by the use of two interlinked eye splices, the old tail-end should be cut off about 18 inches below the sally, and an eye splice made with a small loop. The new tail-end should then be

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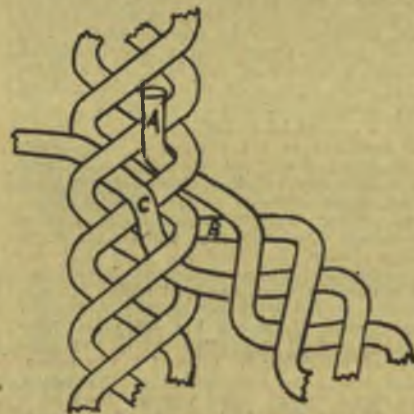


FIG. 5



**Maintenance of Bell Ropes—contd.**

threaded through the loop, and the joint completed with another eye splice. Rope from above the sally is not really suitable for replacing tail-ends, as it is usually too hard for comfort, but rope of the correct grade can be obtained from the manufacturers.

To make an eye splice, the end of the rope should be unlaidd for about six inches. A beginner may find it useful to put a simple whipping round the rope where the unlaying finishes, to prevent further unlaying while the splice is being made. The rope should then be doubled back to form the eye, when tucking may be commenced. The actual tucking is the same as that used in a short splice, i.e., the strands being tucked are passed over one and under the next of the strands of the standing part of the rope, against the lay, rather like weaving. The difficulty with an eye splice is to make the first tuck neatly, and the actual procedure for doing this can only be learned by practice. It is shown in Fig 5 in two views, one from each side, and it will be seen that one strand, that marked "C," is tucked once more than the other two, to bring all three strands into a suitable position for the first complete tuck to be made. Two full tucks should then be made, after which about one-third of each strand should be unlaidd and a further tuck made with the remaining two-thirds. This should then be thinned again in about the same proportion, and a final tuck made. Thus there will be nine ends protruding when the splice is complete, and they should be cut off fairly close. Any fluffiness may be removed by the brief application of a flame.

Before attempting to splice an actual bell rope for the first time it is advisable to practise on a few odd pieces of rope. A tower-keeper who makes a splice which pulls out ten minutes before the end of a peal is liable to find himself becoming very unpopular.

**CHELSEA RINGERS GO INTO ESSEX**

CHELSEA ringers and friends spent an enjoyable day in Essex on September 3rd, the first tower being at Bocking with ringing scheduled to start at 11 a.m. We arrived in good time and after rounds and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples a pre-arranged quarter of Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished whilst the experts retired to the "local" to judge the performance over a pint.

Soon we were on our way to Sudbury for lunch at the Four Swans. There was a slight delay here because Alan Patterson's wife decided to faint into her coffee, but a few minutes spent sitting in the open air soon put her to rights again and we struck out towards Lavenham. This was the high spot (literally) of the outing, particularly for the non-ringers who climbed to the top of this magnificent tower to sample the view. Rounds, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung here.

Once our feet were firmly on the ground again we made for Thaxted. This ground-floor ring was found to be a little difficult and the ringing was consequently below the usual standard. We attracted a good deal of attention from people who had come to see the church, and for some this was their first experience of ringing with an audience, there being at least 15 spectators at one time. Just before six o'clock we departed to the Bull for an excellent tea. Thus fortified, we headed for the last tower of the day, at Bishop's Stortford, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were enjoyed.

The outing was a general success and our thanks are due to the organiser and the incumbents and local ringers. A. R. P.

**TREVOR BAILEY'S SCOTTISH TOUR**

ONCE again this small band of intrepid explorers set out from East Anglia to visit foreign parts. Ireland was visited last year and it was now Scotland's turn. The assembly point on Friday, August 19th, was the Loughborough Bell Foundry and naturally there was ringing on the light ten. The night was spent at the Great Central Hotel.

An early start was made the next morning for Carlisle via the M.6 motorway. Our only ring of the day was at Ambleside and on the beautiful bells we rang Plain Bob and Cambridge Major and a good touch of Stedman Triples.

Our journey continued along hair-raising roads and pouring rain—virtually the only rain we had during the whole week—to Carlisle. That Sunday morning we waited outside Carlisle Cathedral hoping there would be some ringing, but the annual holidays were in progress and no one materialised. Nothing daunted, we set off to the North, crossing the border just before midday and, after lunching at what appeared to be a genuine Scots Castle at Beattock, we reached Glasgow in time to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral for evening service. Here we were welcomed by Mr. Winderham and his band, and we joined them in Bob Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the excellent ten.

**HUNT THE KEY AT INVERARAY**

Monday morning found us dodging the rush-hour traffic en route to Paisley to ring on the pleasant-toned if rather rough-going eight. Yorkshire and Double Norwich were in our repertoire here before moving off for what was to be the highlight of the tour—a ring at Inveraray. After a delightful drive along Loch Lomond and Loch Fyne we arrived at the tower only to find that the key of the ringing room was missing.

A game of hunt-the-key-to-fit-the-lock then followed, involving a gentleman known as the Burgh Workman, and this culminated in the discovery of the correct key. Having gained admittance, ropes which had been loaned by kindly towers at Sleaford and Beccles were quickly fitted, loose pieces of concrete knocked away, weak points discovered and avoided in the ringing room floor and the bells raised. On these glorious bells, with a tenor of 41 cwt., we rang Grandsire Caters and Plain and Kent Treble Bob Royal. We were joined here by a few visitors who had heard the bells being raised, these including Ian Holland, formerly of Sheffield. Another visitor to the belfry was the local policeman, who complained that he couldn't hear himself think because of the bells. However, he left on amicable terms with us. The night was spent at the George in Inveraray.

Those who did manage to rise in time for breakfast the next morning were greeted by a beautiful day for our drive along the Pass of Brander and the west coast of Argyll to Fort William. Here we investigated rumours of a ring of four and found that the bells did indeed exist and were rung regularly until fairly recently, but are now unfortunately out of action due to a damaged beam. Our journey continued round the foot of Ben Nevis, then through the Great Glen by Loch Lochy and Loch Ness to the lovely city of Inverness. After driving around in circles we finally located our hotels and settled down for a quiet night.

**THREE-SPICED AT INVERNESS**

Ringings at Inverness Cathedral the following morning was interrupted by the local Press thirsting for knowledge of our activities, but we did attempt some three-spiced among our by now traditional Plain Bob.

Grandsire and Double Norwich. It was a pleasure to meet and ring with some of the local ringers here, who have an uphill task in maintaining ringing in this isolated tower, though help is provided by some members of the St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, company.

For the journey to Dundee, some travelled via Aviemore, Pitlochry and the Pass of Killiecrankie, while others braved the hillier route through Tomintoul and Balmoral, but all arrived safely in spite of exhaust systems failing and peculiar noises from front suspensions.

Thursday morning saw us ascending the endless stairs to ring on the pleasant Mears octave at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Despite rumblings from above and sallies which persisted in falling in unexpected places, some good ringing was enjoyed here, including an excellent touch of Double Norwich.

**HARDER THAN PREACHING**

In the afternoon we rang at Dunblane, where we were met by the new minister, who observed that ringing appeared to be even harder work than preaching. On the tuneless modern eight we rang inter alia a touch of Original Major and a half-course of Superlative. We then retired to Stirling for the evening's entertainment, which included a Chinese restaurant and a very erratic lift at the hotel.

The next morning we investigated yet another ring of four—that at the magnificent old Church of the Holy Rood, near Stirling Castle. Unfortunately this ring, which was last rung in 1928, was also out of action, so we contented ourselves with attempting to master the intricacies of bowls on a green near the church, which we learned was the oldest in Scotland. After lunch we made our leisurely way to Alloa, some climbing the Wallace Memorial on the way. Here, after a little difficulty in getting the 13 cwt. tenor up right, we reached the highspot of the tour, ring-wise, by attempting a course of London Major. This only failed when the conductor went wrong and tried to put everyone right by him! Other ringing here included Stedman and Double Norwich, but conditions were far from ideal due to the excessive heat and the small unventilated belfry.

After staying in Alloa for some excellent liquid refreshment, we made our way across the Forth Bridge to Portobello, where we were due to stay for our last two nights. Most of the party that evening saw the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at the Castle. The next morning saw us at St. Cuthbert's where we indulged in Double Norwich, in which we were pleased to have Philip Gray and his wife from Bristol taking part, and a bob course of Stedman in which a local lady ringer joined us. This concluded the week's ringing activities, but with the rest of the day in Edinburgh before us we were prevailed upon to visit Rose Street, which contains no less than 26 pubs (we only visited one), after which some climbed Arthur's Seat, the hill in Holyrood Park, while others succeeded in getting locked in another park. The week was rounded off at the hotel, presenting Trevor with a small token of our appreciation for having arranged the tour once more. As Sheila, Tom and Gerald were all celebrating birthdays that week-end we ended with a suitable celebration before returning to England the following day.

The party included Tom Brock, Sheila Chinery, Rosemary Spicer, Alan Spreadbury, Norman Cossey, Barry Pickup, Christine Johnson, Tom Newell, Richard Hunt, Trevor Bailey, Gerald Parsons and Richard Brown. J. B. P.

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# East Riding Ringers Navigate River Thames

CYCLES were left behind this year, and youth hostel wardens given a rest, when ringers and friends from the East Riding of Yorkshire took to the luxury of four Thames cabin cruisers for a week's tour. The journey south to Bray was made in a variety of cars, including John Rank's rather splendid 1938 six-cylinder Bentley.

A few extracts from the navigational notes, issued in advance to all participants, may help to set the scene for what was to be voted the best E.R. tour held so far:

"Keep well away . . .  
When it is windy . . .  
Look out for Barrel Buoys . . .  
Several riverside hotels offer special facilities . . .

Adjust the height of your fend-offs . . .  
After the ladies had purchased the necessary victuals, appointed commodores and captains had received instructions regarding forward and reverse gears, bilge pumps, etc., a quayside course of Grandire Triples "in hand," we left Bray in beautiful sunshine up river for the first tower, at Great Marlow.

## ROCKED CLEAR

Here, after motor launch "Melaine" had gone aground in shallow water and been rocked clear by more knowledgeable members of the public on the bank, we joined the local company for an hour's varied ringing. We were also pleased to meet again ex-Kirk Ella ringer John Perrett.

Sunday morning was extremely wet, umbrellas, shorts and sandals being the order of the day. Spirits were high though and we enjoyed the good-going eight at Wargrave. The weather cleared with almost unbelievable abruptness after lunch and various garments were soon out on deck drying. Sunday evening found us supplying a full band for Evensong ringing at St. Laurence's, Reading.

Goring-on-Thames and Streatley were reached by Monday morning. Linda Sherwood finding herself in deeper water than expected in a vain attempt to retrieve Howard Palmer's mallet head. A warm welcome by the Vicar and some good ringing on the very excellent light eight at Goring, where perhaps John's touch of Plain and Little with tenors parted, Queens and Tittums excelled. A quick ring at the rather odd-struck six at Streatley and on to Wallingford, where a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Yorkshire were voted best. A number of ringers found the Thames far too tempting on such a hot, sunny day.

## CHASE SEQUEL

On Monday evening the sprightly Rank sprained an ankle chasing across rough grassland in search of "other than male" company. This was to hinder him only slightly in his pursuits during the remainder of the week!

Sutton Courtenay's six were rung and enjoyed that evening before returning back over the river to the Red Lion at Culham. Here, a fine glass-fronted piano, fully illuminated from within, was put to good use by our resident pianist, Keith Goldthorpe. A rather portly "Geordie" gentleman on crutches, claiming to be the noisiest b— (justifiably) in Culham, gave us renderings of "Cock Robin" and a jolly evening, followed by the inevitable coffee on "Melaine."



Tuesday, and Oxford our turning point, but not before some pretty shocking striking at All Saints', High Street. Magdalen College's easy-going ten were most enjoyable and we did fairly well here. On to New College, where the very raising of the back eight should have warned us of the poor striking which was to follow. Nothing seemed to be going here so we left with tails between our legs and tongue in cheek for Merton College. Not surprisingly perhaps, ringers were a little scarce here, but those who braved the balcony scene did not fare too badly.

## PERSPIRATION LOST

Wednesday's ringing started at the fine Norman church at Ifley, where the students of building and architecture in the party found plenty to enthuse about. St. Helen's, Abingdon, had to be omitted due to a sitting of the Quarter Sessions. The Georgian church with anti-clockwise eight at Benson were scheduled for the evening and again we joined with the local ringers for their practice. Six hard-working individuals attempted a quarter of Cambridge at Lewknor, transport being kindly provided by friends in the area. This came to grief when two crossed on the back, but not before a lot of perspiration had been lost.

On Thursday we paid our halfpennies to get over the toll bridge at Whitchurch and so ring the 9.cwt. six there. Mapledurham's six were rung quite well to a fair variety of methods. Admired here were the altar back-cloth and carpet and embroidered hassocks. With a happy farewell from the Vicar and his small son, John Rank managed to reverse Captain Ben's craft into some old jetty stakes and shoot Ron Ducker neatly off the stern into the water. This made the number for this distinction up to a Doubles band! Treble, and first to go, D. P. B. Miles (twice!). Robin Page-Jones, Ben Cooper (distinguished by "choosing" a lock) and the only lady to accomplish this feat—Susan Harrop.

At Sonning we again joined with the locals for their practice and had some quite fair striking of standard methods, but Yorkshire proved very elusive.

## BEST BELLS

Friday's ringing included Shiplake, and surely the best bells, ringing and weather of the week at Henley. The ale was not so good but the chicken and mushroom pie salad made up for that. Cookham's eight were rung with speed and confidence. The getaway being similar, found Graham Smith and John Robinson left behind (for their sins) and arriving back at 1.30 a.m. after a moonlight saunter.

Saturday, 9.30 a.m., found us back at the boatyard tidying up the week's debris and ac-

counting for the breakages. The official ringing programme was completed by ringing the heavy eight at Bray, but a telephone call by the Commodore ensured for us an excellent lunch and ringing at Wavendon for the journey back north. A meeting at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire was joined by some and enjoyed all the more for the flower festival which was taking place.

Altogether a truly enjoyable week. Perhaps only standard methods on eight with Cambridge and Yorkshire, more variety on six, but the standard being generally good. The handbells were used well, courses of Grandire Triples and Caters being rung for most lock-keepers—some by request on the way back! Nightly parties with rousing sing-songs to Keith's accordion accompaniment—with no warden to shout "Lights out"—must have seemed unending to those whose need of sleep was greater than others.

To all clergy for permission to ring, local ringers for opening up towers—particularly the gentleman at Oxford who popped up at every tower—and to John Rank for organising a grand "affair"—very many sincere thanks.

SPLASH.

## St. Andrew's, Headington

Work is to start on October 31st on the bells of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, and Messrs. White of Appleton have been instructed to provide a new steel frame, possibly with two extra bays, with the view of eventually having an octave.

For the past ten years the ringers have been devoting their wedding fees to this object. With their other personal donations they have now collected over £450 for this fund.

Whilst the bells are out of action it is hoped to ring at Islip on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and hold practices there on Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Mr. Tom Smith, of 196, London Road, Headington, Oxford, will be pleased to receive the donations promised and also supply any further information desired.



# Atmosphere of Change in Durham and Newcastle

THESE are times of change, and continually events are bringing reminders of this fact. On the first week-end in October many people in Newcastle were riding on the city's trolley-buses for the last time before diesel-engined buses took over on the last remaining route. So ended a 30-year chapter in Newcastle's transport system. Not far away railway enthusiasts were running a "special" as the last train in the Wansbeck Valley before the rails were torn up. This was the last remnant of the route into England built by the North British Railway Company of Edinburgh and opened on May 1st, 1865.

At this time on Saturday, October 1st, in Newcastle, there was held the annual meeting of a society older than those trolley-buses but not quite as old as that railway line, for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, as it now is, was founded in August, 1877. In contrast to the other two, this Society was looking forward to a continuing and useful existence and confidently making plans to celebrate its 90th birthday in 1967. To that end a small sub-committee has been set up to receive suggestions and to formulate proposals.

## CHANGE

In a changing world adaptation is needed from time to time and during the coming year proposals are to be discussed to reduce from four to three the number of Districts into which the territory of the Association is divided. It is felt that the outcome should be a better grouping of the towers geographically and each District should be a stronger unit than it is at present.

The theme of change could be detected in the address given by the Rev. R. H. Gurney, Rector of Gateshead, at the special service held in Newcastle Cathedral. He cited the recent attempt to obtain an injunction against church bells as evidence of a change in attitude in some quarters. Against such attitudes it was little use to quote the rubric in the Book of Common Prayer laid down when few people had any means of telling the time of services except for the bells.

He believed that Christians were still justified in ringing bells today as they had done through the ages and he believed that the bells had a two-fold message. On the one hand they should proclaim Christian joy and on the other, in passing bells and half-muffled peals, they gave a stern reminder of the transitory nature of this life on earth. It was necessary for ringers to respond to the call of the bells as well as sending out the call to others. The Provost of Newcastle, the Very Rev. C. C. Wolters, conducted the service, and Mr. J. T. Smeaton kindly played the organ. Handbells were rung during the service and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to four guineas.

Ringings took place in the afternoon on the eight at Fenham and on the ten at Gosforth. Coming in from a dismal October day outside, the interior of All Saints', Gosforth, was a splendid feast of light and colour with the floral displays of its flower festival. The whole church seemed to be bustling with activity and alive, and visiting ringers were pleased to be able to add their efforts to support this. Ringing after tea took place at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead. At the Cathedral the ringing included a half-course of Cambridge Maximus, where all taking part were locals or very near locals. This was a new "high" for ringing at an annual meeting in the post-war period in Newcastle—another reminder of changing times.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon in the library of the Cathedral. The president, Mr. W. Tyson, was in the chair and the attendance was about 50. Reports on the year's work were presented and adopted.

## HUNG DEAD

The secretary's report noted the completion of the restoration at Winton and contrasted the co-operation of the Rector there with the reluctance of the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, to give information. It had been learned that the bells were to be recast and

hung dead. Canon Corden had moved from Gateshead to Shildon and a meeting had been held at Shildon after many years of exclusion. Good progress by the Shincliff ringers in raising money was noted and the starting of a fund at Sedgfield was recorded.

The treasurer's statement showed that the balance in hand had declined from just over £75 to just under £68. The general fund showed very little change but payment from the Bell Restoration Fund had reduced that fund by about £10. Subscriptions had been increased for the year under review but this increase in income had been more than offset by heavier costs for printing the annual report. The whole question of this printing would have to be reviewed in the near future, as the present report would be the last to be printed by Dressers of Darlington before they shut down at the end of 1966. Printing is yet another field where changes are taking place.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PEAL RINGERS

The Ringing Master's report gave an account of the fifth one-day ringing course held at Lumley Castle. He felt that a great deal of good had been done by these courses and he was very grateful for the support of all those who had assisted in the running of the classes. It seemed that the time had now come for a pause and no course on these lines was scheduled for 1967. He was looking for alternative ideas. Asked for advice on St. George's tower and bells, he had been able to arrange a visit by Mr. Alan J. Frost of the Towers and Belfries Committee and a comprehensive report had been submitted to the consulting engineers. Standards had been quite good at ringing meetings and he was pleased to record much good progress by younger ringers. He suggested a code of conduct for peal ringers, to reduce complaints by the public, emphasising careful choice of times and proper publicity beforehand.

The peal report recorded a total of 48 peals—35 on tower bells and 13 on handbells. Twenty different towers had been used, New-

castle Cathedral being the most frequent with five peals. Seventy-nine ringers took part in the peals, six ringing their first on tower bells and five their first on handbells. The leading individual totals were M. Maughan 30, E. N. Harrison 24 and A. G. Craddock, J. Crowther and R. A. Yeates 22 each. There were 17 conductors, with the leaders being M. Maughan 15 and A. G. Craddock 10. Wilfred Williams' touring band accounted for five of the peals, but local ringers had rung six-spliced Surprise Major for the first time and a new record length on handbells.

The election of officers showed no change and the confirmation of the District officers showed only those changes that had been necessary by the death of Mr. F. W. Cooke and the removal from the area of Mr. S. Zvegintsov. The list for 1966-67 is thus: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, J. Anderson and T. Cooke.

District officers.—Northern: Chairman, G. S. Deas; secretary, Miss G. Douglas. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. Eastern: Chairman, R. Bell; secretary, Miss M. A. Thow. Western: Chairman, C. T. Lamb; secretary, H. P. Thompson.

Meetings were arranged for 1967 as follows: Social, Chester-le-Street, January 14th. Half-yearly, St. George's, Jesmond, June 3rd. Annual, Chester-le-Street, October 21st.

Fifteen new members were elected.

The meeting was adjourned from the library and was resumed after the tea in Bainbridge's restaurant. The president then proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had provided the facilities or given of their services for the annual meeting. To this the Provost replied.

The meeting concluded with ringing at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead.

D. A. B.

# Competition for the Novices

A RINGING COMPETITION with a difference was held at Meldreth in Cambridgeshire on September 30th. This was intended for the novices who could ring rounds and call changes and who were just beginning change ringing. The invitation was "to take part in a friendly competition to see which team could ring the most accurate and well-struck rounds and changes." The test piece was either five leads of Original (plain hunting) Minor, or six leads of Original Doubles with tenor behind, with not more than a minute's rounds at the beginning and end. Most teams in an orthodox competition will consist of accomplished ringers who are putting a gloss on a polished performance, but these rules were devised to encourage the novices to show what they can do.

A lot of teaching is going on in the area, and many of the competitors have had only a year's experience of ringing. Bands which were short of ringers could combine, and one experienced ringer was available as substitute in case any team met one short. Each team had to declare if any member had rung a quarter or more, and if the substitute rang, so that the judge could take that greater experience into account.

Mr. Philip Mehew acted as judge, Mr. John Gipson timekeeper and conductor if asked, Mr. Frank Harper was "Lord High Substitute," and the organisers were Miss Jean Sanderson and Mr. Barry Couzens. The B.B.C. was interested, but later decided it was not worth sending a recording team for a minute or two's broadcasting. A report was to have been sent, but nothing was heard.

We received an extraordinary amount of help. The local paper mentioned the competition, and Miss M. Bowen generously offered refreshments at Topcliffe's Mill for the social afterwards when the judge would announce the results and award the certificates.

There were four of these, so that all teams should have something to remind them of their efforts—if the judge thought fit! Mrs. Gwen Thurley wrote each one out in a style similar to the Devon certificates and would accept only gratitude for her time and skill.

Four teams entered: Cottered, Little Munden (both from Hertfordshire), Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo (Essex) and Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire). Additional practices were arranged and all the teams decided to ring Doubles. None of the competitors had rung at Meldreth in the last ten months, if at all, so all faced the same novelty. All the teams chose Original (plain hunting) Doubles, with the tenor behind.

Whittlesford were drawn first and after starting well had a regrettable pile-up in the fourth lead, which prevented the test piece being completed. Little Munden were next, and although they started roughly picked up well. A combined team from Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo settled well with good speed and rhythm. Cottered, with help from two Little Munden ringers, took a long time to settle, although the rhythm was fairly good until the sixth lead, which had almost everyone lost, yet they finished in good rounds, which was most commendable. Whittlesford were given another chance to prove they could do it, and this time they did much better.

At the social afterwards the judge was most helpful. Many of the mistakes were due to the bell dropping at backstroke, and he advised a little more pull at hand to remedy this. Apart from that he was pleasantly surprised by the standard, and awarded the certificates to Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo, first, with 36 faults; Little Munden, second, with 71 faults; Whittlesford, third, with 72 faults for their second effort; Cottered and Little Munden, fourth, with 105 faults.

J. S.



## CATTERICK POPULAR VENUE FOR SNOWDON DINNER

GOING farther north than it had ever done before, the Yorkshire Association held the annual Snowdon Dinner this year at Catterick Bridge, in the North Riding, and the venture proved so popular that 130 ringers sat down to dinner on October 15th, and a good many applications for tickets had to be refused.

The dinner was preceded by ringing at Bedale (8), Richmond (8), Northallerton (8), Catterick (8), Kirby Wiske (6) and Bolton-on-Swale (6). There has been little ringing at Catterick or at Bolton for some time, and at Bolton a certain amount of work was necessary to enable the bells to be rung. The afternoon's pouring rain did nothing to damp the spirits of the hundred or more ringers who shuffled between the towers and eventually gathered at the Catterick Bridge Hotel for dinner.

### HILARITY

Here the Association's president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley, presided, and with him at the top table were his predecessor, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, and Mrs. Marshall, widow of Archdeacon Ellison's predecessor. It was an hilarious evening, the president setting the tone with a reference to the superior appearance of his type of man and those who had their heads covered with nasty, greasy stuff called hair!

Proposing the toast of "Church and State," Mr. Edward Hudson kept the ball rolling with a few specimens from his immense store of stories with cricketering or ecclesiastical backgrounds. That his two great interests cricket and ringing, occasionally get mixed was shown by his story of a dream in which he found himself calling a touch leg, middle and off.

The toast, he pointed out, provided a wide range of subjects, and he illustrated this by ranging from references to eminent North Riding churchmen—St. Wilfrid, Coverdale, Wycliffe and Langton—to parodies of one of the poems of Lewis Carroll (who was the son of a North Riding parson).

He welcomed the gathering to the North Riding for the first time, and cheerfully informed his friends from across the northern border that Yorkshire was going to take over a little more of Durham, and in the course of a year or two they would have another ring of ten in the county when Stockton became a part of Yorkshire under a boundary change. "I have had nothing whatever to do with this," he added.

The response was by the Archdeacon of Cleveland, the Ven. S. F. Linsley, who brought the greetings of the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Whitby.

Archdeacon Linsley said there was an infinitely greater amount of humour in the Church than there was in the State, and went on to prove it himself with recollections of his former parish in the East Riding.

### INTRIGUED

There were three points about the gathering, he said, which intrigued him. First, it was said not so long ago in his hearing that the art of ringing was dying out. "You are going to nail that one with this extraordinary gathering," he said.

Second, he could not find any typical ringer. One could tell a clergyman or a policeman but it was impossible to say that of ringers. They were of all kinds and ages.

The third point was that about one-third of the company was under 30, and half of them were women.

"I am quite certain that anyone who says the art of ringing is dying out is just talking nonsense, and in this Church and State business an awful lot of nonsense is being talked. It is a very great experience to see this assembly of ringers and I am going to congratulate you and say it is a very wonderful thing.

"It is said that the churches are empty. I did 700 miles last week, and I did not find

an empty church. I went to 12 harvest festivals in a row, and there would be about 2,500 people attending those festivals.

"When you look at some aspects of the State and then at the general picture of the Church as it really is now, there is a great deal about which we can be encouraged.

"It strikes me we have a lot of solid, good stuff in the Church that doesn't publicise itself, but serves it in a voluntary capacity, who are the core of the nation. There is a great deal, obviously, amiss with the Church, there always will be, but don't let us fail to see the tremendous amount of voluntary service that is given to the Church."

In his parish there were two police colleges, and when he went there and heard some of the stories about crime in the State it frightened him. He had asked one chief constable what the answer was, and he had replied, "When they come to you, they will have less need of us." That was a tremendous tribute.

"You can turn to any department of the State's life, or the country's life, and the Church, quite frankly, has no need to bow her head. Compared with some of the other sections of life, I think we have an awful lot to be thankful for.

"Your job is to ring to call people to worship, and the note of ringing is surely a clear note of thankfulness, a note of joy and thanksgiving," he said.

### JASPER SNOWDON

Archdeacon Ellison, who proposed "The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the Association," brought with him specimen pieces of the tea and dinner services and the umbrella which were gifts from the Association on his retirement from the presidency.

Jasper Snowdon, he said, founded the Association and was its president for ten years. He was succeeded by his brother William, who was president for 25 years, followed by Canon Marshall, president for 35 years, and then by himself for 19 years. All their presidents, he pointed out, had come from the diocese of Ripon, for Ilkley was in that diocese in Snowdon's day. Archdeacon Ellison recalled a number of the Association's former officers, and paid tribute to its present officers, adding the hope that it would be a long time before any of them became past officers.

The toast was drunk in silence, and in place of a response a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Howard Scott 1-2, Eric W. Critchley 3-4, Fred Hodgson 5-6, Wilfrid E. Moreton 7-8, and Ronald Ducker 9-10.

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Miss Doris M. Killingley (Richmond) referred to the presence of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and said she had for a long time wanted an opportunity to say something in public about that Association. When she first started to ring she was invited to attend practices in Darlington and was most kindly received.

"It is in keeping with the traditions of the Exercise to receive people kindly in strange towers, but to go week after week messing up people's practices is quite another thing. I would like to say a very personal thank you to the ringers in Darlington and farther north."

### DIOCESAN BOUNDARY

The secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. Denis A. Bayles, replying, fended off Ted Hudson's grasp at Stockton's ten-bell tower. "In the Association's title there is the word 'diocesan.' There is no proposal to muck about with the diocese. Stockton remains ours," he declared.

He spoke of the excellence of the arrangements for the day, and said his only criticism was that he was "planted" on the fourth at Catterick. "But even then I was told I could call the touch and stop when I had had enough."

As a member of "The Ringing World" Committee, he asked for support of the committee's work. They could do very little to improve "The Ringing World" without the help of all sorts of people. They wanted the help of people who would write articles and report such proceedings as this dinner. People who could do neither could at least subscribe to the paper, which would improve its financial position and give the committee scope to do a lot of things they wanted to do.

Before Mr. Bayles replied to this toast, a touch of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by a family of ringers at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby—Kenneth and Margaret Lawson and their daughters, Anne and Enid.

The president expressed the thanks of the Association to those who had organised the dinner and the ringing, referring especially to Arthur Bashford (Kirby Wiske), on whom most of the burden had fallen, and Ted Hudson and Elsdon Metcalfe (Thirsk), who helped with the bells at Bolton-on-Swale. He also thanked the incumbents of the several churches for allowing ringing during the afternoon, E. P.

## OBITUARY

### MR. R. F. LAYTON

With sorrow we record the passing of Mr. R. F. Layton at his home at Banstead, Surrey, on October 2nd, who collapsed and died while dressing to attend morning service. He celebrated his 80th birthday in August last.

Reginald Frank Layton learned to ring during the second world war when the call went out for recruits in Banstead belfry. He was primarily a Sunday service ringer and, fond as he was of ringing, he regarded it chiefly as another service he could give to the church he loved. He was a server for 60 years and also held the office of secretary to the Parochial Church Council for many years.

Illness long and at times serious, cut short his activities in the belfry but his interest remained, and he served ringing in the only way he could by working for it at home. He was auditor for the Northern District of the Surrey Association for many years, but his greatest work was the Association peal book, which he had written with such skill, care and patience. It is a very fine work, and his memory will live in this book among those who knew him.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the funeral, and a quarter peal of the same method was rung, half-muffled, the previous evening on Banstead bells.

His sons, Peter, Denis and Michael, and his daughter, Elizabeth, are ringers, and to them and their mother we extend our sincere sympathy.

## NORTH WEST SUFFOLK HAVE NEW RINGING MASTER

Because of other commitments, Mr. L. Wright tendered his resignation as Ringing Master of the N.W. Suffolk District at the annual meeting held at Fornham All Saints on October 15th. Friends from the Wisbech area and Ipswich were welcomed, and a variety of Doubles and Minor methods was rung.

An appropriate address for the choral service had been prepared by the Rev. W. G. Peck, who spoke of bell founders in the Bury area in the 12th century. Tea was served by West Stow friends in the Village Hall.

Officers re-elected at the meeting were: Mr. C. Hancock chairman, Mr. A. F. Ballam secretary, and Mrs. G. Reeve Press secretary. The new Ringing Master is Mr. John Underwood. The chairman, secretary, Ringing Master and Mr. R. Rose were elected to the Guild Executive, and these and Miss G. Reeves constitute the local committee.

Thanks were accorded to the workers in the past year, and ringing in the evening was at West Stow, when both Minor and Doubles methods were enjoyed.

Meetings fixed for 1967 are: Elveden, January 14th; Barrow, April; Horringer, July; and Ixworth, October. Evening meetings: Felsham, November 12th; and Brandon, December 10th. G. R.



**GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS****S.W. Branch**

THE autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Ermington on October 1st by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. William Rowe.

The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and ringing included Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob Stedman, Grandsire and rounds on the six bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. R. A. Southwood, hon. secretary of the Branch. During the service 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by R. A. Southwood, T. G. Myers (chairman of the Branch) and D. R. Bould (Ringing Master). The organist was Mr. G. R. Field.

Tea was served by the ladies of the church in the Parish Hall. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. T. G. Myers, who welcomed the visitors.

All present observed a one minute's silence to the memory of the late Vicar of Modbury, the Rev. H. S. H. Read, at whose parish this meeting should have taken place. This was a sincere token to the memory of one who held all church bells and their ringers very close to his heart.

New members elected were: Mrs. June Smith (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), Messrs. Ian and Christopher Luckcraft, Diccon Pearce and John Steere (Stoke Damerel, Plymouth), Miss Janet Edworthy (Plymouth St. Mary) and Mr. Donald Bedford. Mr. Roy H. Jones (Marston, Oxfordshire) was elected an honorary life member.

The Ringing Master commented on the instruction programme at Stoke Damerel, and praised the young ringers there who had worked so hard redecorating the belfry. Mr. Bould stressed that other more experienced members of the Branch must encourage these young ringers by their support at practice meetings.

The chairman accorded thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Blackler, for an excellent tea, the choir, organist and local ringers. Other business discussed was a proposed Gift Day for the Exeter Cathedral Fund, which would include a combined service with the rest of the Guild and the Devon Association. Ringing continued at Ermington until 7.30 p.m. and then at Yealmpton. S. P. S.

**GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS****East Devon Branch**

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Luppitt on October 8th. Ringing in various Doubles and Minor methods preceded a service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. Prowse, a past chairman of the Branch. Although he is unable to take an active part in ringing these days, the Rev. F. Prowse retains a keen interest in ringing. After the service about 35 members sat down to an excellent tea provided by the ladies of the parish.

During the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. F. J. Sage, the Branch chairman, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. John Arbury, whom all were pleased to see ringing again after his serious operation.

The usual business meeting was conducted and three new members and one life member elected. The meeting concluded with a short talk on the history of Luppitt bells by the chairman. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Woodley, the Branch secretary and his wife, who are on holiday in North Africa, also from Mr. A. Hodge.

Next monthly practice meetings: Luppitt, November 8th; Ottery St. Mary, December 12th; and Shute on January 10th.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is holding an extraordinary general meeting at Winchester on November 19th.

**PITSFORD RINGERS MARRY**

[Photo: E. C. Tippleston.]

TWO members of the band at All Saints', Pitsford Northants, were married there on September 17th. They were Miss Judith Frost, daughter of Mr. B. E. Frost, hon. secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Christopher Holmes. The bride began her ringing career at St. John the Baptist's, Kingsthorpe, and consequently roped in the bridegroom.

On a beautiful autumn morning the church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. P. A. Malton. The bride was given away by her father and attended by two bridesmaids.

Many ringers were present and rang for some time after the service. A quarter peal attempted was unfortunately lost near the end. It is intended to put this right soon.

After the reception in the Village Hall, attended by 100 guests, the happy couple left for the honeymoon in Cornwall. It is pleasing to announce that their future address is still in the village. When two young people involved in the life of their church join together in the greatest union of all it is a great occasion. May God bless them in their life together, and may they continue to ring out the message of Christ from their Parish Church. D. I.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****West Lindsey Branch**

The quiet old village of Stow-in-Lindsey was the venue for the September meeting of the West Lindsey Branch. The earliest ecclesiastical building here was built by Egfrid in A.D. 768, and is reputed to have been the Saxon cathedral of the diocese of Lindsey. The greater part of the present fine cruciform church belongs to the 11th and 12th centuries. The central tower houses a good ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.).

The numerous local ringers, while not being advanced in change ringing, are very enthusiastic about Sunday service ringing and are the current holders of the West Lindsey Branch cup. Good friends from surrounding Branches and from neighbouring Guilds again supported the meeting and assembled with us for Evensong in the nave of the church, conducted by the Rector.

The hearty appetites were more than satisfied by the sumptuous spread prepared by the local people. Mr. C. H. Baker presided at the business meeting and proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting Corringham, November 19th.  
T. A. G.

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**BELFRY GOSSIP**

The practice night at St. David's, Exeter, has been changed to Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. John E. Brough has "circled" St. Mary's, Wistaston, tower to peals four times. Duplication.—The peal at Huntingdon on page 677 is a duplicate of the peal that appeared on page 613.

Twelve-year-old Susan Stott rang her first quarter peal at Compton Bishop, Somerset, with W. Wiseman, who has passed his 81st birthday.

A useful ringer is going to Sydney, N.S.W., in the person of Miss Patricia Pitfield. She rang in her farewell quarter peal—Grandsire Caters—at St. Mary's, Southampton.

Members of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World" at the conclusion of their meeting at Derby on October 8th heard the bells of St. Peter's being rung to a peal of London Surprise Major.

Another junior to receive the conductor's congratulations is Susan Burdon of Gosfield, who had not previously rung Bob Major until she stood in her first quarter peal at Halstead, Essex, on October 12th. The conductor was Miss Hilda Snowden.

B. M. W. D., who wrote the witty report of the Universities Association tour (page 666), asks us to state that the entry of the Rev. Roger Keeley through the tower door at Marlborough was unorthodox and not orthodox, as printed.



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### ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR DERBYSHIRE

Ashford-in-the-Water is a pretty village standing on the River Wye, a tributary of the Derwent and a few miles from Bakewell. For many years the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity possessed three old bells. In 1954 these were recast and a treble added, the four bells being hung in a new frame for six and now, 12 years later, thanks to Mr. D. Whittaker, the ring of six is complete.

The two new bells were dedicated at a special service on October 4th by the Rt. Rev. W. Warren Hunt, Bishop of Repton. The church had held its harvest festival the previous Sunday and the appropriate decorations had been retained, which added to the impressiveness of the service. There was a good congregation, amongst whom were Messrs. F. J. Smallwood and B. Morris as well as Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, of Fairfield, along with the young members of Fairfield band. Mr. John P. Fidler represented the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. After the service Mr. Whittaker invited the visitors to a buffet supper at his residence. J. P. F.

### ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH

We have had this week evidence of the progressive spirit prevailing among the ringers at St. Mary's, Peterborough, who have planned a programme of quarter peals. Most of these have been rung in towers other than their own—usually country churches, where no annoyance is caused.

Great credit was reflected by the quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Tichmarsh, as not one is a Major ringer, and for six of them it was their first peal in the method. They knew that if any mistakes occurred it would end the attempt, as the conductor was ringing his first as caller in the method. The spirit of helpfulness that prevailed enabled a good quarter peal to be rung.

### DIAMOND JUBILEES

Two ringers have this week rung in diamond jubilee quarter peals to mark completing 60 years as ringers. They are Mr. C. Coniam, who rang the sixth at Bakewell, and Mr. Herbert Goakes, of Peterborough.

Deserving of special mention is Mr. S. Poole, local captain at Thornbury, Glos. who rang a quarter peal for his golden jubilee as a ringer. Another quarter peal at Asfordby, Leics. marked the completion of 40 years in this tower by the popular Leicestershire ringer, Mr. J. H. Cook.

### CARDIGAN RINGERS VISIT RADNORSHIRE

After reading in "The Ringing World" of an outing into Radnorshire, Cardigan ringers decided to explore this county for their annual outing. During the day friends from Birmingham, Hereford, St. David's and Fishguard helped with the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major at Presteigne, which was voted the best tower of the day.

Unusual things were the absence of a stay to the tenor at Llanfihangel Rhydieithon and two ropes missing at Knighton. It was most unusual but not displeasing to ring on an old six. Other towers visited were Nantmel (6), Llanbadarn Fawr (5), Old Radnor (6) and New Radnor (6).

Grateful thanks must be extended to all incumbents and tower officials for the use of the bells, and friends who joined us. A. F. W.

### A DAY TO REMEMBER

Congratulations to Richard Yates, son of the well-known Buckingham ringer, Bill Yates, on his first peal at Maids Moreton on October 11th. At his christening nine years ago we wondered if Richard would one day have the enthusiasm and ability for ringing as his father. We are sure he has all the former and is quickly acquiring much of the latter. Richard has a number of quarter peals to his credit and rings Stedman Triples regularly on Sundays for service. Although only nine he stands head and shoulders above most of his school mates.

It was, therefore, an occasion when we met for his first full peal attempt. Richard soon put out of our minds any doubt about his ability to stand the time. He rang his bell almost faultlessly throughout the peal. What a thrill it was for himself, his father and godfather when the bells came into rounds for the last time. The band were kindly entertained at the Rectory after the peal and, on the way home, Richard stopped to tell his grandparents of his proud achievement.

Well done, Richard! May we have the pleasure of many more peals with you.

R. K.

### HALF-MUFFLED FOR WEDDING!

The band at St. David's, Exeter, were requested by the bride's father (a non-ringer) to ring the bells half-muffled for her wedding on October 8th. He told the ringers that the bells sounded more beautiful when muffled; also he considered he was getting 16 bells for the price of eight. Has any other tower had and carried out such a request? inquires Peter M. E. Pavey.

### LOUIS A. WILSON STILL RINGING

Once again Ottery St. Mary ringers, accompanied by representatives from Honiton Clyst, Sidbury and East Budleigh tower, paid another visit on October 1st to that grand old ringer of Devon and Wiltshire, Louis A. Wilson, now in his 91st year.

Despite the fact that his sight is not too good these days, Louis still managed to put the fifth through a well-struck touch of Grand-sire Triples, which was followed by a splendid touch of Stedman Triples in which the Wootton Bassett tower captain, Mr. E. F. Brooks, stood in.

Other towers visited during the day were Mere, North Bradley, Mells and Glastonbury.

### GATESHEAD'S RINGING PARSON

The Rev. R. H. Gurney, who became Rector of Gateshead earlier this year, is well qualified to preach at any service for ringers. Not only is he a ringer himself, but he met his wife in the belfry and the two eldest of his four children are learning to ring. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Gurney with them at their annual meeting.

### YORKSHIRE MEN PRE-EMINENT

When Ted Hudson in his speech at the Snowdon Dinner at Catterick, referring to prominent Yorkshiremen of the present day, mentioned that the "most important office in the State" was filled by a Yorkshireman, one of the audience was surprised to learn that he was referring to Harold Wilson. The hearer had thought he meant Brian Close!

### SEVERN BRIDGE OPENING

On the occasion of the opening of the Severn Bridge on September 8th by H.M. the Queen, the Vicar of Olveston, the Rev. Ronald Goodsell, gave permission for a peal to be rung in his church, which lies on the English side of the Bridge. The peal started immediately after the short service of dedication by the Bishop. The band, which came from the London area, offered the peal to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but Mrs. M. Wratten, their peal secretary, felt that the Association could not accept it as none were members of the Association. As all the band were members of the Middlesex County Association, the peal was therefore rung for that Association.

The band thank the Vicar for his permission to ring the peal on this historic occasion, and also the verger, who entertained them to coffee and enabled them to see the start of the opening ceremony on his TV set.

### HAD ANNUAL OUTING TO SNOWDON DINNER

This year Rotherham Parish Church ringers made the Snowdon Dinner at Catterick the final venue of their annual outing. Accompanied by six friends from Handsworth and Wentworth, the first ringing took place at St. Nicholas', Thorne, where Mr. Leaske and several of his young ringers joined in the ringing on the handy eight.

The next tower was Selby Abbey, where the visitors were greatly impressed by the attractive and well appointed ringing room and the melodious bells. After an excellent lunch the party pressed on to St. Peter's, Harrogate, and sampled the new light eight in the town centre.

Ringings during the day varied from rounds to five-spliced Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

Thanks are due to all those whose hospitality and trouble taken helped to make the day's outing most enjoyable in many ways. N. C.

### TO PERTH, W.A.

St. George's Cathedral, Perth, W.A., will have another acquisition of strength by the departure on November 1st from this country of Anthony R. and Heather A. Mann. They have been living at Corsham, Wilts. Edgar C. Shepherd invited them to spend a day at Warminster on October 11th and the result was a handbell peal. Edgar tells us that he has not rung a peal "in hand" for ten years and he knows of no record of a previous handbell peal at Warminster.

### A REPEAT

It is regretted that the peal of London at Frome on November 10th was published twice, but it is the usual story of the conductor and the organiser being disorganised. Someone also seems to be under the impression that the tenor ringer at West Coker, Somerset, is "over the hill"—the time of the peal should have read "2 hours and 47 minutes" and not "3 hours and 47 minutes" on this 12 cwt. ring of eight.

### "ERASION"

To readers who might share E. A. B.'s puzzle over the word "eration" in "The Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods," reviewed on page 656. Mr. G. Jackson, of Barnby Dun, Doncaster, writes pointing out that it is in Chambers' Dictionary. It is not, however, in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, but is in the New English Dictionary.



## TOWER BELL PEALS

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

Edgar T. Skipsey .. .. Treble	John H. Taylor .. .. 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Alan Tubbs .. .. 7
Richard J. Bowden .. .. 3	†Michael H. Gregory .. 8
Gwilym Salmon .. .. 4	*Brian J. Wylde .. .. 9
*Patrick J. Bird .. .. 5	Andrew Howard .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal on ten.

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

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

Jennifer M. Durston .. Treble	Edward A. Penney .. .. 4
Sandra Weaver .. .. 2	Robert J. Hawkins .. 5
Ronald E. Weaver .. .. 3	*Edward A. Green .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Durston.

\* First peal First peal by a Hemington Sunday service band.  
 Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of the Rector, the Rev.  
 A. G. Durston, and Mrs. Durston, and conducted by their daughter,  
 Jennifer.

SELWORTHY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob.

*Brenda M. Bindon .. Treble	*Robert Parker .. .. 4
*Marian J. Beale .. .. 2	*Keith E. Beale .. .. 5
Arthur H. Reed .. .. 3	Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott

\* First peal in three Minor methods. First in three Minor methods  
 as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Sladen, a ringer at  
 this church, who was married this day.

## THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Paul J. Rigby .. .. 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Diana M. Chapman .. .. 7
Samuel J. Haines .. .. 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 8
Martin Green .. .. 4	Peter Bridle .. .. 9
Roland H. Cook .. .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt

Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Treble	*Michael A. Gilbey .. 6
*Michael G. R. Zobel .. 2	John T. Parsons .. .. 7
Gillian M. Brearley .. 3	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 8
*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman .. 4	Frank D. Mack .. .. 9
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 5	†David Heighton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

\* First peal on ten and in the method. † Has now "circled the  
 tower."

Rung jointly for the wedding of Derek Sawyer and Susan Foster,  
 the birth of Neil Anthony Maycock and the baptism of David  
 Jonathan Bird.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SUURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Jane B. Blackler .. .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright .. .. 5
Royston Blackler .. .. 2	David J. Marshall .. 6
John C. Baldwin .. .. 3	Edward G. Mould .. .. 7
Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 4	Ian C. Maycock .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.  
 Rung with best wishes to Derek and Sue Sawyer after their recent  
 wedding, and also as a welcome to Neil Anthony Maycock.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb. in G.

Raymond J. Ballard .. Treble	David Midgley .. .. 5
Harold Dowler .. .. 2	Philip Gay .. .. 6
Norman Sherratt .. .. 3	Gerald Parsons .. .. 7
T. Felicity Webber .. .. 4	Paul J. Atkins .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley

First peal as conductor.

Conducted by Harold Dowler.

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

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*†John E. Brough .. .. Treble	Brian Schofield .. .. 4
*†Frank R. Morton .. .. 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Ernest Pimlott .. .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

\* First peal in six methods † Has now "circled the tower"  
 four times. ‡ 25th peal on the bells.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Vivienne M. Rigby .. Treble	David W. Friend .. .. 5
B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	Robert C. Kippin .. .. 6
Diana M. Chapman .. .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 4	Peter Bridle .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

HORSLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Claud Beswick .. .. Treble	John Greasley .. .. 4
*Sandra Jacklin .. .. 2	Alec Humphrey .. .. 5
Bernard Greasley .. .. 3	David Marshall .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Marshall.

\* First peal.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRAMPTON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
R. Frank Baker .. .. Treble	*Peter R. Godfrey .. .. 4
Peter S. Abbott .. .. 2	Edmund J. Whiting .. 5
James Jefferies .. .. 3	†John F. W. Allen .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.

\* First peal † First of Minor Rung by the service band, being  
 the first peal after augmentation.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of David Hollin and Carol  
 Ann Reynolds.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, Gloucestershire — At the Church of the

Decollation of St. John the Baptist

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Peter Pearce .. .. 5
*William A. Godwin .. 2	Frank Reed .. .. 6
Frederick W. Soden .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 7
†William F. Scudamore .. 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley

\* First peal of Surprise Major

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins

† First of Surprise "inside."

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTED, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Gerald Penney .. .. Treble	Eric Edmondson .. .. 5
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 2	Keith J. Walpole .. .. 6
E. Winifred Keys .. .. 3	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7
John L. Hayns .. .. 4	C. Martin Press .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the  
 third and tenor.

A birthday compliment to Martyn L. J. Jordan.



## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5080 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 100 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Campsall, Claybrooke, Deben, Dublin, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Minsmere, Northolt, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe Superlative, Vauxhall, Wembley and Wordsworth, 64 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Cherwell, Cray, Eastcote, Ickleton, London New Gloucester, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Shoreditch, Thorne, Tring, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Acton, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Cambridge, Chester, Colerne, Conisborough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Dursley, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lincoln, Llanfair P.G., Malmesbury, Northwood, Olney, Ospringe, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Shenley, Southwell, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Hereford Little, with 158 changes of method.

Diane M. Chapman .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Anthony R. Peake .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Brian Bladen .. 4	Peter Bridle .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal

Rung as a welcome to Penelope Jane daughter of James and Jennifer Taylor, born October 4th, 1966.

Drayton.—56—14—56—36—34—58—12—7	f.
Banwell.—56—14—56—36—14—58—14—14.7	f.
Stow.—38—14—58—36—14—58—12—36.14.3	f.
Tetbury.—58—14—12—38—12—38—16.34.5	b.
Twerton.—58—14—12—38—12—38—12.36.14.5	b.
Colerne.—56—14—56—36—14—1258—34—1	e.
Dawlish.—56—14—56—36—34—58—14—14.7	f.
Bitton.—56—14—56—36—14—58—14—12.7	f.
Ilfracombe.—38—16—56—36—34—58—14.36—3	f.
Thornbury.—56—14—58—38—34—58—12.36—5	f.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sun. Oct. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Judith M. Corby .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Andrew J. Corby .. 2	Tony Lewis .. 6
Margaret E. Fort .. 3	Ian H. Oram .. 7
†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4	*D. Paul Smith .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.  
\* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each Cambridge and London, 800 each Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 736 Bristol, with 133 changes of method.

Tony Lewis .. Treble	Ian H. Oram .. 5
Ann Jenner .. 2	Ralph Bird .. 6
Doris E. Colgate .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. 7
Peter M. Fleckney .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt, in F sharp

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

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

\* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to John Faircloth and Mary Taylor, who were married at St. Peters-in-Thane on June 11th, 1966.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 changes each of London and Rutland and 320 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Margaret E. Fort .. Treble	Basil Jones .. 5
Margaret Booth .. 2	Edward Jenkins .. 6
Peter J. Wycherley .. 3	Neil Bennett .. 7
Derek Butterworth .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARKET BOSWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alfred Ballard .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley .. 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	*Russell S. Morris .. 6
*J. Edward Cawser .. 3	Brian S. Chapman .. 7
Alan Evans .. 4	E. Alan Jacques .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

\* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th.

Rung in honour of the birth this day of a daughter, Alison Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jacques.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MABLETHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Philip C. Pitchford .. Treble	Ronald Applewhite .. 4
John F. Pearson .. 2	Walter Tomlinson .. 5
Amos Ingall (77) .. 3	Louis Willders .. Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. John Westgate, organist at the above church and Miss Eileen Garrick, who were married the previous day. Also to Audrey, daughter of the ringer of the fourth, and Mr. Arthur Saul.

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

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

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Michael J. Uphill .. Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill .. 6
C. Martin Press .. 2	William S. Deason .. 7
Cyril F. Low .. 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 8
Robin G. Leale .. 4	Anthony R. Kench .. 9
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5	Alan R. Patterson .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association. First on ten as conductor.

OLVESTON, Gloucester.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Marie D. Simnett .. Treble	Michael J. Bew .. 5
Pamela E. Brown .. 2	John F. M. Maybrey .. 6
Catherine M. Powell .. 3	Paul A. Brand .. 7
Edgar T. Skipsey .. 4	Michael J. Uphill .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

Rung immediately following the opening by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the Severn Suspension Bridge.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton .. Treble	H. George Hart .. 5
Elsie K. Hart .. 2	Gerald Penney .. 6
Alick Cutler .. 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	John Hill .. Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung in honour of the ordination as deacon of John Pratt, now working in this parish.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton .. 6
*Roland Beniston .. 2	Samuel J. Haines .. 7
John K. Smith .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. 8
†Martin Green .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. 9
Arthur E. Rowley .. 5	†Gordon H. Lane .. Tenor

Composed by Walter Ayre. Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.

\* First of Royal in the method. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal as conductor on ten and 100th peal for this Guild.



## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,664 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London, with 115 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens .. .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott .. .. 5
Albert Diserens .. .. 2	John N. Diserens .. .. 6
Mrs. P. Lewington .. .. 3	David P. Hilling .. .. 7
Maurice G. Ingram .. .. 4	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ensor Chevalier and to the Rev. Sydney Matthews, priests-in-charge of St. Mark's and All Saints' respectively, daughter churches of St. Mary's, Reading.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford, Kent and St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt.

D. Kay Adkins .. .. Treble	Frederick W. Soden .. .. 4
Frank Reed .. .. 2	Peter Pearce .. .. 5
Terence J. Hester .. .. 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

MAIDS MORETON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Richard W. Yates .. .. Treble	William A. Yates .. .. 4
Raymond A. Vickers .. .. 2	George W. Holland .. .. 5
James Linnell .. .. 3	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

\* First peal, first attempt (age nine years).

A compliment to the local captain, Mr. H. Stopp, and Mrs. Stopp on their golden wedding anniversary.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

Nigel I. Bridges .. .. Treble	Alan R. Pink .. .. 4
Terence J. Hester .. .. 2	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 5
Peter Pearce .. .. 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. V. T. Ducker and as a thank-offering for his five years' ministry in this parish.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	Ronald Russell .. .. 4
*Roger N. Scholes .. .. 2	†Christopher J. Groome .. .. 5
J. Charles Hudson .. .. 3	Alan G. Payne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung to commemorate the victory of William, Duke of Normandy, at Senlac Hill on October 14th, 1066.

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

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

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay .. .. Treble	John Insley .. .. 6
Peter Border .. .. 2	Norman J. Goodman .. .. 7
Anne E. Fellows .. .. 3	John C. Eisel .. .. 8
George E. Fearn .. .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. 9
James Insley .. .. 5	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.  
Conducted by Richard E. Price.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Anne M. Smith .. .. Treble	Philip Stevens .. .. 5
G. Stedman Morris .. .. 2	Barry J. Davis .. .. 6
Henry G. Keeley .. .. 3	*Frank C. Knight .. .. 7
E. Winifred Keys .. .. 4	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

\* First peal of the method "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Frank Beech .. .. Treble	*Ian Friend .. .. 5
†Edward R. Fairbrother .. .. 2	Richard Farnsworth .. .. 6
†Jennifer M. Beech .. .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. .. 7
†George E. Morrall .. .. 4	Richard J. Warrilow .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

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

APPLEBY MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Gordon F. Griffiths .. .. Treble	Cyril Griffiths .. .. 4
Gillian M. Griffiths .. .. 2	Charles F. W. Eyre .. .. 5
John A. Roden .. .. 3	Barnabas G. Key .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

A compliment to Anne Biddulph and Maurice White, who were married at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, on October 1st.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb.

Angela Bagnall .. .. Treble	*Nicholas White .. .. 4
Michael Mulvey .. .. 2	David Large .. .. 5
Richard B. Dorrington .. .. 3	Christopher Bainham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Bainham.

\* First peal "inside." First peal as conductor.

Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal on these bells.  
(Average age 19 years.)

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Peter A. Sharp .. .. Treble	Denis A. Frith .. .. 6
William L. Exton .. .. 2	George A. Dawson .. .. 7
Richard Inglis .. .. 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. .. 8
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 4	John R. Pratchett .. .. 9
David W. Friend .. .. 5	Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Richard Inglis.

A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Pratchett.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 2,160 Oxford, 2,160 and 720 Kent.

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

Grace Burchnall .. .. Treble	F. William Midwinter .. .. 4
Katherine Burchnall .. .. 2	Frederick G. Hooper .. .. 5
*Margaret E. Chilton .. .. 3	Colin W. Reed .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

\* 125th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Newbold on their golden wedding anniversary.

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## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.  
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

H. William Barrett .. .. Treble	Thomas Brock .. .. 6
Edwin R. Goate .. .. 2	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. 7
Frederick C. Gunton .. .. 3	*Richard Hunt .. .. 8
Norman P. J. Cossey .. .. 4	Ralph W. Bickers .. .. 9
Ian J. Margetts .. .. 5	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

\* First peal on ten bells.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Oct. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Diane Toone .. .. Treble	Michael J. Howes .. .. 4
Thomas J. Brock .. .. 2	*Stephen F. High .. .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. .. 3	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

\* First peal in eight methods.

## THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Richard C. Stevens .. Treble	†Alan E. Bagworth .. .. 5
Alison M. Mann .. .. 2	Ian H. Oram .. .. 6
*Margaret E. Fort .. .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Tony Lewis .. .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

\* 150th peal. † 200th peal.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Arthur J. Hart .. .. Treble	†Ian M. Robinson .. .. 5
*Gillian R. Parsons .. .. 2	Derek Slater .. .. 6
David D. Smith .. .. 3	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
Herbert W. Woolven .. .. 4	John A. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

\* 100th peal. † First of Surprise away from treble.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Captain (Church Army) J. R. and Mrs. Martin, of Maresfield.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 10-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*David J. Winchester .. Treble	‡Frederick J. Lambert .. 5
Ian V. J. Smith .. .. 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. .. 6
†Valerie Mephram .. .. 3	‡Alan R. Baldock .. .. 7
Christine M. Baldock .. .. 4	*Ivor S. Holland .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Triples and of Grandsire. ‡ 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor

Rung to celebrate the novocentenary of the Battle of Senlac Hill (Hastings), October 14th, 1066, upon the site on which the church stands.

CHIDDINGLY, Sussex.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*John R. Norris .. .. Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
*Christine M. Baldock .. 2	*Roger E. Peckham .. .. 5
Janet M. Percy .. .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as compliments to June Ward and Godfrey FitzHugh, who were married the previous Saturday; to the ringer of the second on her 21st birthday; and to the ringers of the second and tenor on their first wedding anniversary.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.
*D. R. Lynn Jones .. .. 2	Edmund J. Morris .. .. 4
*M. Louise Taylor .. .. 3	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. 5
	Benjamin Williams .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. A. Whitworth, of Sketty.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Jennifer M. H. Smith .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.
Alan R. Bridges .. .. 2	Ernest Treagus .. .. 4
*Alan A. J. Buswell .. .. 3	Andrew Howard .. .. 5
	K. Paul Gilliver .. .. Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

\* First peal of Surprise "inside."

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Ann Lawson .. .. Treble	*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 7
*Enid Lawson .. .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. .. 8
Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 3	Kenneth Lawson .. .. 9
Margaret E. Chilton .. 4	Peter A. Sharp .. .. 10
Alan Bridges .. .. 5	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 11
Frank G. Bloomfield .. 6	James W. Raithby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung on the 600th anniversary of the death of Sir William de la

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

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) Somerville, (3) Elford, (4) St. Albans, (5) Eynsham, (6) St. Simon, (7) Nuffield, (8) Shareshill, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Lapeley, (11) St. Giles, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Paul, (15) St. Leonard, (16) St. Martin, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) Winchendon, (20) St. John, (21) St. Miles, (22) Salwarpe, (23) Marston, (24) Honeysuckle, (25) Cadbury, (26) Little Aston, (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) Southrepps, (30) Wychbold, (31) Windrush, (32) Tichborne, (33) Primrose, (34) Folke, (35) Wollaston, (36) Seighford, (37) Kennington, (38) April Day, (39) Plain Bob, (40) Dedworth, (41) Grandsire, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.
John Potts .. .. 2	Robin Brown .. .. 4
C. Barrie Dove .. .. 3	*Ronald R. Warford .. 5
	Allan Sheppard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* 50th peal for the Association. Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

(Beverley and District Society)

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Eve Rimer .. .. Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.
Peter Church .. .. 2	*Roderick R. Horton .. 4
*R. Vernon Beaumont .. 3	Michael Maughan .. .. 5
	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

\* First peal at first attempt.

Pole, founder of Kingston-upon-Hull.

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

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 2,160 each of Oxford and Kent and 720 of Oxford

*†Christopher J. Groome Treble	Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.
Mary I. Hildred .. .. 2	Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. 4
*Susan Mitchell .. .. 3	*David Pearson .. .. 5
	A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals. First peal of Treble Bob by the local band and first of Treble Bob on the bells

Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner as a tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past members of the Association.



## NON-ASSOCIATION.

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Sept. 20 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Stephen J. Franklin .. .. Treble	Paul A. Brand .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	Robert A. Partridge .. .. 6
Harold Dowler .. .. 3	Anthony P. Foster .. .. 7
Richard Wharton .. .. 4	Roger M. Heyworth .. Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.  
Rung by Wallingford Youths on tour.

## HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In seven methods, consisting of 2,944 Plain Bob, 848 Double Bob, 336 Reverse Bob, 300 Gainsborough Little Bob, 240 Wellington Little Court, 192 Little Bob and 168 Crayford Little Court, with 254 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. .. 1-2	*Hugh N. Evans .. .. 5-6
Valerie Willard .. .. 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

\* 50th peal. The greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

SUNDRY PEALS RECEIVED TOO LATE  
FOR CLASSIFICATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

Mandy McCallion .. .. Treble	John T. Parsons .. .. 5
Susanna Poppleston .. .. 2	*Michael A. Gilbey .. .. 6
Gillian M. Brearley .. .. 3	Michael G. R. Zobel .. .. 7
*Juliet S. Stoy .. .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Society and first of Surprise Major by a resident band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey, whose marriage took place during the ringing.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 91 methods as follows: (1) Nidlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donotter, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater, and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (2) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere, Crowland and Gosfield Delight. (20 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.) (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's. (6) Plain Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise. A plain lead of each method included. Tenor 7 cwt.

Ian R. Pantou .. .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson .. .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 5
Claire Hudson .. .. 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Most methods yet rung to a peal for the Society. Extent No. 2 is rung for the first time.

Gosfield Delight: 36—34.16—12—36—34—3. 2nds.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., Oct. 10 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1-2	*Christopher W. Woolley 7-8
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3-4	*Roger Baldwin .. .. 9-10
Gerald Penney .. .. 5-6	*Robert E. Hardy .. .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Gerald Penney.

\* First handbell peal of Maximus. † First handbell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Nicholas Baldwin.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. 1-2	Edward J. Beer .. .. 7-8
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4	Frank J. Mathews .. .. 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6	Stuart Sandford .. .. 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At 46, Manor Gardens.

On Tues., Oct. 11 1966, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents

Mrs. Heather A. Mann .. 1-2	Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 3-4
Edgar C. Shepherd .. .. 5-6	

This is the first handbell peal to be rung in Warminster.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 43 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Richard, (3) St. Remigius, (4) Horsley, (5) Church Gresley, (6) St. Werburgh, (7) St. Ambrose, (8) St. Ninian, (9) St. Osmond, (10) Somerville, (11) Elford, (12) St. Albans, (13) Eynsham, (14) St. Simon, (15) Nuffield, (16) Sharnhill, (17) St. Nicholas, (18) Lapley, (19) St. Giles, (20) Magdalen, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Paul, (23) St. Leonard, (24) St. Martin, (25) Wadhams, (26) Ryton, (27) Winchendon, (28) St. John, (29) St. Miles, (30) Campion, (31) Little Aston, (32) Reverse Canterbury, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Southrepps, (35) Wychbold, (36) Hudibras, (37) Seighford, (38) Kennington, (39) April Day, (40) Plain Bob, (41) Dedworth, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Diane Presdee .. .. Treble	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4
Anthony K. Fortin .. .. 2	P. John Hall .. .. 5
C. Barrie Dove .. .. 3	*Nigel J. Cox .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal of Doubles. First of 43 Doubles for the Guild. Most methods on the bells and for all the band except the ringer of the second.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Carol Lawes and for her engagement to Mr. Maurice Appleby.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat

*S. Geoffrey Pick .. .. Treble	R. Brian Mills .. .. 6
Denis A. Frith .. .. 2	Peter R. Humphrey .. .. 7
Harry Poyner .. .. 3	George A. Dawson .. .. 8
Linda M. Wilkinson .. 4	William L. Exton .. .. 9
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5	Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by William L. Exton.

\* First peal on ten bells.  
Rung as a welcome to Helen Catherine Poyner, and conducted by her godfather.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Albert Foster .. .. Treble	Thomas G. Goodwin .. 4
William L. Exton .. .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 3	Thomas O. Greasley .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung as a compliment to H. Neville Foster, son of the treble ringer, and June A. Kirton, on the eve of their wedding at this church.



# QUARTER PEALS

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4. R. Ravfield 5. C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Matins, and for the ordination as priest of Christopher Hopkins on September 25th. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,320 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.).

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: P. Stone 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturges 3, F. E. Fage 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 7. S. A. Scott 8.

**ASFORDBY, LEICS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Brigs 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. H. Cook 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. For the dedication festival, and as a tribute to J. Harry Cook, for his 40 years' ringing at Asfordby.

**AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilcox 1, J. R. Scott 2, L. A. Perry 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, G. A. Edwards 5, K. W. Eaton 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**BATTERSEA, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jean Henderson 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Cooles 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. L. Jones 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

**BELTON (Isle-of-Asholme), Lincs.**—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): J. Hall 1, J. Thorley 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, M. Rose 4, E. Dalingswater 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BIGGIN HILL, KENT.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: D. Stocker 1, Janet Pyke 2, Mrs. B. van-Aaselt 3, H. L. Williamson (first in method) 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Stocker 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. L. Bishop 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, P. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Rosemary J. Worthing and Mr. Gordon R. Vaughan. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Webb 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. E. Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: W. Hibbert (cond.) 1, Julie Spurgeon 2, Jean Henderson 3, K. Baker 4, L. Way 5, F. Mead 6, A. Patterson 7, L. Laver 8. Rung on the Chelsea outing.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): Miss C. M. Box 1, N. M. Parker 2, D. K. Teasdale (first quarter) 3, G. B. Davis (first "inside") 4, G. G. Parsons 5, C. R. Parker (first as cond.) 6, F. W. Box 7, B. R. Carter 8.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: G. B. Davis 1, B. R. Carter 2, G. A. Carter 3, M. G. Wilmore 4, Mrs. H. A. Mann 5, A. R. Mann 6, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 7, F. W. Box 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, who are emigrating to Australia. Also for the 900th anniversary of Battle

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Plain): R. W. Lockwood 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BRDFIELD, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Harris 1, Sylvia R. E. Pipe (cond.) 2, Brenda E. Downing 3, M. F. Daniels 4, R. F. Downing 5, E. G. Pearce 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Miss P. Treby 1, Miss R. Chapman 2, G. N. Verver (first "inside") 3, P. Treby 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, M. Powell 6, D. Rennolds 7. A birthday compliment to Michael Powell.

**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: B. Haywood 1, Miss G. Spurgin 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, D. Reeve (first in method) 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, D. Brooka 6, L. Mills 7, D. Mills (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Miss G. Spurgin.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Dixon 1, T. J. Heister 2, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, P. Pearce 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms 8. For Harvest Festival.

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**BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. J. Murphy (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, Miss M. Carruthers 3, P. Saddleton 4, J. Southy 5, L. J. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy 8. Also 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, C. Cook 2, Mrs. M. Glover 3, P. Saddleton 4, Miss M. Carruthers 5, C. W. Simpson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

**CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, R. N. Scholes 2, C. J. Groome 3, J. C. Hudson 4, C. A. Banton 5.

**CHARDSTOCK, DEVON.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Lewis 1, J. Coombes 2, J. S. Walton 3, P. J. Hall 4, R. J. Snack 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. M. J. Mead and Miss M. F. A. Key. Also to celebrate the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. F. Hopkins.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandfire Doubles: Felicity Mussell (first quarter) 1, Anne Galloway 2, D. L. Parker 3, D. C. Manger 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, Charles Rowe 6. For Harvest Festival.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (6, 8 covering): D. Grant (first of Doubles) 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Harris (cond.) 4, R. Jarvis 5, H. Francis 6, J. Benfield 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Mumford 1, R. Collins 2, Patricia Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, Judith Collins 5, G. Coldman 6, P. J. Privett 7, D. G. Blows (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.**—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carolyn Osborne 1, A. E. Hicks 2, N. I. Bridges 3, E. D. Patching 4, J. F. List 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. For the christening of Sara Elizabeth Bridges, daughter of ringer of 3.

**CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mew 1, M. Lewis 2, C. Mew (cond.) 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Clayton 5, C. Stevenson 6. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Clayton 1, J. Pratt 2, R. Cotton 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Millidge 5, J. Hills 6, D. Brookes 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 2, 3 and 6.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Jackson 1, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 2, H. Johnson 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, R. J. Sanderson 6, E. Dalingswater 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to John Laughton and Barbara Jones, married this day.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, R. Newsom 2, F. Sutton 3, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 4, W. Cousins 5, Rev. M. Melville 6, H. Fuller 7, O. Claxton 8. For Battle of Britain commemoration.

**EAST ARDLEY, YORKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bushell 1, A. Holliday 2, C. S. Naylor 3, C. Dalley 4, A. Clifton (first as cond.) 5, J. Marsh 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For Evensong.

**EUSTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): 1. Middleditch 1, Mrs. W. M. Ivings 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Wright 4, H. Ivings 5. For the christening of Jonathan Levett and Gary Cook.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—On Aug. 3rd, at the Church of St. David, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Jones 1, Mrs. P. Pavey 2, P. Pavey 3, G. Skinner 4, A. White (cond.) 5. Rung prior to the wedding of Miss V. Pavey to Mr. A. Eve.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Minor (Kent T.B. Plain Bob): R. Perry (first of Minor) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, K. Baker 3, A. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**GORING, OXON.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, N. Tull 3, L. Haines 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hscock 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**HAILESTAD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Burdon (first quarter) 1, A. R. Lawrence 2, R. Martin 3, T. Bird 4, H. W. Moore 5, R. Threadgold 6, F. Roper 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8.

**HENDON, MIDD.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Wendy Ferguson (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Pauline Gearing (first "inside") 3, I. Campbell 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, W. G. Knight 6. For Parish Communion.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Trinder 1, Josephine Harris 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, R. H. Vigor 4, A. C. Harris 5, C. M. Orme 6, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 7, W. F. Todd 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Percy Wells, organist of the church for 12 years, whose funeral took place this day.

**HURST, BERKS.**—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. A. Eale 3, J. Froome 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eale 6, R. K. Rivers 7, F. Hicks 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Millard, late organist. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eale 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 4, R. K. Rivers 5, B. C. Castle 6, C. A. Eale 7, F. Hicks 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Alison M. Mann (100th quarter) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, Pamela E. Brown 5, J. F. Maybrey 6, J. R. Pratt 7, N. R. Waite (cond.) 8, R. K. Russ 9, P. A. Brand 10. First of Royal 2, 3, 4 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

**KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. G. Hall 1, A. E. Hinman 2, B. Rhodes 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, C. E. Cooper 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving and Flower Festival.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Linda M. Baguley 1, Elizabeth A. Hill 2, Maureen Green 3, Thelma E. Staples 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Read 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, A. J. Newman 3, T. N. Stevens 4, J. Spence 5, E. J. Taylor 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, A. H. Harrison 8. For the dedication festival, and as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. C. Ford.

**LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, H. Meadows 2, E. R. Goate (cond.) 3, F. W. Gunton 4, A. E. Crowe 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, J. B. Pickup 8. For Harvest Festival.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6.

**MERSTHAM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Chivers 1, A. Frith (first quarter) 2, A. Millson 3, Miss B. Searle 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Dallison 6, K. Dallison 7, Miss L. Chappel (first quarter) 8. For Harvest: Festival on Alan Frith's birthday.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Rosemary Short 2, C. Korrigh 3, J. Mitchell 4, L. Derrick 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" 2 and 4.

**NORBURY (Hazel Grove), CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Miss C. Inman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Warrilow 2, Miss C. Fernley 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. J. Treblecock (cond.) 6, J. S. Desr (cover) 7. A compliment to Eileen and Richard Castledine, married at this church the previous day.

**NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: R. C. Bunning 1, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, E. Howes 4, R. Newsom 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding 7, S. Marshall 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**ORMESBY, YORKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Roach 1, Ann Lawson 2, Enid Lawson 3, P. Wishart 4, A. Boyd 5, J. Roach 6, Y. Cox 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Crane 1, S. K. Thompson 2, A. P. Foster 3, A. F. Leleux 4, P. Mackie 5, R. E. Burbury (cond.) 6. Rung by O.U.S.C.R.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. Branstion 3, P. Skimey 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**PORTSEA, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, J. Ball 4, A. Burbridge 5, L. Duguid 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8.



## HALF PEAL

**ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Kay Tremear 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, Lesley Read 3, Mary White 4, M. Harbord 5, C. Chennell-White 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. Longest length 2 and 6.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss H. Jones (first on working bell) 1. Miss S. Bailey (first "inside") 2. F. Read (cond.) 3. T. Gilligan 4. G. Newman 5. J. Cuss 6. For Harvest Festival.

**BAKEWELL, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Buer 1, K. Robinson 2, E. Hutchinson 3. C. Smith 4. L. Bateman 5. C. Coniam 6. C. Bateman (cond.) 7. G. Chatfield 8. To commemorate 60 years of ringing by C. Coniam.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Wilson (first quarter) 1. A. Taylor 2. J. J. Hill 3. H. E. Balaam (cond.) 4. Mrs. M. G. Taylor 5. J. Weaver 6. D. R. Reed 7. J. Chesterman 8. First in method 3 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

**BRAY, BERKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janice M. Penning (first of Triples) 1. Frances Oglesby 2. Wenda R. Harris 3. R. A. Blewitt 4. D. Fowles 5. Doreen Hague (cond.) 6. H. Oglesby 7. J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Patronal Festival, and for the christening of Louise Jane Cartman. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell (first of Triples) 1. A. J. Bird 2. Juliet Hall (first "inside") 3. Wenda R. Harris 4. D. Fowles 5. Doreen Hague (cond.) 6. F. T. Blagrove 7. J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Gagen 1. W. Houghton 2. W. Cousins (cond.) 3. R. Newson 4. L. W. Houghton 5. C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

**COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Stott (12, first quarter) 1. H. Hooper 2. C. Avery 3. J. Walton (cond.) 4. W. Wiseman (81) 5. A. Hooper 6.

**COVENTRY.**—At Stoke St. Michael's, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1. Pamela Wright 2. R. D. Hayne 3. H. Folwell 4. R. Hart 5. A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the ordination as priest of Geoffrey A. Neale, assistant curate. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1. A. Griffiths (first in the method) 2. R. D. Hayne 3. R. Hart 4. K. Putnam 5. A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Bennett 1. Miss M. Russell 2. J. C. Michelmores 3. G. E. Mudge 4. H. F. Myers 5. D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**HUNTINGTON, YORKS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne I. Clowe 1. Mary I. Hildred (25th quarter) 2. Jennifer E. Pearce 3. Susan Mitchell 4. T. W. Brighton 5. A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and to mark the third anniversary of the rehallowing of the bells.

**KEA, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1. C. W. Jose 2. Frances M. Hartman 3. A. Carveth (cond.) 4. A. Locke 5. A. J. Davidson 6. G. F. Dunstan 7. A. Beattie 8. For Harvest Festival.

**LANE END, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Smith 1. D. Sears (first of Grandsire "inside") 2. K. Seymour (cond.) 3. W. Avery 4. C. Haxey 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**LONDON.**—At Westminster Abbey, on Oct. 12th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: P. A. Lawrence 1. F. W. Goodfellow 2. A. Cutler 3. J. Hill 4. W. S. Deason 5. T. J. Lock 6. F. T. Blagrove 7. J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung at the invitation of the Dean and Chapter on the eve of the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, King and Confessor, and as part of the celebration commemorating the 900th anniversary year.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Goakes (first quarter) 1. D. Feek 2. P. H. Langton 3. W. Moore 4. T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5. R. Lee 6. An engagement compliment to Mr. R. Lee and Miss H. I. Crankshaw.

**MAREFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie J. Howard 1. D. Saier 2. J. A. Howard 3. A. J. Hart 4. H. W. Woolven 5. D. Snowell 6. W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7. D. J. Hoad (first quarter) 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 2 and 6. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Capt. (C.A.) John R. and Mrs. Martin.

**MARKFIELD, LEICS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Wardle 1. H. Billson 2. K. Burdett 3. R. Hughes 4. G. Pickwell (cond.) 5. I. Angell (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. M. Smith, organist.

## QUARTER PEALS

**NETHERBURY, DORSET.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1. G. Hawkins 2. B. Tither 3. John Davis 4. Jesse Davis (cond.) 5. W. Lewis 6. For Harvest Festival.

**PEMBROKE.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Lingular (11, first of Minor) 1. D. Cooper (first "inside") 2. P. R. Huntbach 3. Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4. Miss N. M. Rosen 5. P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6. I. Russant tenor. For Harvest Festival.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1. G. F. Cowlin 2. J. H. Bluff 3. W. R. Banker 4. J. E. David (first of Major) 5. F. T. Boyall 6. L. Hadman 7. R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a 70th birthday compliment to Herbert Goakes, who has been ringing for 60 years.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: L. Beal 1. D. Sloman (first in method) 2. B. Sadler 3. J. Bekham 4. G. Bacon 5. P. Sloman 6. P. Sadler (cond.) 7. D. Furminger 8. For Harvest, and as a compliment to F. D. L. Penny, 45 years organist and choirmaster, on his 70th birthday, and with best wishes to Christine Lewis, who commenced her studies at college on October 4th.

**RAMSBURY, WILTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1. Miss H. Jones (first "inside") 2. A. Palmer 3. F. Read (cond.) 4. G. Newman 5. L. Foote 6. For Harvest Festival.

**RIDLINGTON, RUTLAND.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): G. Norris 1. E. Ann Sadler 2. L. Atton 3. J. C. Hudson (cond.) 4. For Harvest Festival.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Ruth Gordon (first of Caters) 1. T. Douglas 2. T. Hollis 3. Mrs. N. Chaddock 4. S. Armeson 5. J. N. D. Chaddock 6. G. S. Lee 7. N. Donovan 8. N. Chaddock (cond.) 9. D. Nichols 10. For Harvest Festival.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1. R. Rose 2. Miss M. Lewis 3. L. Nice 4. E. Nice 5. M. Rose (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1. J. Eberall 2. R. Whitworth 3. N. Handley 4. R. Stretton 5. D. Oliver (cond.) 6. S. Adams 7. L. Butler 8. For Harvest Festival.

**RUSHMORE, SUFFOLK.**—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob): K. Nunn 1. F. E. Wiseman 2. R. W. Steward 3. R. Crooks 4. J. Girt 5. J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Marshall 1. Nita West 2. Mrs. I. Simpson 3. D. Marshall (cond.) 4. W. Simpson 5. J. Harvey 6. A. Humphrey 7. R. Newsam 8. For Harvest Festival.

**SHALFORD, SURREY.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Kippin 1. Rhoda Housden 2. Hilary Kippin 3. Rosemary Weal 4. F. W. Housder 5. R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6. C. H. Kippin 7. J. M. Kippin 8. In memoriam Alan Weal, father of the ringer of the 4th, died July 5th, rung by members of the family.

**SHEPHERD, LEICS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hall 1. Barbara Dobson (first quarter) 2. F. Chambers 3. E. Walley 4. C. W. Hall 5. M. Roberts (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 6. J. E. Manners 7. T. Hodgkinson 8. For Harvest service.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Burdett 1. J. W. Griffiths 2. S. Jones 3. G. Case 4. M. Hodgkinson 5. For Harvest Festival.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Eddy 1. T. P. Harris 2. T. R. Lett 3. T. R. Harris (cond.) 4. H. Mann 5. Anne Tucker 6. This is the 100th quarter on the bells.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Kenward 1. Wendy Austin 2. Doris Dobbie 3. S. B. Dobbie 4. G. A. Naylor 5. B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6. J. Clark 7. For Patronal Festival.

**SOBERTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Sonne 1. Renee Sturgess 2. Rosemary Kemp 3. R. K. Hawkins 4. J. A. G. Ball 5. F. E. Fagg 6. S. A. Scott 7. A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 8.

**SOMERTON, OXON.**—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. East 1. A. Wyatt 2. J. Barber (cond.) 3. H. Lawn 4. S. McGinley 5. D. Richards 6. To congratulate the ringer of the 6th and Mrs. Richards on the birth of a daughter, Nickolia.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 2nd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: B. V. Butler 1. Diane I. Hickman 2. Joy F. Butler 3. Patricia E. Pitfield 4. J. S. Croft 5. C. J. Butler 6. K. S. Croft 7. T. H. Francia 8. M. J. Butler (cond.) 9. J. Pitfield 10. A farewell to Patricia Pitfield, on her emigration to Sydney, Australia.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Groves 1. J. A. Quiller 2. R. A. Frith 3. K. W. Brown 4. P. Gibson 5. P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For Thanksgiving.

**STANWELL, MIDDXX.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Smith 1. Janet Perryman 2. Diane Mullins 3. M. G. Lane 4. D. G. Pickett (cond.) 5. A. Stokes 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

**STEEP, HANTS.**—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Milward 1. K. Sansom 2. Mrs. A. Hall 3. R. B. Walton 4. N. F. Edwards (cond.) 5. John S. White (12 years) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**STITHIANS, CORNWALL.**—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan 1. Barbara J. Duck 2. D. Stephens 3. Valerie C. Allen 4. A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5. G. F. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Davidge 1. Mrs. E. Jaques 2. R. Hulme 3. M. Scowen 4. W. Merritt 5. W. Daniell 6. E. Sutton (cond.) 7. A. G. Wells 8. First of Triples in the method 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival and as a compliment to the Rev. B. Banks, ordained priest in Bristol Cathedral this day. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Hulme 1. Miss J. Davidge 2. M. Scowen 3. W. B. Kynaston 4. W. Merritt 5. B. Bladen 6. M. Stacey 7. E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5. A farewell to the Rev. M. O. West, who is leaving for Tripoli.

**THORLEY, HERTS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutley 1. P. Warboys (cond.) 2. K. Westwood 3. F. Bird 4. H. Watts 5. T. Camp 6. For Harvest Festival.

**THORNEBURY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Starling 1. Miss P. Sturdy 2. Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3. G. T. Collins 4. S. Poole 5. D. Voss 6. D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7. W. C. Exell 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 8. For Harvest Festival, and to mark 50 years of ringing service at Thornebury by Mr. S. Poole, the local captain.

**TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Smith 1. G. Davis 2. Mrs. P. A. Smith 3. B. Branton 4. F. Simesy 5. A. Waller 6. R. A. Webster 7. R. W. Spencer (first in method as cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Lynas (first quarter) 1. H. Carey 2. Mrs. P. M. Barton (first "inside") 3. N. F. Bearn 4. T. Barton (cond.) 5. E. J. Kennett 6. For dedication festival, and with the band's best wishes to N. F. Bearn, who is leaving for the U.S.A.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 9th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Andrews (first quarter) 1. J. S. Eastwood 2. S. Matthews (first quarter Doubles) 3. A. Botterell 4. G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5. A. T. Dutton 6. For Harvest Festival.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.**—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Thornton 1. D. Crossland 2. Juliet Stamper 3. B. Mozley 4. W. Ratcliffe 5. P. Else (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Binsted 1. Christine Baldock (50th quarter) 2. Susan Harrison (first quarter) 3. L. Tapp 4. A. Baldock (25th of Plain Bob as cond.) 5. J. W. Evans 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fourth, on his completion of 50 years' loyal service as a server in this church.

**WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Janet M. Hudson 1. G. E. Fein 2. M. Lings 3. C. Baker 4. B. J. Bull 5. M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John P. Underwood and K. Mary Butler, both local ringers.

**WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Christine Hale 1. N. D. Lomas 2. J. D. Smith 3. S. Sage (first in the method) 4. A. Sharples 5. D. Mothershead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sage.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Park 1. Kevin Park (first quarter) 2. Beryl Park 3. H. Fitter 4. R. Weekes 5. M. Edwards 6. J. Belshaw (cond.) 7. D. Main 8. For Harvest, and as a farewell to James Belshaw, going to college at Salford.



## A YORKSHIRE EXPERIMENT

At the September meeting of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association it was decided that in order to help the more struggling ringers of the county a special evening practice would be held specifically for those who had little opportunity for advancement in their own locality. The Yorkshire Association having an entrance qualification of having rung 720 changes or having "covered" a quarter peal, most of those attending Yorkshire Association meetings have already reached a certain degree of proficiency. A plea was made for this evening practice to be held in the Skipton area and a date and tower were duly arranged.

Thus on October 1st many people converged on Kildwick, the Western District Ringing Master, Maurice Thurmott, having written to all the towers in the vicinity and explained the purpose of the practice and inviting those interested to attend. The numbers surprised and encouraged the organisers and the enormous task of ascertaining the ringing abilities of those present began. Throughout the evening about 25 to 30 learners attended the practice. It had been arranged tentatively that Bob Major and Stedman Triples would be the practice methods, but as most of those attending had previously rung Doubles or Minor it quickly became evident that plain hunting on eight bells would be the most advantageous in order to acquire an eight-bell rhythm; although a few courses of Bob Major were rung and the odd course of Stedman Triples.

Not only had many of those attending never had the advantage of such tuition, but they had apparently never before heard such lung-power as that of Vernon Bottomley, Fred Munday and Maurice Thurmott. Consequently many comments were made, some in awe but

none very flattering! These comments were, however, richly enjoyed by those present who regularly suffer from these tongues and lungs, and the resulting atmosphere was one of general goodwill.

The time had sped quickly to 9 p.m., and a good "lower" on the back six bells was applauded by the listeners. Such was the success of this venture that it was immediately decided to hold a second practice at Ilkley, if possible, on November 5th. The date being duly noted, fireworks were to be provided by the aforementioned gentlemen!

It would be useless to hope that all of those attending the first practice would attend the subsequent practices, but if sufficient representatives of, say, four towers were to attend and become the backbone of new, strong bands, how worthwhile it would be. One sad feature was that the "experts" were provided by only two towers—Bradford and Dewsbury (some of the latter kindly passing on newly-acquired skills), which meant that most of these people were ringing in every "touch" for three hours. One can only hope that this is not a true reflection on the concern of the proficient ringers for those less fortunate. Thanks are perhaps due to Ruth Richardson (11 years) and Stephen Munday (12), who rang for most of the three hours with the minimum of mischief! J. E. B.

## Mr. Walpole's Week-end in Wight

THE "big idea" was a week-end ringing on the cheap on that little island somewhere off the South Coast. Keith Walpole (Wheathampstead) thought he knew where it was so he did the organising. Anyway, on Friday evening, July 9th, eight ringers plus tents and baggage started the journey to Portsmouth. Keith was driving a Morris Oxford (reputedly his father's), into which were piled the tents, Fred Ellis and Tony Smith (Wheathampstead), Paula Healing (Essendon), Sue Cowan (Harpenden), the baggage and Gill Brearley (Wheathampstead). The car was hotly pursued by a motor scooter with Malcolm Petit (Hatfield) and Andrew Wilby (Harpenden).

The midnight ferry for Fishbourne was caught at Portsmouth. From Fishbourne we sped through the back streets of Ryde, roared down the road to Brading and eventually found a camping site. Such was the co-operation and efficiency of the party at 2 a.m. that the tents went up almost without the help of the putter-upper-in-chief (Keith).

By 9 a.m. that day we were at St. Mary's, Brading. After an uncertain start on this 10 cwt. eight there was some good ringing, including Stedman, Kent and Little Bob. Mr. East, who met us, joined in the ringing.

St. George's, Arreton, presented a problem, as the car party drove past the church without seeing it, and they mistook the scooter passenger's gesticulations to the church behind the "pub"! Anyway, after some refreshment the ringing was reasonable (including London), considering the general odd-struckness of the bells.

We then went on to Shanklin for a swim and lunch. For some of the party it was more swim than lunch, but for Fred Ellis there was no swim at all as he had craftily forgotten his "swim kit".

We arrived early at All Saints', Godshill, and were met by the local captain. An almost perfect rise was followed by an equally good touch of Cambridge. Ringing also included Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. On then to Whitwell and the seven cwt. six at St. Mary the Virgin's. The bells were rather disappointing after Godshill so we did not stay long but invaded the local store for the lollies.

Brighton proved to have a very pleasant seven cwt. six recently augmented from five. We had a good rise and another excellent touch of Cambridge. As was inevitable, a touch of spliced all-sorts came to grief in the plain course of Little Bob after ringing London, Cambridge, Primrose, St. Clement's, Double Bob, etc. Before ringing on the ex-

## A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

THE magnificent Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stow., Lincs, was the setting on October 8th for the wedding of two well-known local ringers—Mr. John F. Underwood of Haxey and Mrs. Kathleen Mary Butler of Sturton-by-Stow. The arrival of the guests and bride was heralded by St. Mary's bells, rung by the local ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Parker, and the singing of the hymns "We love the place O God," "O Perfect Love" and "King of Glory" was led by the choir of St. Mary's, Stow.

The bride wore an ocean blue dress and coat and carried a decorated ivory prayer book. The bride's cousin, Miss Janet M. Hudson (a ringer at St. Mary's Putney), was in attendance. Mr. Geoffrey Hill, friend of the groom, was best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. Alan Marshall, Mr. Melvyn Rose (ringer at All Saints', Belton) and Mr. Brian J. Bull (ringer at St. Mary's, Putney).

A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung later that evening (mainly by guests) at St. Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow, as a compliment to the couple, who left for a short honeymoon in the Peak District, Derbyshire. J. H.

## THE MELLOW FRUITFULNESS OF THE COTSWOLDS

DAVENTRY ringers enjoyed a Cotswold outing on October 1st. We had hoped to ring at Chipping Campden, but a wedding coincided with the time requested, and Ebrington (6) was substituted for the first tower. The heavy six at Broadway followed a most pleasant descent of Broadway Hill, which revealed at every turn a breathtaking panorama of the Vale of Evesham and the surrounding countryside, bathed in the autumn sun. We had been warned that the tenor here was "a fortnight late at back" and some of those who rang it remembered to make allowance for it.

Friends from the one-bell tower of Shirley, Croydon, joined us here and accompanied us to Bourton-on-the-Hill, where the Rev. W. E. Gladstone welcomed us. Here the treble ringer stands directly in front of and back to the tenor man in the anti-clockwise "circle," but nevertheless methods up to London Minor were rung without fatality!

This was the last of the three sixes, and after tea at Moreton-in-Marsh we rang on the fine modern Taylor eight, the ringing including a good course of London. The grand old-style heavy eight at Stow-on-the-Wold inspired some very good ringing, which concluded with three leads of Bristol. We were glad to meet Mr. Dowdeswell, who joined us in some Grandsire Triples.

The last tower of the day was Bourton-on-the-Water, which has a ring of eight almost the identical twin of that at Moreton. Our ringing here was well below the standard set at Moreton. Perhaps we were tired, but it had been a wonderful afternoon, with some of the very finest countryside in the land to see, all in its prime and mellow in fruitfulness. Those glorious villages and little market towns, unmatched in the kingdom, and it seemed they all had chosen to pack their gems of churches with the fruits of the earth and of their labour. We were glad to add the music of the bells to their offerings, and we thank them for the privilege. P. C.

cellent eight at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, we met the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Potts), whose daughter learned to ring when they lived at Harpenden. Grandsire, Plain Bob and three leads of Kent were rung although by now everybody was getting tired!

The bells at the last tower of the day, St. Thomas's, Newport are reputed to be rough, and we can confirm this! The tenor here, only 14 cwt., goes like 40 cwt.

After some well earned refreshment we went back to camp, changed, and then went into Shanklin for the evening. Two of the party reached camp at 2 a.m. after being marooned in Shanklin, but we were up early again in the morning to ring for service at Ryde on the 26 cwt. eight. Afterwards we struck camp (not in temper!) and retired to the beach at Ryde, where even Fred had a swim in a borrowed pair of trunks!

A pleasant afternoon was later spoiled by rain. We caught the 5 p.m. ferry back to Portsmouth, arriving in time to join the local band in ringing for Evensong. It was raining most of the way home, much to the chagrin of the scooterists!

Our thanks go to all incumbents and those who met us and made the week-end possible, and also to Keith, who managed all the arrangements perfectly except for the weather!

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Rehung ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark (the Ven. Brian Woodhams).

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### SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—

Our Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday, November 26th, at the Drummond Arms Hotel, Hythe. Tickets (21s. 6d.) from Miss H. A. Walters, Chamberlain Hall, Bassett, Southampton. Ringing arrangements with tickets.

WHITSTABLE, KENT. — Ringing at All Saints' Church has now been resumed. Please note new practice night—Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 174

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### MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Wendreda's, March, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 161

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Dursley on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.30. — G. Minor. 178

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday October 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 112

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 139

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting at Willesden Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Silk Willoughby, Saturday, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. —F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 157

POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS—Annual general meeting, Leicester, on Saturday, October 29th (amended date) Luncheon at Leicester Police Headquarters (by kind permission of Chief Constable), followed by short meeting. Ringing at several towers. Application and further details from A. Pearce, secretary, 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 051

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting in Dundee on Saturday, October 29th. Two 8-bell towers—St. Paul's Cathedral 2.30, discussion about A.G.M., 4.30, and Old Steeple at 6 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 152

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089).—P. S. Bennett. 116



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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Howard-Davies. The Rectory, Sible Hedingham, by Wednesday, November 2nd. please. 158

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—As restoration work has started on the tower at Hatfield Broad Oak Church, the meeting will be held at Old Harlow on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 214

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Broseley, November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, not later than November 2nd. 188

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall, Saturday, November 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 202

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Evening meeting, Abbots Langley, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 200

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Eastry, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mr. R. Deveson, The Bakery, Eastry, Sandwich, by Wednesday, November 2nd. 149

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on November 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. Names for tea to Miss Mary Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley, by Tuesday, November 1st, please.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 172

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**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Ballard, 8, Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 195

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**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting, Eastrington Saturday, November 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole, before November 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead and A. Farrand, Hon. Secs. 210

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Basford, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham, by November 3rd. 211

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own food: cups of tea will be provided at a small charge. Tea followed by meeting in the Congregational Hall.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 190

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Penzance Branch.—Combined method ringing practice, Lelant, Saturday, November 5th. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. All stages catered for. Methods: Grandfire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. No refreshments available. All welcome. 184

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stratton Branch.—Meeting at Week St. Mary (6), November 5th. Ringing 2.30. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to J. Hicks New Buildings, Marhamchurch. 180

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guv. Dis. Sec., The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 159

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witnev and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Combe, Monday, November 7th, 7 p.m.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N and E. District).**—Joint meeting at Epping, November 12th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Bells (8) available after tea until 8 p.m. Short business meeting for Essex members after tea. Names for tea to C. Moore, 74, Bury Road, Harlow, by Thursday, November 10th. 169

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ightham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Collins, Rita Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent. 196

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Nettleham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by November 10th.—G. R. P. 196

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whapload, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Lincs, by Tuesday, November 8th, at the latest. 192

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Athan (6) on Saturday, November 12th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea (essential this time) to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Roose, Barry, Glam, by November 7th. Tel. Rhooze 494. Note: No business (except for election of new members), unless members give one week's notice. 186

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgeford, November 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 198

## ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD

Dear Sir,—The Provost of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, has kindly agreed that a further attempt may be made on the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, to surpass the record of 12,663 Stedman Cinques rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford Cathedral on August 24th, 1946.

The attempt will be made on Saturday, November 12th 1966, commencing as soon as possible after 9.45 a.m., the band being Messrs. Stubbs, Smith, Purnell, Jones, Goodman, Fellows, Fellows, Eisel, Borden, Barron, Anderson and Ainsworth. Messrs. R. W. Pipe, S. J. Ivin and G. E. Fearn have agreed to act as umpires. John Chilcott has produced and David Parsons is checking the appended composition which, it is hoped, will prove of interest to both listeners and ringers.

It is suggested that a suitable rendezvous, during the approved hours, for any ringers in Birmingham that day should be the Trocadero in Temple Street.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSFORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

## 18,075 STEDMAN CINQUES By JOHN CHILCOTT

2314567890E

41526378E90 A  
213465 'X'

4152638790B B  
213465 'X'  
215463 S 19

41625378E90 C  
213456 "X"  
216453 S 19

41526387E90 D  
213465 'X'

4152637890B B  
213465 'X'

4152638709B E  
213465 'X'  
215364 19

Repeat, substituting F for A and omitting the last course produces 2143658709B.

Block 'X'  
415263 6 19

513264 — 3  
314265 — 3  
412365 — 2  
213465 — 2

## Starting Course A

1., 5., 7.8., 10.11., 13., 15.16.17

## Basic Turning Course

S5., 9.10., 13.14.15.16., 18.19.

Plus

B = 22.  
C = 1., 6., 22.23.  
D = S1., 6., S22.  
E = S2.  
F = substitute 5 for S5. and add 6. 22.S23.

Depending on the time available and the speed of the ringing the peal will be reduced to 17.019 or 16.491 changes by omitting from Block 'X' the first six hobs at 19 in the second, fifth and eighth parts.

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## COMPOSITIONS

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By M. S. BRUCE

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— 3 1432  
— 2 S 213457968  
— 3 4123  
— 3 3142  
— 2 2341  
— 3 — 132457689  
— 2 4123  
— 3 3142  
— 3 2134  
— — 4312  
S 3 2314  
— 2 4213  
— 3 3241  
— 3 1234  
— — 4321  
S 3 — 132457896  
"a" — — 143275968  
— 3 (2413) round 2 ch.  
previously.

"a" = singles at 1, 4, 6.

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By M. S. BRUCE

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— S 213457968  
— 2413  
— 2341  
— — 132457689  
— 1432  
— 1243  
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— 1432  
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