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BELFRY REFORM IN 1966

By PHILIP A. CORBY.

THERE are ringers now of age who are without experience of the V2 rockets which were devised by the Germans to wreak damage to property and to disturb the morale of people living in London and the crowded south-east. The first one knew of those devilish monsters was a loud bang and, alas, the damage had already been done. The people who were subjected to these attacks over a period of many months assumed a stoical nonchalance that enabled them at the sound of the explosion to look up from the activity of the moment and make some such remark as "There's another one" and immediately resume the task in hand.

The same endearing trait pervades the ringing Exercise today. Ringers seem to be a smug, comfortable, overfed, too easily satisfied collection of people, impervious to rockets and bangs and unwilling to rise to any challenge, however provocatively it may be expressed. Nevertheless, I refuse to be discouraged and I shall proceed undaunted to another saga in the diatribe I started some time ago.

Some eighty or ninety years ago the Exercise saw the first of the County and Diocesan Associations formed, as at least one Association puts it, "to promote belfry reform and encourage the good old English art of change ringing." The movement spread rapidly throughout the country and in many areas this was for the first time a means of bringing together ringers from various towers in a locality. Until that time organised ringing was in the hands of the great ringing societies in London, and of local societies of somewhat similar type in some provincial centres, operating with greatly varying degrees of efficiency and competence.

Ringers are perhaps still not noted for an over-close relationship with the Church, but even so one hears of behaviour in belfries of long ago that would hardly be in keeping with the standards that have generally been adopted in more recent years. In short we may conclude that the promotion of belfry reform has met with at least some success. Our adversary the devil is, however, ever watchful and we face a new peril of bad belfry behaviour which certainly warrants attention.

I refer, of course, to the worst excesses of "tower grabbing." Other correspondents have at different times put out in these columns commendable codes of behaviour for those who undertake the organisation of outings. There is, of course, little encouragement for those who write to "The Ringing World" to suppose that the readers take the slightest notice of the contents of any articles, however commendable.

Nevertheless, good advice has been given which, if followed, might spare unpleasantness and sometimes disgust to those who are in fact the hosts and beneficiaries of the tower grabbing and outing fiends. Let me say at once I see no great harm in knocking at the Vicar's door in a remote country parish to ask if a party of ringers who happen to be passing may have a short ring. Provided always, of course, that there are no local ringers who are likely to be upset by such a proceeding: provided always that behaviour in church or open belfry is quiet and orderly: provided always that the people who are ringing can competently manage what they undertake: provided always that the bells are rung to a touch of respectable length and not just scrambled up and down: provided always that everything is left as it is found: provided always that every member of the party finds a small coin to place in a collecting box. In such places people are often glad to hear the bells when there are no local ringers and they are only rung by chance at infrequent intervals.

As for formal outings, the queerest things do happen. You only have to be the captain of a tower for a few years to find out. Some parties arrive and the leader introduces himself to the person who has come to meet them. He may make some attempt to discover what his host is able to ring and not take no for an answer when the host declines to take part in a touch on the grounds that "I can ring here anytime." The correct response to this one is "Of course you can, but not usually with us, so do please join us in just one touch."

More often, alas, they barge into the tower talking amongst themselves without a word to the host except to say "Which is which?" They proceed to bash their way through various touches, blandly assuming that all is well and never apparently aware that their standard of performance may be well below that of the local band. Sometimes one has seen a visiting party ploughing through in a touch beyond their capabilities when several members of the local band have been sitting round the tower, never asked to strengthen the band or perhaps stand behind some of the weaker members. Yes, in matters of behaviour there is still scope for belfry reform.

But what of practical aspects of belfry reform? For a start there are many towers, perhaps the majority, where the bells are much too noisy outside. Harold Cashmore once said that one of the miracles of the twentieth century was that we were allowed to ring bells for three hours at a stretch. Considering the volume of noise often to be heard he was indeed right. There is also plenty of scope in the matter of internal acoustics. In practically every major restoration in the last thirty years there has been an ad lib application of concrete to provide structural strength and stability to take the weight of the bells in the tower. Fortunately, the mediaeval builders were without this particular obsession, perhaps because reinforced concrete was unknown. You would not provide bare concrete floors and walls in the auditorium of a concert hall so that the orchestra could hear their instruments echoing three or four times over, so why put bells in a concrete drum? Several fine new rings of bells have been subjected to this treatment since the war and completely ruined for pleasurable ringing as a result.

What have the ringing Associations, or indeed the Central Council, done about this? Alas, many ringers seem to be so insensitive as to be unaware of the problem—they would happily pull away at a set of dustbins. Strangely enough ringers of a former generation objected to metal bell frames on the basis that the tone of the bells would be affected. This has proved to be an old wives' tale and like ball bearings metal frames are now not ever mentioned. The clever ones have sometimes omitted to find out in advance whether the bells are on plain bearings or ball bearings before launching off on their views and in most cases it is only the steeplekeeper who really knows which they are. Much ink has been spilled on these subjects but never a word about the demon concrete!

And if affairs in our own towers could sometimes benefit from a little investigation how do we stand in the affairs of our various Associations? Many of us, now past our first youth, continue happily with our long-established notions on what is good for our members. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service complete with the bells on Aaron's robe at 4.15, tea with the usual dry sandwiches and mothy cakes in an age when afternoon tea is no longer fashionable are youngsters like savouries rather than sweets, followed by a business meeting which is often a monotonous monologue by the district secretary with the Vicar putting in his corny funnies, or is sometimes a grand debate about nothing in particular between retired trade union official types. By 7 p.m. the business is over and there is further ringing of ghastly Grandsire Triples massacred by all the stay-benders in sight with never a word of advice or encouragement from those who should know better, interspersed with courses of Surprise rung by superior types with their noses in the air. Need we be entirely surprised if peals and tower grabbing expeditions are organised on meeting days?

Would we perhaps do better with organised practices possibly on week days or on Saturday evenings, starting at, say, 6.30 until 8.30 p.m., with concentrated ringing aimed to provide adequate practice for learners at all stages with competent assistance and supervision available. If we doubt the efficiency of this type of organisation let us glance with envy at the activities of the University Associations.

I hope I have now put out sufficient provocation to start the ink flowing, but I could always have another go at the Central Council!

Three Bishops at Bath and Wells First Dinner

THE first ever dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on November 12th at the Town Hall, Wells, when no less than 202 members and their wives and visitors enjoyed a splendid meal.

The Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford, ably directed proceedings, and he was supported at the top table by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. E. C. Henderson), the Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. F. H. West), Bishop D. J. Wilson, the Archdeacons of Bath and Wells, together with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. M. Heymann, and the permanent officials of the Association.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Heymann proposed the toast of "The Church." He reminded members that the Church was much wider than the Church of England, and we should remember that we all worship God in our own way, irrespective of our various religious persuasions. He spoke of the change of heart amongst the various denominations today, compared with even ten years ago, instancing, in his ringing experience, the friendship in Limerick between the Catholic and Church of Ireland towers which kept the bells of both churches ringing. This was the sort of progress which we should remember and strive to emulate in our service to the Church.

In his reply, Dr. Henderson recounted briefly the histories of a number of his predecessors, whose portraits hung on the walls above the assembly, and he wondered how the Church looked to them today. Perhaps as an institution it did not take itself quite so seriously as it used to, which he thought was a good thing, but in other ways he felt it tended to get its priorities wrong and put the cart before the horse. Despite its shortcomings he loved the Church, and its heritage and ideals should be cherished and sustained at all costs.

THE EPISCOPAL SWANS

The Bishop hoped his swans would be invited to the next dinner, as they knew far more about ringing than he did. He felt we could well learn a lesson from them and try to remain calm and unruffled on the surface, whilst paddling like hell underneath!

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, who confided to the company that after living in the West Country for four years, he had now learnt the language of the locals! Reviewing the history of the Association, he spoke of the traditions resulting from 76 years of service, and of the ringers who had helped to build those traditions, ringers of the calibre of Joe Dyke, a stern man but a great teacher, and Major J. H. B. Hesse, a clever engineer and an authority on bells and bell frames, both of whom acted with a firm conviction of service to the Church.

Some say that ringers' work has little significance in these days, continued Mr. Shepherd, but do not be deceived. Ringing was but one of the many contributions to worship and as such our standards must be high. He had read the annual report, which he said contained both the successes and the failures, which one expects to find, but he felt that the Association was meeting the challenge and that its aims were there for us all to follow and support.

ONE FOUNDER MEMBER

In his reply, the general secretary, Mr. Gwilym Salmon, took up the theme of the last speaker, and referred to the service given by

such past members as William Gigg, from Taunton, W. J. Prescott, of Bath, and Stephen Wood from "over the border" in Bristol. Today only one founder member was still with them, Mr. J. Pugsley, now over 90, of Minehead, whom they remembered with affection. Mr. Salmon spoke of the success of the affiliation scheme instituted by his predecessor Mr. (now the Rev.) David Hoare, which had resulted in a present membership of some 200 towers and 1,800 members.

Today earlier morning ringing was becoming more pronounced, due to the popularity of the Family Communion service, and this was a challenge they had to meet. The question of standards was being helped by the growing popularity of striking competitions, pioneered by the Chew Branch, which had now spread to Bath and Frome. He hoped other Branches would follow suit, and that they would all try to work towards the high standards which Mr. Shepherd had outlined previously.

The toast of "The Guests and Visitors" was proposed by the peal secretary, Mr. George Massey. In humorous vein he spoke of the galaxy of talent present, including, as he said, "a full house of Bishops"! He wondered if they all moved diagonally! In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. Norman Knee from Warminster, Mr. Bill Coles (Hillingdon) and Mr. Philip Gray from Bristol were all cordially welcomed.

TOWER KEEPERS PRAISED

The Ven. J. du Boulay Lance, Archdeacon of Bath, replied, and thanked the Association for the invitation to the dinner. In an amusingly partisan speech he contrasted in various ways the superiority of Bath over Wells. He was, he said, fascinated by the language used by ringers (laughter) and, although he confessed himself unable to ring, he paid tribute to the way in which Somerset tower keepers looked after their belfries. It was obvious, from what he himself had seen in his own church inspections, that their work was a labour of love.

The speeches over, the company adjourned, and after a short interval the evening concluded with a showing of the Washington Film, followed by a most enjoyable selection of hymns and tunes by members of the talented Arscott family from Taunton. Their programme ended fittingly with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Queen."

The excellent support given by members from all parts of the diocese, and their obvious enjoyment of the evening, was adequately summed up by the Master who, in thanking those responsible for the arrangements, expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual event in the Association calendar. This sentiment was fully endorsed by all present. J. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A by-meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Ightham on November 12th. Ringing in various Doubles and Minor methods preceded a service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Watkins. Later about 37 members sat down to an excellent tea, provided free of charge by the local ringers. The whole of Ightham band was elected into the Association at the business meeting.

Ringling continued after tea on the light ring of six until 8.45 p.m.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

1967 Meeting—May 30th

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Headquarters will be at the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham. (The Council meeting will be held in the Portland Suite of this hotel.)

Terms: 45s. per head per night, including gratuities, for as many nights as members may wish to stay at this special price.

Important: When members reserve accommodation they must refer to the Council meeting, and quote this price, which has been reduced from 65s. plus 10 per cent, for the benefit of the Council. Those wishing to pay their bills by cheque may do so, provided they mention it when booking.

Rooms are to be set aside at mid-day on the meeting day to serve either table d'hôte luncheon at 16s. 6d. plus 10 per cent, or a buffet luncheon, and the management asks for this to be reserved at the same time as accommodation, so that adequate staff may be arranged.

There is a multi-storey car park opposite the hotel, and other parks in the vicinity.

Dogs are not allowed in the hotel.

Other hotels:—

Portland, Carrington Street, 35s. plus 10 per cent.

George, George Street, from 45s. single and 82s. 6d. double, plus 10 per cent.

Albert, Derby Road, from 40s.

Flying Horse, Poultry, from 42s. 6d. single and 75s. double, plus 10 per cent.

Bridgeford, Trent Bridge, from 80s. single and 130s. double, plus 10 per cent.

Members requiring private hotel or boarding house accommodation should write to the Publicity and Information Department, 54, Milton Street, and ask for the appropriate list.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Hon. Secretary,

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

MAXIMUS HANDBELL RECORD ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus on handbells in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Marple, on Saturday, December 24th, 1966. Ringing will commence at 8.30 a.m. and the band will sit as follows: A. McFall 1—2, B. J. Woodruffe 3—4, R. B. Smith 5—6, N. Bennett 7—8, G. Moorhouse 9—10, G. B. Thompson 11—12. The composition is given below:

10,032 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

23456 W M H

42635 — —

65234 6 S —

36254 — 6

23465 — — 6

Repeated.

—Yours sincerely,

Marple, Cheshire. ROBERT B. SMITH.

AN AFFRONT

Dear Sir,—I consider the new "design" to be an affront to your readers and an insult to the memory of Jack Goldsmith.

Please restore the old design to its rightful place and consign the interloper to its rightful place—the dustbin.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. H. CLAYDON, New Zealand

George Henry Claydon passed away on Nov. 12th, at the age of 81. George came to New Zealand in 1911 from Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, where he rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Bull Ring. He arrived at Napier, in the North Island, but he could not resist the call of the bells and after a few weeks he came to Christchurch to ring on the only active ring of bells in New Zealand. His ability was soon recognised and he was appointed Master of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers; he was to fill the office many times over the years.

George Claydon was a true pioneer of change ringing and while others in England were ringing peals, he was laying the foundation, as it were, in the most southern part of the Empire. Over the years he trained many to ring, but setbacks, such as transfers, etc., were heart-breaking. He persevered and today his work in the past is bearing fruit in that the Christchurch Society is very strong and known throughout the Commonwealth.

George rang regularly at the Cathedral from 1911 till 1952, and then whenever he was able to. He loved handbells and at times a party would visit his home to ring a "touch" or two with him.

He was a former member of the Cathedral choir, also an organist of some standing. The years will pass, but George Claydon's efforts to foster change ringing in New Zealand were recognised in the 1940s when he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society of Bellringers.

Those of us who have rung with him will always remember him with love and affection.

G. NELSON SLOAN.

MR. A. E. RICHARDS

With the death of Mr. Albert E. Richards, of Farndon, Cheshire, on October 5th, the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Chester Branch, in particular, lost a valued and esteemed member. During a long association with the Guild he had acted as Chester Branch treasurer, and in recent years was vice-president. He was also for many years organist and captain of the bellringers at Farndon.

Although his activities had been restricted in latter years, owing to failing health, he maintained his interest in ringers and ringing to the end.

He was a life member of the Guild, and will be remembered for his gentlemanly and courteous manner and his ever readiness to further the cause of the Exercise. It gave him particular pleasure to play the organ for the Guild services.

The funeral took place at Farndon on October 8th.

MR. W. STONE

With great regret his many friends heard of the sudden death of Bill Stone at Kidlington, Oxon, in his 90th year. He was the oldest member of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, and rang many peals with such stalwarts of the past as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook, and others.

Married to the daughter of the well known ringer, H. Judge, of Kidlington, he lived in Oxford and was a member of St. Giles' tower for many years. His record of peals is unknown, but he always preferred the heavy end, and his name appears as the ringer of the tenor in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1903.

Always willing to help the beginner, he will be remembered for the assistance he gave when Mr. H. Miles revived the Oxford University Society after the first world war.

He last rang at Kidlington in 1956, and a quarter peal was rung there as a tribute on the day of his funeral.

J. R. C.

MR. H. LEWIS

The death of Mr. Harry Lewis, of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on November 9th, is recorded with deep regret.

He was a life member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and in latter years had been tower captain at St. Mary-within-the-Walls. Prior to this he had been a member of the Handbridge and Cathedral band.

Ill-health had prevented his taking an active part in ringing for a number of years, but he maintained his interest and, despite his illness, remained cheerful to the end.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary-within-the-Walls on November 14th, when the service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. E. Mercer, Bishop of Birkenhead (former Rector), assisted by the Rev. W. G. Hurlow, priest-in-charge.

MR. JOHN H. GARTSIDE

With the passing of Mr. John H. Gartside, the Church of St. Laurence, Chorley, and the Lancashire Association have lost a stalwart. He was approaching eighty years of age and had been a member of the St. Laurence's band since taking up ringing about 1910, and had rung in 158 peals for the Lancashire Association. Usually in peal attempts he was to be found ringing the tenor, which he always handled comfortably and skilfully. He always appreciated and admired the very best striking in any method, and had a very good ear and sense of pitch. It was not unusual for him, when visiting a new tower, to listen first outside and estimate the weight, note and founder—usually quite accurately.

In addition to his interest in campanology he was an accomplished pianist, and it was a pleasure to hear his playing, by ear, marches, waltzes, classical music and tunes from the good old music hall days. The circus, too, held an attraction for him, and he would travel many miles to see a performance.

He was a plumber by trade and a bachelor, and appeared to be rather lonely over the last few years, having lost, in the space of a few months, his sister and brother-in-law, with whom he lived, and several staunch ringing friends, including the late Benjamin A. Knights, who had joined him in many peal attempts.

Until recently he had enjoyed good health: after taking part in a peal to mark his 73rd birthday, he told the conductor he felt more like 33 years of age than 73. He was one of the few remaining members in the Preston Branch of a generation who did much to improve the standard of ringing, and widen the variety of methods, at a time when travelling was not nearly so easy as it is now, and funds not so plentiful.

L. W.

In and around Cumberland

Arranged by Kevin M. Price, a party of ringers from the Lake District rang on October 29th in eight towers in and around Cumberland. The day was not without misfortunes. The tenor rope broke at Orton, and at Shap rining was difficult through there being one long length instead of a double rope beneath the sally. Yorkshire tail-ends were met at Bampton, where the ropes were bound with cello tape!

Ringing was of a high standard on the glorious 18 cwt. eight at Penrith, but at Great Salkeld ringing hardly got beyond rounds because of a broken rope. The four bells at Lazonby were regarded as the best of the day and on leaving the church a local shouted, "By gum! You certainly ring those bells well." It was at Thursby (6) that the best ringing of the day was achieved. Kent Treble Bob going well on the recently rehung bells.

At the last tower, Aspatria (8) we were too tired to raise the bells properly. However, Plain Bob was rung, and the Vicar seemed duly impressed with our ringing. J. Whalley, Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and B. Maudsley are thanked for driving us.

K. M. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Nicholas Hawksmoor's Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich, dating from 1711, was the scene of the District's annual meeting on October 22nd. This church was damaged during the war but has since been carefully restored. The tower was added in 1730 and contains ten bells of which the front nine were recast in 1954, the 23½ cwt. tenor of 1824 being retained. The whole ring, by Mears and Stainbank, was rehung in the old frame, making ringing of the front bells somewhat tricky.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Morrison), who gave an address. He was assisted by Peter Simms at the organ, and the lesson was read by Ian Oram.

About 60 ringers and friends took tea in the famous Naval College, and this was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. A. G. Hill, vice-president, was voted to the chair. Amongst the apologies was one from Arthur Richards, then in Farnborough Hospital awaiting an operation. The meeting sent a message wishing him a speedy recovery.

As usual, the secretary had prepared a printed report, which showed a slight decrease in membership, possibly accounted for by unpaid subscriptions. Mention was made of the success of the joint practices once a month, the first being held at Biggin Hill in August. Repair work had been completed at Eynsford and Fooks Cray.

Five resident one associate and four non-resident life members were elected, and the re-election of Miss Mary Andrews as District secretary was received with acclamation. The office of District representative had been filled with distinction for many years by Mrs. Barnett and Miss Freda Cannon, but this year's meeting decided on a change to a couple of enthusiastic young members, Paul Smith and Tony Lewis, who relinquished the positions of Ringing Master and "Ringing World" correspondent in favour of Colin Tester and Ian Oram respectively. All the retiring officers were thanked for their hard work.

A lively discussion resulted from a suggestion that the Association had its own Master; the meeting felt that such an office was unnecessary, but recommended that a rule should be formulated for the election of a chairman for each annual general meeting and similar occasions. Provisional permission had been obtained for a meeting at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on January 28th.

A moment's silence was observed in memory of a life member, J. A. G. Robertson, through whose efforts the bells at Lewisham were restored.

The vote of thanks particularly mentioned Miss Freda Cannon. Further ringing from rounds to Cambridge Royal followed in the tower.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The attendance at the Calverley meeting on October 20th doubled the September attendance at Idle, although the belfries are only a few miles apart.

The bells were brought up in peal at 3 p.m. and a short touch of well-struck Grand-sire Triples started the afternoon's ringing. Plain and Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples were rung. Some time was also given to rounds and call changes.

A very good tea was enjoyed in the nearby school, and after a short business meeting, members returned to the belfry until eight o'clock.

Next meeting: Ossett, on November 26th, C. S. N.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Eastern District

The Eastern District evening practice at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on November 12th was well attended and ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Stedman Triples and Kent T.B. Major. New members elected were Peter Kirk, Peter Lee and Colin Lay, all from Hertingfordbury.

Next meeting: Bengoe (8), December 10th, 6.30 p.m.

B. J. W. F.

Letters to the Editor

WHAT IS THE BRISTOL SOCIETY?

Dear Sir,—In recent months we have seen an increased number of peals accredited in "The Ringing World" to a nondescript body called "The Bristol Society." Obviously it cannot be a territorial society as the title suggests, as peals have been rung for it in Gloucestershire, Somerset and Loughborough as well as in Bristol. In one instance Barrie Dove's band rang a peal under its name at Loxton, Somerset. As far as I know only one member of that band had any connection with Bristol.

This raises another point: How were they elected? It might be of interest for prospective members to know who the elected officers are and how one may become a member. Therefore, if members are elected, what are the requirements of membership?

Unless an inaugural meeting has been held and a body of officers elected, can it be properly termed a "Society"? If this is not the case all peals accredited to it should now be termed "Non-Association." As a further point it seems questionable that two elected officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have seen fit to ring peals for the "Society" in Gloucester and Bristol territory.

To some people one point may need clarifying: the Society of St. George's Youths is a Society, with an elected Ringing Master, on the lines of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. Its centre is St. George's, Upper Cam, Glos.—Yours sincerely,

A. TUBE.

Berkeley, Glos.

RINGER-CHORISTER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence regarding ringer-chorister records, Mr. James Marriott, people's warden of St. Mary's, Launton, who is 82 years of age, has been a chorister here for 74 years, and a ringer for 69 years: he has seldom missed a service. Out of 10 ringers at Launton, seven are choristers; and we once had 14 choristers among 15 ringers. Among the ringers today we have two churchwardens, one lay reader, four members of the P.C.C., one verger and three servers, in addition to the seven choristers.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Oxfordshire.

"STRUGGLING BEGINNERS"

Dear Sir,—I am in complete sympathy with Mr. Michael King's letter on "Struggling Beginners."

When I was one of five beginners in an otherwise unmanned five-bell tower in Nottinghamshire we raised our standards from rounds and call changes to multi-Doubles methods quarter peals in a short time. During these months and afterwards we were regular in attendance at Guild and Association meetings and several practice nights were also regularly attended to gain experience on higher numbers of bells.

We learned a great deal from these flourishing towers (and, indeed, we are grateful), which was to their advantage later when their own numbers diminished so that we were needed, to ring certain methods.

Two years ago our five-bell tower suffered a loss of four members owing to departure to college. Throughout all this time help, though frequently promised, was almost nil. Is this because it is a five-bell tower? Would it have been different with a six-bell tower? As Mr. King said, "Help is needed"—and it is always appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. KIRK.

Guildford

OFFICIAL VIEW ON EAST MORDEN CHURCH

Dear Sir,—East Morden Church is one of the towers covered by the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. As one of the Branch Ringing Masters, I would like to put forward the Branch's side of the controversy which has developed.

The facts as stated in Mr. Dalton's letter (October 7th) are largely correct.

Branch members were not very pleased to read in Belfry Gossip (September 16th) of the implied criticism that but for some encouragement East Morden bells would be ringing regularly, for the following reasons:

1. The bells were known to be in a bad state of repair, this being confirmed after a visit, at the Vicar's request, by Mr. R. W. Young, one of the appointed Diocesan belfry inspectors. The necessary repairs were arranged to be carried out by a local firm under his supervision.

2. At the time that the quarter peal was published Mr. Young stated quite definitely that the bells were not in a fit state to be rung—metal guide stays had to be replaced, bolts were missing on two bells, nuts from some of the other bolts, and one wheel was loose. The building work had not been completed. As far as I know Mr. Young then removed the ropes to prevent further ringing.

3. East Morden had already approached the Branch for assistance in teaching a band from scratch. This the Branch was considering to do when the bells were ringable, as had been done at Poole.

4. One local tower as long ago as last year offered to ring for service once a month, again when ringable.

It is not disputed that the various bands were given permission to ring; one visiting band were told that they could ring after this, if they brought their own ropes. Mr. Young has tried to persuade the Vicar of the seriousness of the situation, but the Vicar either does not understand, or else prefers the sound of the bells to their safety.

I hope that this clarifies the situation.—Yours faithfully,

ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON.

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.

100 MAJOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Fein for his kind remarks and for pointing out that one method is missing from the report. To put the record straight, this method is Thornbury.

It has been said and written many times that "ringing is a team effort" and this must be especially so in peals such as these, where it would be impossible to carry a passenger. I would like to thank all the members of the band for their help and enthusiasm throughout the series; it has been evident from the confident way in which they approached each new step that all the "homework" had been well and truly done. Especially would I mention Liz Bowden, who joined us as a reserve, and without complaint has rung treble or learned large numbers of methods to ring "inside" as required, and also Ted Venn, who has alternated between second and seventh as required.

Finally, my thanks also to W. Eric Critchley, John Segar, Cyril S. Wratten and Shirley Burton for their help with compositions and methods.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon Wilts.

ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY'S APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—As Ringing Master of the St. Katherine's Society, may I, through your columns, apologise to Mr. Kennington, of St. James', Grimsby, for our remarks on the bells of St. James'.

When writing a report of a tour certain peculiarities of the towers visited tend to stick in your mind, and sometimes, as in this case, are inadvertently blown up to some extent in the write up, thus giving offensive criticism where none is intended. I know this, having experienced several such criticisms of my home tower.

I would in no way condemn St. James' bells, as they are a rather fine ten, although, to be perfectly honest, there is visible movement of the additional section of the frame housing bells Nos. 2 and 3, in relation to the rest of the frame. This was noticed by several members of the party, after having obtained permission to see the bells.

I agree with Mr. Kennington in that each bell of a ring normally has its own peculiarity, and, certainly, any reasonable ringer should be able to correct for it in a few pulls. The 2 and 3 at Grimsby are far from difficult. I must say that I have rung easier bells, but I have also handled bells infinitely worse.

May I, once again, apologise to Mr. Kennington for the adverse criticism and for any bad feelings resulting from it, and hope that my "statement of fact" is more acceptable.—Yours faithfully,

IAN V. J. SMITH.

Ringing Master, St. Katherine's Society and Nottingham University Society.

Beeston, Nottingham.

AUDIO VISUAL AIDS FOR INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Jackson's excellent article, "Tuition of Beginners," there is one serious omission: the lack of reference to the use of audio-visual aids in his "Instruction" 3, 4, 6 and 14. My film, "Ringers Required" was specifically made for these very purposes and, quite beside the use of it, I am sure it is not beyond the capabilities of the Education Committee to additionally prepare a set of different illustrated lectures on coloured slides, which might illustrate with written notes some of these points.

"Ringers Required" shows in 28 minutes a band of learners going through all the 14 points Mr. Jackson has listed, thus under his point 3 the film would succinctly and entertainingly show the recruits what lay before them. Why not use it? For those loath to venture forth with the necessary 30s., might I suggest, if they live within range of certain television stations, who will shortly be televising a 14-minute version of the film (see a forthcoming advertisement in "The Ringing World"), that they should look-in on these transmissions and make their own decision. The film is being provided as a service to the ringing fraternity and not for personal gain.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Montreal.

RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir,—Once again I took the opportunity of listening to the lovely bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 12th. I was fortunate this time to hear both start and finish. From my usual position one can hear the bells in perfect rhythm.

Starting off at 10.20 a.m., I returned about eight o'clock, by which time they were well towards the end, which came about 8.50 p.m., thus concluding a splendid peal by 12 enthusiastic campanologists.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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MORE LETTERS

CHARGES FOR QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was appalled at "The Ringing World" Committee's suggestion that at some time sooner or later a charge may have to be made for all quarter peals inserted in the columns of "The Ringing World."

The people who participate in ringing quarter peals do not need a reminder from the committee or anyone else as to the financial position of "The Ringing World." The people who need reminding most are the peal ringers whose names appear in print regularly to the tune of two and three peals a week.

Taking the same issue on October 21st, I noted that there were 48 tower bell peals and seven peals "in hand," but donations were only received from ten peals (£1 18s.). In the quarter and half peal columns there were 93 and donations were received from 68 (£11 8s.).

If a charge were made at 6d. per person per rope (peals and quarters) and 6d. per person per pair of handbells, this would have yielded £8 7s (tower) plus 14s. 6d. (hand)=£9 1s. 6d. for all peals published, and £15 19s. for all quarter and half peals published. The grand total would have been £25 0s. 6d. against the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' £13 16s.

Let us remember that our aim first and foremost is to ring our bells to the glory of God and that peal ringing is another form of entertainment which should take second place. If every member of each peal band paid 6d. per rope to local tower funds, 6d. per rope to local Association or Guild funds and 6d. per rope to "The Ringing World" it would still be a very cheap form of entertainment against a minimum of 10s. at a theatre or 4s. to see a first-class Association football match.

This is a controversial issue which is bound to bring a wide variety of views both for and against. Whenever I participate in a quarter or peal attempt I usually try to encourage the band to make a small donation to "The Ringing World."

By all means introduce a levy if it will help in any way to keep the cost down, but let us have it on a fair and square basis—peals and quarters not just quarters.—Yours faithfully, ALAN WARD.

Manchester Cathedral.

Note.—Another seven peals were rung by Associations making grants to "The Ringing World."—Ed.

REPLIES TO STEDMAN CRITICS

Dear Sir,—In reply to my two Stedman critics (Nov. 4th) I must thank Mr. Jackson for drawing attention to where the two singles are made. I was a bit careless there, to think it sufficiently understandable as it was.

As singles in Stedman touches usually appear perhaps it would have looked better entered as 7ths at a single and then 6ths at a single, followed by a further two bobs in 6-7 up, etc.

In reply to Mr. Pladdys, it is now such a long time ago since I first wrote my version of this touch that, who knows, perhaps I was that "grandfather" you mention and, in any case, "old as the hills" or not, the challenge is open to you. Let's see you produce a touch in any method or principle which produces these "three stars," Tittums, Whittingtons and Queens, in no more than 120 changes, and you can have as much Yorkshire pud with Yorkshire relish on as you like, as a reward!—Yours sincerely,

PERCY WHITAKER.

Otley, Yorks.

PEALS BY TIME AND NOT BY CHANGES

Dear Sir,—I happened quite by chance to be reading some "Ringing Worlds" in non-ringing company and the title style came under discussion. A unanimous comment was that the old style was far better and much more in keeping with the "art," and that if any change was to be made it should have gone to the opposite extreme and been ultra-modern whereas the new heading was a poor attempt at a compromise. Some said that the new style would be more in keeping with a racing gazette. I know that non-ringers' views are not really important in this matter, but they are certainly interesting.

The front page article of November 11th echoes some of the thoughts that have passed through my mind many times. While I would not go so far as to regard 720 as a peal I do think that 5,000 changes are too many. What about ringing a peal by time rather than by changes? If a peal had to be not less than two hours and not more than 24 hours of true changes it would make for more skill in conducting choosing a composition to suit not only the band but also the bells altering the speed of ringing during the peal to make the chosen competition fit into the time allowance, etc. etc. But how does one break tradition?

Another point that has often occurred to me: in towers where the bells are loud enough for complaints to be reasonably justifiable, why cannot peals be rung with muffled bells always? After all it would only be another form of sound control. Are there any other objections besides the tradition that muffled peals are for the dead?—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

"REBELLIOUS" HAS A COLLEAGUE!

Dear Sir.—Well done, Rebellious! This is a brave attempt to live up to reality. The times have gone when the good old British Empire was at its height, and man travelled the countryside in a horse and coach. No one really worried about peal ringers, and with little else to do they must have appreciated the sound of the bells drifting across the village green.

Now in 1966, with the pink patches on the world map dwindling fast, people dislike the sound of church bells ringing for hours on end, shattering what little peace they get. Why, we have reached the point where a Newton-le-Willows television engineer phones up his M.P. every time he hears the bells ring.

However, is sound control the real answer, for we are defeating God's purpose in bell ringing merely to achieve our own ends? We don't like to admit it, but we are using church bells to gain status in the ringing fraternity, and pride in ourselves.

Let us face reality, and ask: "How many peals are rung to the Glory of God?" For every peal that is rung to the Glory of God there are many more that are rung just to see if a band can ring a certain method.

Is it not time we reconsidered the purpose of the peal? As a suggestion we might consider, as Christians, both God and our neighbour by asking ourselves before ringing a peal: "Is this peal really necessary?"—Yours faithfully,

C. J. EDEN.

Theale Bell Restoration Fund

The ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Berks, are energetically working for their Bell Restoration Fund and have already raised over £200. The autumn sale they organised made a profit of £53 and a further £2 was realised by selling rags and woollens left over from the sale. They have also made a profit of £4 from the sale of Christmas cards.

BARKINGSIDE OUTING

New ventures are often pursued with an attitude of apprehension, and Barkingside's first ringing outing on the first Saturday in October, was no exception. Firstly, the tour was arranged at very short notice, when the Woodford ringers had to cancel their tour. Secondly, it was a difficult task to recruit sufficient outside ringers to help make the ringing a success. Thirdly the question of new towers, long draughts and heavy bells for young ringers had to be considered and finally, the old, old problem of navigation and the weather.

However we need not have worried, everything, except the weather, planned out well and all were safely delivered home, tired but happy after an enjoyable day.

Now what of the towers? Fyfield's lovely little six where the young members of the band felt quite at home and an all-ladies' band, with two local learners, rang some very well-struck call changes, probably the best ringing of the day.

Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall, where local enthusiasts welcomed us and tolerated our courses of Grandsire and call changes; what a pity we had not a band to do real justice to these two tens.

Ely, where we were greeted by a ringer from Darlington and, later, two of the locals: Cambridge and Stedman were rung here with their help.

And so to our last tower of the day, at St. Neots, the first arrivals trying to send the later ones away from St. Mary's, when only one rope was seen in the "ringing" room; however, a consultation in "Dove," and a trip to the Vicarage solved the mystery and gave us the opportunity to ring this fine heavy eight. Bob Triples went well here, and also the call changes for the learners.

A good day indeed, completed in traditional style with fish and chips and liquid refreshments on the way home.

Our thanks to the incumbents for letting us ring, to the locals for meeting us, to Woodford ringers for arranging the towers, to the four stalwarts from Walthamstow and last but not least the four drivers who successfully negotiated all roads to get us there and back safely. CHIP.

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A NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

CORNWALL is said to be the land of 'he saints, but with great reality what was called a North Cornwall tour might well have been an All Saintside tour for not only was it this season, but four of the five churches at which peals were attempted were in a parish with a saint's name.

The organiser was Alan Carveth and the first attempt was at St. Wenn on November 6th, when Denis Stevens stood in for one who obviously could not be there on a Sunday afternoon, but, alas, the conductor's rope started unravelling below the sally and parted when a peal of Doubles was about half way. An unfortunate beginning.

The band planned in two days to attempt peals at four towers at which no peal had ever been rung, and as far as is known only two had ever been attempted. They met at Padstow at 10 a.m. on Monday. The ringers here benefit from a bequest made to them by Nicholas Watts, who died on August 21st, 1632. He stipulated that twelve shillings a year be paid to the ringers to ring a muffled peal on the anniversary of his death. This is known as Watts Knell. The bells were cast by John Rudhall at Gloucester in 1798. Three and five have been recast. They were rehung by Aggett in 1922 and again by Taylors since the last war, and as the church and tower are an exception to the usual Cornish granite structure, being built of a softer stone, they have a character of their own. Bob Minor went without a hitch, and the peal was rung to mark the engagement of Evangeline Roberts, and by a strange coincidence a newspaper cutting of the Carbis Bay band of some years ago, including Evangeline as a teenage ringer, was pinned up in the tower.

After a snack lunch at a local we left for St. Minver. The spire could be seen about two miles away across the River Camel, but the journey is some ten miles by road. St. Minver has a good six, completely recast and restored by Taylors a few years ago. It was intended to ring mixed Minor, but two attempts lasting in all about three quarters of an hour convinced us that our luck was out. Whilst the rest were meditating, a remark by Ron Bould that he would call us a peal of Grand-sire Doubles was taken as serious and we let him! There is no doubt that this was more appreciated in a village where ringing with

the tenor behind is at least understood. A local ringer who had his head through the tower screen curtains for a considerable time of the latter part of the peal commented favourably and remarked on what he called "treble rest." St. Minver is a stronghold for competitive ringing.

The night was spent at the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett, some two miles away. The evening was convivial and prolonged, and at midnight we decided we had better go to bed.

The Tuesday morning peal was at St. Endellion, the only prebendal foundation remaining in Cornwall. The church is certainly well cared for and is very beautiful, and the six bells are truly delightful, having been completely recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. since the war. The decision of our conductor was Plain Bob, although we had been thinking of greater things, but how wise he was, for perfect striking and rhythm is everything in this part of Cornwall. The result was a well nigh perfect peal which equalled the day, for when we came out of the church we basked in sunshine, and in the branches of a tree over our seat there sat a tabby cat who had evidently enjoyed the peal as much as we had.

A snack lunch had been ordered at St. Kew Inn, where to our amazement the landlord's wife had made six Cornish pasties which, in length, were the complete diameter of a large dinner plate. Whether or not six ringers have ever been seen before seated at a table in a bar doing justice to piping hot pasties with knives and forks is doubtful. We rather feared for our afternoon attempt of five Doubles methods. St. Kew bells have been rehung by Taylors since the war, but the tower is tall and the draught long. Also, as at all the towers we visited, the rope ends were spliced in, but an adjustment can be made to give the exact length needed by applying the "Cornish roll" under the sally provided it has not got to pass through a guide. All ready, a successful peal was rung. At one stage the Vicar appeared through the curtains, but noting our concentration he departed to reappear to leave a note of welcome and comments to the effect that the ringing was "sound-ing fine." We valued this appreciation.

We broke up at St. Kew Arms, with special thanks to Alan. Already a reunion has been suggested.

North Herts Half Day

At lunch-time on October 22nd ringers from North Herts, with friends from Safron Walden and Melbourn enjoyed a quiet run through pleasant leafy lanes in autumn sunlight to Swaffham Prior. Over 30 people had assembled here during which time there had been much frantic searching for the key.

The tower of St. Cyriac's houses quite a pleasant ring of six, but the hanging leaves much to be desired. The non-ringers and those who suffer from a nervous disposition watched the masonry fall amid the ruined church below as 45 minutes' ringing flew by.

More friends arrived at Burwell, where there is a very light eight with an extra long draught, which presented difficulties to learners. However, Yorkshire and Stedman went very well. At Fordham, after an awful rise, 'the 16 cwt. six were rung to London and Norwich.

Tea was taken in the cars outside the church and when Soham was reached it was dark and raining. Seven more people awaited us here having met one short twice running for a peal attempt. Stedman and Cambridge Royal proved most enjoyable to performers and audience alike.

A short dash through heavy rain brought us to Chippenham, Cambs. It was here that the young element in the party thought that a visitor from the fiery world below had arrived. This turned out to be the verger lighting the fire below the aisle for Sunday service, so amongst the fragrance of wood smoke ended a pleasant half day's ringing. "The Rutland," Newmarket, was chosen for a short natter before a wet ride home.

Bromley Ringers' Tour

Dawn had barely broken when 13 Bromley ringers and two friends from Hayes left on October 1st in two cars and a Landrover for our first tower of the day, Radlett. Here on the lightest six yet cast by Mears we enjoyed a ring unmarred by the likely disaster of bent stays! At North Mymps, with the assistance of the tower captain, Tom Lock, we were able to achieve a course of Stedman Triples.

Our arrival at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was greeted by torrential rain and only the bravest—or thirstiest—forsook the shelter of the cars to go to the pub at lunchtime. At St. Peter's the tenor went up wrong, but otherwise we managed quite well. A veil should be drawn over our performance at the Cathedral. At Wheathampstead 36 feet of unguided rope soon revealed the good handlers, but after the initial shock we enjoyed some of the best ringing of the day here.

At Sandridge we became embroiled with a wedding party but on disentangling ourselves had an enjoyable ring. Tea was by now top priority, and thanks go to Michael Foster for making the arrangements for a really excellent meal. Our last two towers for the day were at Hatfield, where we acquitted ourselves fairly well on the ten, and at Essendon, where the 10 cwt. six rounded the day off very pleasantly.

Our thanks go to Sheila Copping, who so ably made the arrangements, to our drivers, Michael O'Callaghan, Frank Gates and Richard Wearn, and to all the incumbents and tower captains for allowing us to ring.

REDEDICATION

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

DURING a special service on November 11th the recently rehung bells at the church of St. John the Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, the subject of a recent special article, were re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. Brian Woodhams.

The service took the form of a shortened Evensong and, following the lesson, the Whatton ringers assembled beneath the tower. The Vicar prayed for the bells and for all who will ring on them, and the Archdeacon, at the request of the churchwarden, rededicated the bells and handed them over to the ringers' care and charge. The ringers then ascended the tower and rang the bells in rounds for two minutes.

In an address the Archdeacon spoke on the bells of the churches at which he had served, much to the enjoyment, and at times amusement, of the large congregation of villagers and ringers.

After the service the bells were open for general ringing, and many of the ringers, including Mr. H. Marcon, representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., took the opportunity of trying the bells. Satisfaction on the restoration and "go" of the bells was the general comment.

On Sunday evening, prior to the Remembrance Day Evensong, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by Mary D. Gaydon (first quarter) 1. Pamela C. Clarke 2. W. L. Exton (cond.) 3. J. D. Clarke 4. T. G. Goodwin 5. T. O. Greasley 6.

INSCRIPTION ALTERED

One interesting discovery during the cleaning of the bells was the inscription on the treble bell. A local village tale that "All Gave Me" meant that the new bell was made from the metal taken from the remaining five bells during tuning and removal of the canons was well and truly quashed.

It was discovered that the inscription had been altered by the filing away of the initial letters T. H. H., and the bell had been cast with the inscription "T. H. Hall Gave Me." When the bells were rehung and augmented in 1913, T. H. Hall was the local squire, who lived at Whatton Manor. From the list of donations it would appear that he headed the list with £20, but as the treble bell cost £55 someone must have decided this was not sufficient and had the inscription amended. Perhaps it was a good thing the name fitted!

W. L. E.

Highclere Bellringers' Festival

Sunday, November 20th, proved to be a red letter day for the Highclere ringers, for their fifth bellringers' Sunday. The 7.30 ringing for Holy Communion service consisted of two courses of Bob Major, the first by a local band for Sunday service for many years.

For the 10.30 ringing for Matins a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the help of a distinguished ringer on the tenor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, who made our day when he said it was better than the courses rung at Dorking. Considering we have only practised for a month in this method we felt this was indeed a compliment.

The method chosen for the afternoon was Plain Bob Triples and, for the first time since we have made the afternoon peal attempt, five of the local team were in the band.

A very good peal resulted with two of the band ringing their first on eight and three more their first of Plain Bob Triples, and we were pleased to have the help of three friends from Kingsclere who have given valuable help in eight bell ringing at many of our recent practices.

The service in the evening was very much in the hands of the ringers. The captain, Mr. G. Dodd, read the lesson, two others acted as sidesmen, handbells accompanied the singing of two of the hymns, these being played by two 14-year-olds and one 12-year-old—Philip Tailor, Keith Joiner and Peter Furness.

The Rector in his sermon praised the ringers for their ringing—it was obvious from his knowledge of the subject he had taken great pains over it—and the choir sang a special anthem.

G. D.

REMEMBRANCE DAY QUARTER PEALS

All rung on November 13th, 1966.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Perrott (first Triples and method) 1, Felicity Hamilton (first Triples in method) 2, T. Skilton 3, Janet Crane 4, R. Ashmore 5, R. D. Mills 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. A. Edwards 2, K. W. Eaton 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, L. A. Perry 5, Iris Dykes (first quarter) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Buck 1, Jill Orme (first in method) 2, E. M. Castledine 3, S. Hutton 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. A. S. Harwood 6, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. G. Harrison 1, J. J. Prentice 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, Dr. S. G. Harrison 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Francella (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson (first "inside") 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, R. Nash 6. First quarter by all local band.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Fynes 2, C. Fynes 3, H. Wood 4, H. W. E. Franklin 5, R. A. Banner 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, T. Banner 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Dingwall (first quarter) 1, D. Mills (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Miss E. Candale 5, B. Clamplin 6, L. Mills 7, D. Brooks 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Sherlock 1, R. Padbury 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—1,260 St. Columb Doubles: Hilary I. Pitman (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, C. Longridge 3, B. W. Pocock 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. First in method for all.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): L. Cooper 1, A. Nixey 2, C. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): I Wkkins (now conducted from every bell in tower) 1, Carol Goaling 2, D. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, A. W. King 6.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, P. F. Romney 2, Miss M. Luah 3, R. H. Duke 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, P. Herbert 6, E. H. Amey 7, R. H. J. Mears 8.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl M. Hills 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Christine A. McGarrick 3, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6, First of Minor 1, 2 and 4.

CHESHUNT, MIDDXX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whitnall (first Triples) 1, Miss J. S. Young 2, Miss C. R. Cole 3, R. Durrant 4, E. T. Newnham 5, E. Pickett 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. By Sunday service band.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Love (first quarter) 1, M. E. Stracey 2, F. Cook 3, C. Wilkins 4, I. G. Stracey 5, A. Wiltshire 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jones (cond.) 1, N. Cotton 2, J. Roe 3, J. W. Cotton 4, D. Perry 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDXX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Cruickshank 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren (cond.) 3, I. Campbell 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb 6, B. Watson 7, W. Harwin 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Butler (first of Triples) 1, A. S. Blinfield 2, Pamela Court 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, P. C. Sinden (first of Triples "inside") 5, Rachel J. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Also in memoriam E. S. Ruck, last founder member of the K.C.A.C.R.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, M. Paul (first quarter) 3, E. A. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, R. Harrop (first as cond.) 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Freda Cannon 2, Rosemary J. Cotton (first of Caters) 3, Sandra C. Thexton (first of Caters "inside") 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, J. Pladdys 6, L. C. Way 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. Daftem 10.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): W. E. A. Morris 1, Miss A. Munt 2, Mrs. J. M. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, A. J. Davey 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Higgins 8. And in memoriam Jessie Thoday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Blows 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, Judith Collins 4, G. Coldman 5, P. Henry 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, J. F. M. Maybrey 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDXX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Porteus 1, Mrs. M. G. Gage 2, Miss P. Laycock 3, A. Martin 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5.

HORSELL, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Judith Collins 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, J. Collyer 4, P. J. Privett (first in two methods as cond.) 5, K. Mumford 6. First in two methods 1, 2, 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs (cond.) 1, Judith M. Soten 2, K. Gould 3, A. Newton 4, R. E. Barton 5, P. Newton 6, M. J. Best 7, Meryl Newton 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Ingram 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. T. Hill 3, J. J. Walliet 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. Wright (first quarter, aged 13) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, C. Meakes 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (including Price's, Morris's and Pitman's twelve-accords): M. Peters 1, Marion L. Liday 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Marion Jones (first quarter) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. Birch (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bing (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

MARTIN, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mundy 1, C. Kimber 2, N. Bush 3, D. Kerly (first on "inside" bell) 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, Pauline Poore (first quarter) 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Griffiths 1, P. Downer 2, W. Price 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, C. Edgar 6. First for 1 and 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. Slyfield 1, Janet Cleeve 2, D. Lodge 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (100th quarter Doubles, cond.) 5.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roden 1, R. Tandy 2, B. Sutton 3, B. Wootton 4, M. Clewes 5, J. Lawley 6, P. Bill (cond.) 7, A. Roden 8.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Roach 1, Enid Lawson 2, Mrs. L. Yates 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, T. M. Cox 5, J. Roach 6, P. Wishart 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peggy Carr 1, T. Pritchard 2, F. Garland 3, W. Scudamore 4, R. Watts 5, T. Wills (cond.) 6, R. Cornock 7, P. Blower 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Katherine Maylott 1, Pat Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, G. Dodds 4, W. Little 5, A. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Starkey 1, Miss R. Stratford 2, M. E. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. Vernon 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Trend (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Barker 2, Miss V. G. Rees 3, A. L. Westwood 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, C. Davies 6, H. T. K. Haslam (first as cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SHERBORNE, GLOS.—1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Dixon 1, T. J. Hester 2, M. Collett 3, B. W. Hall 4, D. K. Adkins 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. Rumley 1, D. Taplin 2, W. Brown 3, L. Cooper 4, W. Lawrence 5, W. Munson 6, J. Swain (leading).

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (comp. C. H. Woodberry): M. J. Fellows (cond.) 1, J. Warr 2, P. J. Brown 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Claire E. N. Brown (first of Minor) 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, C. T. Brown 4, P. R. Keough 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Spliced Surprise Major record has been pushed a little further with a peal in 120 methods at Longney, Glos., in 2 hours and 48 minutes. Another great achievement.

Hythe, Kent, is losing a faithful servant by the departure of Mr. W. Bidnell. During his 44 years as a ringer, he has been tower secretary for 15 years.

Mr. Harry Badger writes that it was in 1926 that he rang his first peal of Double Norwich with the late George Pullinger at Bishopstoke, and not almost 50 years ago as mentioned on page 759.

We are asked to state that the handbell ringing at the Lancashire Association dinner (page 757) was by Nick Newby and his two sons, Nick junior and Cliff.

From Fordingbridge, Hants, we learn that a memorial quarter peal has been rung regretting the loss of the silhouette outlines of church spires, etc., that formerly adorned "The Ringing World's" front page.

The peal of Doubles rung in two methods at Steep, Hants, included three ringers of the service band—treble, 14-year-old Janet Wilson; tenor, John White (13), ringing their first peals! with Mrs. Ann Hall on the 3rd, ringing her second peal. All three performed very creditably.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Society on November 8th at the "Rising Sun," Carter Lane, E.C.4, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Master: Mr. A. J. Frost; secretary: Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer: Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward: Mr. P. A. Corby, junior steward: Mr. A. N. Stubbs; trustees: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and J. A. Waugh. Mr. W. T. Cook was elected librarian.

POLICE TRIBUTE

A band of ringers, all police officers in Somerset, rang a commemorative peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of East Coker Parish Church on November 16th. It was their tribute to P.C. Nathaniel Cox, on the 90th anniversary of his murder by poachers. The peal, preceded by a short service, conducted by the Rev. George E. Mullard, was organised by Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell, of Hardington Mandeville. After the service, a floral spray was laid on Nathaniel Cox's grave by Inspector F. T. Sandy, of Yeovil, in the presence and on behalf of the police officers. Addressing his congregation of police officers, Rev. Mullard said: "It is a hazardous life that you lead, and I believe maximum protection should be afforded the policeman at all times," and he called attention to the forthcoming trial in London of three men accused of killing three police officers.

SOMERSET RINGERS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEVERN

Portbury ringers and friends took advantage of the new Severn Bridge on October 1st to visit the Newport-Chepstow area. Ringing started on the tuneless six at Penhow, where the congregation enter the church through the rope-circle. Over the bill at Magor, we found the six "go" very heavily and it is impossible to hear the bells unless the trap-door in the roof is raised.

All the other towers visited had octaves. At Caldicot restoration work was in progress, and the splendid tone of Caerleon's bells impressed those accustomed to treat such light bells with suspicion. Our best striking was on the majestic Warner octave at All Saints', Newport. Machen bells sound harsh in the hazardous ringing chamber, and at Marshfield the bells unfortunately cannot be heard distinctly inside and our striking did not do justice to the bells. Our thanks to incumbents and those who met us.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY WEDDING

Mr. Malcolm Phillips, a well known member of Liverpool University Ringing Society, was married to Miss Muriel Hastings at Wigton Congregational Church, Cumberland, on October 29th. The bride also attended Liverpool University, and, although not a ringer, it can be said that they met through the University Ringing Society.

Several ringing friends made the long journey to Wigton for the occasion and a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Carlisle Cathedral prior to the wedding.

The bride wore a full length gown of brocade with a short veil, and was attended by her sister Dorothy. The reception for some 50 guests was held at the Skinbursay Hotel, a picturesque hotel on the Solway Firth. The couple will live at King's Norton, Birmingham, where the bridegroom is employed.

RING OF SIX STEEL BELLS RESTORED

Burton-on-Trent, with its variety of five rings, can now add a usable ring of six steel bells at Horninglow. These Naylor-Vickers bells were installed soon after the church was opened in 1866, the two trebles being added later. They fell into disuse between the wars, but in recent years a great local effort has been made to rehang the bells on ball bearings, repair the fittings and strengthen the frame.

This task has been mainly carried out by Mr Kenneth Forbes, and the work on the tenor was just completed in time for the church's centenary. The bells go extremely well and have a distinctive though not unpleasant tone when heard outside the tower though the treble is not exactly in scale. The noise in the ringing chamber is great, making conducting difficult. It is hoped to remedy this defect in the future.

The centenary was commemorated by a quarter peal on the bells, in which Mr John Scattergood, the present captain, who has been training the local band, rang the tenor. This quarter was the first in the tower for over 40 years, and the only one in living memory. The local men who have undertaken this task deserve congratulating on a very good job.

ANOTHER DAY TO REMEMBER

Congratulations to Martin Turner on his ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington on November 12th. Martin is only 14 years of age and learned to handle a bell at Wolvercote under the guidance of Wilf Godwin. This was about 18 months ago. He has now accomplished several Doubles and Minor methods and is adept at extending these methods to Triples and Major when he visits an eight-bell tower, which is quite often, as his grandfather is Walter F. Judge, who conducted his peal. It was Martin's first peal, a previous attempt at Kirtlington on October 22nd failing in the eleventh part through the tenor rope breaking. His parents are shortly moving to Standlake, near Witney, Oxon, but he will still be able to continue ringing in Oxford as he is a pupil at Magdalen College School.

E. J. S.

SURPRISE ON RECORD

Andrew G Craddock, of Newcastle on Tyne, had a surprise when he purchased the Kinks' latest single record "Dead End Street" (Pye 7N 17222). On playing the "flip" side he heard rounds on six rung very distinctly as an introduction to the song "Big Black Smoke." The rounds were also rung at the end!

Perhaps (suggests Andrew) Ray Davies, who is one of Tin Pan Alley's leading song writers, and also lead singer for the Kinks, has had some association with bell ringing. He wrote both sides of this disc.

GREMLINS DEFIED

While spending a week-end with Mr. Arthur G. Mason, one of his Australian buddies, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville rang his first peal of Stedman Triples at Erith (page 746). Luck seems to have been with him to add elusive Stedman to his collection, as the following week a band met for a peal of London, rang six changes, and down came the sixth rope! This was the first time in living memory that a rope had broken in a peal attempt at Erith. "So the gremlins, or whatever it is which causes peals to fail, did their best, but did not quite succeed," comments our correspondent.

RINGING FOR "THE ARCHERS"

Ringers from Evesham, Pershore and Worcester went on November 13th, at short notice, to ring the bells at Hanbury for a B.B.C. recording for the "Archers" programme.

The ringing will possibly be heard shortly, when the theme of the programme will be concerned with recruiting some new bellringers at "Ambridge." Good touches of Yorkshires and Stedman Triples were rung, followed by a fall in peal and the minute bell. There was also a microphone in the ringing chamber, and we were asked simply to discuss the ringing as we would normally.

Hanbury church and bells have been used before for the "Archers" programme. The bells are a very nice Taylor eight (tenor 12½ cwt.).

CHORISTER-RINGER RECORD

At Frome there is a ringer with an even longer record of double service than Mr Gascoigne of North Muskham, reported in the issue of October 14th. He is Mr. W. H. Mills, born in 1882, who was a choirboy from the age of nine and a ringer from 15 at Marston Bigot, two miles from Frome, which he still visits on alternate Sunday mornings to ring and sing.

He joined St. John's ringers at Frome in 1914 and continues to ring regularly each Saturday practice and Sunday evening. Mr. Mills rang for the relief of Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mafeking, for the death of Queen Victoria and for all national events since then.

Before 1912 the five at Marston, in an old elm frame were in very bad repair: the new treble and steel frame made it a lovely light six much enjoyed by scores of ringers since then.

Mr. Mills served in France and Italy in the 1914-18 War, and hopes to celebrate his diamond wedding on Boxing Day this year.

E. D. O.

SEVENTH GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The seventh annual week-end course at Grantley Hall Ripon, Yorks. on November 11th-13th, was perhaps the most successful ever held, with 35 ringers present and a further 17 unable to secure a place. Lecturers were Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. F. Moreton, N. Chaddock and E. Hudson. Mr V. Bottomley, secretary of the Central Council, and new Yorkshire Association president, was present on the first evening to welcome students. A full report will be available in due course.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF RINGING

The recent quarter peal rung at Frittenden, Kent, was to celebrate Mr. G. Grant's 60 years of ringing. Although retired, George has continued his membership of the thriving band at Headcorn, where he was captain for a number of years. His efforts in maintaining a strong Sunday service band over the past years have resulted in rapid progress.

CAPTAIN'S 1,000th ATTENDANCE

Mr. Derek P. Jones has made his 1,000th ringing attendance at Church Gresley, Derbyshire, having been in charge of the ringing since the bells were installed nearly eight years ago. The occasion was marked by a quarter peal in 11 methods and a presentation from the band by Mr. David Parry (vice-captain), of "Shell Guide to Britain."

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WREUNION

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt 20 lb in D	
George E. Thoday Treble	Cyril A. Whatten 6
Walter Ayre 2	Antony R. Kench 7
Diana M. Chapman 3	D. John Hunt 8
Gillian M. Hunt 4	*George T. Cousins 9
Richard W. Sweet 5	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Royal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt in D	
Richard W. Sweet Treble	George T. Cousins 6
Gillian M. Hunt 2	Alan J. Carveth 7
Diana M. Chapman 3	Peter Bridle 8
George E. Thoday 4	Antony R. Kench 9
Cyril A. Wratten 5	D. John Hunt Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in E	
George E. Thoday Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
*Diana M. Chapman 2	D. John Hunt 6
Gillian M. Hunt 3	Antony R. Kench 7
George T. Cousins 4	*Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Anthony R. Kench
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

A NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PADSTOW, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Petrock.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt	
Seven extents called differently.	
Alan Carveth Treble	John C. Mitchelmore 4
Rev. A. S. Roberts 2	Derek A. Trethewey 5
Graham F. Dunstan 3	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Evangeline Roberts and Robert C. Wilson on their engagement.

ST. MINVER, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Menefrida.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt	
42 extents (ten callings).	
D. Roy Bould Treble	Alan Carveth 4
Graham F. Dunstan 2	Derek A. Trethewey 5
Rev. A. S. Roberts 3	John C. Mitchelmore Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

First peal on the bells.

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Endellion.

On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt	
Seven extents called differently.	
Alan Carveth Treble	Graham F. Dunstan 4
Derek A. Trethewey 2	Rev. A. S. Roberts 5
John C. Mitchelmore 3	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells.

ST. KEW, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. James the Great
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt	
Being two extents of Stedman, six Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, six April Day and 20 Grandsire	
D. Roy Bould Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts 4
Graham F. Dunstan 2	John C. Mitchelmore 5
Alan Carveth 3	Derek A. Trethewey Tenor

Jointly conducted by Alan Carveth and D. Roy Bould.
First peal on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS Michael and Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb	
Edward J. Chivers Treble	George Prescott 6
Eric Naylor 2	Walter S. Rice 7
Marjorie Legg 3	Gwilym Salmon 8
Victor G. Roberts 4	Ronald D. Short 9
Sheila Y. Hallett 5	Sidney G. Smith Tenor

Composed by P. C. Wright. Conducted by George Prescott.
First in the method by all the band

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 4 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 56 cwt 42 lb in B	
David P. Hilling Treble	Thomas H. Francis 6
Brian Bladon 2	*Peter Bridle 7
Richard W. Sweet 3	Alan Carveth 8
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Victor Griffin 9
Michael J. Thomas 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 200th peal.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.	
In four methods being one extent of London, and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge	
Eric C. Wadman Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4
*Max Heymann 2	Ronald G. Beck 5
*Derek S. Beaufoy 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross
* First peal of Surprise Minor in four methods. First of Surprise Minor in four methods as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr	
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon 6
Diane M. Chapman 2	Michael G. R. Zobel 7
*Mandi McCallion 3	Tudor P. Edwards 8
Gillian M. Brearley 4	Patrick J. Bird 9
*Susanna Poppleston 5	John T. Parsons Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon
* First peal of Caters. 50th tower bell peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt 24 lb. in F.	
*Brian Schofield Treble	*Stuart W. Bracegirdle 5
Michael Thomson 2	Harold Worrall 6
Edward V. Rodenhurst 3	Christopher J. Jones 7
Victor Neal 4	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Composed by N. J. Piastow. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob Major

HANDLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	
*Leon A. Perry Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2	*John R. Scott 5
*Keith W. Eaton 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of five Minor methods.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
Being seven different extents.	
David W. Parkin Treble	David W. Camm 4
Bernard Greasley 2	*Gordon Faulks 5
*Linda Greasley 3	David J. Marshall Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF CALL CHANGE RINGERS
WEST DOWN, Devonshire—At the Church of St. Calixtus.
 On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr 3 lb. in A flat.
 Brian R. White Treble Derek Jewell 4
 William Hibbert 2 Francis A. White 5
 John W. T. Hibbert 3 *Mervyn Phillips Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White

* First scientific peal at the first attempt. First scientific peal on the bells and for the Association.
 Rung in memoriam William Phillips.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London with 101 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt 10 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Thoday Treble Dennis A. S. Symonds 5
 *Josephine A. Quilter 2 Joe E. G. Roast 6
 Ian R. Panton 3 †Peter G. Brown 7
 Frank B. Lufkin 4 †James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of four spliced. † 75th peal together.

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

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble .. Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
 George E. Thoday 2 .. Peter G. Brown 6
 *Josephine A. Quilter .. 3 .. Joe E. G. Roast 7
 Frank B. Lufkin 4 .. James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

* First peal of Bristol.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BENHILTON, Surrey—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E

Julia A. Fellows Treble Martyn L. J. Jordan 5
 Sara K. D. Woolley 2 Keith J. Walpole 6
 Gillian M. Brearley 3 Martyn W. Harbott 7
 Michael Ling 4 Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by A. Knights

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

EGHAM, Surrey—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Joyce A. Parsons Treble Norman Summerhayes 5
 *Alan D. Flood 2 David E. Parsons 6
 †Walter A. Peck 3 Douglas M. Boniface 7
 †Stephen R. Elliott 4 John Hill Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal of Treble Bob Maor. † First in the method. † First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Norman G. E. Issberner, M.A., on the day following his institution and induction.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble Andrew J. Corby 5
 *Tony Lewis 2 Stanley Jenner 6
 Ann Jenner 3 D. Paul Smith 7
 Judith M. Corby 4 Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Spliced Major "inside." First of spliced as conductor.

Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

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

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Marilyn J. Chidwick .. Treble Bernard F. L. Groves 4
 †Phyllis R. Chidwick .. 2 Peter S. Muchlinski 5
 Martin L. Howe 3 Christopher T. Osenton Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Treble *Geoffrey Cheetham 7
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2 Jeffrey Kershaw 8
 Derek Butterworth 3 Cyril Crossthwaite 9
 Richard S. Starkie 4 J. Barry Pickup 10
 Richard J. Parker 5 John H. Fielden 11
 J. Colin Ashworth 6 Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal of Maximus.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*Jeffery Simcox Treble *Richard Palmer 5
 Patricia Gardner 2 Frank Stead 6
 Christopher L. Watson .. 3 Roger Barnes 7
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4 Dennis H. McCormick .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Barnes.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung for the 66th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Albert Greenhalgh Treble James E. Andrews 5
 *R. Keith Lister 2 James Cunliffe 6
 †Roy Jolley 3 Geoffrey Fothergill 7
 †John Illingworth 4 Thomas W. Smith Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in method "inside." † First of Major. † First peal.

First peal of Major at this tower by the local Sunday service band.
 Rung in recognition of the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Smith.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble Kevin M. Price 4
 *Sarah E. Newby 2 *Brian Maudsley 5
 †Dorothy L. M. Nicholls .. 3 Nicholas M. Newby, jun. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* First peal. † First on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb in B.

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

Composed by Giles B. Thompson.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First of Surprise Royal "inside" at first attempt.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason Treble W. Ernest Rawson 5
 Malcolm E. Wade 2 William A. Lacey 6
 Martin Green 3 Roland H. Cook 7
 Howard C. Palmer 4 Samuel J. Haines Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm E. Wade and Janet Williams, on their engagement.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., Nov. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Joan Gilbert Treble *Denis Woods 5
 *Janet E. Hubbard 2 Alan G. Payne 6
 Frank Taylor 3 Cyril R. Burrell 7
 *R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4 George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Superlative.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor on his departure from R.A.F. Coningsby.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's,
Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.

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

*Amos Ingall Treble	John F. Pearson 4
William R. Parker 2	Ronald Applewhite 5
Philip C. Pitchford 3	*Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* 125th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also in memoriam Ald. W. E. Young, J.P., who for over 40 years served Branston in various capacities. R.I.P.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 UPPINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*H. George Hart Treble	*Claudia A. Critchley 5
*Elsie K. Hart 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Joan Beresford 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	*David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

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

Arranged by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Sidney Marshall Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley 6
*Shelagh Collins 2	Claude Cousins 7
*Edward Howes 3	Leslie W. Houghton 8
Wallace Cousins 4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9
*Kevin S. Hohl 5	Norman V. Harding Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Giles C. Galley, who shortly leaves King's Lynn to take up a new appointment at Leeds.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.
Edward Howes Treble	George P. Adams 5
Kevin S. Hohl 2	Claude Cousins 6
Wallace Cousins 3	*Norman V. Harding 7
Shelagh Collins 4	*Leslie W. Houghton Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* 50th peal together

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

A PEAL OF 5136 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Roy E. Barton Treble	John Young 5
E. Dennis Poole 2	Anthony K. Fortin 6
George E. Bonham 3	Walter Lee 7
Joyce I. Barton 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin and D. W. Friend.

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of Grandsire, Longparish, St. Quintin, St. Helen, Newborough, Daffodil, St. Lucy.

Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 19 lb.

C. Richard Miles Treble	Leonard R. Porter 3
Roy H. Jones 2	John A. H. Betts 4
David Floyd Tenor	

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

ROUSHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Leonard and James.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: 1 Cambridge, 2 Beverley, 3 Surfleet, 4 Kent, 5 Plain Bob, 6 Double Bob, 7 St. Clement's.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	Christopher C. Clarke 4
Diana Reeves 2	Robert A. Reeves 5
Ronald K. Russ 3	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

J. Edward Cawser Treble	J. Martin Thorley 6
Beryl E. Cawser 2	John M. Jelley 7
Monica M. Jelley 3	Brian S. Chapman 8
B. Stedman Payne 4	Russell S. Morris 9
*Alan Evans 5	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method and of Surprise Royal.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Murray A. Coleman Treble	Richard J. Cowley 6
*Frank E. Coales 2	Kevan J. Chapman 7
Sheila J. Staley 3	Brian Austin 8
*Christopher N. Stephenson 4	John G. Mitchell 9
Philip Bosworth 5	Arthur Gibbs Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John G. Mitchell.

* First peal of Royal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. J. Loasby on his 50 years' service as organist to the town.

THE POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Nov. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. Gilbert G. Davies Treble	Ex.-S.C. Trevor E. Marks 5
S.C. Sgt. Harry J. Sanger 2	S.C. Sgt. Gilbert W. Rendell 6
Ex.-P.S. Vincent Hemmings 3	Insp. Frederick T. Sandy 7
*S.C. Anthony J. Alderman 4	Ex.-S.C. Sidney W. White Tenor

Conducted by Frederick T. Sandy.

* First peal.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of P.C. Nathaniel Cox, of East Coker, brutally murdered by poachers on November 16th, 1876.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5103 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

Ann E. Fellows Treble	Andrew J. Strathdee 7
*Margaret A. Bould 2	Ronald F. Diserens 8
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 9
Sheila M. Dobbie 4	Edmund Malin 10
Thomas H. Francis 5	Dennis Beresford 11
Walter H. Dobbie 6	James A. D. Woolford Tenor

Composed by Michael V. Chilcott.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

In memoriam George Pullinger, a respected member of this Society.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Nov. 19th, 1966 in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.
Peter Beresford Treble .. 6
Joan Beresford 2 .. 7
Sheila M. Dobbie 3 .. 8
Walter H. Dobbie 4 .. 9
Ronald J. Sharp 5 .. Tenor
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Dennis Beresford

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G
*Trevor Kirkman Treble .. 4
†Arthur Newell 2 .. 5
†Neil Handley 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by David Oliver
* First peal of Minor. † First of Kent. ‡ 25th peal this year.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.
Alan R. Andrews Treble .. 5
*Martin H. Whittell 2 .. 6
W. Keith Whittell 3 .. 7
Jennifer M. Andrews 4 .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews
* First peal of Major Rung half-muffled

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.
*Andrew Ellis Treble .. 4
Vernon Bedford 2 .. 5
Jack Pilgrim 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal (aged 12).
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance; also for those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Harold N. Pittow Treble .. 7
Michael V. Chilcott 2 .. 8
Roydon Davies 3 .. 9
R. James Cook 4 .. 10
Richard C. Stevens 5 .. 11
*Kevin Taber 6 .. Tenor
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.
Christine M. Baldock .. Treble .. 5
Janet M. Percy 2 .. 6
Amette E. Bradbury 3 .. 7
*J. Michael Swift 4 .. Tenor
Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Triples "inside." † First peal.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's of Stedman. St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, and five 120's of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.
Charlotte M. Harris .. Treble .. 3
*Gillian R. Parsons 2 .. 4
John A. Howard Tenor
Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal of Doubles.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
STEEP, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 25 extents of Grandsire and 17 of Plain Bob.
*Janet P. Wilson (14) .. Treble .. 4
Betty J. Daysh 2 .. 5
Ann M. Hall 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., June 25, 1966 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Miss A. Baldwin Treble .. 5
Miss L. Jones 2 .. 6
*G. Cooper 3 .. 7
Miss O. A. Marshall .. 4 .. Tenor
Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal of Major. † First peal

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

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.
Ronald H. Dove Treble .. 5
Jane A. Carruthers 2 .. 6
M. Susan Jackson 3 .. 7
R. Joy Watkin 4 .. Tenor
Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church, Upper Armley.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.
Ronald H. Dove Treble .. 5
*Rodney Smith 2 .. 6
Arnold Cole 3 .. 7
P. John Hall 4 .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major Fastest peal on the bells.

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

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
P. John Hall Treble .. 4
Kenneth B. Sissons 2 .. 5
Maurice F. Edwards 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2, 3) St. Clement's, (4, 5) Southrepps, (6, 7) Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
Michael J. Denton Treble .. 4
James S. Webb 2 .. 5
James W. Belshaw 3 .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELI PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5. Moat Close.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Gerald Penney 1-2 .. 7-8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3-4 .. 9-10
Julia A. Fellows 5-6 .. 11-12
Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 100th peal. Tenor size 15 in C.
Rung as a welcome to Alistair Green, born on November 6th, 1966.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ORPINGTON, Kent.—At 21, Fairbank Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.
Herbert E. Audsley 1-2 .. 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves 3-4 .. 7-8
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) College Little Bob, (3) Single Court Bob, (4) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor: size 15 in C.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in seven methods by all First peal on the bells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Margaret D. Woolley (Oxford) 1-2
Christopher W. Woolley (Cambridge, cond.) .. 3-4
*Vivian Nutton (Cambridge) 5-6
Roger Baldwin (Nottingham) 7-8
* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Foster (first Triples in method) 1, T. Skilton (first Triples in method) 2, Sally Parrott 3, A. Elsmore 4, R. Heyworth 5, J. Helder (first Triples "inside") 6, R. D. Mills (first Triples as cond.) 7, Adrienne Gibson 8. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Burgess (first Major) 1, Jill Oakshort (first Major "inside") 2, Janet Crane 3, J. L. Hayns 4, P. Munday 5, J. C. Davidge (first Major) 6, T. Skilton (first Major as cond.) 7, R. D. Mills 8.

ALKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Binstead (first quarter) 1, R. Birch (cond.) 2, K. Butler 3, B. Butcher 4. First known quarter by Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: St. J. Perry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. G. Harrison 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, D. Derrick 4, Dr. S. G. Harrison 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. For christening of Catherine Anne, daughter of St. J. and Janet Perry.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Hillman 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, A. Swatton 3, P. J. Devrell 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6. Rung to celebrate the granting of the Charter to the new Bath Technological University.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bromley 1, I. E. Allmand 2, S. Donnelly 3, C. H. Allmand 4, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Charles W. Dall, village schoolmaster and church worker, whose funeral took place this day.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Whiting 1, Barbara Butterworth 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, R. F. Baker 5, P. S. Abbott (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hancock 1, N. Hancock 2, Jennifer Murrell 3, W. Abraham 4, S. Badman 5, D. Helliwell 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillet 8. First of Triples 1, 3 and 8. Rung for St. Mary Redcliffe Old Boys' Society annual service.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Roe 1, W. F. Woodward 2, N. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry (first in 11 methods) 5. For weddings of Ivan Nayles and Susan Starling, and Darryl Morris and Lynn Hazell, also on the occasion of the conductor's 1,000th ringing attendance at this tower. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): A. Adkins 1, N. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Schafie 1, D. Wheat 2, D. Cobb 3, R. Stephenson 4, A. Semken (cond.) 5, K. Good 6.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, N. I. Bridges 4, C. G. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, J. Strawford 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, L. R. Porter (first on eight) 5, F. H. Whipp 6, J. P. Coad (first on eight) 7, F. C. Carter 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Allen Stevens (churchwarden) and Mrs. Stevens on the birth of a daughter.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan (first quarter) 1, W. Reece 2, F. Oakley 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

GREAT COXWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Miles 1, J. Strawford 2, L. R. Porter 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for 20 years.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Gee (first quarter) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, R. Green 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): W. J. Ridgman 1, G. Barnard 2, E. W. Brown 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 London Surprise Major: Jane Foster 1, Joan Beresford 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, N. Mallett 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. D. Woolford 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Foley 1, Mrs. L. James 2, J. Kemp 3, Gwynneth James 4, S. James (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6. For installation of Rev. R. H. Gill as an Hon. Canon of St. Albans Abbey.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of All Saints, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. L. E. James 1, Gwynneth James 2, J. Thorp 3, S. James 4, P. Owen (first in method) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, J. Kemp (cond.) 7, B. Foley 8. For those who lost their lives at Aberfan. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Bagguley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, P. M. F. Searles 3, J. Kemp 4, S. James (cond.) 5, D. Disby 6.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On Nov. 5th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Handley 1, Diana J. Handley 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Boumpfrey 4, R. Palmer (first in method) 5, E. Bennett (cond.) 6.

HORNINGLOW, BARROS-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, W. Leach 2, G. Roobottom 3, J. W. Cotton 4, J. K. Smith 5, J. Scattergood (first quarter) 6. First quarter for over 40 years on these steel bells, whose denovation was recently completed. For 100th anniversary of the church.

HORSPATH, OXON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Wilsher 1, P. M. Bradford 2, S. K. Thompson 3, P. J. Daniel 4, J. P. Coad 5, R. E. Burberry (cond.) 6. O.U.S.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Joyce Barton 2, M. J. Best 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. E. Barton (first of Stedman) 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. M. Barker 1, P. Brentnall (first "inside") 2, D. A. Bedford 3, G. Spratt 4, K. D. Waples (cond.) 5, D. J. Goodman 6.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Greenway (first quarter) 1, Ann Butcher 2, J. J. Webb 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, A. Brewer 6.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Gillian M. Greene 1, D. O. Haslam 2, Rev. J. H. Greene 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5. First quarter on the new six.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Oct. 30th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Minor: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Audrey Alexander 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, J. Q. Pladdys 4, D. L. Cawley 5, M. W. Coleman 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,248 London S. Minor: D. L. Cawley 1, B. R. Douglas (cond.) 2, R. R. Churchill 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, M. W. Coleman 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6.

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LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Mrs. B. Dodson 1, C. Smith 2, M. Goss 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, F. Tonge 5, Sylvia Dodd 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. B. Dodson.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. Towler 1, G. W. Howlett 2, A. E. Crowe 3, L. M. Raphael 4, R. W. R. Coates 5, D. E. Carr 6, H. Meadows 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. In memory of the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Turner 1, G. W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, T. A. Cross 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, A. W. Dyer 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Frederick A. Strickland, died November 4th, aged 84, life-long member of this tower.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Wollaton Doubles: M. R. Bolton 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in method for all the band.

MILTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Nicholas (first on a working bell) 1, D. R. Baxter 2, C. W. Temperton (first "inside") 3, E. C. Turner 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. D. Hutchfield 6. By Culham College Ringing Society to commemorate the signing of the Armistice 48 years ago this day.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Rathby 1, P. Rathby 2, J. J. Laverack 3, A. E. Chilton 4, Miss M. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, H. Stevenson 7, P. Wakefield 8, J. W. Rathby (cond.) 9, H. Mabbott 10. First of Caters 1 and 10. For the sixth night of Gofers.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): T. Bleatham 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hilliar 3, R. Ridout 4, Bert Ridout 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. W. Trevett and Miss N. Goddard.

RAINFORD, LANCs.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. P. A. Goulding 1, J. Lunham 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. R. Ridley 4, M. Snape 5, D. R. Jones 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. In memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Double Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J. Hartless 2, D. Wilson 3, A. W. Fry 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, W. E. Cheater 6, W. T. Perrins 7, L. T. Perrins 8. First in the method for all.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Vernon 1, J. Vernon 2, C. M. Sturges 3, J. Watkins 4, M. Vernon 5, W. Johnson 6, A. M. Lindzey 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8.

THORNTON, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Ward (first quarter) 1, W. Culpin 2, G. Davis 3, F. Simey 4, A. Waller (first as cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, A. J. Slade 2, E. T. Newnham 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. Durrant 6, I. L. Dear 7, D. G. Yeo 8, J. Brain 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, L. Derrick 12. For Matins.

WILLESDEN, MIDDx.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Bird 1, Elsie Lankester 2, Valerie E. Ware 3, C. E. Lankester 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, Alick Cutler 6, E. H. Kilby (cond.) 7, L. B. J. Hinkley 8.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, B. Bramston 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. Frank Afford (former ringer) and his wife, on their golden wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Smith.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Laker 1, E. Kaapp 2, C. Ridgway 3, A. Laker 4, F. Butchers 5, A. Stoner 6. In memoriam G. Brackpool, late ringer of Turner's Hill and Worth.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Court 1, R. Clothier 2, C. Wilkins 3, F. Cook 4, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 5, A. Syers 6. A compliment to Mr. W. Ricketts, a local ringer, on his 88th birthday.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: N. T. Burgess (13, first quarter) 1, A. F. Boyce 2, A. T. Harrison 3, P. Bower 4, D. Bird 5, R. Lubbock 6. In memoriam Alfred S. Goddard, churchwarden and hon. member of Norwich Association.

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BLADON.—To Lesley and Brian at Victoria Hospital, Swindon, on November 25th, 1966, a daughter, Helen. 559

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OXENHAM.—BROCKLEHURST.—The engagement is announced between Stanley Oxenham, of Cam, Glos, and Edith (Topsy) Brocklehurst, of Bristol. 468

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BECKWITH.—The address of Andrew T. Beckwith is now 49, Alston Road, Ipswich, Suffolk (telephone No. 58652). 462

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Will Mr. C. J. Brown, of Teesdale House, Yarn Road, Stockton-on-Tees, please forward his new address to the Editor, as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

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LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER,

February 11th, 1967.

Please note the date. Details later. 432

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guild members are asked to note the following dates:

March.—Guild Committee meeting (Reading).

April.—Guild Striking Competition.

July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.

October.—Autumn general meeting (Reading).

M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ST. MARGARET'S, LOWESTOFT.—A brass tablet in memory of Albert Coleman, a former Ringing Master, will be dedicated during evening service on Sunday, December 4th. Ringing at 5.30 p.m., also after the service. 427

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—1967 A.G.M. at Beccles (preacher at service the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich), April 1st. 1967 striking competition, Horringer on May 6th. Members, please book the dates now. 462

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Snitterfield, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea to Rev. J. B. Woodward-Court, The Vicarage, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon (Tel. S-on-A 263).—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 398

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Murphy, 209, Osborne Road, Newcastle 2. 410

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's and Annabel's London. 409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Redcliffe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Redcliffe Community Centre, Guinea Street, with meeting to follow. Service 4.15 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 445

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10) December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way. Tel. Rickmansworth 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 402

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Offley (6), December 3rd, 6 p.m., also Norton (8). Thursday, December 1st, 7.30 p.m. This is a District practice; everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 278

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent. please. 400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual general meeting at Standish on Saturday, December 3rd. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Benham. 1. Adelphi Street, Standish, nr. Wigan.—K. F. Wilson, Sec. 456

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, nr. Grant-ham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 400

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 3rd. Barnes (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8) 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 353

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60 Z. No name no tea.—N. P. J. C. 396

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Loughton, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Alderman, 28, Abbey Road, Old Bradwell, Wolverton. 415

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Kelmarsh, Saturday, December 3rd, 5.30 p.m. start. Service 6.30 p.m. 454

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on December 3rd at Thrybergh (6), 3-5 p.m. Eastwood (8) (Rotherham) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Thrybergh. Please bring own food. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 417

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham. 418

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Evening meeting, Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, December 3rd, 6-9 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 406

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 3rd. Christchurch (12) 3-4.45, followed by meeting in belfry; Bournemouth (St. Peter's) (8) 7.15-8. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb, Sec. 378

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on December 6th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: December 6th and 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; December 20th, St. Lawrence Jewry. No practice on December 27th.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 446

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Kewstoke (6), Saturday, December 10th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 440

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster, T.N. 346, by Tuesday, 6th. 455

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill (6) on Sat., Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. Note change of venue.—K. Fleming, Hon. Dis. Sec. 452

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington (6), December 10th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington. Beverley, by previous Thursday. 448

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A.G.M. at Staveley on December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Carol service 4.30. Tea 5 Social 8 p.m. Names for tea and social—most essential—to Mrs. D. Smith, 73 Railway Cottages, Staveley, Chesterfield. Special methods: Double Norwich and Gainsborough Little Bob.—M. Phipps, Sec. 449

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, at Burstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting and further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by December 9th. 423

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual General Meeting, December 10th, Malmesbury. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to H. Blacker, 15, West Street, Malmesbury; otherwise no name no tea.—H. Heath. 443

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting at Newent, Glos. on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Notify before December 3rd for tea.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 444

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, December 10th, at Christ Church, Swindon. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and film "Washington Cathedral." Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, please. 447

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Fairford (8), December 10th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. W. A. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 442

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The Branch A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, December 10th, in Gloucester Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. Service at St. Mary-de-Crypt at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Crypt (8) available after business. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 469

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, December 10th, Olveston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 455

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Epsom (St. Martin's), December 10th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom.—M. M. 439

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Madeley, December 10th. Bells (8) 6 to 8 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 453

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 10th. Bengoe, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Short business meeting 7.30.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 473

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th, at St. Michael's, Garston. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19, by Wednesday.—M. E. D. 465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Ulverston on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 8th to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh. Please note: No names no tea arranged.—T. F. Metcalfe. 420

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 426

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Whitworth, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 437

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sapcote (6), Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea to Miss R. Stratford, 13, Pougher Close.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 461

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Pochin Hall. Names for tea to Mr. M. E. White, 35, Highgate Road, Sileby, by Wednesday, December 7th. 427

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice of Western Deaneries at Salle, Saturday, December 10th, 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Reepham—no need to send names. 435

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, by December 5th. 458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on December 10th at 6.30 p.m. 470

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Little Horwood, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, December 8th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks. 425

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 416

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr (Aberystwyth) on Saturday, December 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lloyd, "Laburnum," Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 421

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sturminster Newton, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Childe Okeford bells available. Visitors welcome. Names to M. M. Godlev, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Tuesday, 6th. Phone Yetminster 332. 433

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Prees on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for teas must be in by December 3rd to Mr. T. Hinks, 5, Harvern Gardens, Prees, near Whitchurch.—E. Morris. 384

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts meeting at Everton, December 10th. Names for tea to Rev. Usher, The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster, Yorks, by previous Wednesday. 436

CORRECTION.—The address of Mr. F. Reynolds, hon. secretary of Lancashire Association, is 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester, and not as given on back page.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Saturday, December 10th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 461

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Annual District meeting, Hintlesham (6), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. Members, this is your meeting. Come and air your views and elect your officers. All wishing for tea please write to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, no later than Wednesday December 7th.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 389

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5 o'clock for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, December 7th. Bells after tea.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 460

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 474

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Burghclere (6) on Saturday, December 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Watts, The Cottage, Burghclere Grange, near Newbury, by December 6th, please. 450

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Pontefract on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles', 4 until the service, which is at 4.30, and in the evening until 8.30. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. J. H. Lenton, 2, Westfield Avenue, Pontefract.—R. J. Lumley, Dis. Sec. 395

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hillingdon, Monday, December 12th. Ringing 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 372

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Amblecote, Stourbridge, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 139, Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, by previous Wednesday, please. Ringing after meeting. 467

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 434

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