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## SOME NOTES ON THE FOUNDRY OF BILBIE

By M. G. MESSER

SOMERSET is a county known for its tall and beautiful church towers. It is equally famous for its bells. The number of bell foundries that have existed in the county eclipses that of any other county except Yorkshire. Although none of these foundries lasted long, one family of founders stands out from the rest, namely that of Bilbie.

The foundry of the Bilbie family was begun in 1698, when "old Edward Bilbie" (as he styled himself) established the business at the village of Chewstoke, nestling under the Mendip Hills. The foundry flourished so well that later on a branch was opened at Cullompton in Devon. "Old Edward Bilbie" died in 1732, but not before his successor's name occurs, for as early as 1719 we find a Thomas Bilbie mentioned. Thomas seems to have died in 1754 and was succeeded by another Thomas, who is last heard of in 1790. The last owners of the foundry were Abraham Bilbie (1768-1773), William (1775-1790) and James (1793-1814).

The bells of this foundry are many, especially in Somerset itself, where the Bilbies' rivals—the Rudhalls of Gloucester—were almost kept out entirely. The branch at Cullompton lasted until 1813, when it was taken over by William Pannell, who subsequently moved to Exeter.

The inscriptions on the Bilbie bells are often lengthy and very often amusing. At Cullompton on a bell dated 1746 was cast this inscription:

"Bilby the Founder. Bush the Hanger.  
"Heathfield's the man that rings the tenor."

A rival of the Bilbie family was Evans of Chepstow, who, upon casting the fifth at Backwell, Somerset, put this inscription on the bell:

"Bilby and Boosh may come and see  
"What Evans and Nott have done by me."  
(Boosh probably refers to Bush.)

Bilbie was not to be outdone, however, for he also had another rival in the form of the Cockey family, the first of whom went by the name of Mordecai. We gather from a bell of Bilbie's cast in 1732 at Dunkerton, Somerset, that the earlier operations of the Cockey family were not very successful:

"Before I was broke I was as good as any  
"But when that Cockey casted I near was worth a penny."

At Corston, near Bath, Thomas Bilbie cast a bell which was regarded with suspicion by the locals. Their remarks did not escape the foundry at Chewstoke, and so the church-wardens' accounts for the year 1754 read as follows:

"October 22nd, 1754.—Whereas a suspicion has been concerning ye goodness of ye bell lately cast by Thomas Bilby he doth hereby oblige himself that if ye said bell should be slot or otherwise hurt by faer ringing or towling within one year from ye time it was hung up he will cast ye said bell again without any expenses to ye parish, as Witness my hand.—William Bilbie."

This guarantee it seems had great effect, for immediately following the above statement this receipt occurs:

"October 22nd, 1754.—Received of Mr. John Humfris the sum of seven pounds three shillings in ful for last payment for casting the too Bell for the use of Thomas Bilbie. Received by me—William Bilbie."

## OUR PICTURE

### ST. MARY'S, PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX

By PETER AND DAVID SLOMAN

"When sweetly rings this bell  
From the tower of Prittlewell,  
Let Jesus Christ be praised."  
1895.

THUS reads the inscription on the fourth bell at Prittlewell, whose beautifully proportioned Perpendicular tower stands overlooking both the estuary and surrounding countryside.

The importance of bells in the tower was shown in 1548, when in order to supply a bell frame, much of the church plate was sold. Subsequently, in 1553, the first five bells were hung in the tower, the tenor bell weighing 25 cwt. These, by 1603, had become unringable and were recast by Richard Holdfield, a Cambridge founder, through a bequest by William Aylife, a London merchant. The Holdfield tenor weighed approximately 20 cwt., and was recast in 1682 by John Darbie of Ipswich, by which time its weight was down to some 16½ cwt. Later the fourth bell fell from its fittings and it was recast in 1772 by Pack and Chapman. In 1806 Thomas Mears added a treble bell to complete the six.

There has never been a lack of keen ringers at Prittlewell. So keen were those in 1840, when Dr. Nolan was the Vicar, that he had considerable difficulty in persuading them to commence ringing at 8 a.m. instead of 5 a.m. After brandishing a carving knife over their heads, the Vicar eventually besieged the ringers with pistols. This resulted in the imprisonment of one of the ringers and, in turn, an effigy of Dr. Nolan was burned in the parish. Fortunately, today relations with the clergy are less strained!

All the bells except the treble were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1872, and in 1895 they added two more trebles. The tenor at this time weighed 17½ cwt. The ring as it is today was completed in 1902 by John Warner of London, who added two trebles, recast the tenor (18½ cwt.) and hung the ten bells in a new frame with new fittings. Details are:

Treble.—26½ in. 4 cwt.  
Second.—28½ in. 4 cwt. 2 qr.  
Third.—28½ in. 4 cwt. 3 qr.  
Fourth.—29½ in. 5 cwt. 1 qr.  
Fifth.—30½ in. 5 cwt. 3 qr.  
Sixth.—32½ in. 6 cwt. 3 qr.  
Seventh.—35½ in. 8 cwt. 3 qr.  
Eighth.—37½ in. 9 cwt. 3 qr.  
Ninth.—42 in. 14 cwt.  
Tenor.—47 in. 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

The ten were rung for the first time on May 30th, 1902, to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII, after whom the tenor is named.

The treble proudly proclaims:

"A Royal peal are we  
We ring o'er land and sea  
From Prittlewell belfry."  
1902."

The record peal of 12,740 Bob Royal was rung at St. Mary's in 1950, composed and conducted by Frank Lufkin, the then Master at Prittlewell.

"We are three jolly ringers from Prittlewell tower,

We ring and we ring for hour upon hour"  
goes the opening lines of a song written at the time.

It was Frank Lufkin who, because of the rather isolated area around Southend, created the Southend and District Guild. The aim of the Guild, which has been going for 17 years, is to help young ringers in the area who are

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unable to travel the distances necessary to attend other meetings.

The Guild is holding a Ringing and Flower Festival at Prittlewell in July. This will be the last time that the bells will be available before they go to the founders for rehangng and possibly recasting.

P. & D. S.

[Photograph of Prittlewell Church by S. and D. Noyce Studios, Prittlewell.]

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## A New Master for Essex Association

THE 88th annual general meeting of the Essex Association was held on the spring Bank Holiday, May 29th, at Chelmsford.

Probably due to the fine weather, the numbers were well up on last year, approximately 120 members and friends being in attendance. Ringing on the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral preceded the service and a touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Hilary Connop-Price, who also preached an impressive sermon.

The business meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master, Mr. Robert C. Heazel, in the chair, and after adopting Standing Orders the visitors were welcomed.

### FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves, commenting on the statement of accounts, said that it had not been a very satisfactory year for the General Fund. The main financial problem was the increase in the cost of printing the annual report. The printer, who up until this year had produced the report, had unfortunately gone out of business, which necessitated the Association having to find a new printer. The running costs of the Association were also continually rising but the subscriptions were remaining stagnant. Mr. J. Chalk observed that it was pleasant to note a reduction in the amount of arrears outstanding compared with last year.

### ANNUAL REPORT

With the task of finding a new printer over, Mr. C. K. Cooper, the report editor, was thanked for all his efforts in producing such a splendid report and also for seeing that it was produced in time for the annual meeting. A few suggestions to improve the report were received from various members.

In the annual report, the Master reflected over the last 14 years and noted the many changes in the structure of the Association which formed a direct and continuous line of progress. The members who had retired from honorary offices during the year were thanked for their hard work.

A ringing competition had been held and, for the second year in succession, St. Leonard's, Colchester, gained first place. The Association had once again been requested to assist by ringing each evening at the Cathedral for the Festival Week and, as a result of this, four quarter peals and one peal were successfully completed. Membership had risen by some 29 ringing members, bringing the current ringing membership up to 874. Meetings had been held throughout the Districts regularly with an average of some 35 members at each meeting.

### STANDARD OF PEALS MAINTAINED

During 1966, 104 peals had been rung, with 179 members taking part, including 14 first pealers. Worthy of mention were the peals of 116, 136 and 145 Spliced Minor, conducted by Mr. J. E. G. Roast. The South Eastern Division rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus with entirely their own members, and two peals of Cinques had been rung at Waltham Abbey with bands mainly from that tower. The leading peal ringer was Mr. J. L. Towler, who rang 37 peals for the Association, and Miss J. A. Quilter led the ladies by scoring 23 peals.

### INCREASED FINANCIAL RESOURCES

It was decided after some discussion that the ringing subscriptions should be raised from 3s. 6d. to 5s. Mr. L. J. Clark said that in 1919 the membership cost 1s. 6d. per year, and since that date the cost of living had risen some three to four times and, going by the law of averages, 5s. was not an unreasonable amount to pay in 1967. The subscription for honorary members was also raised to not less than 5s. and the levy on peal ringers was increased from 6d. to 1s. per ringer.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch in the Cathedral Hall, the catering and serving of the lunch being ably carried out by members of the South Eastern Division. It was regretted that the Master's wife could not be present due to an operation in hospital, and the wishes of the meeting were conveyed to Mrs. Heazel for a speedy return to health.

The meeting was resumed after lunch with the main business outstanding of the election of honorary officers. Mr. Heazel, to the regret of the Association, did not seek re-



MR. F. B. LUFKIN  
(The new Master)

election as Master, and Mr. Frank B. Lufkin was elected.

While the votes for Master were being counted, Mr. Heazel looked back over the years since he first came on to the committee of the Essex Association. He praised Sunday service ringers, saying it was a great service to God, the Queen and the country. He thanked the members for all their support in the past and asked that they should support the new Master with the same enthusiasm and vigour.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin then also thanked the members for their support and said that he realised what a great responsibility the job entailed and hoped that he could carry on in the footsteps of Mr. Heazel, who had many qualities which he himself did not possess.

The other honorary officers were: Secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross, G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P. J. Came and D. A. S. Symonds.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Heazel to all those who had been concerned in the arrangements and who had assisted at the meeting.

The meeting was then closed and ringing was resumed at towers surrounding Chelmsford until 9 p.m. P. G. B.

## ASHFORD & CANTERBURY DISTRICTS RINGING SCHOOL

The attractive village of Wickhambreaux was the centre for the ringing school organised jointly by the Ashford and Canterbury Districts on May 20th. The 50 pupils with lecturers and instructors were welcomed by the Vicar and the day began with prayers.

The morning lectures took place in the Village Hall, and after a practical session on rope splicing led by Alan Berry the company divided. Donald Niblett explained Bon Doubles and Minor to the majority, whilst Derek Car instructed a select group on conducting and method splicing.

Following the lunch break the towers of the neighbouring villages were put to good use. Rising and lowering was practised at Preston-next-Wingham, while a session on bell control was run at Wingham. The bells at Wickhambreaux were in use, where the theory of the morning was put into practice.

An excellent tea was provided at Wickhambreaux, after which prizes were presented to Lesley Harwood and Ruth Hewson for rope splicing and Keith Butler for the "Name the Tower" competition. The prizes were donated by Mr. John Willis. Bert Luck was warmly greeted after his illness and thanks were expressed to the three incumbents for the use of the bells, to the many instructors and helpers, and particularly to Keith Davies and Alan Berry, whose hard work had made the day so successful.

During the evening Mrs. Betty Robbins explained a little of the mysteries of handbell ringing in an excellent talk with demonstrations and practice for pupils.

## BAWTRY RINGERS VISIT EAST YORKS

Although the weather was not too good, Bawtry ringers had an enjoyable day on May 27th, when they visited East Yorkshire. Towers visited in the morning were North Ferriby, Hessle and Kirk Ella. We were in Hull for our packed lunches and returned there for tea at the Manor Cafe. Ringing at Hedon and Withernsea occupied the afternoon with evening ringing at Cottingham, Walkington and Market Weighton.

Our thanks are extended to incumbents and ringers who welcomed us and to Mr. D. V. Stipetic for helping with the tea arrangements. A. J.

## SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD WITH ESSEX ASSOCIATION RINGING AND FLORAL FESTIVAL AT PRITTLEWELL

on July 8th, 9th and 10th

Ringling arrangements for Saturday, July 8th.

Route 1		Local Towers	
9.00-10.00	Kelvedon (6), 21-0-13.	11.15-12.15	S. Benfleet (6), 12-0-0.
9.45-10.45	Witham (8), 18-0-0.	12.00-1.00	Rayleigh (8), 16-0-0.
10.15-11.00	Maldon (8), 13-0-0.	2.00-3.15	Gt. Wakering (6), 8-1-2.
10.45-11.30	Purleigh (6), 12-0-0.	2.00-3.15	Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea (8) 25-0-0.
Route 2		For chiming only, see Bellfounders' page.	
9.00-10.00	Dunmow (8), 21-1-0.	2.30-4.00	St. Mary's, Prittlewell (10), 18-2-0. Service at 4 o'clock. Preacher, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
9.45-10.30	Fyfield (6), 7-0-0.	6.00-7.00	Thorpe Bay (8), 16-0-0.
10.30-11.15	Shenfield (6), 9-0-0.	7.00-8.30	St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea (6), 10-1-11.
10.45-11.30	Hutton (5), 7-0-0.	With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.	
Route 3			
9.00-10.15	Hornchurch (8), 19-3-0.		
10.00-10.45	Orsett (6), 11-0-0.		
10.15-11.15	Stanford-le-Hope (8), 11-2-0.		
10.45-11.30	Fobbing (8), 11-2-0.		
Other Towers			
11.15-12.15	Southminster (8), 12-0-0.		
12.30-1.15	Burnham-on-Crouch (6), 10-0-0.		

Ringling arrangements for Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

8.45 for 9.30 Service.	5.30 for 6.30 Evensong and Special Ringers' Service.
10.25 for 11.00 Service.	
3.00-4.00 Ringing.	

The Floral Festival in St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell — July 8th, 9th and 10th. With flower arrangements by the combined local floral groups will be well worth a visit, so bring your friends and enjoy the festival with us. Car parking facilities and refreshments with a ringers' tea in the Guildhall after 4 o'clock service on Saturday, July 8th.

Any other information from, and names for tea (early, please), to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.



## CLECKHEATON BELLS RING AGAIN

**DURING** the past few months much effort has been expended teaching a band for Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, and clearing the belfry and ringing room of the accumulation of years of neglect and also reducing the sound output from the belfry. This labour reached fruition on Sunday, June 11th, when many of the new ringers rang their bells "open" for the first time for the occasion of the civic service, the new Mayor having been a ringer at Cleckheaton when the bells were last rung regularly, some seven or eight years ago.

The idea was born when the Vicar of Cleckheaton, the Rev. G. M. Rider, wrote to Mr. V. Bottomley asking whether he knew anyone who would teach a band for his church. Vernon asked his ringers at Dewsbury, whose own ringing experience varied from six months to three years, if they would like to take this on as a band. The enthusiasm of the Dewsbury ringers was such that within a week or two of that first letter 15 recruits poured into Dewsbury tower to see ringing in action. It was arranged that the party be split into two groups: the first group to have silent practice from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m. on Sundays. All the handling was taught on Dewsbury bells, the local band taking off the clapper stays for service ringing at 5.45 p.m. The intervening hour was spent "polishing" some new Dewsbury ringers who had been ringing for about a month!

When the first group were handling alone their practice took place from 4.15 to 5.40 p.m., whilst the second group learned to handle from 2.45 to 4.15 p.m. With so many tutors progress was made quite quickly and after about ten lessons many were attempting "silent" rounds.

Meanwhile Vernon Bottomley and Wilfrid Moreton had examined the bells and found that there were a few minor repairs needed and a lot of cleaning and painting required (in addition to the sound-proofing). In due course a joiner effected the boarding up of the louvers, the Vicar, some of his bellringing recruits and the usual hard-working helpers who always rally in such circumstances, cleaned and painted the frame and ringing chamber, and Mr. Moreton did the repairs and advised generally.

The civic service was now the target towards which all efforts were directed. On the previous Wednesday work was found to be in a sufficiently advanced state for a silent practice to be held at Cleckheaton. This enabled the local band to get the "feel" of the bells and also to take the stretch out of the newly-washed ropes.

Sunday, June 11th, dawned fine and sunny. At 2 p.m. some two dozen ringers gathered in the ringing room which was built to accommodate about a dozen in comfort. At this stage only four of the Cleckheaton ringers had rung "open"; however, bands took it in turn to ring rounds with two or three Cleckheaton ringers in each "touch," the bands then being made up by the Dewsbury ringers and Wilfrid Moreton. The ringing went as well as could be expected and many of the parishioners remarked how nice to hear the bells again. Mrs. Rider then provided a marvellous tea on the Vicarage lawn.

All the ringing will be "open" now at Cleckheaton, and the Dewsbury ringers will continue to teach and help their new friends as long as they require assistance.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a gratifying preponderance of younger ringers when the Marlborough Branch held at meeting at Pewsey on May 27th. Canon F. Browne, a former Rector of Marlborough, conducted the service, Mr. F. Read supervised the ringing and Mr. Wakefield and helpers provided the tea. Six towers in the Branch were represented.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION A New President

**OVER** 60 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the North Wales Association held at Dolgellau on June 3rd. There was ringing in the afternoon before the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Elwern Thomas, who gave a very appropriate address on bells.

The company then retired to the Church Hall for tea and the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans.

An apology for absence was received from the president, Archdeacon D. E. M. Glynne Jones, who requested the secretary to convey his best wishes to the members and also wondered whether he should continue as president now that he was residing in Montgomeryshire and "off the beat" covered by the Association.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of £34 3s. 1d. was considered satisfactory.

The Rev. A. L. Cooke, M.A., Vicar of Hope, was elected as the new president of the Association. Three new vice-presidents were also elected—the Revs. J. Ivor Rees, Vicar of Llangollen; J. Ll. Jones, Vicar of Wrexham; and J. Elwern Thomas. All other officers were re-elected.

Machynlleth was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 2nd, and the annual meeting in 1968 at Hope on June 15th.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock, Central Council representative, presented her report of the C.C. meeting at Nottingham, and was congratulated by the chairman for a very interesting and lucid account of the meeting.

Under any other business the Ringing Master spoke of the success of the recent day school held at Llangollen under the tuition of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, and suggested a similar course be arranged for ringers in the Bangor Diocese. Portmadoc was chosen as the possible venue.

Mr. D. H. B. Millward proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies and Dolgellau ringers for a most enjoyable tea and for their hospitality.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD Three Veterans Honoured

**THE** annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 10th, with representatives from ten towers being present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hywel Jones, the lessons read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the address given by the Bishop of St. David's (Dr. John Richards).

In his address the Bishop asked if we had ever thought, when ringing, that bells were what the Church should be like, each an integral part of the whole and all in harmony one with another. After the service an excellent tea was provided in the Church House by the ladies of the parish.

The Bishop presided at the business meeting and the Master appealed to all towers to have a recruiting campaign to ensure that the bells will be rung for many years to come.

A new venture for the Guild was the first annual report in the form of a four-page leaflet (editor Mr. D. P. Griffiths), which contained a variety of items of interest to members, the accounts for the year and the Ringing Master's report. He said he had little to add to this except to appeal for more quarters to be rung to encourage the youngsters and to express his grateful thanks to Mr. W. G. Thomas, of Tenby, for conducting the peal of Bob Major rung in Pembroke on December 31st.

The treasurer was pleased to report a ringing membership of 130. All the officers were re-elected for a further term of office.

It was unanimously agreed that the three oldest founder-members—Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby), Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandeilo) and Mr. W. Williams (Carmarthen)—be made life ringing members for their long and faithful service to the Guild. Mr. Jenkins suitably responded.

A notice of motion to alter the competition rules to include rising and falling was defeated.

Ringing was then resumed until 8.30 p.m., B. M. R.

## Guildford Guild Summer Festival

June 3rd was a fortunate choice for the date—a gloriously sunny day in the early summer for a drive through some of the most beautiful country in West Surrey and ringing on very pleasant bells.

The start was made in Guildford, with Stoke (6), Holy Trinity (8) and St. Mary's (8, recently available again after major restoration work on this ancient church). The Cathedral bells were unfortunately not available owing to a male voice choir festival, neither were Albury bells, where repairs to the fabric of the church are in progress, so the next stop was at Shere (8). There was a delay here as the local captain had omitted to leave either key or instructions; however, all managed to enjoy a ring and a look round this interesting old church—St. James'.

Then over the hills and through leafy lanes of the unspoilt Hurtwood to Ewhurst (8). After the lunch-break came Wonerh (another fine 8, another old church in a beautiful setting, once a gentleman's park), then Bramley (6, with a small ringing room) and, along still narrower lanes, to Hascombe (5, tenor 3½ cwt., and just about elbow room!) Here unfortunately the tenor stay was found broken, and there are no local ringers.

More country roads to Dunsfold (a heavier 6, with a long draught, rung from the nave); and so to Chiddingfold, where the church fete was taking place. After an hour's ringing we had tea at the fete and then the festival service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. W. Knight. (What happened to half the ringers? The attendance at the service was disappointingly small, after the secretary

had told the Rector we might expect 80 or more!) As for those who were a bit sceptical of village fete teas and preferred to bring their own—they missed the best we have had for a long time, as much as we could eat and drink, and all for eighteenpence, in aid of the church funds.

The evening ringing continued with Haslemere (10), Witley (8), Godalming (8) and finally Shalford (8) and St. Nicolas', Guildford (10) until 9 o'clock.

A good number of visitors joined in for part of the day—from Brighton, Warwickshire, South Wales, Mr. Burles from Barrow-in-Furness, who was holidaying in the south, and Angela Newing's party, who were having a reunion in this area for the day. Y. L. E.

## LINCOLN GUILD West Lindsey Branch

A Branch meeting was held at the quaint little town of Glanford Brigg on May 20th. The Parish Church is somewhat unusual, the tower being at the east end and constituting the main entrance. Older ringers claim that Brigg at one time possessed a ring of eight bells, but nowadays the tower houses a good six (tenor 8½ cwt.).

The usual order of Lincoln Guild ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar of Wintingham and afterwards a cafe provided an excellent tea. At the short business meeting tribute was paid to the local ringers for making all the necessary arrangements for this successful meeting. T. A. G.



## STRIKING CONTESTS

### Thatcham's Day of Triumph

April 29th was a fine spring day, and Middleton Stoney, near Bicester, was an ideal place for the Oxford Guild striking contest, set as it is in a park, access being gained through an impressive gateway.

There were five teams in the semi-final—St. Mary's, Reading (Reading Branch), Hurst (Sonning Deanery Branch), Thatcham (Newbury Branch), Eynsham (Witney and Woodstock Branch) and Banbury (Banbury Branch). Bill Parker, from Sandhurst, was the judge.

After ringing, we all went to Launton, where the results were to be announced after tea. Here we met the other semi-finalists, who had been ringing at Brill. Competing there were Hughenden (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), East Hagbourne (North Berks Branch), Headington (Oxford City Branch), Aston Clinton (Chiltern Branch) and Stony Stratford (North Bucks Branch). The judge was the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Elliot Wigg.

Bill Parker gave his assessment of each team, commenting on the fact that all the teams had rung Doubles. The faults were: St. Mary's, Reading, 55 faults, Hurst 51, Thatcham 46, Eynsham 65, and Banbury 93. In the other semi-final all the teams rang Grandshire Doubles with the exception of Hughenden, who rang Cambridge Minor. The faults announced by the Master were: Hughenden 8, East Hagbourne 7, Aston Clinton 32, Headington 17, and Stony Stratford 44. The teams that would be ringing in the final were East Hagbourne, Hughenden, Thatcham and Hurst.

### COMMEMORATING WATERLOO

Before the teams moved over to the church Mr. Sharpe gave an interesting account of why Launton has such an unusual entrance to the ringing chamber. The 5ft. by 2ft. door is about 25 ft. up on the north wall of the tower, access being by a nearly vertical iron ladder. The reason for this entrance dates back to the beginning of the last century, when the Rector's son distinguished himself at the Battle of Waterloo. Every year on the anniversary of this battle he would celebrate with a barrel of beer in the belfry. When his father died, in 1837, the new Rector decided this must stop and adopted this means of access to the ringing chamber to prevent it.

We moved off to the church and drew for ringing order. Hughenden were drawn first and ascended the ladder to the belfry. Some impeccable rounds were followed by a 240 of Cambridge Minor rung in the usual Hughenden fashion—very well. They made no mistakes and only had a few barely perceptible changes of rhythm, thus setting a very high standard for the rest of the teams to follow.

Second to ring were Hurst, and it seemed to me that their ringing held an air of tension. There were no mistakes and only a few hesitations and changes of rhythm could be detected. Our band was the next to ring, and as we mounted the ladder I could feel the air of tension. We were welcomed by Cyril Kinch, who was acting as Ringing Master. I draw a discreet veil over our performance, save to say that I thought it was quite good.

We were followed by East Hagbourne, who rang a very good 240 of Grandshire Doubles. Another good touch though not, in my opinion, good enough to beat Hughenden.

Canon Wigg announced the results in the church as follows: Thatcham 15 faults, Hughenden 16, East Hagbourne 35, and Hurst 35.

We had won! Delighted looks were exchanged by our ringers as Canon Wigg went on to say that the standard of ringing had been very high by all the teams, some of the striking by the first two teams being amongst the best he had ever heard.

Ringing then continued at Launton till later that evening, so ending the 1967 Oxford Diocesan Guild ringing contest. W.B.



The Home of the Lightest Ring.—This house at Stoulton, Worcestershire, houses the lightest ring in the world—a six with a tenor of 107 lb. The bells are hung in the Jacobean-like room to the left of the house, writes Mr. P. Amos, who submitted this picture.

## WEST DOWN AGAIN DEVON CHAMPIONS

West Down kept up their unequalled bell-ringing record when they retained possession of the Ross Shield at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe, on Saturday, June 10th. There was a good attendance from all over Devon, and in lovely sunshine they were able to sit in the churchyard and listen for five hours to the ten teams in the competition.

Uncle Bill from West Down was there to give his lads a pep talk before starting.

Let the treble start the race,

Let the tenor set the pace,

Let the second set the space.

In 15 years of this county championship West Down have now won the trophy nine times, taking runners-up place on the other six occasions. Down St. Mary were awarded the Shelley Cup for second place. Last year this trophy was won by Talaton.

Placings: West Down 15½ faults, Down St. Mary 19, Swymbridge 23½, Plymstock 25, West Alvington 33½, Kenn 34½, East Portlemouth 47, Kentisbeare 47½, Talaton 49½, Stoke Gabriel 61. L.W.

## DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Over 70 members and friends were present when the Final of the Association's sixth annual ringing contest was held at Horsley on June 10th.

The results were: 1 Derby Cathedral 251 points, 2 Old Whittington 247, 3 St. Peter's, Derby 245, 4 Bolsover 238, 5 North Wingfield 219, 6 Sandiacre 217, 7 Sawley 215, 8 Broad-sall 213, and 9 Baslow 211.

Following the presentation of the Horsley Cup to the Cathedral team for the second year in succession by its donor, Mr. J. Else, the proceedings were concluded by Mr. G. Halls proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, the judges, local company and ladies for providing the tea. M.P.P.

## BRISTOL CITY BRANCH

According to the judges, Messrs. F. Sharpe and Arthur Reed, the ringing was of a high standard at the Bristol City Branch striking competition at St. Mark's, Bristol, on June 3rd. The test was 240 changes either of Plain Bob Minor or Grandshire Doubles. Each of the six teams rang Grandshire. The results were announced after tea in University Hall: Stoke Bishop 9 faults, St. Michael's (University) 12, SS. Philip and Jacob 14, Cathedral 21, St. Ambrose's A 304, St. Ambrose's B 43, Winning team: A J. D. Bentley 1, Mrs. E. Oxenham 2, J. G. Rose 3, S. Bendle 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, H. H. Baguley 6. A tape recording of the entry was played to the assembly by Mr. E. F. Hancock, who was the witness in the tower.

## SUFFOLK GUILD

Twelve teams entered for the Suffolk Guild striking competition held at St. Leonard's, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, on May 6th, about 120 members attending. The test piece was 240 changes of Minor and the judges were Mr. Frank Lufkin and Miss Hilda Snowden. Placings were: 1 Central District 42 faults, 2 South East 43, 3 South East (Bramford) 62, South East (Sproughton) 62, 5 North East (Aldeburgh) 92, North West (Ixworth) 92, 7 North West (Great Barton) 94, 8 South East (Henley) 109, 9 North East (Beccles) 116, North West (Rougham) 116, 11 Central (Barking) 163, 12 South East (Ofton) 201.

The Hubert Mitson Shield was presented to Leslie Brett, as conductor of the winning team. Votes of thanks were expressed by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. W. Pipe) for the excellent arrangements and the hard work put in by Robin and Janet Rogers and the young bands from Great Barton and Horringer.

A shortened form of evening prayer was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Price-Jones) and a suitable address given by the Rural Dean. The splendid homemade tea was much enjoyed.

## THE TAYLOR SHIELD

Nine teams took part in the fourth annual striking competition of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Denis' Church, Silk Willoughby, on June 17th.

The judges, Messrs Jack Bray and George Feirn, in their comments made three main points:

(1) More time spent in ringing rounds before going into changes would help teams to settle into rhythm.

(2) Get a learner to lead well and he is halfway to being a good ringer.

(3) That Plain Bob, from the judges' point of view, is a good method; as we all carry the sound of it in our minds it is much easier to hear mistakes.

Results were: Barrowby (Plain Bob) 25 faults, Grantham "A" (Plain Bob) 29, Bourne (Norwich) 37, Folkingham (Plain Bob) 41, Stamford (Cambridge Surprise) 52, Silk Willoughby (Plain Bob) 54, Horbling (call changes) 72, Grantham "C" 215, Grantham "B" retired.

The winning team was: H. L. Squires 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, R. W. Morant (cond.) 3, W. H. Dale 4, V. P. Evans 5, T. A. Relf 6.

**STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods) F. Avery 1, D. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, H. Churchill 4, R. F. Aracott (cond.) 5, R. B. Cullen 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. George Coles, ringer at St. George's, Wilton, for over 50 years, by the St. George's band, assisted by H. Churchill from Trull.



## Letters to the Editor

### ANOTHER LEFT-HANDER

Dear Sir, — Like most ringers who are naturally left-handed, I ring with the tail-end in my left hand, and I was surprised to read Mrs. Jacqueline King's comment that this doesn't always work with left-handed children because it seems to me the most logical thing to do. Indeed I have often wondered why right-handed people, generally speaking, do not do the opposite. Perhaps Mrs. King is right in supposing that it is because "right hand on top" usually affords a learner a clearer view of the bell he is following.

Incidentally, I was glad to learn we are on the increase. Our value was recognised in Biblical times; the Book of Judges, iii, 15-23, records how "a man left-handed" was used to murder somebody. And though we may be a nuisance on the cricket field, we save a lot of moving about round a shove-ha'penny board!—Yours sincerely

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

### QUARTERS AT NEWCASTLE

Dear Sir — While congratulating the ringers of the first quarter peal rung by the University of Newcastle Society, I should like it to be noted that four quarter peals were rung by the King's College, Newcastle, Guild of Change Ringers in 1959 and 1960 before King's College became the University of Newcastle. Three were rung at St. George's, Jesmond (Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Doubles) and one at St. Mary's, Gateshead. In the first quarter peal no less than four of the ringers scored their own personal first quarter. Congratulations and best wishes to the new University of Newcastle Society. I look forward to reading about their first peal.—Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS WEBB.

Wakefield Cathedral.

### BASING SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the composition used to the first peal to be rung of Basing Surprise Major, conducted by myself at All Saints', Basingstoke, on April 16th, 1966, is false to this method. The composition, a 5.088 by the late E. W. Tipler, was published in "The Ringing World" on May 20th, 1966 (page 336).

I have personally expressed my regret to the other members of the band and we hope to ring a true peal in the method in the near future. I now apologise to the peal recorders of the Central Council and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

### ST. AUSTELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest that the eight bells at St. Austell, Cornwall, have been "rehung and overhauled by E. C. L. P. and Co." and therefore saved the parish the task of raising £700.

May I, with all due respect, ask who will be responsible should the St. Austell people re-cure the bells recasting.

Will E. C. L. P. and Co.'s managing director be one of the first to pick up a shovel (spade down here!) and dig in the churchyard in a "do-it-yourself" bell casting experiment?

Perhaps if this occurs he will let me know so that we can watch him.—Yours truly,

VICTOR M. DAWSON.

Calverley, Yorks.

### FAST PEAL AT ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Whilst I do not doubt that the recent peal of Rutland rung at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, in 2 hours and 41 minutes was a good one, well knowing the calibre of the three back-bell ringers, I would have preferred that the 15 minutes they had to spare at the end could have been added on to the time of the peal. A peal at this speed on this particular ring of bells may give the bands with less experienced back-enders wrong ideas. As a well-known Cheshire ringer once said, "Take it steadier and let the harmonics get clear!"—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

### SOUND CONTROL

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Kinton's letter (June 16th), we did this at Talland, Cornwall, in 1914. Louvers on the Venetian blind system worked by a lever to the ringing chamber.

It has advantages: (i) They can be completely closed against rain and sound, (ii) opened down for normal ringing, or (iii) opened up to send sound to a distance in fine weather.

I don't know what has happened to them since, but I would not recommend the idea except when there is certainty of proper upkeep. As can well be imagined, without this guarantee a bit of rust would soon put paid to it!—Yours sincerely,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Cornwall.

### "A COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS"

Dear Sir,—Some time ago you were good enough to publish a list of corrections to the above Collection. One or two more have subsequently been drawn to my attention and a Corrigenda sheet is included with all copies of the book now being sold by the Central Council.

I would, however, be grateful if you could spare the space to print the following corrections for the benefit of those who bought their copies of the Collection directly from me:—

- a. Delete (3) against Blackburn (p. 7), Harleston (p. 9), Quenby (p. 11) and Rothley (p. 12).
- b. Delete (7) against Branston (p. 7) and Kibworth (p. 10).
- c. Page 13, Note 3: alter 79 to 77.
- d. P. 18, peal 17: delete bob H in next to last course.
- e. P. 34, peal 112: amend footnote to read "For c.p.s."
- f. P. 35, peal 119: delete last 2W and add 2H to last course.
- g. P. 51: add "54263 2M. 2W. 2H. LBWWWWBWL" between 54326 and 62345 in a, b and c.
- h. P. 53: i and j each have 5,376 changes, not 5,280.

Of the above, d is omitted from the C.C. Corrigenda sheet. My most sincere apologies are due to the Leicester Guild band who recently discovered this misprint the hard way, after having rung the best part of a peal of Huntingdon.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

### DERBY'S CHURCH PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—A remark by B. P. Morris in a letter published in the issue of June 2nd shows a misunderstanding of the problem of pastoral reorganisation in Derby.

His suggestions that a recent incumbent was responsible for the breaking up of the band at St. Andrew's, Derby, and of the parish generally, could not be further from the truth. The incumbent referred to in fact did a great deal of good work in the parish, both among the residents and in extending his ministry to the nearby railway works.

Like other parishes within the town, it has lost most of its resident population to the new housing estates, but has a very large number coming to work within it. The Church has thus quite a problem of reorganisation to face, having many large town churches with small congregations, many of whom do not live in the parish anyway. The Church in Derby is facing up to this problem, if a trifle late, with courage and realism, and the Diocesan Pastoral Committee has recommended some quite drastic changes.

The Derby Diocesan Association, itself a progressive organisation, should accept with a little more realism the fact that a lot of fabric including some fine rings of bells, will become redundant, and that it may be a very difficult job to rehouse them anywhere. In exerting its influence the Association should realise that bells may not come very high on a P.C.C.'s list of priorities. But for the Association to permit an official to print unfounded derogatory remarks about an incumbent above its name is not going to help its case one little bit.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. ASTRIDGE.

Spondon, Derby

### "ST. UNY DOUBLES"

Dear Sir,—Mr. Geoffrey Dodds in his letter (June 2nd) makes the point that this method was originally published in Stedman's "Campanologia" of 1677. Not having access to this book, this fact was not known to the local ringing fraternity until Mr. Dodds' letter was published.

As he states, Stedman Doubles was originally rung in this manner and, according to the late Jasper W. Snowdon ("Standard Methods in the Art of Change Ringing," 1916 edition):—

"As certain of my readers may visit towers in which Stedman's Doubles are rung with a different single to the one which I have just described, I would here observe that several writers have fallen into error in their descriptions of the single on this number of bells.

"Although two bells are reversed by the single, they explain, it is not done in the customary and most symmetrical manner."

We can therefore assume fairly safely that the two forms of single were in use in the latter part of the 19th century. The modern one was presumably introduced in Troyte's time (say, 1850).

It would obviously confuse matters to retain the name of Stedman for this method, although it is as the method was originally composed. As Lelant ringers have taken the initiative, it seems best to call it "St. Uny Doubles."—Yours sincerely,

ROY HART.

Redruth.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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**LETTERS—Continued****THE BELLS OF INVERARAY**

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see a peal of London was rung at Inveraray on May 6th. I should like to congratulate the band.

This poses the question of how many more peals will be rung there before decay finally calls "Stand." I feel it is sad that bands can be trained and enthusiasm engendered overseas, but yet when a ring of ten is hung on Loch Fyne-side the future of the bells is neglected. To the best of my knowledge there has been no Sunday service ringing since the bells were hung. The Scottish Association cannot even claim their first peal of Royal on these bells; it was rung instead on handbells in August, 1936, at Kilmory Knap, Argyll, the method being Plain Bob.

Oh, to hear the music of Stedman across that stretch of water! I have an awful feeling that, together with a host of others, I shall never ring or hear these bells.

The Exercise must have a duty to see that these bells do not end up in the scrap yard. They are there for a purpose and that purpose should be carried out.—Yours sincerely,

J. N. C. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

**MEMORIAL PROPOSED TO THE LATE TOM MYERS**

Dear Sir,—At the recent annual general meeting of the Devon Guild, discussion arose regarding the raising of some form of memorial to the late Thomas George Myers of Plymouth.

It was felt that as Tom Myers was well known to many ringers throughout the country they may well wish to associate themselves with such a memorial, and we would like, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to extend an invitation to any who wish, to send their contribution to the secretary of the South West Branch of the Devon Guild at the address below. All contributions will be acknowledged and the fund will close on August 31st.

The form the memorial is to take will be decided after the closing date of the fund; it will, however, be something of a practical nature that can be used in St. Andrew's, Plymouth, either in the church or tower.

We feel sure the response will be such 'o provide a fitting memorial to one who laboured unceasingly to the benefit of the Exercise during a lifetime of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROBERTS, General Secretary  
G. J. L. READ, General Treasurer.  
N. MALLETT.

Exeter Branch Ringing Master  
R. A. SOUTHWOOD,  
S.W. Branch Secretary,  
St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close,  
Plympton, Plymouth, Devon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****Northern District**

The spring meeting of the Northern District was held at Great Bardfield, where the eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. The service was taken by the Rev. B. Endicott, Vicar of Great Saling, and in his address he urged ringers to remember their duty to ring well and not to make a noise only.

At the business meeting, held in the Town Hall, six new probationers from Great Easton were elected.

R. T.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

The weather favoured us again, and the Taunton Branch meeting at Creech St. Michael on June 10th was held in glorious sunshine. About 35 members and friends were present and attended the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. J. Jones. Our very grateful thanks were given to the local ladies who provided a splendid tea.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-president. At the outset Mr. A. H. Reed spoke of the loss sustained in the recent death of Mr. George Coles, who had been an outstanding personality in the Branch and in the Guild over many years. Starting his ringing career at Wilton in 1913, always a staunch churchman and Sunday service ringer, Mr. Coles became in time a Branch representative on the General Committee, a vice-president of the Taunton Branch, and in 1945 for 14 years one of the Guild's representatives on the C.C. His fellow ringers at Wilton remember with special gratitude his great efforts which culminated in the addition of two new trebles to the ring of six in that tower.

Ten new members were elected from the towers of Holy Trinity, Taunton, Creech St. Michael, Bishop's Lydeard and Trull. The next meeting was arranged for September 9th at Lyng and Dunster. An excellent programme for the Branch outing to East Devon on July 8th was circulated, and early notice was given of the ringers' dinner to be held this year in Taunton on October 28th at the County Hotel. Mr. Keith Beale promised to produce plans for a striking competition at the next meeting.

An enthusiastic reception was given to Mr. R. Arscott and his band of handbell ringers, who delighted us with their varied repertoire.

M. P.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**

Forty-two ringers, representing 12 towers within the Branch, as well as visitors from other Branches and from Somerset and Berkshire, met at Buckhorn Weston on June 10th. The Rector, the Rev. H. B. Snelgrove, extended a warm welcome, greeting members on arrival and opening the ringing with prayer; in his address later he told how much joy was given by ringers to people around, lifting up their hearts in gladness and praise. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, Branch chairman, who gave the address. Afterwards an ample tea was served in the nearby hall by ringers' wives and members of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting 13 new members were elected, six from Childe Okeford, five from Compton Abbas and two from Lillington. Congratulations were extended to John Knight and Martin Corry on ringing their first peals, and to the Okeford Fitzpaine band on ringing a quarter peal of Surprise—the first tower in the Branch to achieve this. Mr. G. Dennis was particularly thanked for his untiring help to beginners in the Branch. Mr. Ralph spoke with regret of the fact that the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, who until recently was North Dorset Branch secretary, would be moving shortly to a parish just outside the Branch boundary. Warm appreciation was expressed of his help in the past and a confident hope that he would still be an active member of the Branch, even though a non-resident one.

After the meeting, ringing continued at Buckhorn Weston and also at Kingston Magna.

M. M. G.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION HOLD A DAY SCHOOL**

Thirty-four ringers from six towers attended a day school, the first organised by the Association, held at Llangollen on May 27th under the tuition of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.

A talk on instruction of beginners and correct bell handling was followed by the basic composition of four- and five-bell methods and the theory of transposition. Recordings of different bells and methods were also heard.

Tower work started with a demonstration of teaching bell handling to a complete beginner, who was able to control his bell by the end of the session. All ringers took part in rounds and dodging practice and, under the supervision of Mr. F. Evans, call changes and Grandsire Doubles, while the more experienced were being instructed in conducting. This was illustrated by reference to a quarter peal of Bob Major and followed by practical application on the tower bells.

Mr. F. Evans, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr. Lewis for giving up his time, and the Vicar, headmaster and Llangollen ringers for their hospitality.

W. C.

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**CHILVERS COTON BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL**

At Evensong on June 4th, All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, resounded to music by Handel, Bach, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, the Prayer of the Bedford Ringers (1668) and a composition arranged for Gloucester Cathedral chimes rung on a selection of 70 handbells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe and his band from Launton, Bicester. The occasion was the local bellringers' festival. Mrs. Peter Dodds, wife of the honorary secretary, joined the team, of which she was a member when living in Launton, although two and a half years had elapsed since practising with them.

Mr. Sharpe's sermon was much appreciated by the large congregation. The lessons were read by Messrs. A. H. Beamish (captain) and G. A. Bell, and at the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the set of handbells bequeathed to the church by the late Mr. V. Nash. The ringers were: Mrs. M. E. Wood 1-2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3-4, A. H. Beamish 5-6, G. A. Bell 7-8. Tenor size 19 in A flat.

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# TOURS AND OUTINGS PAGE

## "A-RINGING WE WILL GO"

Four cars laden with "tower hungry" students emerged from Culham College on May 10th for an afternoon's ringing in Berkshire and Wiltshire.

After collecting three visitors from Abingdon we made our way to the first tower at East Hendred. After the initial difficulties of weight, draught and new ropes, the ringing soon settled down and the afternoon started with the Society's favourite method, Plain Bob. The intention was to ring a new method in each tower and this was carried out during the afternoon.

Uffington, with its fine central, octagonal tower, came next. The ringing was going well until one of our members decided that she would like to fly. With a quick flip of the wrist she caught the rope around her foot and ascended horizontally. After finding out that we were not made to fly she came down to earth at great speed. Luckily no damage was done, and by way of celebration we rang some Uffington Doubles.

Southrepps came round at Ashbury; at Stratton St. Margaret we managed some good Grandsire Triples. The best ringing of the day was undoubtedly the course of Plain Bob Major that greeted the shoppers at Highworth.

We were surprised when driving through Broad Blunsdon to see bell wheels fencing a garden. Our inquiry elicited the fact that they were from Thorverton in Devon. London Minor sounded well here and the day concluded with Cambridge Minor at Purton.

M. J. H.

## BALDOCK GUILD'S OUTING

A 6.40 a.m. start was necessary for the Baldock Guild's annual outing into Derbyshire on June 10th. The advantages of the M.1 enabled a coffee break a coffee break at Ripley, where good use was made of the eight bells in the somewhat cramped belfry. A short journey through beautiful countryside brought us to perhaps the best bells of the day at Ashover, which were beyond our wildest expectations.

Five miles of bottom gear slogging took us to Matlock for lunch and we then went over the border into Staffordshire to Alton. The easy-handed bells proved to be a great help to the many learners with us. At Uttoxeter we felt that the spire helped the tone of the beautiful eight both in and out of the tower. A happy choice was Meeting Point Restaurant for tea. The last tower was St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, where Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were accomplished together with Cambridge and Yorkshire Major. Baldock was reached at 11.45 and our thanks must go to incumbents and, of course, to the organiser.

J. K. O.

## MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL OUTING

On May 20th ringers from Manchester Cathedral and St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, with friends, embarked on their annual outing—the venue being Worcester.

The first tower visited was Pershore Abbey. Few were deterred by the somewhat difficult climb and the unusual ringing cage (one of the most enthusiastic being the oldest member of the party, who is nearly 80). Various methods were rung successfully before the party, glad to be on "terra firma" once again, set out for Hallow. In spite of the easy-going bells the striking left a little to be desired.

The highlight of the day was Worcester Cathedral, and the party were taken on a conducted tour of the building before ringing on the magnificent twelve. Methods rung here included Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters.

The ringing gave us all a good appetite and a most enjoyable meal was eaten before setting off on the homeward journey via Droitwich, where we stopped to ring on the superb eight at Dodderhill.

Our thanks to Betty Ormrod and Alan Ward for organising such a successful excursion.

J. E. M. M., A. G. K.

## TAM, THE PONY, CAME TOO



Eight members of the Intwood ringing band set out on a mammoth tour of the neighbouring towers on May 27th. We were Peter Bowers, Ursula Stubbings, Jane Worthington, Marilyn Clark, Eileen Snoad and Susanna Pole from Keswick Hall College of Education, and Keith Wheelodon and Neville Burgess from Wroxham.

It was a bicycle tour as our funds had diminished to shillings and pence, although Jane was mounted more comfortably on her pony, Tam. Our first tower was at Ketteringham, where we had an enjoyable 40 minutes' ringing before going on to Tasburgh. The bells had not been rung since last autumn and were a little difficult to ring. We had our lunch here and Tam took a lively interest in the ceremony!

From Tasburgh we went to Tharston, from Tharston to Saxlingham. I do not know what the bells were like as I was riding the pony then and got caught up in a maze of fields and arrived too late. However, I did arrive in time for a marvellous and most welcome tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett. They invited all eight of us into their house and made us feel thoroughly at home and I would like to thank them here once again on behalf of all of us.

Our next tower was at Shotesham, but as we were behind schedule we did not have time to ring there but went straight on to Brooke, where we were made very welcome. The six bells were perhaps the most beautiful we rang that day. The last tower was at Bergh Apton, and here we had a good ring to finish off the tour, even though No. 2 had no stay.

It was tremendous fun and a well worthwhile outing, not without humorous moments, either, as when one of our party misjudged a corner and cycled full tilt into a large ditch of nettles, leaving only a pair of feet showing to mark the spot! The pony enjoyed the trip, too, but she left us at Shotesham to make for home.

S. P.

## CORSTON, BATH

Mr. D. J. King, of Chepstow, organised the summer outing of Corston, Bath, ringers into Monmouthshire on May 20th. Towers visited were Caldicot, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Caerleon, Usk, Blaenavon, Abergavenny and Chepstow. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cinques, and at Abergavenny Cambridge Royal was rung by five members from Frome's outing and one from the Corston party.

LONDON.—At St. John's, Deptford, on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Taylor 1, Miss J. Spurgeon 2, J. H. Lott 3, J. W. Bull 4, G. W. Shanks 5, M. R. Wycherley (cond.) 6.

## BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR

THE annual tour was held during the Easter vacation, from Wednesday, March 29th, to April 5th, in the Wye Valley area. The party was centred at Abergavenny and daily excursions were made to neighbouring towers. Transport was provided in grand style by a 40-seater luxury coach, despite our only numbering 15.

Ringling commenced on the Thursday with visits to Usk (8), Chepstow (10), Caldicot (8), Newport (8), Caerleon (8) and Llanfrehfa (8). A few comments were made regarding the stature of the local ringers, since we invariably found that the ropes were too long, even for the average size members of the party. A handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung the same evening for the Universities Association.

The next day took us to Llangatlock-vibon-Avel (6), Monmouth (8), Newland (6), Lydney (8) and Tidenham (6). The highlight of the day's ringing was at Lydney, where, to the best of my memory, Cambridge, Bristol, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire were spliced. Here we were joined for the afternoon by the peal secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Partington. On returning to Abergavenny, eight of the party had a hurried meal and rushed off immediately to ring a peal of Rutland at Blaenavon.

Saturday's ringing was at Skenfrith (6), Llangarron (6), Goodrich (6), Ruardean (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Ross-on-Wye (8) and Bridstow (8). Some of the more interesting methods rung were Union Bob, St. Martin's Bob, and London, Norwich and Hull Surprise.

On Sunday morning we were invited to attend the service ringing at Abergavenny. We had been told many times already on the tour that we would enjoy these bells and indeed we were not disappointed. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung for the Universities Association at Llanfagan that afternoon.

We rang again at Abergavenny on Monday morning before setting out via Llangatlock (8), (a different one) to Bedwelty (8), Ebbw Vale (8), Merthyr Tydfil (8), Aberdare (8) and Pentre (8). We had been told that we were lucky to get the bells at Merthyr Tydfil as the church is due for demolition. However, this hardly excuses our Master breaking a rope before we left. We understand that Liverpool University's subsequent ring was not inconvenienced by this.

The last day took us to the Cardiff area, and the towers visited were Machen (8), Rumney (6), Marshfield (8), St. Mellon's (6), Caerphilly (8) and Cardiff (10). Rumney is the home tower of Mary Pryor, who came on the tour, and we were provided with an excellent tea at the home of her parents, to whom we are most grateful. The day's ringing was extended by our attending Llandaff Cathedral practice—a very satisfactory way to end the tour, though we owe apologies to the local band for not warning them of our visit.

It only remains to thank Mr. James R. White for his excellent organisation of the tour and his unending patience with the rest of us.

R. M. C.

## LEEDS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE

Organised by Mr. Irvin Slack, Leeds and neighbourhood ringers had an enjoyable tour into Lincolnshire on May 20th. Ringing started on the fine six at Brant Broughton, and after lunch at Heckington came the never-ending staircase as the famous Boston Stump was climbed. Touches of Caters and Royal were rung here with Miss Patricia Lockwood as Ringing Master. Tea and a walk along the promenade at Cleethorpes was enjoyed before going on to the last tower, at Barrow-on-Humber, where Mr. Alan Clifton was Ringing Master. On the journey home the Mayor of Ossett (Councillor F. Bennett) thanked the organiser, and cheers of appreciation echoed round the coach.



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### CENTRAL COUNCIL CONCLUDES

The concluding item on the agenda at the Central Council meeting at Nottingham was the votes of thanks.

The president moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Sherwood, Canon Feaves, Canon Inglis and Canon Perkins. He also most sincerely thanked the officers of the Southwell Guild, particularly Mick Exton, the hon. secretary, on whose shoulders much of the work fell, David Clarke and Harry Poyner and David Stainsby and all steeplekeepers.

Mr E. A. Barnett: May I say briefly that we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley for the way they have come through the ordeal of their first Council meeting.

Mr. Bottomley: It is easy with such a president.

Mr. Anderson thanked the president.

### THE CIVIC RECEPTION

The civic reception which followed the Council meeting was held in the magnificent Council House. The Lord Mayor (Coun. A. F. Roberts) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Roberts) received the guests, and during the reception chatted freely with them. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, in light vein, expressed the Council's thanks for the hospitality so generously provided.

Later that evening the officers of the Council were entertained to dinner by the officers of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and District secretaries. Proceedings were informal in character but the opportunity was taken of expressing to Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mr. W. L. Exton and their team the grateful thanks of the assembly to the Southwell Guild and the happy memories all would take away from Nottingham.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

There were two errors in the published list of attendances at Nottingham. Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, hon. member, was present, and the third representative of the Surrey Association should read A. Streeter.

### ADMITTED TO YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT NINE

At the Western District meeting of the Yorkshire Association on June 10th, nine-year-old John Ineson of the Dewsbury Parish Church belfry was elected a member of the Association, having rung his qualifying touch of 720 changes some two weeks previously. John is believed to be the youngest member to have qualified in this way on tower bells. He has recently been occupied, with others of the Dewsbury band, in teaching some ringers for Cleckheaton Parish Church, the bells of which have been silent for lack of ringers for many years.

### LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

At the annual general meeting held on May 6th Mr. D. F. Moore was re-elected Master of the Society. Also elected were Miss J. E. Lethbridge, secretary; Mr. J. R. Coope, treasurer; and Mr. H. Dobbin, committee member.

The following dates were confirmed for 1968: A.G.M., Saturday, May 4th; annual tour (possibly in Somerset), April 17th-20th; annual dinner, Saturday, February 24th. After the formal proceedings a very lively flat warming party was held by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatfield. F.D.K.



### ARTHUR C. WHITE

Mr. Arthur C. White celebrated his 89th birthday on June 11th by taking part in a quarter peal rung that day at Loughton, Essex. As an additional compliment, a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung on June 10th.

He learned to ring as a boy at Terling, Essex, and came to Loughton some 40 years ago. His first peal was rung at the grand age of 75. On Boxing Day, 1962, Loughton ringers were pleased to ring a quarter peal marking Mr. and Mrs. White's diamond wedding day.

His regular attendance over many years has been much appreciated by the band of St. John's, who look forward to his continuing support. F.W.T.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO, CHUM?

Proceedings at the East Grinstead and District Guild meeting at Nutfield on June 10th were interrupted by a gentleman who insisted that the bells be silenced as his daughter was studying for her "A" levels opposite the church.

### GROTON BOYS HERE

Ten Groton boys, accompanied by Mr. Russell Young, arrived at London Airport on Friday, June 16th, and the same evening were ringing at Guildford Cathedral. Saturday was spent ringing in villages of the Berkshire Vale and on Sunday morning they attended St. Paul's Cathedral, London, to admire the Stedman Cinques. They later rang for Evensong at St. Clement Danes' and at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

From Monday to Wednesday they were at Stoke Poges and attended the Hillingdon practice. They then went to Suffolk, making their headquarters at Woodbridge. Mr. G. W. Pipe had arranged this side of the programme, and Mr. Frank Price the other, including being present at the Oxford Festival.

### EAST BERGHOLT

At a flower festival at East Bergholt Church, the bells were being rung in their unique way. After the ringing had finished, the cage was overrun by visitors eager to peer into the pits, tap the bells and ask questions. The following is a typical conversation which took place between a ringer and a visitor:—

Visitor: "How do you ring these bells. No, don't tell me, I think you pull those ropes over there." (Indicating the chiming apparatus used when the bells are lowered during the winter.)

Ringer: "No, we stand by the bells."

Visitor: "Go on! You're having me on! You pull on those ropes, I've seen them do it at our church."

Ringer: "No, we stand by the bells and swing them round."

Visitor: "I think you're leading me up the garden path. You might stand by the bells, but you hit them with your (pause while he has a quick glance round) head, or something."

Ringer smiles, and Visitor, still not sure: "Where were these bells cast?"

Ringer: "I reckon they were most likely cast in the churchyard."

Visitor: "Oh, of local iron, I expect!"

With this I hurried away. D. J. D.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES, LEIGH-ON-SEA

The clock and bells at this church are a replica of those at the famous Catholic shrine at Lourdes and chime the "Ave Maria" at each hour. The bells (tenor 25 cwt.) were cast at Annecy in France, the largest bell foundry in Europe, and installation began on the very day in 1926 on which Parliament repealed an Act of 1559 forbidding the ringing of bells from Catholic churches.

The eight bells are an octave in F. Although hung for ringing, advice was given that they should not be rung for ten years until the tower had settled down on its foundations. Although this period has now passed, the bells are still rung from a keyboard of eight enormous ivory-topped keys. Touches of Enormous are rung every Sunday and feast day; Hymns and even Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" have been successfully essayed.

The tower will be open for visiting ringers from 2 to 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 8th, and demonstration touches will be performed between these times by Mr. Mann, the local carillonneur.

### ASSERTING CHURCHMANSHIP

"The St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich News of the Diocese" leads off its June issue about Suffolk's bellringers. Mr. G. W. Pipe's annual report as Master is quoted:—

"Neither must we be slow in asserting our churchmanship. It is high time that this nonsense of assuming that ringers just ring and then go to the pub opposite was dispelled."

"I am very proud of the fact that 75 per cent of our young bands are communicant members of the Church."

### BELLS IN COLLEGE RAG

At the recent Norwich Rag Day the best decorated float from Keswick College of Education was provided by the bellringers. Netball posts had been borrowed from the P.E. department to support the bell ropes, and students stood by the ropes giving an impression of activity. Some 16 handbells on a frame were also a part of the decoration.



**FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 10, 1967.

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

In 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford Kent T.B., Cambridge S., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

*Jennifer E. Pearce .. Treble	†Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4
†C. Barrie Dove .. .. 2	Robin Brown .. .. 5
*Simon P. D. Burnett .. 3	Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* Has now "circled the tower" twice. † 25th peal together.  
\* First peal in seven methods and has now "circled the tower."**WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of the Ascension.

In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In 11 methods, viz.: Grandsire, Cambridge and Ebor, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Thelwall, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Childwall, Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

Susan Mitchell .. .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 4
Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. 2	Ronald R. Warford .. .. 5
Robin Brown .. .. 3	Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The first peal in 11 Minor methods by all the band. The fastest peal on the bells.

**ALDBOROUGH, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.

In 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2-27) two extents each of Elford, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Shreshill, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, Austrey, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, Ryton, 28-42 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ronald R. Warford .. .. Treble	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4
Susan Mitchell .. .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 5
Robin Brown .. .. 3	Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

**KIRBY HILL, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of All Hallows.

In 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S. Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. Barrie Dove .. .. Treble	Ronald R. Warford .. .. 4
Ronald J. Snack .. .. 2	Robin Brown .. .. 5
Jennifer E. Pearce .. .. 3	John Potts .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The fastest peal on the bells.

**OTHER PEALS****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.****WATFORD, Hertfordshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Antony R. Kench .. .. Treble	David E. Rothera .. .. 6
Alan F. Thirst .. .. 2	George E. Thoday .. .. 7
Alan R. Patterson .. .. 3	Frank E. Dorby .. .. 8
Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. 4	George W. Pipe .. .. 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 5	Wilfred Williams .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of London Royal on the bells.  
Rung as a 34th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell. Tenor 24 cwt 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CASTLE CARY, Somerset.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

**A PEAL OF 5088 CASTLE CARY SURPRISE MAJOR**

David Rennolds .. .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy .. .. 5
Gillian M. Hunt .. .. 2	Howard Palmer .. .. 6
Martin Green .. .. 3	D. John Hunt .. .. 7
Richard W. Sweet .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

**CASTLE CARY SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—14—56—16—12—1458—34—58. 2nds (426).

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SILSOE, Bedfordshire.**—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Tues., June 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents using four different callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*Alan D. Morgan .. .. Treble	†S. Robert Huckle .. .. 4
†Susan Y. Fowkes .. .. 2	Robert F. Law .. .. 5
Robert L. Piron .. .. 3	Martyn J. Marriott .. Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

\* First peal attempt. † First peal.

**THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.****BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. approx.
Martin Green .. .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy .. .. 5
Richard W. Sweet .. .. 2	Howard Palmer .. .. 6
*Trevor Newlands .. .. 3	D. John Hunt .. .. 7
David Rennolds .. .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

\* First peal of Surprise "inside."

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.****OLVESTON, Glos.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., June 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman Treble	*Edward G. Mould .. .. 5
*Mandi McCallion .. .. 2	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 6
*Gillian M. Brearley .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
David Heighton .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

**THORNBURY, Glos.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 22 cwt.

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th observation).	Tenor 22 cwt.
Mandi McCallion .. .. Treble	Edward G. Mould .. .. 5
David Heighton .. .. 2	John T. Parsons .. .. 6
Elizabeth M. Emmett .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
Gillian M. Brearley .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.

Rung for the birth of a son, Nicholas William, to Elisabeth and Richard Bowden.

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

On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

Gillian M. Brearley .. Treble	Edward G. Mould .. .. 5
Mandi McCallion .. .. 2	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 6
*Elizabeth M. Emmett .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
Michael G. R. Zobel .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Phillip A. Beckett .. .. Treble	Raymond J. Ballard .. .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. .. 2	David J. Midgley .. .. 6
Felicity T. Webber .. .. 3	Roy Worrall .. .. 7
Harold Dowler .. .. 4	Dennis Latham .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

First in the method as conductor.

**STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Being seven different extents	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
R. John Burrell .. .. Treble	John R. Scott .. .. 4
Frank R. Morton .. .. 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
*A. Doreen Edwards .. .. 3	Leon A. Perry .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

\* 50th peal for the Guild.

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.****ALLESLEY, Coventry.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Ian F. Garvie .. .. Treble	Hubert G. Summers .. .. 5
*Caroline Mackie .. .. 2	Ian D. Thompson .. .. 6
John W. T. Taylor .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
Clare F. Dolphin .. .. 4	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Peter Border.

\* First peal of Surprise.

**THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, Derbys.**—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., June 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

C.C.C. Nos. 120, 134 and 135	Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.
*Arthur F. Hall .. .. Treble	Burley P. Morris .. .. 4
T. Felicity Webber .. .. 2	Melvyn A. Rose .. .. 5
Clive A. Thrower .. .. 3	A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James.

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Susan E. Thompson.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	Edward B. Smith .. .. 5
*Heather McArthur .. .. 2	Ernest W. Pye .. .. 6
Neville F. Whittell .. .. 3	Alan R. Andrews .. .. 7
Edward E. Davey .. .. 4	William E. E. Pye .. .. Tenor

Composed by James Lockwood.

\* First peal in the method.

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

On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Neil V. Avis .. .. Treble	Michael J. Bew .. .. 5
Peter G. Pitt .. .. 2	*Frank B. Lufkin .. .. 5
John Avis .. .. 3	Walter Arnold .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

\* 500th peal as conductor.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2) London, (3) Netherseale, (4) Bourne, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Richard J. Harrison .. Treble	Ian R. Panton .. .. 4
Yvonne A. Murray .. .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 5
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 3	James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Last peal on the bells.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Roy H. Jones .. .. Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford .. 4
Elizabeth M. Barber .. 2	David Floyd .. .. 5
J. Paul Coad .. .. 3	Michael J. Church .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip. Duke of Edinburgh.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings).	Tenor 11 cwt.
Harry Johnson .. .. Treble	Dennis Jaine .. .. 4
Peter D. Sell .. .. 2	*Fred Reynolds .. .. 5
Gillian Sims .. .. 3	Rev. Michael Hart .. .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of the treble ringer.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 77, 78, 79, 80, 86, 87, 89.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.
Leslie S. Hodges .. .. Treble	Richard C. Underwood .. 4
Rev. Michael Hart .. .. 2	Peter D. Sell .. .. 5
Gillian Sims .. .. 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

First peal in the method by all the band

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Julia A. Fellows .. .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
Katherine S. Hardy .. .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. .. 6
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 3	Robert E. Hardy .. .. 7
Ian S. Dear .. .. 4	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all.

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

On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Norwich, Bourne, Netherseale and Cambridge.

Edwin J. Upton .. .. Treble	Augustin V. Good .. .. 4
Walter Ayre .. .. 2	*Keith Sheppard .. .. 5
*Francis M. Byrne .. .. 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

\* First of seven Surprise.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DARTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Ann Jenner .. .. Treble	Ian H. Oram .. .. 5
D. Paul Smith .. .. 2	*Tony Lewis .. .. 6
Ralph Bird .. .. 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

\* 150th peal. 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Ralph Bird has now "circled the tower." First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

SEAL CHART Kent.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. Treble	*Tony Lewis .. .. 4
Ian H. Oram .. .. 2	*John Pladdys .. .. 5
*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	*D. Paul Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Treble	James Blackburn .. .. 5
James E. Burles .. .. 2	Kevin M. Price .. .. 6
John Bagnall .. .. 3	Alan Capstick .. .. 7
Geoffrey Tembey .. .. 4	Nicholas M. Newby .. Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp.

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jane Metcalfe and Nicholas M. Newby jun., married at Pennington Church the previous Tuesday.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) London and Wells, (4) Bourne, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble	Robert C. Hawtree .. 4
*Michael W. Crowder .. 2	†Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Jack Bray .. .. 3	Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

\* 200th peal. † 100th on tower bells.

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

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

On Thurs., June 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton .. .. Treble	H. George Hart .. .. 5
Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2	Claudia A. Critchley .. 6
Joan Beresford .. .. 3	Alick Cutler .. .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. .. 4	G. William Critchley .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the inauguration of the Association.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Dennis Brock .. .. Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 5
Monica Blagrove .. .. 2	William S. Deason .. .. 6
Robert Wiggins .. .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. .. 7
Douglas M. Boniface .. .. 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur T. King.

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Middlesex County Association.



**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Anne,  
Stamford Hill.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Andrew J. Slade .. .. 5
Ian L. Dear .. .. 2	David E. Rothera .. .. 6
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 3	Keith J. Walpole .. .. 7
Caroline R. F. Cole .. 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.  
First peal of Watford by all the band.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.  
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 HERWARD BOB MAJOR**

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. .. 2	*William John V. Conduct 6
*John K. Smith .. .. 3	*Richard M. Wilson .. .. 7
*Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4	Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Roland Beniston.  
\* First peal in the method.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick C. Gunton .. Treble	† Roger E. Peckham .. 5
*Stephen F. High .. .. 2	Richard J. Parker .. .. 6
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Graham C. Paul .. .. 7
James R. White .. .. 4	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.  
\* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.

On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. 5
Janet Dagley .. .. 2	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 6
Angela M. Wright .. .. 3	H. William Barrett .. .. 7
William A. Theobald .. 4	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.  
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Roger E. Peckham .. .. Treble	Winston S. Girling .. .. 4
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	Stephen F. High .. .. 5
Diane Toone .. .. 3	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Girling on the birth of a son.

(The Colegate Society)

DRAYTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 85 lb. in B.

Desmond P. Mortlock .. Treble	† Janet Dagley .. .. 4
Martin Cubitt .. .. 2	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. 5
*Barbara M. Payne .. .. 3	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey

\* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside."

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In nine methods, being one extent each of: (1) York. (2) Durham, (3) Norwich, (4) London and Wells (432 London, 288 Wells), (5) Beverley and Surfleet (384 Beverley, 336 Surfleet), (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

*Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	† Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4
Walter Ayre .. .. 2	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. 5
Ronald K. Russ .. .. 3	† Anthony K. Fortin .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

\* 25th peal. † Most Surprise to a peal. ‡ Now "circled the tower" and is the first of the band to do so.  
Rung on St. Alban's Day.

**THE OXFORD SOCIETY.**

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 21 cwt.

G. Robert Mordaunt .. Treble	John W. T. Hibbert .. .. 6
Norman H. Leslie .. .. 2	Brian R. White .. .. 7
Edward R. Venn .. .. 3	John E. Camp .. .. 8
Dennis A. Leslie .. .. 4	Francis A. White .. .. 9
Peter J. Heritage .. .. 5	Roger M. Heyworth .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by G. Robert Mordaunt.

First peal as conductor.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WARKTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods, being eight extents each of St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 18 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Leonard Toseland .. .. Treble	*Jean M. Aldwinckle .. 3
Hilary Knight .. .. 2	*Christopher N. Stephenson 4

Burley P. Morris .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.

\* First peal in four methods. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung by past and present members of the Sunday service band to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the augmentation, re-hanging and rededication of the bells.

BRISTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 16 methods/variations, being two extents each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Leonard, Old, St. Columb and Dedworth, three extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington and April Day, and four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Roger N. Scholes .. .. Treble	Christopher J. Groome .. 3
J. Charles Hudson .. .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. .. 4

Stephen B. Bell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Scholes.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In 23 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. .. 5
Diana M. Chapman .. .. 2	Peter Bridle .. .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 3	Anthony R. Peake .. .. 7
Edward R. Venn .. .. 4	Brian Bladon .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

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## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROADWINDSOR, Dorset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

Brian Tither .. ..	Treble	H. Dennis W. Bishop ..	4
Edna G. Pannell ..	2	Arthur J. Scott .. ..	5
John Davis .. ..	3	Jesse Davis .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. Dennis W. Bishop.

Rung to the glory of God for the common life services in the Beaminster Deanery.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.

John A. Roden .. ..	Treble	John K. Smith .. ..	5
Cyril Griffiths .. ..	2	Charles W. F. Eyre ..	6
George L. Roobottom ..	3	Barnabas G. Key .. ..	7
E. Marion Kea .. ..	4	John W. Dyke .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 7th on their 27th wedding anniversary.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John Evangelist.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Alan D. Steel .. ..	Treble	Harold Dowler .. ..	6
Felicity T. Webber ..	2	Gerald Parsons .. ..	7
Norman Sherratt .. ..	3	Raymond J. Ballard ..	8
Hilary F. Pardoe .. ..	4	Paul J. Atkins .. ..	9
Dennis Latham .. ..	5	Roy Worrall .. ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Mrs Winifred Lockwood	Treble	*E. James Lockwood ..	4
Robert E. Lester .. ..	2	Neville F. Whittell ..	5
Roger L. K. Whittell ..	3	Maurice J. Rose .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Winifred Lockwood.

\* First in seven methods "inside." First peal as conductor.  
 Rung as a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lester. Also a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Derrick.  
 Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteridge ..	Treble	John Southey .. ..	5
Alan R. Millidge .. ..	2	David E. Rothera .. ..	6
Ian L. Dear .. ..	3	Timothy G. Pett .. ..	7
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

Rung to mark the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers. Fastest peal on the bells.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F

Timothy G. Pett .. ..	Treble	John R. Ketteringham ..	5
*Maureen Carruthers ..	2	Robin R. Churchill ..	6
Audrey R. Alexander ..	3	Kenneth Warner .. ..	7
*Norman F. Edwards ..	4	Allan R. Millidge .. ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

Derek Slater .. ..	Treble	†David D. Smith .. ..	5
Valerie Howard .. ..	2	John Howard .. ..	6
*Charlotte M. Harris ..	3	†Colin Osbon .. ..	7
†R. Jean Osbon .. ..	4	Ernest J. Ladd .. ..	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Lynn Warner.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 36 cwt.

Alan Sharples .. ..	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies ..	7
F. John Nelson .. ..	2	John E. Camp .. ..	8
Philip Crossthwaite ..	3	Neil D. Lomas .. ..	9
Maryl R. Fielden .. ..	4	Martin C. Faulkes ..	10
Dennis Latham .. ..	5	John H. Fielden .. ..	11
Charles A. S. Webb ..	6	Denis Mottershead ..	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Kathleen M. Higgins ..	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts ..	5
Patricia Rogers .. ..	2	Neil Donovan .. ..	6
M. Susan Jackson .. ..	3	J. Henry Fielden .. ..	7
Gibson Jackson .. ..	4	Richard E. Price .. ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.

On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D

Richard J. Tibbetts ..	Treble	John S. Seager .. ..	5
Gibson Jackson .. ..	2	Michael R. Meadows ..	6
W. Eric Critchley .. ..	3	Richard E. Price .. ..	7
David Nichols .. ..	4	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*J. Elisabeth Exwood ..	Treble	†Geoffrey Cooper .. ..	4
†Alice M. Baldwin .. ..	2	Michael G. Dodson ..	5
*Lesley C. Essen .. ..	3	John Robinson .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by John Robinson.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

## THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John M. Roberts .. ..	Treble	*John Prytherch .. ..	5
Marie D. Simnett .. ..	2	*Geoffrey W. Stevens ..	6
John F. I. Turney .. ..	3	Rev. Geoffrey Stickland	7
Frances Fairbank .. ..	4	Christopher Bainham	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Christopher Bainham.

\* First peal.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At Thorverton, Sams Lane,

On Thurs., June 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1.632 Plain Bob, 1.440 Little Bob, 480 each of St. Clement's and College Bob, 394 Crayford Little Court, 288 Reverse Bob, 192 Double Bob, and 48 each of Fulbeck and Hackington.

E. William Ford .. ..	1-2	*Anthony R. Peake ..	5-6
Brian Bladon .. ..	3-4	W. Bertram Kynaston ..	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

\* 250th peal for the Association. The greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all the band.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher W. Woolley ..	1-2	Roger Baldwin .. ..	5-6
John R. Mayne .. ..	3-4	*Gerald Penney .. ..	7-8

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

\* First peal in the method on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

## RECORDS COMMITTEE—Continued from page 463.

Wycombe	25-11-66	High Wycombe	30C
Yatton		Rung in Spliced	6C

## B.—Surprise Royal Methods

Abbotswood	3-7-66	St Nicolas . Guildford	87C
Clyde	10-5-66	Ashton-under-Lyne	88C
Grantham	12-2-66	Hillingdon	89C
Rothersthorpe	27-11-66	Daventry	91C
Staverton	30-10-66	Daventry	90C

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## APPENDIX C

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of the year 1966.

## 1.—NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

## A.—Surprise Major Methods

1C Grimsthorpe	(j)	—34—1458—56—16—14—38—56—7.
2C Chippenham	(f)	—36—14—1258—16—12—58—36.12.3.
3C Calne	(f)	—36—14—1258—16—12—58.12.36.12.3.
4C Chard	(b)	—36—14—1258—16—14—58—16.34.7.
5C Grendon	(b)	—36—14—1258—16—14—58.16—16.7.
6C Yatton	(f)	—36—14—1258—36—14—38.14—12.5.
7C Lambourn	(f)	—36—14—58—16—14—1258—16—3.
8C Stratton	(b)	—36—14—58—36—14—38.56—36.7.
9C Axminster	(b)	—38—14—12—16—14—58—16—5.
10C Ashburton	(b)	—38—14—12—16—14—58—16.34.5.
11C Cheddar	(b)	—38—14—12—38—12—58—16.34.7.
12C Kettering	(b)	—38—14—12—38—12—58.16—16.7.
13C Malmesbury	(f)	—38—14—1258—16—12—38—34—3.
14C Eckington	(f)	—38—14—1258—36—14—38.56—36.1.
15C Crewkerne	(f)	—38—14—56—16—12—1458—12—5.
16C Greylbury	(f)	—38—14—56—16—12—1458—34—5.
17C Foulness	(l)	—38—14—56—16—12—58—14—5.
18C Liskeard	(f)	—38—14—56—16—12—58.14—12.5.
19C Urchfont	(f)	—38—14—56—16—34—58.14—34.5.
20C Erewas	(e)	—38—14—58—16—12—1258—34—1.
21C Githeslepe	(b)	—38—14—58—16—14—1258.36.12.56.7.
22C Trent	(a)	—38—14—58—16—14—3458—16—5.
23C Ruardean	(f)	—38—14—58—16—14—38.56—36.1.
24C Lydney	(b)	—38—14—58—16—14—58.12—36.7.
25C Stowe	(e)	—38—14—58—16—34—1258—12—1.
26C Mapperley	(e)	—38—14—58—16—34—3458—34—1.
27C Worthing	(d)	—38—14—58—16—34—38—12—5.
28C Dorking	(d)	—38—14—58—16—34—38—34—5.
29C Milford	(d)	—38—14—58—16—34—58—1236—3.
30C Wycombe	(d)	—38—14—58—36—12—38—16—3.
31C Portishead	(b)	—38—14—58—36—34—38.16—16.7.
32C Street	(f)	—38—14—58—36.14—14.38—12.34.1.
33C Stow	(f)	—38—14—58—36.14—14.58.12.36.14.3.
34C Midhurst	(e)	—38—14.58—12.36.14—34.58.12—14.3.
35C Tonbridge	(mx)	—38—1456—56—38—14—38—16—5.
36C Marshfield	(f)	—38—16—12—36—34—38—16—3.
37C Ipplepen	(f)	—38—16—56—36—12—1238—14—5.
38C Ilfracombe	(f)	—38—16—56—36—34—58.14.36—3.
39C Launceston	(b)	—38—16—56—38—14—38—1456—7.
40C Lundy	(b)	—38—16—56—38—14—38.14—12.7.
41C Tiverton	(b)	—38—16—56—38—34—58.16—16.7.
42C Corston	(f)	—56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36—3.
43C Mickleton	(f)	—56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36.12.3.
44C Colerne	(e)	—56—14—56—36—14—1258—34—1.
45C Bitton	(f)	—56—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.7.
46C Drayton	(f)	—56—14—56—36—34—58—12—7.
47C Dawlish	(f)	—56—14—56—36—34—58.14—14.7.
48C Banwell	(f)	—56—14—56—36.14—14.58.14—14.7.
49C Hove	(h)	—56—14—56—38—14—58.36—36.1.
50C Brislington	(f)	—56—14—56—38.14—14.58.14—14.5.
51C Thornbury	(f)	—56—14—58—38—34—58.12.36—5.
52C Drogheda	(mx)	—56—14.56—58.36—14—1458—14—1.
53C Seaton	(f)	—56—16—58—16—14—58—34.12.5.
54C Sidbury	(f)	—56—16—58—16—14—58.14—14.5.
55C Redruth	(f)	—56—16—58—36—14—1458—34—5.
56C Tetbury	(b)	—58—14—12—38—12—38—16.34.5.
57C Twerton	(b)	—58—14—12—38—12—38.12.36.14.5.
58C Wedmore	(f)	—58—14—12—38—14—58.14.36—5.
59C Andover	(c)	—58—14—58—16—12—38—16—7.
60C Headstone	(d)	—58—14.56.12—36.12—14.38.16—16.7.
61C Lewes	(l)	—58—14.58—12.38.12—14.58.14—12.5.
62C Boreham	(d)	—58—14.58—56.38.14—14.38.14—14.3.
63C Benson	(mx)	—58—14.58—58.36—12—58—34—1.
64C Hungerford	(b)	—58—16—12—16—14—58—1236—5.
65C Wootton	(f)	—58—16—12—36—14—58.14.36—3.
66C Westbury	(f)	—58—16—12—38—34—38—12—3.
67C Northam	(f)	—58—16—12.58.36—12—58—36.12.7.
68C Northleach	(f)	—58—16—12.58.36—12—58.12.36.12.7.
69C Appledore	(b)	—58—16—58—36—14—38—34.56.7.
70C Oakington	(mx)	34—38.16—56—36.14—34.58—34—1.
71C Brewood	(d)	36—56.14.58—58.36.14—14.38.14—16.5.
72C Prestbury	(f)	38—36.14—12—36.14—14.38—36—1.
73C Revelstoke	(f)	38—38.14—12—36.12.34—1258—16—1.
74C Leckhampton	(f)	38—38.14—12—38—14—58—16—1.
75C Illey	(b)	38—38.14—12—38.14—14.58.14.56.14.3.
76C Blagdon	(f)	38—38.16—58—16—14—58—16.34.7.
77C Bideford	(f)	38—38.16—58—16—34—58.36—16.7.
78C Shrivensham	(f)	38—38.16—58—16.34—14.38—14.36.7.
79C Dursley	(f)	38—38.16—58—16.34—14.58.16—12.7.
80C Henbury	(f)	38—58.14—12—38—14—1258.36.12.36.1.
81C Wraxall	(f)	38—58.14—12—38—34.12.38—36.14.5.
82C Clanfield	(f)	38—58.14—58—38.14—14.38.14.36—7.
83C Exminster	(f)	38—58.16—12—36—14—38.56.14.36.5.
84C Olveston	(mx)	56—56.14—58—36.14—34.58.14—12.3.
85C Faringdon	(lx)	56—56.14.56—56.38—14—1258.34—14.5.
86C Whalley	(f)	58—58.14—58—16—34—38.56—16.5.

## B.—Surprise Royal Methods

87C Abbotswood	(a)	—30—14—70—18—12—30—14—50—16—5.
88C Clyde	(mx)	36—56.14.50—50.36—14—30.16—16.30.16—16.3.
89C Grantham	(f)	30—50.14—50—30.14—14.50.14—36.70—14—7.
90C Staverton	(mx)	56—56.14—50—36—14—50.14—14.30—34—1.
91C Rothersthorpe	(a)	50—50.14—50—30—14—50—14—50—14—5.

## 2.—TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

## A.—Surprise Major Methods

Method	Date	Place	No.
Andover	26-3-66	Andover	59C
Appledore		Rung in Spliced	69C
Ashburton		Rung in Spliced	10C
Axminster		Rung in Spliced	9C
Banwell		Rung in Spliced	48C
Benson		Rung in Spliced	63C
Bideford		Rung in Spliced	77C
Bitton		Rung in Spliced	45C
Blagdon		Rung in Spliced	76C
Boreham	16-4-66	New Romney	62C
Brewood	17-3-66	Willesden	71C
Brislington		Rung in Spliced	50C
Calne		Rung in Spliced	3C
Chard		Rung in Spliced	4C
Cheddar		Rung in Spliced	11C
Chippenham		Rung in Spliced	2C
Clanfield		Rung in Spliced	82C
Colerne		Rung in Spliced	44C
Corston		Rung in Spliced	42C
Crewkerne	21-5-66	Crewkerne	15C
Dawlish		Rung in Spliced	47C
Dorking	8-8-66	Dorking	28C
Drayton		Rung in Spliced	46C
Drogheda		Rung in Spliced	52C
Dursley		Rung in Spliced	79C
Eckington	12-11-66	Eckington	14C
Erewash	22-9-66	Ilkeston	20C
Exminster		Rung in Spliced	83C
Faringdon		Rung in Spliced	85C
Foulness	3-1-66	Spalding	17C
Githeslepe	24-10-66	Islip	21C
Grendon		Rung in Spliced	5C
Greybury	24-9-66	Edenbridge	16C
Grimsthorpe	28-3-66	Edenham	1C
Headstone	21-4-66	Willesden	60C
Henbury		Rung in Spliced	80C
Higher Walton	17-9-66	West Coker	9A
Hove	7-6-66	Rusper	49C
Hungerford		Rung in Spliced	64C
Ilfracombe		Rung in Spliced	38C
Illey	30-3-66	Edgbaston	75C
Ipplepen		Rung in Spliced	37C
Kettering		Rung in Spliced	12C
Lambourn		Rung in Spliced	7C
Launceston		Rung in Spliced	39C
Leckhampton		Rung in Spliced	74C
Lewes	7-8-66	Lower Beeding	61C
Liskeard		Rung in Spliced	18C
Lundy		Rung in Spliced	40C
Lydney		Rung in Spliced	24C
Malmesbury		Rung in Spliced	13C
Mapperley	29-9-66	West Hallam	26C
Marshfield		Rung in Spliced	36C
Mickleton		Rung in Spliced	43C
Midhurst	9-5-66	Easebourne	34C
Milford	27-6-66	Holy Trinity, Guildford	29C
Northam		Rung in Spliced	67C
Northleach		Rung in Spliced	68C
Oakington	12-5-66	Willesden	70C
Olveston		Rung in Spliced	84C
Orkney	17-9-66	Putney	66
Portishead		Rung in Spliced	31C
Prestbury		Rung in Spliced	72C
Redruth		Rung in Spliced	55C
Revelstoke		Rung in Spliced	73C
Ruardean		Rung in Spliced	23C
Seaton		Rung in Spliced	53C
Shrivensham		Rung in Spliced	78C
Sidbury		Rung in Spliced	54C
Stow		Rung in Spliced	33C
Stowe	12-2-66	Buckingham	25C
Stratton		Rung in Spliced	8C
Street		Rung in Spliced	32C
Tetbury		Rung in Spliced	56C
Thornbury		Rung in Spliced	51C
Tiverton		Rung in Spliced	41C
Tonbridge	10-12-66	Tonbridge	35C
Trent	10-9-66	Sawley	22C
Twerton		Rung in Spliced	57C
Urchfont		Rung in Spliced	19C
Wedmore		Rung in Spliced	58C
Westbury		Rung in Spliced	66C
Whalley		Rung in Spliced	86C
Wootton		Rung in Spliced	65C
Worthing	8-6-66	Heene, Worthing	27C
Wraxall		Rung in Spliced	81C

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Rowson 1—2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3—4, A. K. Poole 5—6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

**ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss E. M. Emmett 2, R. Parker 3, A. J. Alderman 4, A. W. Knight 5, F. H. Mills 6.

**ASHTED, SURREY.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Elizabeth Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Diana Haynes 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. Laver 4, G. Bromley 5, T. Skelton 6, J. Haynes (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8.

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Harris 1, Margaret Coombs 2, D. R. McLean 3, Caroline Stewart 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, J. G. Hallett 6. 25th together 1 and 5, Rung by N.U.S.C.R. to mark the opening of the new Parish Hall.

**BENDIGO, VICTORIA.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, A. Herrmann 3, J. A. Martin 4, W. Wilson (first as cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson (first in two methods) 3, Pamela Warren 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Robertson 6. Rung on the first wedding anniversary of John and Monica Martin.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, A. Richardson 4, E. S. White 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Spurgeon 1, Miss H. Maltman 2, R. Suckling 3, M. R. Wycherley 4, A. F. Udall 5, J. W. Bull 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**BOSBURY, HEREF.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Lane 1, H. J. Hill 2, J. Foster 3, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 4, H. Goodchap 5, G. Gwynne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. J. Howe.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 8th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (10 callings): F. Price 1, D. Matkin 2, R. Pike 3, M. Bazeley 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the funeral of John French, a faithful servant at St. Peter's.

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On June 11th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: Mary Christian 1, S. Christian 2, R. Southgate 3, M. Whittell 4, A. Munnings 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Miss P. Bond, A. Munnings and D. J. Derrick (21st birthday).

**BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Diserens 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Emma Franklin, laid to rest this day.

**BULWICK, NORTHANTS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Margaret C. Woolley 1, J. Woolley 2, J. C. Hudson 3, R. Russell 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandfire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, P. Payne (first "inside") 2, T. J. Wellen 3, M. D. Fuller (cond 600) 4, J. H. Payton (cond. 600) 5, S. M. Sharp (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Ratcliffe (first of treble) 1, J. Vickery 2, Ann Whaley 3, C. T. Lamb 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, E. Carter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and to honour the Bishop of Durham's first visit since his enthronement.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Patricia M. Thomas 1, Jean M. Weddell 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, W. J. L. Groom 4, Alana J. Thomas 5, A. Charles 6, A. W. Thomas 7, D. R. Powell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. G. Blick, tower captain and a ringer at Holy Cross for 50 years.

**DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.**—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on June 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Dowse 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, D. Cox (first of Major) 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, Miss J. Cooke 5, F. Hodgson 6, P. Toccock 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Baron (first quarter) 1, Ruth Newman (first "inside") 2, Mrs. L. Wiggins 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, J. Newman 6. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Newman (first away from tenor) 1, Ruth Newman 2, Mrs. L. Wiggins 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Buckell (first quarter) 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. F. C. T. and Mrs. Lancaster.

**DURWESTON, DORSET.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, M. J. Corry 3, R. H. S. Jeans (first "inside") 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. G. Bleathman 6.

**ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.**—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: J. Guest 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, J. Seager 3, G. R. Hiner 4, D. Holland 5, A. Friskney 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, T. W. Senior 8. For the wedding of Mr. B. Thorpe and Miss A. M. Smith.

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—On June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. S. Wood 1, A. D. Norman (first "inside") 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, Miss S. Y. Fowkes 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, T. W. Robinson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

**FECKENHAM, WORCS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Jones 1, Mrs. J. Newton 2, Angela Styler 3, R. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, M. Leek 6. For Evensong. Also on June 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newton (first of Major) 1, E. Styler 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, P. Robertson 4, R. Hunt (first of Major) 5, L. Mills 6, J. Perkins 7, M. V. White (cond.) 8.

**GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.**—On June 9th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: A. E. Manning 1, T. Spurling 2, M. J. Drury 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Ellis 5, B. E. Whiting 6. First quarter in the method for all.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: P. Wetherall (first quarter) 1, J. Gonnell 2, S. Piper 3, W. Gorrige (cond.) 4, E. West (first "inside") 5, A. H. Kemp 6, G. Waters 7, P. Harrison 8. Bells 1 and 2 in front.

**HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.**—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: T. H. Wilson 1, P. W. Brown 2, C. R. P. Broughton 3, J. P. O. Barry (first "inside") 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, H. H. Brown 6.

**HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.**—On May 2nd, 1,680 Minor (three methods): Rev. P. N. Bond 1, R. E. Peckham 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. J. Brock 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, S. F. High 6. A peal attempt called round.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: A. Rule 1, W. Chandler 2, L. Lilley 3, D. Lilley 4, L. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Lilley (cond.) 7, C. Rule 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Forbes, cremated this day.

**KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Newby 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, J. Hughes 3, Miss E. Metcalfe 4, O. Geere 5, N. W. Newby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Jane Metcalfe and Nicholas M. Newby, jun., married at Pennington Church this day.

**KIRKHEATON, YORKS.**—On June 11th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): J. Anscombe 1, W. Hargreaves 2, A. Bennett 3, M. Holmes 4, W. Sykes 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6. To celebrate the engagement of Kenneth Davison and Gillian Whitehouse, members of the local band.

**LANCHESTER, DURHAM.**—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. B. Reed 1, Carol Thompson (first "inside") 2, H. P. Thompson 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Ann Whaley 6. For Evensong.

**LANGPORT, SOMERSET.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Patricia Harvey (first quarter attempt) 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. C. Clark 3, H. G. Westlake 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Wetherell 6. For morning service, and as a tribute to Herbert G. Westlake, on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at this church.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On June 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, D. Johnston (first "inside") 3, C. Curtis 4, F. Hunt 5, L. G. Pryke 6, E. Cracknell 7, C. Poulson 8. For Evensong.

**LEDGERY, HEREFORDS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. W. Collins 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, L. J. Walters 3, K. J. Tyler 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung prior to the dedication of the crystal cross by the Bishop of Hereford. Also belated birthday compliments to Rosemary Collins, Lorna Gallaher and Hubert Davies.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Spurgeon 1, Miss V. E. Dupre 2, R. L. Jones 3, G. W. Shanks 4, F. Howson 5, M. R. Wycherley 6, A. F. Udall (cond.) 7, J. H. Lott 8. Rung for Ascension Day and Confirmation service.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: A. C. White 1, F. W. Tomlin 2, Miss C. Neville 3, K. S. Gardiner 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, J. P. Ottaway 8. Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Arthur C. White.

**LUPPITT, DEVON.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, A. W. Sage 2, F. J. Sage (cond.) 3, L. Marker 4, T. J. Thorne 5, W. Broom 6. Rung for the safe return of Sir Francis Chichester.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandfire and Plain Bob): M. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Irene Everitt 1, Marilyn J. Chidwick 2, Mrs. F. A. Mitchell 3, Wendy Austin 4, Jennifer M. L. Wood 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 7, J. Jackson 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mrs. F. A. Mitchell, who is moving to Shoreham, Sussex.

**MOULTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandfire and Plain Bob, with 7, 8 covering): W. Care 1, M. E. Care 3, B. R. Care 4, T. Deacon 5, C. Stephenson 6, C. Wagstaff 7, H. de la Haye Davies 8. For Evensong.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas', on June 11th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Barber 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, P. M. Bradford 3, P. H. Mackie 4, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 5, J. P. Coad 6. For Matins, by O.U.S.C.R.

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: Mrs. A. Hall (first of Triples) 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper (first of Triples "inside") 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Besworth 8. For Evensong.

**PHILLACK, CORNWALL.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. I. Foskett 1, H. Miles 2, S. W. Fossey 3, S. Foskett 4, J. J. George 5, R. W. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidger (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

**POCKLINGTON, E. YORKS.**—On May 17th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): S. P. D. Burnett (first as cond.) 1—2, J. L. Birdsall (first quarter) 3, M. F. Brook (first quarter) 4, J. R. Whittaker (first quarter) 5—6.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—On May 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Sagers 1, I. Goacher 2, K. Dallison 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, H. Comber 6, G. A. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: I. Goacher 1, K. Dallison 2, Miss B. Sagers 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, A. Streeter 6, G. A. West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Mary Dallison.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: H. Dawsell 1, F. Lambert 2, L. Jarvis 3, W. Gorrige (cond.) 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoad 6, T. W. Edwards 7, G. W. Coman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. H. Edwards, a ringer at this church for 65 years.

**SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: T. Mead (first quarter) 1, K. Laver 2, L. McCreddie 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, H. F. Creed 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Laver, on the birth of a daughter, Amanda Jayne.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At the Church of St. Thomas, on June 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, P. J. Brown 2, J. Warr 3, R. Smith 4, W. H. Cooper 5, G. Westwood 6, R. Edwards 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam Joseph H. Cox, of Halesowen.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: N. Smith 1, J. W. Rea 2, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 3, E. J. Adams (first quarter) 4, A. R. Millidge 5, J. R. Pratt 6, A. S. Bishop 7, G. Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung prior to the annual service of the Streatham Council of Churches.

**STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Sawtell 1, S. Christian 2, D. Derrick 3, R. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. Southgate 5. Rung on the anniversary of the first Bank Holiday, 1871.

**STOURTON, WILTS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. Corry 1, Mrs. A. Tambling 2, M. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, H. Doel 6.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Andrew 1, R. C. Kersey 2, C. Mutton 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. Sangwin 7, R. B. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for the arrival home of Sir Francis Chichester.

**SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Houghton 1, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 2, Janet Hohl 3, W. W. Cousins 4, W. Houghton 5, R. Newman 6, C. Cousins 7, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rev. J. E. Burridge, upon preferment to Ham, Surrey.

**WALDRON, SUSSEX.**—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Percy 1, Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, C. Brettell 4, Rosemary Earl 5, Robert W. R. Percy 6, Janet M. Percy (first of Major as cond.) 7, Betty Percy 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4.



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**HARRISON—SCRUBY.**—The marriage will take place between John Harrison and Anne Scruby in the Lady Chapel, Guildford Cathedral, on July 8th, at 2. Ringing friends welcome for ringing and at the service. Married address: 65, Langborough Road, Wokingham, Berks. 1834

## PERSONAL

"Thou God seest me; for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?"—Genesis xvi, 13.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**RICHARDS.**—The address of Arthur S. Richards is now: 52, Kevington Drive, Marlings Park, Chislehurst, Kent. Telephone Orpington (MM) 25139. (Connection with West Wickham Church being maintained.) 1849

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**PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER.**—Stuzzi-Magnette. Two-speed, incorporating all the facilities of a mains model. In perfect running order, with microphone, spare leads and carrying case. £25 o.n.o. — Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Amptill, Bedford. 1793

## PUBLICATIONS

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—1966 Annual Report, containing 53 compositions, available at 5s. each from: A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 1796  
**"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE."** Vol. I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s. 10d.; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 1795

## MISCELLANEOUS

**ACCRINGTON. LANCS.**—Bells reduced to back five until September. Practices may be irregular. During holiday period some practices and service ringing may be cancelled. Please check before coming.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Phone 33049 (week-ends). 1759

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS FLOWER FESTIVAL

In aid of Everton Church Building Fund. Friday, June 30th, to Sunday, July 2nd, 1967. All ringers and friends are invited to view the floral displays and to ring the bells (8).

**Viewing times:** Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Bells available:** Saturday, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.; 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and before and after Festival Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Local ringers will be in attendance.

Refreshments available during viewing hours. 1818

**CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Practice meeting of the above at Bridekirk on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea. 1845

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—2nd and 4th Mondays every month. Branch practices: St. John's (6) 6.30–7.45 (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob only); Christ Church (10) 8–9 (Caters and Surprise Royal). 1851

**GUILDFORD.**—There will be no practice at Guildford Cathedral on Friday, June 30th, 1967. 1852

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Advanced practice at Dorking on Monday, July 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. M.

**HEADCORN, KENT.**—No ringing practice July 6th. Our ringers will be at the dress rehearsal for the Methodists' Pageant to be performed July 7th, 7 p.m., and July 8th, 6.30 p.m.—R. J. V. 1768

## ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1967.

Viewing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day except during services on Sunday.  
 Ringing: Sat., July 15, 4.30–7.30 p.m.  
 Sun., July 16, 9.15–10.00 a.m.  
 5.45–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments and parking available. All visitors, especially ringers, welcome.

No weekly practice on Wed., July 12th.

## ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS', KIDDERMINSTER

### FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

July 7th to 10th inclusive.

Open from 10 a.m. daily.

Flower Displays by Midland Floral Artists.

### Saturday

Opening of Restored Chantry by Sir Tatton Brinton M.P., at 3 p.m.  
 Ringing 2 p.m.–3 p.m., 3.30 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

### Sunday

Annual Festival of Friends of St. Mary. Preacher 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. the Venerable S. F. Linsley, Archdeacon of Cleveland.  
 Ringing 10.15 a.m.–11 a.m. and 5.45–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available every day. Parties catered for by arrangement. 1828

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 3rd, 7 p.m. 1844

## ST. MARGARET'S, ASPLEY LANE, NOTTINGHAM Festival of Flowers and "Old Nottingham" Exhibition.

July 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th.  
 Tower open for ringing: Saturday, July 15th, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. or by arrangement; Sunday, 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.  
 Refreshments available.

All ringers and visitors welcome. 1856

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 1st, 10 a.m. ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m. service in the Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting; 12.45 for 1.15 lunch at Christ Church. Tickets for lunch 9s. Applications for ticket accompanied by remittances and s.a.c. to Miss D. J. Pollard 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon Berks.

**PAKEFIELD, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.**—Practice night changed from Friday to Thursday as from June 15th.—P. Kindred. 1753

## PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Restoration Centenary Festival  
 June 30th—July 2nd.

Bells available Sat., July 1st, 2–6 p.m.  
 Festival of floral art in church gardens open. Teas available. All welcome. 1526

**SELSTON, NOTTS.**—Rose Festival will be held from Friday, June 30th, to Monday, July 3rd, inclusive. Viewing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The six bells will be available 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st. Unique tower service Sunday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea will be available on Saturday for those notifying Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The outing is postponed until August. There will be no meeting on July 1st. 1837

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—Oswy Street Cup will be rung for at Ordsall on October 14th. Write for rules to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. This is an open contest with a test piece of 360 changes. 1826

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Saturday, July 1st, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 1841

**SURPRISE MAJOR RINGERS REQUIRED** for Derbyshire Peal Tour from August 12th–19th. Anyone interested please write at once, giving full details of capabilities to G. E. Bonham, 34, Bedford Street, St. Neots, Huntingdon. 1817

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, PENARTH, Glam.**—Officers for 1967: President, Rev. Norman Griffiths, Rector; Chairman, Norman Jones; tower captain, Jack Palmer; assistant tower captain, Mrs. Yvonne Apsitis; Tower Master, Jack Garrett; honorary secretary and treasurer, Derek A. Herbert. All communications, please, to Honorary Secretary, 100, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Glam. 1822

## TOLLESBURY, ESSEX

Visiting bands of ringers welcomed at any time by arrangement, particularly on their outings. Practice night Thursday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.—Apply to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1816

**WESTHAM, SUSSEX.**—During weeks commencing July 2nd and July 9th, practice will be on Fridays. Afterwards Mondays as usual. Also, new tower secretary: Mrs. C. M. Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 1835

## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Holford (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service (Corporate Communion) 4.15. Names for tea, please.—J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford. Holford 345. 1731

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The Final of the Striking Competition will be held at Roydon on Saturday, July 1st, commencing at 2.30 prompt. M.C., Mr. K. Wood. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, please. 1664

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting at Blockley (6), 3 p.m.–4 p.m. and Chipping Campden (8) 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m., July 1st. Service and business meeting before and after tea respectively. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Newing, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, as soon as possible. 1777

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Modbury (6) on Saturday, July 1st, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rewe, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1743



**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Abbots Langley, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Langleybury, 6.30 p.m. Names to G. R. Fielding, 130, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1804

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Change of venue.—Stevenage (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 6 p.m. Business meeting during evening. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1782

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Copt Oak (6), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. (Please be at church at 5 p.m. for tea, as tea is in Markfield.)—R. M. W. 1863

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting at Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Horninglow (6) bells also available 3 to 4 p.m. All welcome. 1799

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Maidwell, Saturday, July 1st. Please bring own tea. Scaldwell available in evening.—J. E. Goddard 1864

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Saturday, July 1st, Sutton Bonington (5) at 3 p.m.; Kingston-on-Soar (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Wood, 30, Main Street, Sutton Bonington.—S. Adams. 1795

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Wimbledon 2.30–4 p.m. Service at All Saints', Kingston, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall, Ashdown Road. Evening ringing at Kingston. Special method: Yorkshire Royal. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W.15. 1784

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–8.30 p.m. After tea Mr. George Jennings will give his second talk on "Grandshire." Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osborn, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815). 1792

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, July 5th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All standard methods.—C. H. Rogers. 1788

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney & Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Northleigh, Friday, July 7th, 7 to 9 p.m. 1820

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Withers, 2, Leigh Villas, Leigh-on-Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1813

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements. A good tea promised. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 1853

**CHFSTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm (8, 29½ cwt.) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Grappenhall bells available in the evening. Names for tea are essential and should be sent to Mrs. E. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, by Wednesday July 5th.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1859

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester, Chester, not later than Monday, July 3rd 1815

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 1865

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District and Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting at Baslow Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Old Brampton (6) 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—G. Richardson, M. Phipps, Secs. 1838

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. (Barbecue postponed until later date.)—B. E. J. 1806

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8.30. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise and Spiced Plain and Little Bob. 1854

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Guilden Morden (6) and Litlington (6), Saturday, July 8th. Guilden Morden 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1857

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at The Leigh, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, Gloucester, by July 5th.—L. C. Prosser, Hon. Sec. 1819

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting at South Marston on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 1855

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Dursley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, July 4th. 1860

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 1846

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Betts, Redhouse, Fairbourne Road, Harrietsham.—M. L. H. 1781

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements (suitable cafe nearby).—G. Cheetham. 1805

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hinckley District.—Quarterly meeting, July 8th. Bells available: Earl Shilton (8) 9.30 a.m. to 10.15; Stoney Stanton (8) 10.15 to 11; Broughton Astley 11 to 12 noon; Leire (6) 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Claybrooke (8) 2 to 3 p.m.; Burbage (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Hinckley 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Hinckley 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Social evening at the Prince of Wales, Hinckley. Please give this meeting your full support. Names for tea to A. Ballard, 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, July 5th.—A. James Poyner, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1797

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 8th now at Usk. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk, Mon. by July 3rd, please 1749

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Monthly meeting for Western Deaneries at Dereham on Saturday, July 8th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own picnic tea. 1843

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 2.30. Tea, Worton Village Hall. Ringing, Great Tew, 6.45 approx. Names to B. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford. 1843

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. F. Lewington, Waven, Bucklebury, Reading. Branch dinner and social, September 30th, 1967. 1843

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, 5th. 1843

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby, by Monday previous. 1850

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wadenhoe on July 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. 1843

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Cranford (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Special method: Cranford Surprise. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Thrapston Road, by week previous. 1827

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 8th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea by July 5th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1827

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—N. Notts.—Meeting at Bawtry, July 8th. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, 42, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster, by previous Wednesday. 1825

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North West District. Ringing meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute. Meeting follows. Will as many members as possible attend meeting, as there is an important item to discuss. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, July 5th. 1836

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing St. Nicolas', North Stoneham (10), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Linda Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, by July 6th. 1824

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Diocesan Festival at Stratton, July 8th. Guild office with address at 4.30, followed by tea. Towers open: Stratton (8), Kilkhampton (8), Bridgerule (8), Poughill (6), Marhamchurch (6), Launcells (6). All bells available 2–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea to H. Trewin, 29, Broadclose Hill, Bude. (Phone Bude 2513). —A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1821

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells will be available at Wellesbourne, Sherborne, Snitterfield and Hatton from 2 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Business meeting to follow. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells will be available in the evening up to 8.30. Free tea in St. Nicholas' Church Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 1813

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. E. Pellett, 32, Brattle, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, July 13th.—A. P. S. B. 1813

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Lacey, 22 Drakes Close, Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 1847

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Branch) and **SUFFOLK GUILD** (North East District).—Joint meeting at Great Yarmouth on July 15th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15; preacher Rev. P. N. Bond. Tea 5 p.m. in St. James' Hall, Admiralty Road. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Spandler, 10, Seafeld Close, Kings Road, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925), by Wednesday, July 12th certain, please.—N. P. J. C. and T. N. J. B. 1802

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wils. 1847

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Details of tea arrangements next week.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1848



**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION****Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967**

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

**Ringling Arrangements:**

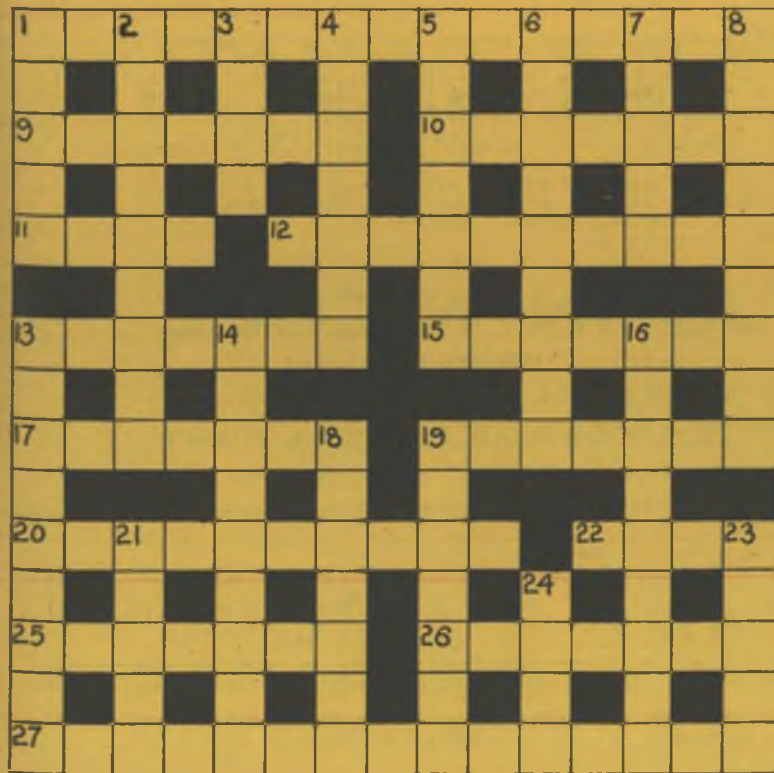
Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) ..	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6) .. .. .	2.15 p.m.—1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10) .. ..	2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12) .. ..	3.00 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
	7.00 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F. Beddow, 7. Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by Saturday, July 1st. 1717  
No name, no tea.**SS PETER AND PAUL'S, WARSOP, NOTTS****FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967**Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd  
All visitors, especially ringers, will be welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7  
Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m.Thurs., June 29th.—Patronal Festival  
Parish Communion 7.30 p.m.  
Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m. Viewing  
and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m.Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m.  
Ringing 7–9 p.m.Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.—  
9 p.m. Ringing 2 p.m.—9 p.m.Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.—6 p.m.  
Services, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.  
Celebrant and preacher the Lord  
Bishop of Southwell. 6.30 p.m.  
Evensong and sermon Ringing  
3 p.m.—6.30 p.m.Refreshments available during all view-  
ing hours throughout the Festival.Local ringers will be in attendance  
during all published ringing times.  
Proceeds will be used towards the aug-  
mentation of the bells from 6 to 8.  
1596**THE LADIES' GUILD****Annual General Meeting, Sat., July 1st.  
at Lincoln.**Committee meeting 11 a.m. in Con-  
sistory Court. Service 12 noon in  
Cathedral. Buffet lunch available in  
Chapter House. Meeting 2 p.m. in  
Consistory Court. Dinner 6 p.m. for  
6.30 p.m., Moor Lodge, Branstons.  
Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10.45–  
11.45 a.m. and 2–5.15 p.m.; St Giles'  
(8) 2–4 p.m.; St. Peter at Gowts (6)  
and St. Botolph's (6) 3–4 p.m.; Wad-  
dington (6) 3–4.30 p.m.; Harmston (8)  
3.30–5 p.m.; Washingborough (8) 4–  
5.30 p.m.; Branstons (6) 5 p.m.Names, with cash, please, and s.a.e.  
for tickets for buffet lunch (4s.) and/or  
dinner (£1–5–0) to Mrs. A. Richardson,  
Glyn Garth Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.  
1670**GNOSALL, STAFFORD**Ringers' Service, July 2nd, 6.30 p.m.  
Ringing 5.30 p.m.After the service the St. Lawrence's  
Junior Handbell Ringers will play a  
selection of tunes in the schoolroom.  
Visitors welcome. Refreshments.  
1783**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND  
YOUTHS****Quarterly Meeting**

at

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH**

on

**SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1967**Harlow Common (8), 3–4.30 p.m.  
Tea at Sawbridgeworth at 5 p.m., fol-  
lowed by business meeting. Saw-  
bridgeworth (8) 6.30–8 p.m.Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15,  
Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London,  
S.W.15, by Thursday, July 6th. 1801**BACK NUMBERS**We carry a substantial quantity of  
back numbers from 1950. Price 9d.  
per copy plus postage, for recent years  
(1960–67). Others 1s. 6d. plus postage.**BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY**The Annual Shield Contest will be held  
at Bradfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday,  
July 8th, in conjunction with the Brad-  
field Flower Festival, details of which  
may be obtained from Mr. Plant, Upper  
Bradfield.To enter the contest, intending par-  
ticipants must send 10s. entrance fee  
and, if possible, names of team mem-  
bers, to the Secretary, Mr. T. Tarbatt,  
7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, near  
Huddersfield, as soon as possible.  
Names for tea must be sent to Mrs.  
Baxter, Castle Laithe, High Bradfield,  
Sheffield.This contest is open to any band and  
will be judged by Mr. H. Chant.**Crossword No. 3 - First correct opened on July 7th - 10/- prize****CLUES****ACROSS**

- Boils mirrups for this item in the ringer's repertoire (7, 8)
- Rescinds an act (7)
- Knock h out of this to get a call (7)
- Grand prefix would make father methodical (4)
- Perhaps the long length man does this afterwards (10)
- He came out of mad nest to give us a popular 6 d. (7)
- Do this with treble bob hunting and you will make it plain! (7)
- Makes confident (7)
- This flask could make me short (7)
- Upset tight man on spot for Central Council meeting (10)
- A working bell is hardly this (4)
- Cupidity—but not the Bristol University Guild brand! (7)
- Breathes in (7)
- Retains acrobatic equipment—as every good ringer should! (5, 1, 5, 4)

**DOWN**

- Unwelcome visitors in most belfries (5)
- They bring things in from abroad (9)
- The answer to this is hard (4)
- Strangely he's the eleventh in some teams (4, 3)
- Sudden rise or increase (7)
- See 13 across (9)
- Mass of cast metal (5)
- Services rendered—but not in the mornings (9)
- Tank and basin are combined at Whitechapel (9)
- Kills (9)
- A mill road could produce this S. American creature (9)
- Hint—and not just for beginners (7)
- Ring after tea and you will get this (7)
- Cater for this change (5)
- Eachew evil and do good: seek peace and — it (Ps. 34) (5)
- Firing usually produces this (4)

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**SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.**—On May 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Armstead 1, D. Sanderson 2, Miss L. Wilson 3, Miss J. Lawson (first "inside") 4, C. Pearson (first of Major) 5, P. Ogden 6, W. Pugh 7, M. Platt (first as cond.) 8. Rung for the Saddleworth U.D.C. civic service, and to mark the beginning of the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.**—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, V. Green 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. F. Edwards 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, R. J. Cann 7, E. J. Cole 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

**SOUTH MYMMS, MIDDX.**—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara M. Goodspeed 1, Thelma West 2, Corinna Smith 3, M. White 4, G. Sillis 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6.

**STOCKERIDGE, HANTS.**—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. S. Hopwood (first on treble) 1, W. R. Glikes 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick (first in three methods) 4, I. H. Trueman 5, T. Matcham 6.

**STONE, WORCS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, J. Barker 2, Miss F. Salter 3, Miss S. Buckley 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. Pugh 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**UPHAM, HANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Stubbington (15, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, D. J. White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. J. Stubbington 6. Rung before Evensong.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, Miss J. A. Grant (first "inside") 2, N. Carter 3, Miss C. Ethernott 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. A. Grant 1, Miss J. Turner 2, Miss C. Lomas 3, Miss C. Ethernott 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, N. Carter 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

**WARSOP, NOTTS.**—On May 25th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (Kington and L.S. Pleasure): R. Spencer 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, B. Richards 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, G. Chellons 5, P. Cooke 6. Rung for the first celebrations of Communion of the Rev. F. G. Green, and the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On May 28th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: P. Martin (first quarter) 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First in method 2 and 4.

**WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Jane Slough 1, Annette Rutuszianlak 2, A. Smith 3, M. White 4, Gillian Brearley 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6.

**WHETSTONE, LEICS.**—On May 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (three methods): K. G. Grewcock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. I. V. Brown 2, B. C. Law 3, R. A. Cobley 4, W. J. Kinchin (cond.) 5, H. Needham 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Roger Spence, a ringer at this church, who died on May 16th.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 4th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: B. Johnson (first of Treble Bob on treble) 1, S. Knight (first "inside") 2, R. Gower 3, P. Richardson 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

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