

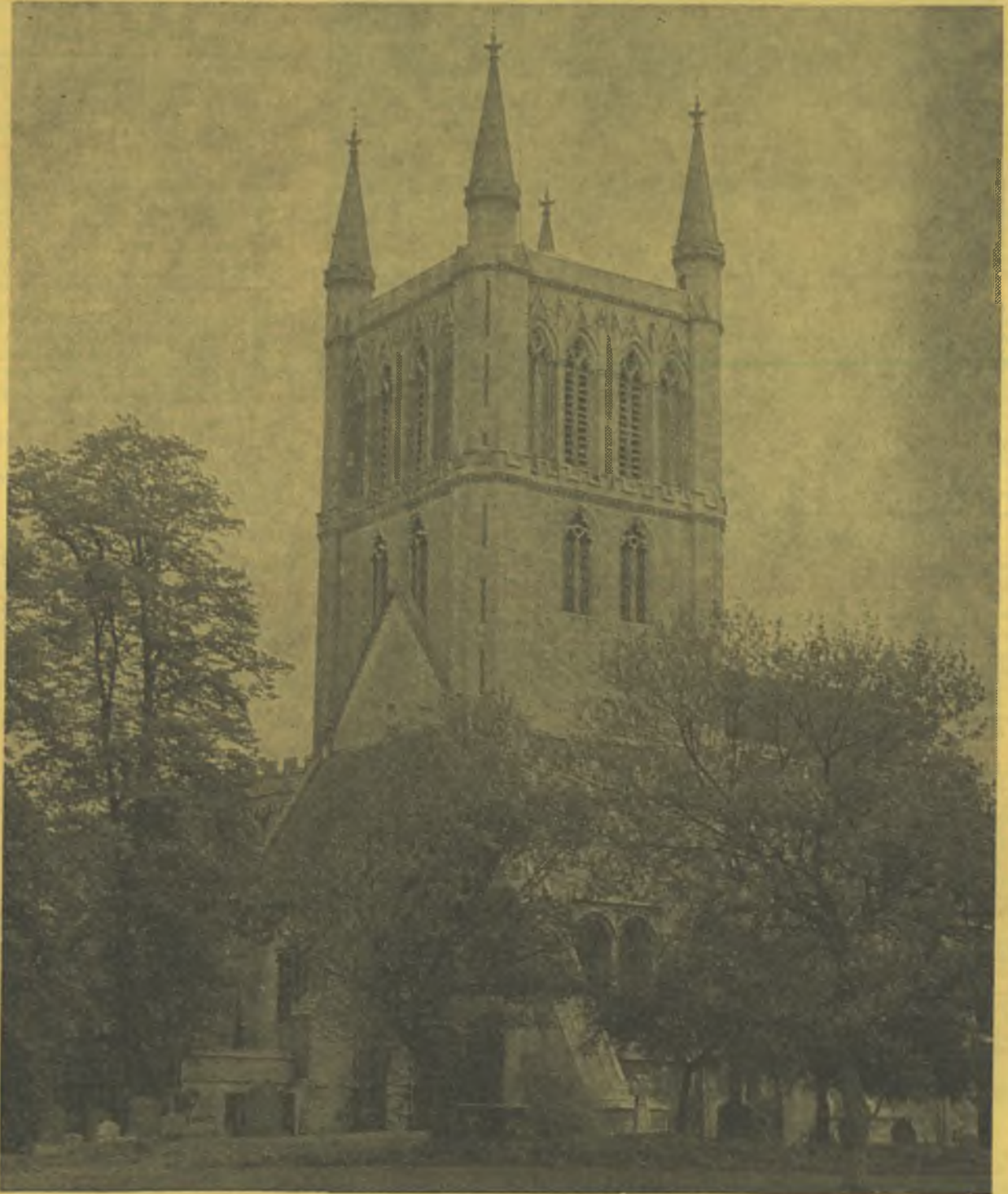
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Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha, Pershore



## Broken Stay Accident in Worcestershire

A broken stay accident at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Worcestershire, on Sunday, October 29th, had serious consequences for Mr. Raymond Dunn (38), an experienced ringer, who had been ringing since the age of 15.

The accident happened after ringing had finished for morning service. One of the bells got stuck—it might have been that the rope had slipped wheel—when Mr. Dunn tried to pull it back into position. The stay broke and he was carried to the ceiling, receiving head injuries and being rendered unconscious. He fell heavily some 17 feet to the floor.

Prompt action was taken to try to find a doctor and the Warley Fire Brigade stood by. When a doctor considered that it was safe to move him the unconscious ringer was carried by firemen down the spiral staircase to the Dudley Guest Hospital. The report that evening by the hospital authorities was that his condition was "fairly satisfactory."

According to a Press report his brother-in-law, Mr. Stanley Cornock, who is verger at the church, said: "After the stay broke, Ray tried to control it, but the bell cartwheeled right round."

Mr. Dunn, who lives at Wright's Lane, Old Hill, is a television engineer. He has been ringing at Holy Trinity Church for the past 18 months. The best wishes of all ringers are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

Holy Trinity Church has a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 23½ cwt. in F. The bell Mr. Dunn was ringing is said to be about 15 cwt.

**RINGING NOT A DANGEROUS PASTIME**  
The following letter has been sent to the Editor of "The Birmingham Post" by Mr. G. F. Green, of 46, Cherry Street, Birmingham:—

Dear Sir, — Today (October 30th), in the Press and by radio, there have been reports of an accident to a ringer in a Black Country church yesterday.

It has been indicated that such an accident is extremely rare. Nevertheless, at a time when many young people are enjoying this typically English form of bellringing, and there is a constant requirement for recruits, it would be most unfortunate if the reports created among parents the impression that it is a dangerous pastime.

One does not know the exact circumstances under which the accident occurred, and it would be quite improper to suggest that the unfortunate ringer suffered as the result of his own action or that of another.

With respect, I suggest that you would be doing a service to the Exercise if you would make it known that in all bellfries ringers are taught by experts to handle the ropes only in a way which avoids accidents and to abide by very stringent, but common sense, rules to the same end.

All ringers are taught to hold a bell rope only in a particular manner which, intentionally, provides for it to be released by merely opening the hands; if a back stay goes, the ringer loosens the rope and steps back, all in a fraction of a second. Any other manner of holding a rope is incorrect, unsafe and strictly not allowed by any Ringing Master.

Very many ringers have not experienced a broken back stay over long years of ringing. Your correspondent, in 15 years, experienced two with nothing worse than the noise of the free-swinging bell and the subsequent trouble of replacing the back stay.

One should not overlook the million-to-one chance of some unforeseeable circumstance which might lead to an accident, and one may conjecture that such was the occurrence on Sunday. However, it is undeniably true that it is infinitely safer to allow a child to be taught bellringing by an expert than to present a child with an airgun, bicycle or a handful of fireworks.

## APPLETON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT FAILS

The long peal attempt for Grandsire Caters on October 21st failed after nine hours' ringing through one of the band having a bad attack of cramp.

Our correspondent writes:—

The day started on a happy note with the Rector sitting in the tower awaiting the arrival of the band and the umpire, and when all had assembled we were heartened by the prayer and sincerity of the Rector before he left the band in the capable hands of Brian White.

At 7.15 a.m. precisely the bells went into rounds, and at 7.17 a.m. they were off and at 7.33 a.m. they had stopped. Tension and nerves had to be quietened as the pace was terrific. It was the best thing that could have happened. They chatted a few moments; some, sensing 14 hours was a long time, stripped off their shirts, and at 7.38 a.m. they were off again, this time to a regular Appleton beat.

The ringing was consistent for hour after hour, the first 5,000 coming up in 2 hours and 55 minutes, the second 5,000 in 2 hours and 56 minutes, and the third 5,000 in 2 hours and 56 minutes, and it was not until 2.14 that the first trip occurred, which we afterwards found was not so much of a trip as one of the band missing his sally and not gaining full control of his bell for a couple of whole pulls. (It always sounds worse outside than it does inside.) Then at 4.38 p.m. came the shock.

The bells were set up, and for a few minutes there was a deathly silence outside. Then the umpire unlocked the tower door and the first out was Brian White. When asked what was the matter he gave us his reason, with which the umpire was entirely in agreement.

One of the band had a bad attack of cramp (unfortunately in his hands), which necessitated ringing the bell with one hand. This was not conducive to good striking, and when the conductor asked the ringer how he felt, the reply was typically English—"Carry on and I will do my best."

But over four hours to complete a peal is a long time, so the conductor kept on half an hour and when the attack did not get better he called "Stand," the ringing not being up to standard, and Brian also reasoned that, with the ringing steadily deteriorating, it was senseless even to carry on for a further half-hour and having to call "Stand" before the finish.

With true Appleton hospitality, half the band went to Brian's home for tea and the other half to Frank's, and when everyone had refreshed themselves a move was made to the Plough, where several "listeners" had gathered. As the wine began to flow through the veins disappointment was soon forgotten and the ringers and listeners enjoyed themselves as only ringers can. Even at midnight we realised the correct decision had been taken and the day had been happy for all in spite of an honest failure.

W. H.

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## OUR PICTURE

## PERSHORE ABBEY

By ARTHUR C. BERRY

THE present Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha, Pershore, is all that remains of a vast Benedictine monastery. Founded A.D. 689, this monastery grew in size and wealth up until the Dissolution, when all the monastic buildings were destroyed. The church itself was offered for sale to the parishioners. Curiously enough they did not seem able to buy the whole church but bought the monastic portion rather than the nave, which had been their place of worship. This was pulled down and the remainder, the monastic portion, is what is left today.

The central tower was begun about 1335 upon earlier Norman arches. The interior of the lantern tower is richly traceried and moulded. It was because of this that in 1864, during a major restoration under Sir Gilbert Scott, the old ringing room floor was removed and in its place a platform was constructed in the centre of the tower.

This platform is built diagonally on two solid oak beams running from the centre of each wall at right angles to each other. It is twelve feet square and the sides consist of iron railings six feet in height. Because of these railings and the skeleton iron staircase by which one reaches this platform, it is known locally as the "cage" or "birdcage."

The gap from the top of the railings to the underside of the belfry floor is made up of substantial wire netting said to have been put up after a local ringer got caught in his rope, was taken up and almost fell over the top of the railings to the church floor 80 feet below.

## RUDHALL BELLS

The bells, which form a very fine ring, were cast by Abraham Rudhall II in 1729; originally there had been five bells. The treble was recast in 1814 by T. Mears and the fourth in 1897 by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. The tenor is approximately 27 cwt. in the note of D.

Up to the present time there have been 35 peals rung on these bells. The first was by the Youths of All Saints', Worcester, in 1814. They rang 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 13 minutes. The first peal rung from the "new" ringing platform was 5040 Stedman Triples on December 27th, 1890, conducted by F. E. Dawe. There is a carillon put up in 1879 by Gillett and Bland, which plays a fortnightly cycle of tunes.

Having a fine ring of bells and a rather unique ringing chamber, Pershore Abbey attracts many visiting ringers. Most of them soon get used to the "cage" but there are a few who do not really like it. Fortunately these are in the minority, for most ringers are soon back to ring again on these bells, probably some of the best that ever came out of the Rudhall Foundry.

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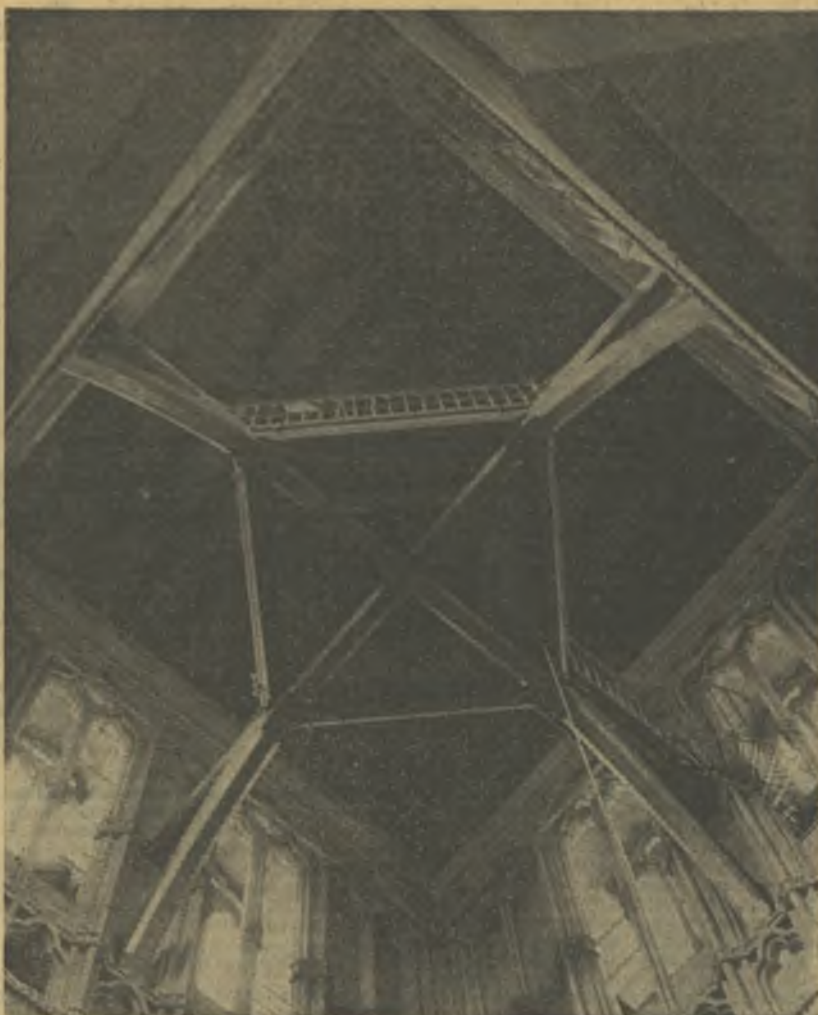
## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance District was held at Carbis Bay on October 28th, and was attended by over 70 ringers.

A touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells during the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Following this, an excellent tea was provided by the ladies, to whom we extend our thanks.

At the meeting it was proposed that proficiency ringing tests be introduced into the Branch, and arrangements in this direction are in hand. Eight long-service certificates were presented, and the next festival was provisionally arranged to take place at Paul on April 20th.

Towers open for ringing were Zennor, Towednack, Lelant and St. Hilary. M.C.



## RECORD ATTENDANCE AT WORCESTERSHIRE'S DINNER

THE Worcestershire and Districts Association held its 30th annual dinner at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 21st. The company numbered 145 and was the largest attendance since 1960.

Guest of honour was the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, D.D., who proposed the toast of "The Association." The Bishop observed that the Association had now reached 85 years of age and that its members had rung for Church and State occasions through the reigns of four monarchs. But many of the bells themselves, he continued, were, of course, several hundred years older than that. What stories they could tell if only they could speak.

The Bishop then said how pleased he was when, on his visitations, the bells were rung to mark his presence in the parish. He particularly remembered on his recent river pilgrimage on the River Avon being awakened by the bells of Great Comberton ringing at 7 a.m. for Holy Communion which he was to celebrate. He concluded by saying: "Our churches are monuments of a great and eternal truth, and it is through the bells that they tell of that truth."

Responding, the Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Evesham, described bells as "the Church's chief publicity agent. Ringers find great satisfaction in the practice of the art and derive inspiration from the knowledge that bishops and clergy recognise this involves considerably more than merely heaving on ropes." Mr.

Webb spoke both as an incumbent and a ringer and thanked the members of the Association for all the help and encouragement he had received.

## CATHEDRAL BELLS FOUND IN NORFOLK

In response to a toast by Mr. C. Skidmore, the chairman, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester, stated that having recovered, last year, one of the old Cathedral bells from the original ring of eight, he was now in touch with the incumbent of Didlington, Norfolk, where four more of these bells had gone. The possibility of retrieving these pre-Reformation bells was being explored. "Campanology is one of the great arts and crafts we must strive to foster in this electronic age," he declared, emphasising the need of preserving skills and practices of the human brain and hand.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by M. J. Fellows 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. D. Fellows 5-6, and D. Beacham 7-8. The Offenham handbell ringers were warmly applauded for a skilful demonstration of tune playing, and Miss Joyce Cunningham, accompanied by Anthony Hayward (piano), sang delightfully. The evening concluded with a showing of the Washington Film.

**PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Aston 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, R. J. Tibbitts (cond.) 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Furnell 6.



# Leicester Diocesan Guild's Dual Celebration

## FOUNDER'S DAUGHTER PRESIDES

Mrs. Jill Stanforth, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the Guild a motto at its 21st anniversary dinner held at The Meet, Leicester County Cricket Ground, on October 28th. It was the words of the Guild's first patron, the Bishop of Leicester, addressed at its own foundation, "Only the best is good enough."

By a coincidence the celebration took place on the president's birthday and she was duly toasted. "A Happy Birthday" was sung and President Jill cut a birthday cake honouring the two events. The Immediate Past President (Mr. B. Stedman Payne) said that when he approved the date he had no idea that he would not be president. He had in the interim left the Diocese for a year's course at Nottingham University and felt it was unwise to continue in office.

The esteem in which the Guild is held was marked by the capacity attendance at the dinner. The president and vice-president of the Central Council were there; the Diocese was represented by the two Archdeacons; the two national Societies, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, by the Master-elect, Mr. P. A. Corby, and the Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, respectively. Parties of ringers from Lancashire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and the Midlands attended. It was a great birthday, which the Guild and its president could well be proud of.

Sprays of carnations were presented to the wives of the two Archdeacons, the Ven. R. B. Cole and the Ven. D. H. Lockley. President Jill, who was accompanied by her husband, Peter, had a spray of delicate rosebuds. She presided with a dignity of one born to office, and on her right sat Canon Gilbert Thurlow. Also on the top table were the Guild secretary, Mr. A. J. Poyner, and his bride of seven days, Sandra, and the Guild treasurer, Mr. J. M. Jelley, and Mrs. Jelley. Mr. Paul L. Taylor, a vice-president, sat next to Archdeacon Lockley. The toastmaster was Mr. J. P. Fidler, who contributed to the happiness of the gathering with his stories. The toast of "The Queen" was proposed from the chair.

Proposing the toast of "The Church," Mr. J. E. Adams said they were proud to be a Diocesan Guild, as their main purpose was to provide a link between the various parishes and churches. Although there might still be individual criticisms, unquestionably over the past 100 years and particularly in the last 25 there had been a very great change in outlook by ringers generally in their responsibility to the Church, and probably at no time had there been such a high proportion of ringers who undertook other duties for their church. In the past years there had been an ever-conscious effort to bring ringers and the Church together. Of course, they never should be apart. Ringers enjoyed their ringing but it was no less a service to the Church because they enjoyed it, though there seemed to be one school of thought that held that service to the Church was the greater if there was less enjoyment with it. This was perhaps why the writer of "Pilgrim's Progress," the Puritan John Bunyan, ceased to be a bellringer when Puritan instincts became uppermost.

### A JOYFUL NOISE

He always recalled certain comments of the late Ernest Morris when the band was depleted so that there were not sufficient to undertake proper change ringing. His comment was always: "Well, let's go up and make a joyful noise," and surely that was the whole essence of ringing bells so far as the Church of England was concerned. The message of the bells to the outside world should surely be the message of a "joyful noise."

To the non-churchgoer they were often almost the only outward sign of Church activity and it was surprising even in this modern age of noise and canned music how great was the proportion of chapelgoers and even those of no denomination who would support appeals for funds for church bells. Their ringing was an aspect of church activity which could not readily be ignored and the majority of them thought, although they derived pleasure from ringing, it was to give a service to the Church.

The Archdeacon of Leicester, the Rev. R. B. Cole, in his reply, brought to the company the good wishes of Derek and Susan Sawyer, who he understood at one time rang at the Cathedral and at Birstall. He married them at the Cathedral last September and they then

went to Toronto, where they worked and where he met them. They told him in Canada that they had been to Washington and had rung on the famous bells at the Cathedral.

The president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) prefaced his submission of the toast of "The Leicester Diocesan Guild" by commenting that that night he must drink it in bitter lemon or something like it as he must drive 140 miles to Norwich afterwards. It reminded him that toast in that sense came from the custom of putting toast (in breakfast sense) into some wine so that one could drink it without getting drunk.

He congratulated the Leicester Guild on its annual report—a magnificent production. It was also managed cleverly financially, as in 1964 the report cost £163 to produce; in 1965 £156; and in 1966 £143. It was only a matter of time at the time before the printer was paying them for the privilege of printing it. (Laughter.)

### CHURCH'S PUBLIC IMAGE

The objects of the Guild, printed on page 2, were all excellent. He was so glad about the third object, "to gain understanding of their art amongst the public." "It is wholly right," said the Canon, "that the Church should have a good public image, not to gain advantage like a successful advertiser, but because it is useless to have something good to offer people unless it is also something which attracts them. Christ was attractive, worthy church buildings are attractive, the social work the Church does in and for the community must appear attractive to all people of goodwill. Ringing must be attractive. Never let it get needlessly unpopular because church authorities can't bother to control sound and prevent bells being unpleasantly loud."

How right they were to want to continue in close contact with all clergy and other church leaders. Too many ringers seemed content to be in their little shell, almost proud of being unnoticed and their work undervalued. Individual parish reports were so good in many cases, especially Barwell. "So much depends on the influence of just one person. You may be that person. With gratitude for the invitation to this wonderful day, the toast is 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.'"

The president in reply said it was with feelings of honour and pride that she responded to the toast. Honour for having been chosen to lead the ringers of the Diocese in this their celebration year, and pride for having had the privilege of taking part in the life of the 21 years of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Exactly 22 years ago that day the provisional committee formed by members of the Midland Counties Association residing in the Diocese met under the chairmanship of their toastmaster, Mr. Jack Fidler, to decide the formation of the Districts for the new Guild, which was now their Diocesan Guild.

### TRIBUTE TO FATHER

"As Canon Thurlow said, my father was the prime mover in suggesting the splitting of the Midland Counties Association, and as our founder president, it really goes without saying that the foundations on which we now operate are due in no small measure to his efforts. But having said that—campanology is definitely not a one-man-band, and without hard-working officers, and indeed all the members which my father and his successors have had around them, the Guild would not be flourishing to the extent it is today."

"To quote from Oscar Wilde, 'Memory is the diary we all carry about with us.' I feel the majority of people here tonight have good memories and I have no intention of looking back over the past 21 years—in fact a précis has already been printed in 'The Ringing World' in conjunction with the celebrations in Derby last September."

In asking the Guild to turn their eyes to the future, the president said: "Sunday service ringing and worship must continue to be uppermost in our minds. I am quite sure that in the majority of cases our members compare very favourably with those of other Guilds; but I would like to quote the words of our first patron, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese: 'If we are to have a separate Guild for the Leicester Diocese only the best is good enough.' If all our members take these words as their motto I am sure the Guild will be a medium for bringing into closer relationship the clergy, churchwardens and ringers, and it will be realised that our efforts are the witness of the Church of God which is one of the few which stretches into many homes that may not otherwise be reminded of the Church's existence."

The president concluded with an appeal to good ringers to do all they could to help learners. To the beginners she suggested that they should move around the Diocese to practices and meetings where experience could be gained and in turn they would be one of those steady, loyal church men or women who undertake to ring the bells on Sundays and regard this as a foremost duty to the Church and, as Canon Thurlow said, give the Church a good public image.

Mr. P. L. Taylor, vice-president, proposed the concluding toast of 'The Visitors.' He mentioned by name the president of the Central Council, the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Mr. Dennis Beresford and his party of Cumberlands, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and parties from Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, coupling the name of Mr. Philip A. Corby with the toast, mentioning that he rang in a peal at Loughborough that afternoon, which prevented him having 40 winks to put himself right for that evening.

Mr. P. A. Corby replied.

A dance followed and during the evening the birthday cake was cut and "Happy Birthday" was sung to honour the president.

### THE COMPANY

Besides those on the top table the company included: Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bent, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bramley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. Buswell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clarke, Mr. J. H. Cook (vice-president) and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Day, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Faulkner, Mr. and Miss Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Geary, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. L. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacques, Mr. and



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## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

Saturday, October 21st, turned out wet and cold, but this did not deter many members and visitors from supporting the St. Albans District meeting at Barnet. The 23 cwt. eight were rung during the afternoon, methods up to Watford and London being enjoyed until the service at 4.30 p.m.

Tea has always presented a problem at Barnet, and this meeting was no exception. Those who had sent names in went to the local cafe, the others dispersed in various directions, to join us again at 6.30 p.m. at Monken Hadley belfry for the business meeting. The chair was taken by Mr. Frank Haynes. Under matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds reported that the District car outing to Berkshire was reasonably successful. Mr. A. Steven Taylor was elected a member, having moved into the District from Devon.

The District social, on December 2nd, is to take the place of a formal dinner, due to the number of younger members now in the District. It will start at 7 p.m. and will cost 7s. 6d. per head. Ideas for entertainment are welcome; please give them to John Ewer, who will be M.C. for the evening.

After votes of thanks, ringing took place at Monken Hadley, with methods up to Bristol and Spliced Surprise being rung.

Next meeting: St. Peter's, St. Albans, on November 18th. Special method: London Surprise Royal. J. A. F.

**Eastern District**

Mr. E. Newman, the president of the Herts County Association, and his wife kindly provided tea for the meeting of the Eastern District at Cheshunt. The wet afternoon did not prevent a good attendance. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and after the business meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Hunsdon (8), November 11th.

**5,002 KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL**

By R. F. B. SPEED

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# RINGING SECRETARIES MARRY



The thoughts, with good wishes, of many ringers in the Leicester Diocese turned to Aylestone, Leics, on October 3rd, for the wedding, in glorious sunshine, at St. Andrew's Church of Mr. A. James Poyner, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Poyner, and Miss Sandra Chesterton, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Chesterton, both families being members of the Parish Church. A large congregation witnessed the ceremony performed by the Rector, the Rev. Stephen Jackson, assisted by the curate, the Rev. T. C. Wiles.

As the bride approached the church the bells pealed forth their welcome—the bridegroom having already joined his fellow ringers for a course of London Surprise Major. Escorted

by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs. S. M. Hall, the matron of honour, who, prior to her marriage and consequent move to London, was a member of the Aylestone band, and two smaller bridesmaids, Miss J. Heircock and Miss L. Bonnington.

The bridal procession, following a full choir, moved slowly to the chancel as the organist, Mr. T. C. Moulds, played a voluntary on the "Old 100th" by Purcell. The hymn "Lead Us, Heavenly Father" preceded the marriage service and this was followed by the 23rd Psalm set to the tune of Brother James' Air. After prayers the hymn "O Father, All Creating" brought the ceremony to a close. The happy couple left the church during the playing of Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" and the firing and ringing of the bells.

The bride was attired in a heavy white satin dress with a long train edged with pure lace. She wore a short veil kept in place by a coronet, and carried a bouquet of red and white roses interspersed with lilies of the valley. The matron of honour was dressed in red satin, and the bridesmaids in long dresses of red velvet and satin. The best man was Mr. Peter J. Challoner (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) and the ushers were Messrs R. J. Bell and A. S. Hayden. The reception was held at The Meet, at the Leicestershire County Cricket Ground and was attended by 105 guests.

The bride is the honorary secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. The bridegroom is the general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and also an active member of both the Aylestone P.C.C. and the local Dramatic Society.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successfully brought round later in the day at Aylestone Parish Church, conducted by Mr. Russell S. Morris, who taught the bride to ring. M. J. S.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Yardley on October 14th. The chief attraction was undoubtedly the striking competition, which caused a great amount of interest. Many ringers came to listen to a high standard of ringing on a very fine octave, and as many as 80 enjoyed a bountiful tea. At the commencement of the meeting the Master welcomed Mr. Frank E. Haynes, vice-president, of Cambridge, and invited him to take the chair.

The judges of the striking competition reported that the standard of ringing was higher, and the number of entries greater than in the two previous competitions held by the Guild. It was difficult to decide the positions of the first three, as all were rung with good rhythm. A general criticism was the variations at lead. The competing bands were placed in the following order of merit: 1 St. Martin's, 2 Erdington Abbey, 3 King's Norton, 4 Yardley, 5 Aston, 6 Perry Barr.

The rules of the competition were the subject of much discussion, several members expressing the opinion that they were too flexible in places. Useful suggestions for their improvement are to be considered by the Striking Committee.

The following were elected resident members of the Guild: Mrs. Jennifer Green and Vernon Green (Solihull), Derek Walters (Shirley), Paul Evans (Harborne) and Miss Sheila Insley and John McEvilly (Erdington Abbey).

The tower elections as life members of the following ringers were duly ratified: Howard W. Eggleston (Claydon, Ipswich), Albert E. Ellsmore (Halesowen), Peter A. Sharp (Lincoln) and Stewart Armeson (Rotherham).

A grant was made to two young ringers towards their expenses of attending a course on ringing at Cheltenham, this being considered an excellent use of the Guild's funds.

Two notices of motion to be brought before the annual meeting were received, which promises to add interest to that meeting, which will be held at St. Martin's on the first Saturday in January, 1968.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared tea was accorded, also to the Vicar, the Rev. David Edwards, for the use of the bells.

## STRIKING COMPETITION BIGGLESWADE'S FIRST

There was a slight air of excitement on October 21st, when three teams, Biggleswade, Potton and Maulden, met at Old Warden for the District's first striking competition. The bands practised between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. prior to the competition. Mr. M. Orme and Mr. J. Dew were the judges, and after a simple tea in the Women's Institute Hall, gave their verdicts, placing the teams in the same order as they rang: 1 Maulden, 2 Potton, 3 Biggleswade. The first two teams now qualify to enter in the Association competition at Tempsford on November 25th.

The company then had another chance of seeing the home production based on a famous ringing saga, made by some local Potton ringers.

There was ringing again in the evening, when more of the District members who could not enter, due to a lack of local ringers, came to support this first venture, which we hope next year will be more embracing and competitive.

Our thanks go to the Vicar and Mrs. Shuttleworth, O.B.E., for their help and co-operation. L. E.

**KETTERING, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Rogers 1, L. Toseland 2, R. F. Turner 3, D. Bowen 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. G. Mitchell 6, B. Austin (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8.



# Letters to the Editor

## BEWILDERED OVER VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to the peal of Doubles rung at Bronllys, which appears in "The Ringing World" on page 558, and to a letter from Mr. Roy H. Jones on page 634.

In his letter, Mr. Jones acknowledged the names of three variations in the peal. I am afraid that I am a little bewildered by these particular variations. The three methods which constitute the plain courses are New Bob, Huntspiil and St. Vedast, all of which have the work of New Bob above the treble. The call which Mr. Colin A. Lewis coupled with them in the peal is a Grandsire Extreme. I was of the opinion that a Grandsire Extreme is, in fact, merely a plain lead of New Bob, in which case the three variations are non-existent. Perhaps someone would be good enough to enlighten me on this point. Are there by any chance two Grandsire Extremes?—Yours faithfully,

DAVID R. McLEAN.

Lincoln Hall, Nottingham.

## ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—May I join Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Symonds and Mr. Barnett as a survivor of the old St. Margaret's Society, Westminster? I rang several peals for the Society, and what I think must have been the Society's last peal was on June 22nd, 1912, when Jim Davis conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, in which I took part. We also rang a peal of Double Norwich at Cheshunt, Herts, on May 4th, 1912. I appear to be the only surviving member of these two bands.—Yours faithfully,

F. I. HAIRS.

Groombridge.

## A HOAX?

Dear Sir,—I have recently visited St. Peter's, Tilton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire (a four-bell tower), and in the ringing room I found the following peal card:—

### ST. PETER'S, TILTON-ON-THE-HILL.

On Saturday, July 11th, 1897.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

- 1 George James, of Birmingham.
- 2 William Pye, of London.
- 3 George R. Pye, of London.
- 4 Edward Pitman, of London.

This is the first peal of Minimus ever rung. I wonder if any of your older ringers could verify this notice, or was it just another "hoax peal"?

I think it is worth noting that the peal card was fairly recently typed.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. COLLIS.

Whitton, Twickenham.

## FIRST WAR MEMORY RECALLED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Edgar Shepherd's letter in the issue of October 20th brought back to me memories of the very pleasant time I had with the College Youths and their handbell band, especially when Dr. J. B. Williamson umpired Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples, which Challis Winney conducted from 5-6, Bert Langdon ringing 1-2, Charles Norton 7-8, and myself 3-4.

I also would like to send greetings to Dr. Williamson, and I wonder if he recalls the very enjoyable times we had around the Buckinghamshire area during the first world war?—Yours sincerely,

ELSIE L. HAIRS.

Groombridge, Sussex.

## THE OLD HILL ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—You will no doubt be sorry to learn of a serious accident which took place in the belfry of Old Hill Parish Church on Sunday morning, October 29th. There are eight bells but, owing to a shortage of ringers, the front six bells only were rung for morning service. There had been a wedding on Saturday, 28th, and the bells were left "up" at backstroke.

At the conclusion of ringing on the Sunday morning it was found impossible to pull off the seventh bell, set at backstroke. However, Ray Dunn reached up and gripped the rope. Without any warning the rope immediately went up, taking Ray a distance of 20 feet.

Questions one asks oneself: Why didn't he let the rope go. Had he got his hand looped through the tail-end? I have known Ray personally for many years. He is one of the steadiest ringers I know, with a good style of ringing, and I have never seen his hand through the loop of the tail-end. This could have happened to me. Rather a terrifying thought.

I do feel there is definitely a lesson to be learned by us all. It is dangerous to leave the bells up at backstroke. When the stay breaks there is no warning. Window sash-cords give out in just the same sudden way. Not quite so much metal on the end though.

Lots of experienced ringers will no doubt say, "Of course it is a dangerous practice," but how many voice our opinions when requested to leave them set at backstroke?

I have only once seen a bell set at backstroke suddenly vanish. Fortunately no one had possession of it at the time.

Just a personal note to say that during the 18 months he has been at Old Hill, Ray has taught three teenage girls to ring an "inside" bell to touches of Grandsire on very difficult bells.

He has also carried out decorating the belfry and looking after the bells generally. He has put in hours of hard work and I sincerely hope he will soon be able to return.

His many friends may be interested to know that he is at present in Princess Mary Ward of Dudley Guest Hospital.—Yours sincerely,

MOLLY TROMANS.

Cradley Heath, Warley.

## COACHES NOT WANTED

C. A. B. submits a plea for coach parties at hostleries. "All the houses at which we pulled up displayed the 'No Coaches' sign and although our driver went in and pleaded on our behalf they did not want our custom, so in the end we had to park the coach in Horsham and pretend that we were on foot."

This was the experience of the 21st outing of the East Grinstead and District Guild on October 14th. Ringing took place at Guildford Cathedral, on the heavy eight at Bray, Sonning, All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and finally at Pirbright, where the party arrived an hour late through having missed the road.

## ANOTHER DEVON TOUR

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, another successful tour of East Devon took place on October 21st, when despite the inclement weather a most enjoyable time was spent. Those accompanying him were Messrs. H. F. Myers, D. R. Bould, G. E. Mudge, E. J. Cann, J. C. Mitchelmore, B. Knight, S. Pierce and D. Pearce.

Towers visited were at Honiton (St. Paul's), Axminster, Uplyme, Seaton, Colyton, Sidbury, Sidmouth and Otterton. The lunch interval was spent at Seaton and the tea interval at Sidmouth.

A. L. B.

## FIVE-DAY RINGING COURSE AT HEREFORD

Dear Sir,—At the last week-end course on ringing at Hereford a considerable number of people expressed an interest in a course lasting a week. I inquired about the possibilities and the College of Education has offered us the last five days in Easter Week next year—Tuesday evening, April 16th, to Sunday afternoon, April 21st. I have to accept or reject this offer by the end of November.

We hope there will be a demand big enough to have two groups, one elementary (ability to handle a bell the minimum standard), the other rather more advanced for those who can ring one or two methods but who wish to learn others and do some elementary conducting.

There would be plenty of opportunity for handbell ringing and for practical work in different towers.

The College has excellent facilities and is very comfortable. The cost of the course, except for transport, would be £10 10s.

Will anyone who is interested please write to me before the end of November?—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

6, Bar Lane,  
Wakefield, Yorks.

## ROPE EXPERIMENT AT EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It is some time now since the possibility of using man-made fibres for bell ropes instead of more traditional materials was discussed in your columns. The only conclusion reached then was that nylon was useless because of its elasticity, although it was perhaps a possibility for tail-ends.

At St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, we have been using for over a year now a rope made of pre-stretched terylene. This is stocked by all shops which cater for small dinghy sailors as it has been developed principally for use as halliards on these boats. We spiced the rope on fairly close above the sally to replace a top section which was badly worn near the wheel. It splices fairly easily although the ends of the strands must be taped or melted with a match at the start to prevent fraying.

The chief thing one notices on ringing with this rope is that there is absolutely no stretch in it at all, even when it is new. It also appears to be very hard-wearing. Even at the garter hole it is still completely unmarked at the present time. Its cost is about 1s. a foot, depending on thickness.

We have now replaced another top section in the same way, and St. Mary's, Edinburgh, have also started to use it.

Two disadvantages only have appeared so far. It is completely unsuitable for use as a tail-end since it is both hard on the hands and slippery. Also, since putting it on to our second bell we have found this rope has on a few occasions jumped wheel.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Loanhead, Midlothian.

## ALDERMASTON MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. G. K. Dodd's letter on "Aldermaston Major" is almost like hearing nuclear weapons being blamed for bad weather! It seems the fashion to blame anything bad on "hoaxers," and one hoaxer in particular. Without the necessary evidence it is extremely childish.

Whoever "E. Steele" was, may I heartily endorse at least the main thesis of his letter—that Aldermaston Major should be classed with Grandsire Major, etc.—a novelty to ring, but with inferior music, and just a gimmick, really.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HUNTER.

Edmonton, Middlesex.

# BELL ROPES

## JOHN NICOLL

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## The 35th Jasper Snowdon Dinner

**T**HIRTY-FOUR Snowdon Dinners had passed into history before it was appreciated that this annual event of the Yorkshire Association had never been held in the East Riding. This very serious omission was rectified on October 21st, when the venue was the Civic Hall in Cottingham, which claims to be the largest village in England.

One hundred and sixty-three ringers and friends attended and had the opportunity during the morning and afternoon to ring at 14 East Riding Churches, ranging from the four bells at Bubwith to the glorious ten-bell rings at the Minster and St. Mary's Church, Beverley. In addition, three eights and eight sixes were available, whilst three further towers were finally unavailable due to conflicting wedding or funeral services. All tastes were therefore catered for, but unfortunately there was a very uneven response, with reports varying from few, if any, visitors to crowded belfries.

The president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley, was in the chair and reported an apology for absence from Mrs. Marshall, the widow of Canon C. C. Marshall, a former president. The further opening remarks from the chair were in a light-hearted vein, which was maintained throughout the evening.

The toast of "Church and State" was proposed by Mr. A. C. Cooper (Kirk Ella, secretary of the Beverley and District Society). He suggested a closer link between the ringing associations and the diocesan authorities on restoration schemes and other matters affecting towers and belfries. He was able to draw on his seemingly inexhaustible store of anecdotes, which included a quite outrageous ecclesiastical play of words on "Metropolitan Vickers."

The response was by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, Canon F. E. Ford, whose present living at Cherry Burton does not have a ring of bells. As the Vicar of Scarborough for many years, however, he is no stranger to bellringing and one of his treasured memories was the dedication of a peal of Bob Major to himself and his wife on their marriage. He emphasised the importance of our art as a regular reminder of the presence of the Church and a summons to worship in these days of widespread indifference and genuine doubt.

### TRADITIONS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

A very apt choice for the proposition of the toast of "Jasper Snowdon and Past Masters of the Association" was Mr. William Barton, himself an officer for more than 50 years, and the present vice-president of the Association's Western District. The founder of the Association, he said, had excelled in all branches of the art but had not specialised in composing. It was an enigma of bellringing that lesser-known ringers in their lifetime were now better known by virtue of their compositions. He was confident that the youthful ringers of today, the future administrators of the Association, would remember Jasper Snowdon and uphold the traditions firmly established by him.

He made reference to the sterling work done by several past officers, including the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison; Mr. Leslie Morris, Association secretary for 26 years; Mr. Harold Walker, until recently vice-president of the Eastern District; Mr. John Gilbert, secretary of the Southern District for 27 years; Mr. Horace Morley, Eastern District secretary for 33 years; Mr. Norman Chaddock, vice-president of the Southern District until his

recent removal to the East Riding; and Mr. Gordon Benfield, a past treasurer and Ringing Master.

The traditional response of a course of Grandire Caters was rung on handbells by K. Lawson 1-2, W. E. Critchley 3-4, W. F. Moreton 5-6, F. C. Hobson 7-8, and N. Chaddock 9-10.

Mr. J. S. Rank (Beverley) proposed the toast of "Visitors and Guests" and offered a warm welcome to Canon Ford and his wife, and Mr. John Freeman, secretary and treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Visitors were welcomed from Walsall, Blackburn and Warwickshire.

A racy response was made by Mr. Freeman, who offered a rather improbable explanation of the origin of the chairman's (lack of) hair-style and explained what happened to over-zealous red-haired Canons. He recalled attending a week-end school at Grantley Hall in 1963, which resulted in a similar school being held very successfully for the Lincoln Guild, whilst a half-day course on the previous Saturday was attended by 90 ringers.

### "A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT"

The chairman congratulated Mr. Wilfrid Moreton on completing 1,000 peals. He felt, however, that even this great achievement was overshadowed by Mr. Moreton's outstanding record as a lecturer and teacher on all aspects of ringing.

The thanks of the Associations were expressed by the president to the incumbents of the several churches for the use of the bells during the day and to the members of the local companies who had met the visiting ringers. Mr. Ron Ducker and Mr. David Johnson were especially thanked for the wonderful job they had done in organising the day's events, and the warmth of the applause given was a unanimous vote of general approval and thanks.

The issue of "The Ringing World" coincident with the Dinner had a distinct Yorkshire "flavour." Additional copies had been obtained and were on sale at towers during the day and in the evening. It is hoped that those who bought copies will become regular subscribers. K.

## NORWICH

### DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At the autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch held at Kessingland, members were asked by the chairman (Miss D. Lidbetter) to support the Loddon Bell Fund by purchasing Christmas cards which would be on sale at the next meeting. The chairman also reported that the five bells at South Walsham were rededicated and the new six-bell frame blessed by the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. W. A. Aitken) on September 24th.

The Rev. J. Gilchrist (Aldeby) was elected an honorary member, and the following belfry elections were ratified prior to peal attempts: Messrs J. R. White (Wantage), J. T. Clay (Marlow) and C. W. Longden (Chesterfield).

The chairman thanked the Rector (the Rev. B. S. T. Morgan) for conducting the service, the organist, and the ladies who provided the splendid tea.

Next meeting: Branch annual, Gorleston-on-Sea, December 9th.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held on October 14th at All Saints', Maidstone. Over 60 members attended, including visitors from the Tonbridge District. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. G. Tufton. Tea was provided in the college rooms.

The Rev. C. J. G. Tufton was elected chairman for the business meeting. The secretary presented the District report, noting that there had been a slight decline of 14 members compared with the previous year's total, even though 53 new members had been elected during the year. The resolution proposed by the Ashford District recommending that the Association should have a chairman was rejected by the meeting.

The officers who were elected for the coming year were: Mr. M. L. Howe, District secretary; Mr. C. A. Tester and Mr. B. Groves, Ringing Masters; Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. P. Carter, District representatives; and Mr. P. S. Muchlinski "Ringing World" representative. The business meeting finished with a vote of thanks given by Mr. A. Waddington, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

## Canterbury District Has a Lady Secretary

Owing to the pressure of his studies, Mr. Keith Davis has resigned the secretaryship of the Canterbury District. For the first time the District has a lady secretary, Miss B. Lancaster, of Dover, who was elected at the recent annual meeting at Canterbury.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected chairman. Messrs. Eades and Chatfield representatives of the Kent County Association Committee, and Dr. D. Niblett Ringing Master.

A letter from the general secretary asking for members' views on a rearrangement of Districts in the county provided the biggest talking point for many a meeting, but the general view was "stay as we are." A resolution from the Ashford District that the Association has a recognised chairman was supported.

The Rev. A. L. Lawler was thanked for conducting the service in St. Dunstan's Church and the ladies for providing tea for the 70 members present from 17 towers. Several new members were elected and the retiring secretary was thanked for his report on the workings of the District during the past year.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

When the Marlborough Branch met at Burbage (5) on October 21st they were the guests at tea of the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Woodford and the local ringers. In appreciation of the hospitality a collection was taken for church funds.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting and congratulated the Rev. Roger Keeley on the birth of a second son. A welcome visitor was Mr. Hussey, a former Branch secretary, who now lives at Wootton Bassett.

The evening ringing was at Milton Lilbourne under the direction of Mr. Alan Keene. Some good method ringing was enjoyed and several made a first attempt at Kent Treble Bob. Useful progress was made.

November meeting (annual) at Marlborough.

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# WELSH BORDER TOUR PROVIDES STAMINA TEST FOR ROVING RINGERS

**AUGUST** is the month when all good Roving Ringers remove dust sheets from their bicycles, tighten up the frames, screw up loose headstocks, oil bearings and generally pronounce their bells ringable for the tour during the last week in August.

The Society celebrated its "21st" this year, and completed some 200 miles in the Welsh Border counties, retreating a safe distance to spend the Bank Holiday week-end at Malvern.

Those whom the railway system permitted duly arrived at Wellington (Salop) and ringing got off to a brisk start under the direction of this year's Master, Alan Elsmore. Wrockwardine was next on the list but, sad to relate, the choir outing had taken all and sundry, leaving us only with a locked door and no means of entry. However, things improved at Atcham, where the tower is set on the banks of the Severn, and Orpheus and Cambridge were successfully brought round before we made for Shrewsbury Youth Hostel, our home for the next two nights. The party was completed on Sunday when Ian Dear and Andrew Slade finally arrived (more rail trouble!), having spent a luxurious night's rest at the local police station, and we set off to join the local bands for service ringing, first on the ten at St. Mary's and afterwards at St. Chad's.

Afternoon ringing was at Conover, and a ground-floor ring tempted everyone to spend more time than usual basking in the bright sunshine in the churchyard. Eight of us had been invited to join in a quarter peal at St. Chad's for Evensong, and whilst the strains of Plain Bob Maximus rang out from the tower the rest returned to St. Mary's to complete the day.

## TEST OF FITNESS

Monday started with indifferent ringing at Berrington on a rather odd-struck eight, but London went better, and in due course we set off for Coalbrookdale, exchanging the harvest fields for the ugly cooling towers and grime of industry. The tower has a commanding view over the valley, and Caters and Royal were well rung. The steep road up to Madeley was not at all bikeworthy, but we got there eventually, blessing the close proximity of the Six Bells to the church and its attitude to closing time. The bells were a pleasure to ring, and put us in good heart for the long ride to Much Wenlock. The route took us down to the famous iron bridge in the town of that name, but the diabolical gradient up the other side was a test of fitness to young and old alike. Here again was another fine eight and London and Stedman sounded well. From here it was hills again, and a long haul along Wenlock Edge brought us thankfully to Wilderhope Hostel, a fine old Elizabethan manor house restored by the National Trust, with original engraved plaster ceilings and Spartan meals in Spartan surroundings.

Tuesday started well on the pleasant six at Hope Bowdler before an enjoyable run down to Church Stretton. With muscular men on 7-8 the special method for the tour, Worcestershire, was attempted, but towards the end of the course it suddenly flew to bits, and Pudsey was hurriedly substituted to make amends. A welcome and rare piece of flat road brought most of us to Wistanstow, but fate had decreed that two of the food carriers should have punctures, and some of us nearly starved as a result! The bells produced what can only be described as "foundry touches." There was just no time to go wrong, and if the music was not sweet the rhythm was excellent.

## "FOUR-STAR" COOKING

We departed for Stokesay, with its historic castle nearby, and after an enjoyable ring and a group photograph the girls set off with some trepidation to climb the 1,100 feet to Wheat-

hill Hostel, high up in the Clee hills. "Self-Cooking," said the handbook, but even the optimists were not prepared for the meals that followed, the supper and breakfast being voted "four-star."

Wednesday's first tower, at Eye, was 17 miles distant, but only the stalwart few arrived to be welcomed by the Vicar and ring London and Cambridge Minor; the rest made straight for Leominster Priory, a fine Norman building containing amongst other relics an excellent ducking stool. Methods up to Yorkshire Royal were rung or attempted. Lunch followed, but not before we found our first choice, the Bakers Arms, shut at 1 p.m.; a disturbing sign in an otherwise enlightened market town. The post-lunch tower was at Eardisland (an excellent eight), in a lovely village setting. At Weobley (a heavy six in a finely spired tower) the bells require plenty of muscle and skill to strike properly. We did our best, and then it was away to Staunton-on-Wye Hostel, where a party of equally fit looking pony trekkers were installed.

Thursday was foggy, and the sound of the bells at Burghill guided later members to the tower to enjoy the very good eight. For once, the sundial over the porch was not of much use. The party arrived at Hereford Cathedral to find preparations in hand for the Three Choirs Festival, and commenced the long trek to the belfry. A further attempt for London Royal was made, but after seven well-struck leads a fault developed and our chance was gone. Caters and Cambridge completed the ringing and we left, quite satisfied with our efforts, to enjoy the eight at Lugwardine, where George Morris joined the company. The last tower was at Stoke Edith (a very good six), where the ladies rang their "secret" touch of Oswald. It was a pity to leave, but the road to Rushall Hostel was tortuous and supper called. With the nearest hotel two miles distant the bikes were pressed into service, and those without lights hoped that the local constabulary were otherwise engaged that evening.

## STAMINA DAY

Friday could be described as stamina day. The warden allowed us to admire her fine collection of horse brasses and then left us to ride and walk the ups and downs to Fownhope to ring on a pleasant six with a stayless third. Those who hoped for an easier ride alongside the river Wye to Ross were doomed to disappointment, and a quick poll on arrival there showed a marked swing against the secretary and a crying need for liquid refreshment. In consequence our time on the bells was restricted.

A welcome lunch was taken at Weston-under-Penyard, and whilst the darts school showed their improved skill after a week's practice, an interesting and furious argument ensued on the merits of 6-5's at course-ends on higher numbers. Both sides were unconvinced, and we left to ring on another excellent six which were rehung in 1955 and gave Frank Lewis his 1,700th tower. The route to the Forest of Dean was viewed with misgiving by some members, and whilst a splinter group decided on an unscheduled visit to Aston Ingham, the stoics pedalled uphill yet again to Ruardean, and much to their surprise rang up to five-spliced on a long-draughted but fair-going eight.

The eight at Mitcheldean and John Slater's 1,000th tower were a fitting ring to end the day; the bells and sound control are excellent, and a clinking course of Worcestershire was a pleasure to listen to. Little but the hostel and the pub stand in the main street, but happily they face one another, and we were thus able to start our traditional sing-

song earlier. The choir was in fine voice, and an imported pianist who challenged us retired a beaten man.

## 21st BIRTHDAY CAKE

The fine weather continued over the week-end, and we turned north again to welcome the week-enders and their families and ring at Newent and Dymock before moving on to Ledbury, where spliced was rung on bells much in need of a spanner up aloft. A visit to the eight at Colwall marked the end of the tour proper before the cyclists thankfully climbed the last and steepest hill to Malvern, to exchange their week's rigours for the luxury of the Abbey Hotel, our week-end H.Q. A highlight of the dinner which followed was a 21st birthday cake, decorated with the Society's crest, which was specially made for the occasion by Gill Richards, from Claines. The cake was cut by the president, John Brain, who paid tribute to all the officers who had served the Society from its inception under Mark White in 1946 and were still doing so today. We owed them all a very sincere vote of thanks.

Sunday service ringing took place at Worcester Cathedral and All Saints' and in the afternoon at St. Swithin's (a ring said to be the oldest complete ring in existence, whose tone and go appear to confirm this). The Cathedral bells were again rung for Evensong, and a pleasing feature was an excellent half-course of Cambridge 12 by a band of all ages, a good cross-section of the Society, ably led by Jim Diserens on the tenor.

Time was now running out and Monday's ringing at Malvern Link, St. John's, Worcester, and Claines soon came and went. The sun still shone as the Society dispersed, and with our thanks to Alan Elsmore, Sally Parrott and Roy Mills for organising our towers and our ringing we departed, thinking of the next reunion, at Chelmsford, and wondering what the next 21 years will have in store for us.

J.B.

## St. Woolos' Cathedral Outing

There were many amusing incidents during the outing of the ringers of St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, into Somerset on October 21st.

At Meare (6) the laugh of the day was provided by the remark that the front six were doing Stedman slow work instead of ringing up in peal! Later a father and son were seen to be clinging frantically to the sally of the fourth, which was believed to have no stay, only to find that when they let the bell go up the bell was already set!

On the eight at Yalton the Stedman sounded superb. The tenor was very deep set and this proved too much for a young lady ringer and a Branch Ringing Master.

Other towers visited were at Marshfield, Radstock, Cheddar, Clevedon, Nailsea and Backwell. Thanks were accorded to the conductors of the day, Leslie F. G. Bainham and Peter S. Bennett, who called some very musical touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and to R. Gordon Wilkinson, without whose organisation the tour would not have been possible. The visitors would also like to say "thank you" to incumbents and local ringers.

## Midhurst Bells Rededicated

The bells of Midhurst Parish Church were rededicated by the Bishop of Chichester last Sunday morning after having been away at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for four months for overhaul and refitting. A small Bell Fund Committee was well supported by church friends, and in just over a year raised a total of £1,200, which more than covered the cost.



# PETERBOROUGH GUILD DINNER

## OUTSPOKEN SPEECHES

The 1967 annual dinner of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at the Town Hall, Towcester, on October 21st, was marked by outspoken speeches:

Suggestions were made of extending the scope of the Bell Restoration Fund to include sound control.

Advice from Mr. G. W. Pipe on how the Peterborough Guild should put its house in order by following the example of the Suffolk Guild.

A threat to 'The Ringing World' Committee to dispense with their services if they continued to ignore the wishes of the Central Council

The chair was taken by the Guild's president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland. A hearty welcome was extended to the assembled company by the Vicar of Towcester, who even offered rooms for the night to any who felt they had imbibed just that little drop too much to pass the breath test!

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the president the real business of speechifying was embarked upon. Mr. J. H. Bluff (Guild Master) proposed the toast of "The Church" and during the course of his speech questioned the premise that the great amount of church building and restoration carried out since the war indicated a religious revival in this country. It was due to the devastation caused by war and the consequent rebuilding, followed by the clearing of old and dilapidated areas in our towns and cities and the establishment of new towns. He went on to compare some of the modern concrete churches with the old, but revered, buildings which have stood as witnesses to the faith of our forbears for centuries.

Two kinds of people are necessary where bells are concerned, bellfounders and bell-ringers, and from each we learn a similar lesson. In the bellfounder's craft a chip or a crack or a tiny error in the composition or quantity or quality of metal used can ruin the tone of a bell, so he must be most meticulous and thorough, dedicated to the discipline of his craft. This also applies to the bell-ringers, who with their skill and concentration are able to handle these wonderful, heavy instruments.

In conclusion, Mr. Bluff said that the prevalent idea of the two-part church—chancel and nave—ought to be amended to include the third part—tower—for the bells and ringers had an important place in the work of the Church.

In reply, the Ven. Basil R. Marsh (Arch-deacon of Northampton) said that he agreed in the main with the Master's remarks, but pointed out that the majority of the church restoration carried out recently in the Peterborough Diocese was a sign of the religious fervour of the present generation and not merely the erection of monuments to previous generations and their faith. He hoped that the bells would continue to call an increasing number of the faithful to worship but did not wish to see, in the future, any dilution of the Church of England. It was to be the task of the Guild, concluded the Archdeacon, to provide a continuing supply of ringers.

### THE RURAL CRAFT OF RINGING

The toast of "The Peterborough Diocesan Guild" was proposed by Mr. George W. Pipe, the Master of the Suffolk Guild. He began by saying how honoured he felt to be asked to propose this toast, and that both he and his wife thought that it was well worth the long and miserable journey they had had from Suffolk. He said that he did not wish to trace the history of the Guild, as was customary with proposers of this toast, but rather to examine the present and future of it, although still acknowledging the debt owed to the past.

Briefly mentioning the 1966 Central Council meeting at Bath and his reasons for wishing to put forward his idea of a national recruitment campaign (the preservation of the rural craft of ringing), he outlined some suggestions based on the reorganisation of the Suffolk

Guild to help the Peterborough Guild in its own recruitment drive — to have four or five fairly large Districts rather than numerous small Branches, and to run its own ringing courses.

The president of the Peterborough Guild replied and stated how pleased he was that the Guild was still organised on a diocesan basis, even though it was shaped "like a pear with Peterborough balanced on the stalk." He went on to say that the Guild was already examining its present structure in at least one of its 11 Branches.

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, a former Guild Master, proposed the toast of "Our Guests." Foremost he mentioned the Archdeacon, who also had charge of one of the most beautiful and historic churches—St. Peter's, Northampton. His bells, too, were of great interest to the ringing fraternity, historically and in quality. Unfortunately his church was surrounded by an unusually high proportion of "anti-bell" residents, and nowadays ringing was of necessity restricted. St. Peter's was a good example of a case where correct sound control would be well worthwhile. Perhaps the Guild should consider extending the scope of its Bell Restoration Fund to assist in such cases.

### THREAT TO "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

"When your committee drew up the guest list early this year," continued Mr. Chapman, "they thought you would like to entertain, together with his charming wife, Mr. George Pipe as a new member of 'The Ringing World' Committee, elected together with

Dennis Beresford in the hope that their energy and drive would be welcomed and used in the efforts to improve the appeal of 'The Ringing World.' During their membership of the committee we did see considerable improvements at long last, and we congratulate them on their part in it. But many of their suggestions were greeted with abuse and ridicule, and eventually, to the regret of all but the old men of 'The Ringing World,' they felt bound to resign.

"I had not intended raising this unfortunate affair this evening, but, as we read in the report of the Durham and Newcastle dinner, the convener does not regard the matter as closed. This is a pity, and if he and his remaining colleagues persist in what amounts to ignoring the wishes of the Central Council, and in the suppression of letters of criticism, they cannot complain if, in 1969, the Council decides to dispense with their services."

### DICK SPEED'S TUTOR

Referring to Miss Marie Cross, he said she came as near as anyone to justify the admission of women into the belfry! Her ringing ability was well known and had been recognised by her inclusion in record peals of Spiced Surprise and many other outstanding peals. They knew of her untiring and successful work as an instructor (she even taught Dick Speed to ring!), but her greatest work, he thought, was in her secretaryship of their giant neighbour, the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It said much for her ability and for her personal qualities that, in an area so rich in personalities, tradition and achievement, she should command such respect and loyalty from so large a membership.

Miss Marie R. Cross, the secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied. She spoke of the large area covered by her own Guild and the debt owed by it to those members of the Peterborough Guild who had done such good work in those outlying Branches of the Oxford Guild which bordered on the Peterborough Diocese. She also mentioned some of the problems that could face a Guild if it came within the sphere of diocesan reorganisation.

The rest of the evening was given over to entertainment—songs from a Towcester friend, handbells and conversation.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. B. Stedman took part in a quarter of Grandsire at Wyke Regis, Dorset, in honour of his 93rd birthday.

In the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal rung at Solihull on October 21st, Maurice F. Edwards and James W. Belshaw rang their first in the method.

The quarter peal rung at Gillingham Parish Church on October 1st must have given great pleasure to the conductor, Mr. L. Harmer. The remainder of the band were ringing their first quarter peal.

Mr. R. T. (Tom) Newman is now under treatment in Namaan Ward, Guy's New Block, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1. His long-standing complaint has kept him from ringing for the past 12 months. A letter or visit from an old friend would be welcome.

A pupil at St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, under the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, after being taught to ring a bell up and down commented: "Oh, was that raising and lowering a bell? I thought it meant raising it up up and down the tower."

An in memoriam quarter peal for Mr. Frank Perkins, the founder of the well-known firm of Diesel engine manufacturers at Peterborough, was rung at St. Mary's Church on October 21st. Two employees took part in the ringing. Frank Perkins enjoyed the sound of church bells and was always pleased when Peterborough ringers rang at Alwalton, where he lived.

Mr. Roy Spencer, of Peterborough, conducted his 12-year-old son, Michael, through his first quarter (Plain Bob Minor) at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on October 22nd.

We have had a number of letters sent for publication without the name and address of the sender. These cannot be entertained. The sender's name must be submitted, even if it is not for publication.

Eight-year-old Kevin Lucas started ringing at Orsett, Essex, along with his mother, who scored her first quarter a month ago. Kevin had his first on tower bells on October 29th, but he had already scored several quarters of Minimus "in hand" with his father.

In Stephen Wood's composition of Stedman Caters, reviewed on page 787, there should be an "A" against the bracket. This was in the final proof but was apparently drawn out in the course of printing and not in all the copies printed. Will readers who keep compositions make the necessary correction to their copies.

Possibly the oldest active ringer in Essex is Mr. Arthur Reeves, of Fobbing, who is a very young 95. A complimentary birthday quarter was rung for him at Orsett, in which Harry Smith, the Fobbing captain, took part. Harry is no youngster, as 70 years separates his age from that of the treble ringer, Kevin Lucas (8). Many would like to emulate Arthur Reeves at 95; besides ringing he still tends his own garden and does the "Daily Telegraph" crossword.



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## BELFRY GOSSIP

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### HUSBAND AND WIFE COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR 50 YEARS

Congratulations to Mrs. F. I. Hairs on her 75th birthday, on October 22nd. Over 50 years ago she became well known for her great skill as a handbell ringer and took part in many outstanding performances with most of the leading handbell ringers of that time. She and her husband, Frank, celebrated their golden wedding last year, when both took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters.

This year they both celebrate 50 years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths of which Mrs. Hairs is the sole surviving lady member, being one of a very few lady members to be elected before the rules were altered to restrict membership to male members. She and her husband hope to be present at this year's College Youths' dinner on November 4th.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Withyham as a birthday compliment, and the members of the band and their supporters were royally entertained to tea afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs. The peal also provided the opportunity for Frank Hairs to ring his first tower bell peal with his daughter, Olive Barnett, who had rung only one tower bell peal previously. Jean Woolford, Frank's granddaughter, and Teddy Barnett, his son-in-law, also took part.

Mr. and Mrs. Hairs are the mainstay of the ringers at Withyham, where they have gathered together a keen and competent local band. Until recently Mrs. Hairs was Northern District secretary of the Sussex County Association, to which body both she and her husband have devoted a lifetime of loyal service.

### SHOULD KENT HAVE MORE DISTRICTS?

The Districts of the Kent County Association have been asked to consider a plan, made some 15 years ago, to increase the number of Districts to nine. Commenting on it in the Maidstone District annual report, the secretary states that the plan has some inaccuracies but is still basically a feasible proposition.

"However, this or any other plan to rearrange the Association's territory is doomed to failure unless individual members are willing to sink their personal and local connections for the ultimate good of the Association as a whole. Some points in favour:

(1) A better coverage of towers. It now takes three to six years to 'get round' the towers with meetings in a District.

(2) More compact areas would shorten some of the extreme distances across Districts and make for better contacts between the towers.

(3) More ringers in the county as a whole would bear responsibilities as Ringing Masters, chairmen, secretaries and assistants and representatives.

"Obviously in present arrangements the General Committee is unwieldy. The secretary and chairman would suffice to represent a District. Naturally, any such changes would take two or three years to bring about, owing to the alteration of rules and the inauguration of new Districts."

### AN ORDINATION CANDIDATE

Mr. W. T. Godfrey, headmaster of Milford-on-Sea C. of E. Primary School for the past 12 years, has been recommended for training for the ministry. He will study at St. Boniface College, Warminster, after Easter, 1968. A keen bellringer, he has held the offices of secretary and vice-chairman of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.



### FELPHAM TWIN RINGER MARRIED

There was a true ringers' wedding at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Felpham, Sussex, on October 21st, between Mr. David William Struckett, of Steep, Petersfield, and Miss Elizabeth Wilson Smith, of Felpham. The bells were rung before the service by the bridegroom and friends and afterwards by the Felpham band. In the evening a quarter peal was rung at Chichester Cathedral, where the bride frequently rings. A quarter peal was attempted at Felpham on October 22nd and a peal at Felpham on October 26th.

The bride's twin sister, Mrs. Anne Stevens, of Crockerhill, Chichester, was matron of honour, and Miss Cindy Trott was bridesmaid. Mr. Anthony Tyers, of Sunbury, was best man.

At the reception a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the bridegroom and his friends.

The many lovely presents included a dozen sherry glasses and a dozen tumblers from Felpham and Pagham ringers, a Kenwood mixer and accessories from the Steep ringers, a Prestige kitchen tool set from the Hackney ringers and a cheque from Chichester Cathedral ringers.

[Photo by C. E. and W. T. Stevens,  
Bognor Regis.]

### REAL NEIGHBOURLINESS

The Hereford Diocesan Guild has no ring of 12 bells within the Diocese, and no 12-bell peal had been recorded for the Guild in the 80 years of its existence until October 21st, when a peal of Plain Bob Maximus was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. The peal was made possible by the kindness of members of the Shropshire Association when late in 1966 they invited six members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to join six members of the Shropshire Association to attempt a peal early in 1967. This attempt was not successful, but at the second meeting, on October 21st, the peal was rung.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild thanks the Shropshire Association for their co-operation in making this first 12-bell peal possible, and desires to thank the Vicar of St. Chad's for allowing the peal to be rung on the bells of his church.

### THE WALK OF THE TEN TOWERS

When the Hertford County Association made its appeal to its six Districts to provide funds to meet the expenses of the Central Council's visit to Hertfordshire in 1969, the Western District decided to concentrate on one event in an effort to raise sufficient money to cover its share. It was considered that this could best be achieved by running a sponsored walk to visit all the towers in the District, i.e. Tring, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Great Gaddesden, Flamstead, Redbourne, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, King's Langley and Sarratt.

The date chosen was Saturday, October 7th, and although rain threatened early on the rest of the day was fine and ideal for walking. The course mapped out was from Tring to Sarratt and covered 30 miles. This was not an easy route because soon after the start the walkers took to the canal towpath between Tring Station and Northchurch and this has many hazards. A little further on, after leaving Berkhamsted, there was a fairly stiff climb to the common and from Nettleden to Flamstead it was up and down hill all the way. The final lap between King's Langley and Sarratt was the most trying as it was mostly uphill and had to be attempted when any walker reaching King's Langley was already feeling the effects of being on the road for some hours.

The route was well marshalled by members of the District, who also acted as checkers in and provided refreshments at Great Gaddesden, Redbourne and King's Langley. Mrs. J. Rees, of Sarratt, was on duty all day to render first aid where it was needed. Eighteen walkers all ringers except one, started from Tring at 9.15 a.m. and eight finished at Sarratt Church between 5 and 7 p.m. Terry Tricker deserves special mention; he is only 12 years old. Not only did he finish the course but was sponsored for the greatest amount, and his effort alone has brought in £18.

Having totalled up all the sponsor sheets it was found that the proceeds of this walk, together with donations, would be well over £100, and the organiser would like to express his appreciation to all who took part for this united and successful achievement. P.B.

### BIGGLESWADE RINGERS AT STOTFOLD

Ringers of the Biggleswade District paid their annual visit to Stotfold on October 14th but unfortunately, for the first time in many years, attendances were low and only 21 people sat down to tea prepared by local ladies in the school. After a very short business meeting the party returned to the church for further ringing under the guidance of Mr. C. Mann and Mr. A. H. Smith. During the evening the numbers increased.

Our thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking a short service. As a District and an Association we would like to wish him every happiness in his retirement. L.E.

### THE EXIT JAM

What was the reason for the traffic jam on the A.6 out of St. Albans on Saturday, October 28th? Could it have been the notice in the local paper warning of a peal attempt at the Cathedral that evening, which began:

"Those who dislike the sound of bells will have to leave the city on Saturday . . . ?"

The town was very quiet on Sunday morning — perhaps someone ought to give them the "all clear to come back now" signal!!



## TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 4 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.	
Susan Rothera .. .. Treble	John G. Gipson .. .. 6
Ann E. Fellows .. .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. .. 7
Maryl R. Fielden .. .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. .. 8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 4	John H. Fielden .. .. 9
Geoffrey Pearson .. .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor
Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.	

## THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.	
Dexter's No 2 variation.	Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 5
Gillian M. Hunt .. .. Treble	Patrick J. Bird .. .. 6
James R. Taylor .. .. 2	D John Hunt .. .. 7
*John W. Collard .. .. 3	Trevor Newlands .. .. Tenor
*Frederick J. Sampson .. 4	

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5080 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.	
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's.) Treble	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) .. 7
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 2	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. .. 8
*V. J. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's.) 4	C M P. Johnson (Selwyn) 10
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) 5	P A. F. Chalk (Selwyn) 11
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.	
* 100th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.	

Rung on the 80th birthday of Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
*R. L. Underwood (P'ise) Treble	C. W. Daws (Trinity) .. 5
*C. M. Tuckett (Queens') 2	D J. H. Salter (Jesus) .. 6
M Hutchings (Newnham) 3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 7
†R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 4	R A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. Tenor
Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.	
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal "inside."	

Rung for the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, Northwich, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB

Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 of Little Bob, with 95 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt.	
Christopher J. Jones .. Treble	*John Scott .. .. 5
*David A. Godfrey .. .. 2	*Ashley C. P. Pugh .. .. 6
*A. Gordon Lawrence .. 3	Geoffrey Green .. .. 7
*Reginald W. Worrall .. 4	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

\* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Parker, tower captain at Witton, who died in hospital on Monday, October 9th, 1967.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
Brian Schofield .. .. Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 4
John Moore .. .. 2	Reginald W. Worrall .. 5
Harold Worrall .. .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey Gardner and Miss Joyce Grainger, who were married at St. Mary's, Stockport, on October 14th.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.	
David Allman .. .. Treble	A. Doreen Edwards .. 4
John R. Scott .. .. 2	*Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5
Frank R. Morton .. .. 3	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

\* 725th peal.

Rung in memory of the Rector, the Rev E. H. Christopher, who had been the incumbent at this church since 1955.

## THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.	
John K. Foot .. .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Peter C. Randall .. .. 2	David J. Marshall .. .. 6
Robert W. Sherriff .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. 7
Richard J. Danby .. .. 4	Patrick I. Chapman .. .. Tenor
Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock	
Rung in memoriam Canon D. M. Jones, M.A., 1878-1967, Rector of St. James', Southam, 1917-1948. Rural Dean of Southam 1922-1948, Hon. Canon of Coventry 1937-1948.	

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

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.	
*Penny C. Adams .. .. Treble	Ernest J. Gower .. .. 4
*Elizabeth B Mackey .. 2	Peter C. Randall .. .. 5
Clare F. Dolphin .. .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

\* First peal.

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

On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.	
Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge. Norfolk Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, (2) Chester and Munden. (3) Carlisle. (4) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet, (5) London and Wells, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Norwich.	
*Peter W. Archer .. .. Treble	Derek J. Carr .. .. 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. 5
Richard J. Danby .. .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

\* First peal Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal for the Guild.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.	
Catherine M. Bew .. .. Treble	Frank G. Lufkin .. .. 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 2	Harry J. Millatt .. .. 6
Edward P. Duffield .. .. 3	Neville F. Whittell .. .. 7
Peter G. Pitt .. .. 4	Michael J. Bew .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.

First in the method by all and on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court. Cambridge Surprise Double Oxford. St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.	
Ronald W. Steward .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell .. 4
W. Keith Whittell .. .. 2	John W. Blythe .. .. 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	Alan R. Andrews .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.	
*Leslie Barry .. .. Treble	Arthur Pritchard .. .. 7
*Frank Beech .. .. 2	Frederick A. H. Cattell .. 8
Philip J. Evans .. .. 3	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 9
*Peter D. Sell .. .. 4	Reginald H. Newton .. 10
*Rev. Michael Hart .. .. 5	*George T. Cousins .. .. 11
*Austin J. Wingate .. .. 6	Ernest F. Wilcox .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

\* First peal of Maximus. First 12-bell peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.	
Robert E. Hardy .. .. Treble	*Michael D. Frost .. .. 7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 2	Dennis Knox .. .. 8
Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 3	Roger Baldwin .. .. 9
*Eric Edmondson .. .. 4	John R. Mayne .. .. 10
†Julia A. Fellows .. .. 5	Gerald Penney .. .. 11
Thomas J. Lock .. .. 6	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal.



## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. .. 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
Frederick J. Cullum .. .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Richard Hayes .. .. 4	D. Paul Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivim. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.  
The tenor-ringer has now "circled the tower."

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Leslie W. Jarvis .. Treble	Albert H. Kemp .. .. 4
David R. Reed .. .. 2	Philip D. Harrison .. .. 5
Herbert J. Pope .. .. 3	S. Geoffrey Waters .. .. Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Waters.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pope, parents of the ringer of the third, and as a birthday compliment to Leslie W. Jarvis.

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

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Malcolm M. Hitchcock Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 5
Malcolm Bardon .. .. 2	David W. Grimwood .. .. 6
Peter D. J. Beal .. .. 3	Nicholas J. Chesson .. .. 7
Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. 4	Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.

\* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Neil Bennett .. .. Treble	John Hartless .. .. 7
Michael J. Best .. .. 2	Gwilym Salmon .. .. 8
Rev. Giles C. Galley .. .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. .. 9
Philip M. Tubbs .. .. 4	Edward J. Chivers .. .. 10
Christine Andrew .. .. 5	Robert E. Kippin .. .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. .. 6	James A. D. Woolford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

Alan Sharples .. .. Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Sidney Hough .. .. 2	John Robinson .. .. 7
*Judith Butterworth .. 3	Denis Mottershead .. .. 8
*G. Richard King .. .. 4	Richard S. Starkie .. .. 9
Derek Butterworth .. .. 5	Neil D. Lomas .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

\* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey Gardner and Joyce Grainger, who were married the previous Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Stockport.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Dianne M. Hatfield .. Treble	John Elliott .. .. 5
*Elizabeth Timmins .. .. 2	Dennis E. Jones .. .. 6
†H. Lyndon Hatfield .. .. 3	Joseph Ridyard .. .. 7
Martin E. Snape .. .. 4	Frederick Pearson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Pearson.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge "inside." ‡ First of Surprise & First of Cambridge.

Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding of Eric Cook, of Parbold and Miss Nancy Hudson at Standish the previous week.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church of Emmanuel.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb.

Frederick Pearson .. Treble	John Elliott .. .. 5
Keith J. Walpole .. .. 2	Martin E. Snape .. .. 6
Celia D'aeth .. .. 3	Joseph Ridyard .. .. 7
Dennis R. Jones .. .. 4	Ronald Kenrick .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.

Rung to welcome the Rev. M. D. Whyte, who was inducted to the benefice of Emmanuel, Southport, on Wednesday, October 25th, 1967.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb in F.

J Edward Cawser .. Treble	Norman W. Attaway .. 5
Beryl E. Cawser .. .. 2	Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 6
Alan Evans .. .. 3	Russell S. Morris .. .. 7
Peter C. Randall .. .. 4	Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

Rung in memoriam Gibson Jackson, of Doncaster.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's eight-part variation of Thurstan's four-part.

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

Katherine Burchnall .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 5
Grace Burchnall .. .. 2	John Walden .. .. 6
Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 7
David Vincent .. .. 4	C Victor Waite .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

David L. Phillips .. Treble	Thomas T. Yeomans .. 5
John Prytherch .. .. 2	Michael Pilgrim .. .. 6
*Andrew W. E. Bainham 3	*Charles P. Quartley .. 7
*Paul A. Williams .. .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

\* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † 25th peal.

Rung to welcome Matthew Aldridge, son of Christopher and Jennifer Aldridge. Also as a farewell to the curate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Joan Hooton .. .. Treble	*H. George Hart .. .. 5
*Elsie K. Hart .. .. 2	*A. Cutler .. .. 6
G. William Critchley .. 3	*Dennis Knox .. .. 7
*Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivim.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

\* First peal in the method.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb.

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 5
Thomas E. Spight .. .. 2	Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 6
Peter Adcock .. .. 3	H. William Barrett .. 7
Henry Tooke .. .. 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Buxton, of Norwich.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAMPTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and

Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt 9 lb. in C.

Susanne Sargeant .. Treble	Frank C. Price .. .. 5
Joan A. Rance .. .. 2	Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Arthur J. N. Rance .. .. 7
*Alan H. Long .. .. 4	Stanley G. Scott .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard E. Price.

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting and augmentation by an all-local band.

Rung in memoriam and as a tribute to the life of Mrs. A. Churchill, interred at this church on October 19th.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Elizabeth M. Barber .. Treble	David L. Wilcox .. .. 5
Harold W. Dunsden .. 2	M. Jack Pryor .. .. 6
Harry E. Wells .. .. 3	Robert B. Blond .. .. 7
Roy H. Jones .. .. 4	William L. Gilks .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

\* First peal on eight bells.

Arranged for the visit of Mr. Jack Pryor, of Cardiff and rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Blewbury, the Rev. H. J. Pickles.



## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5088 KEYNSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Christine Baker .. .. Treble	Brian W. Hall .. .. 5
Alan R. Pink .. .. 2	Barry J. Davies .. .. 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 7
Frank Reed .. .. 4	George W. Holland .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. N. Layton.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method (rung "spiced" at Yatton on January 21st, 1967) and rung on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. With this peal Christopher C. Clarke completes the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

## OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb in B flat.

Charles Coles .. .. Treble	Roger M. Heyworth .. 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. 6
Michael Hatchett .. 3	Frederick R. Scott .. 7
Michael J. Church .. 4	David P. Hilling .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPIING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

J. Martin Thorley .. Treble	Frank Taylor .. .. 4
*Katharine M. Thorley .. 2	J. Charles Hudson .. 5
†Roger D. Bailey .. .. 3	†Alan G. Payne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

\* First peal (aged 11). † 100th peal together.  
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Wilfred Rhodes, the great Yorkshire and England cricket all-rounder. Tenor 6½ cwt.

## THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth A. Webb .. Treble	Robert M. Ashman .. 5
†Laura Grindrod .. .. 2	*Ronald E. Stillwell .. 6
Margaret A. Wilson .. 3	Graham J. N. Colborne 7
Helen Diserens .. .. 4	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Composed by D. J. Hunt.

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHISLEDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents	Tenor 14½ cwt.
William A. Farmer .. Treble	*Colin D. Wilkins .. 4
T. Arthur Palmer .. .. 2	*Frederick G. Cook .. 5
Allan G. Keen .. .. 3	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Minor by the Marlborough Branch.  
Rung to mark the tercentenary of the casting of the tenor bell by John Wallis, of Salisbury (1667).

COMPTON BASSETT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 30 methods/variations: (1-2) Stedman, (3-4) Winchendon Place, (5) St. Miles, (6) St. Luke, (7) St. John, (8-9) St. Nicholas, (10) St. Giles, (11) St. Thomas, (12) St. Andrew, (13-14) St. Martin, (15) St. Paul, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Leonard, (18-19) St. Simon, (20) St. Alban, (21) Cassington, (22) Eynsham, (23-24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Southrepps, (26) St. Columb, (27) Clifford's Pleasure, (28-29) Plain Bob, (30) Kennington, (31) Old, (32) Norfolk, (33) April Day, (34) Dedworth, (35-36) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (37) Fortune, (38-42) Grandsire

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*Ian P. Cox .. .. Treble	*Julian E. Newman .. 3
*Peter J. Devrell .. .. 2	*Alan F. Lee .. .. 4

††David A. Burt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

\* Most methods to a peal. † Most methods to a peal on a working bell. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal on the bells.  
Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells in 1966.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G

Joyce M. Marsh .. .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 4
H. Geoffrey Wells .. .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
W. Gordon Marsh .. .. 3	Albert Foster .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. G. Turner, curate of Holme Pierrepont, on his ordination at Southwell Minster on September 24th, 1967.

## ELSTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) Abbeyville, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland and Combermere Delight, (2) Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (3) Marple, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (4) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (5) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Sufleet Surprise, (7) Norwich Surprise, with 53 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*Peter A. Slight .. .. Treble	†William L. Exton .. .. 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	†Dennis A. Frith .. .. 5
Brian M. Buswell .. .. 3	R. Brian Mills .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First in 29 Minor methods.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings,	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
Charles J. Copp .. .. Treble	*Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw .. .. 3	Derek J. Tysoe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

\* 200th peal on tower bells; rung in the same tower that Mr. Hooper rang his first peal in 1930.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Eric Edmundson .. .. Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 2	Roger Baldwin .. .. 6
*John C. Davidge .. .. 3	Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7
Ruth M. Foreman .. .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

\* First peal of Surprise.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal, Mr. G. Penney kindly standing out.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank I. Hairs .. .. Treble	Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 5
Olive D. Barnett .. .. 2	Walter H. Dobbie .. .. 6
Jean F. Woolford .. .. 3	Robert N. Harris .. .. 7
Sheila M. Dobbie .. .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Joseph Warr .. .. Treble	Paul L. McEvilly .. .. 5
Clifford Skidmore .. .. 2	James Insley .. .. 6
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 3	Robert Edwards .. .. 7
John R. Insley .. .. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY, W. Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

George S. Deas .. .. Treble	Alan H. Bridges .. .. 6
Richard S. Starkie .. .. 2	Michael W. Crowder .. .. 7
James Crowther .. .. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. 8
Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. 4	Rev. Frederick Ross .. .. 9
Ronald Ducker .. .. 5	Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Alan Newbold .. .. Treble	Robin Brown .. .. 5
James S. Webb .. .. 2	Alan E. Hartley .. .. 6
Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 3	H. David Holland .. .. 7
Ronald R. Warford .. .. 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sixes.

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

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
*Gail Cater .. .. Treble	Rev. Nicholas Webb .. .. 5
*Robert Cater .. .. 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. .. 6
R. Ann Johnson .. .. 3	R. Gordon Corby .. .. 7
George E. Hancock .. .. 4	†John Wackett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

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

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,824 Rutland, 1,632 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

David Nichols .. .. Treble	Neil Donovan .. .. 5
Ann P. Leigh .. .. 2	Fred Jackson .. .. 6
Cyril Rusby .. .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. .. 7
Ian L. Dear .. .. 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Carol Patey .. .. Treble	Neil Donovan .. .. 5
*David Nichols .. .. 2	*Ian L. Dear .. .. 6
Cyril Rusby .. .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. .. 7
Richard E. Price .. .. 4	Philip Mehew .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Tibbetts.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

\* First peal of Bristol.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, West Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Alan Newbold .. .. Treble	James Crowther .. .. 5
C. Barrie Dove .. .. 2	George S. Deas .. .. 6
Ronald Ducker .. .. 3	Michael Maughan .. .. 7
Alan H. Bridges .. .. 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

TICKHILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Carol Patey .. .. Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts .. .. 5
Clive Longden .. .. 2	Ian L. Dear .. .. 6
Neil Donovan .. .. 3	David Nichols .. .. 7
Richard Farnsworth .. .. 4	Stuart Armeson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Tibbetts.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

## NON-ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM COMMON, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Stuart Warren .. .. Treble	David J. Herschell .. .. 4
Rev. N. D. J. Webb .. .. 2	*George A. Cockman .. .. 5
William Parrott .. .. 3	William J. Munton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William J. Munton.

\* First peal. 150th peal on the bells and first peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Cheryl Webb, daughter of Councillor J. G. A. Webb, J.P. (Mayor of Epsom and Ewell) and Branco Marusic, who were married the previous day.

## HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—In Y22, Christ's College.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

D. S. Pont (Christ's) .. .. 1-2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. .. 5-6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) .. .. 3-4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. .. 7-8

Composed by C. Kenne'h Lewis.

Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, containing 3,392 Rutland and 1,696 Yorkshire, with 106 changes of method.

Alan McFall .. .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith .. .. 5-6
Neil Bennett .. .. 3-4	*Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 7-8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Radlett, Superiative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

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

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher T. Osenton .. .. 1-2	Frank J. Matthews .. .. 7-8
*Trevor A. Cross .. .. 3-4	Edward J. Beer .. .. 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. .. 5-6	Stuart Sandford .. .. 11-12

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus "in hand."

## SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves .. .. 1-2	Frank J. Matthews .. .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer .. .. 3-4	*Thomas H. Francis .. .. 7-8
Stuart Sandford .. .. 9-10	

Composed by C. T. Osenton.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

\* First peal of Caters "in hand."

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six methods in the following seven extents: (1) Spliced Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Windsor Single Bob (II) and Plain Bob. (2) Single Oxford Bob. (3) Plain Bob. (4) Spliced Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. (5) Single Court Bob. (6) College Little Bob. (7) Plain Bob, with 26 changes of method.

Joseph Whalley .. .. 1-2	Mary W. Whalley .. .. 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. .. 5-6	

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob "in hand."

## NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

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Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1-2	George E. Feirn .. .. 5-6
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Composed by W. H. Inglesant.

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Catherine A. Salter .. .. 1-2	James R. White .. .. 5-6
Christopher I. Rowson .. .. 3-4	Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 7-8

Arranged by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

\* First peal on handbells, first of Major.



## HALF PEAL

**LUBENHAM, LEICS.**—On Oct. 25th, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): Judy Morris 1, S. J. Haines 2, S. B. Bell 3, R. Russell 4, R. H. Martin (cond.) 5.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Rayfield 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

**BASLOW, DERBYS.**—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: A. Noton 1, G. W. Hawksworth 2, S. E. Davis 3, Q. Newman 4, A. M. Smith 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Noton 1, G. W. Hawksworth 2, M. E. Hearnshaw 3, L. Udall 4, S. E. Davis (first as cond.) 5, T. Wylie 6. For Harvest Evensong.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Dafters 1, D. Brown 2, Freda Cannon 3, P. W. Cave 4, P. J. Spice 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, Christine Shiers 7, D. E. Beach (first quarter "inside") 8, J. W. Smith 9, J. Powell 10.

**BRADING, I.W.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Brook's): C. E. Guy 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey 5, A. Harman 6, T. F. East (cond.) 7, S. Moody 8. For Evensong, arranged for two Hornchurch friends, ringers of 2 and 3.

**BRAUGHING, HERTS.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,680 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hayden 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Glazebrook 3, P. Warboys 4, P. Chapell 5, A. Richardson (first in method) 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Land 1, Miss J. J. Murrell 2, D. Powney 3, R. J. Bowden 4, D. Jewell 5, G. King (first in method "inside") 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, J. Hillman 8.

**BURTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. K. Pocock 1, Miss E. Whitmore 2, A. Reeves 3, Rev. P. Gallup (first "inside") 4, C. E. Baasett (cond.) 5, L. Pocock (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

**CHESHUNT, HERTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Picken 1, E. Newnham 2, D. King 3, J. Burbury 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, A. Slade 6. For Evensong.

**COVENTRY.**—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the best seven, tenor covering): Barbara K. Fyle 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Langton 4, A. K. Putnam 5, J. Lockner 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, R. D. Hart 8. For Harvest Festival.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Read 1, J. Weeks 2, M. Jennings 3, T. Fox 4, G. Charlton 5, E. Knapp 6, S. Arnold (cond.) 7, G. Jennings 8. For the Arts Festival.

**EASTHAMPTON, BERKS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. G. Scott 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Suzanne Sargeant 3, C. W. Bailey 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, J. L. Caughton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Churchill, wife of Mr. W. R. Churchill, member of this band.

**EDINBURGH.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Dunbar 1, Kate Branson 2, June Peterson 3, W. Walker 4, M. Peterson (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung before the service of installation of the Very Rev. Patrick C. Rodger as Provost of the Cathedral.

**EXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Woodward 1, Miss M. A. Thow 2, A. Dempster 3, B. Palmer 4, D. Martin 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, M. O. Edwards 7, P. J. Bruce (cond.) 8. Rung at the Hexham Music Festival.

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.**—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Talbot-Ponsonby 1, Mary G. Gage 2, Jeanie Porteous (first "inside") 3, A. C. Martin 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, H. G. Corpe (first attempt) 6.

**HILLINGDON, MIDD.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Patricia A. Copas 1, G. W. Critchley 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, R. A. Fardon 4, Ruby M. Myllys 5, M. C. Seymour 6, J. M. Britchford 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, P. F. Prime 9, J. Hill (cond.) 10. First of Royal 5, 6, 7. For Evensong.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Peacock (first quarter) 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, A. J. Munnings 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Judith Loten 2, Mrs. J. Cornwall 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. Barton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8. For Harvest Festival.

**LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Allgrove (first quarter) 1, S. R. Hare 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, R. W. Hare 4, D. C. Brown (cond.) 5, F. E. A. Sams 6. For the wedding this day of Norman J. Tarrant.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. W. Cousins 3, W. Jarvis 4, R. Newson 5, E. A. Cracknell 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to W. W. Cousins.

**LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Stella J. Soper (first "inside") 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First quarter since restoration of the treble. To mark Trafalgar Day.

**LONDON.**—At St. Vedast's, on Oct. 15th, 1,250 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): Maureen Carruthers and Muriel Pashley 1, Audrey Alexander 2, R. R. Churchill 3, J. Pladdys 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,128 Spliced Surprise Minor (four methods): Maureen Carruthers 1, Audrey Alexander 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, Unknown 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, R. R. Churchill 6.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: R. P. Brotherton 1, K. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch 5, W. Beeching 6.

**MARTIN, HANTS.**—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Pauline Poore 1, D. Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Poore 6. Rung, with the tower floodlit, for the dedication of the memorial clock to Sir Winston Churchill by the Bishop of Sherborne and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Hon. Mrs. C. Soames.

**MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Rayner (first in more than one method) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, W. Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Joan Exeter 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. For morning service, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, on their golden wedding anniversary.

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**NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Sansom 1, A. P. Reeves 2, T. S. Bowles 3, D. M. Hughes 4, L. A. Tremere 5, B. S. Gambrill 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. Joyce 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

**NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. P. Mabbott (first away from tenor) 1, J. J. Laverack 2, P. Rathby 3, M. E. Chilton 4, A. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, P. Wakefield (first as cond.) 7, K. W. Mayer 8. For first Sunday of Gopher, to welcome the Bishop of Worcester, and for 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Briggs. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: J. J. Laverack 1, M. E. Chilton 2, P. Rathby 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, C. F. Briggs 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. W. Rathby 8, P. Wakefield 9, H. P. Mabbott 10.

**OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Reeves 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, A. Mason 4, J. Huggins 5, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 6.

**PATSHULL, STAFFS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Fletcher 1, C. J. Bennett (first of Surprise) 2, R. B. Dorrington 3, P. R. Johnson 4, S. G. Pick 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

**PEMBROKE.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers 2, G. P. Norris 3, P. R. Huntbach 4, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 5, Miss N. M. Rosen 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. For Harvest Festival.

**PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Tibbets 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, M. Androlia 4, M. Elson 5, D. J. Purnell 6, J. Insley (cond.) 7, M. Burston 8.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, G. Cowlin 2, M. Parker 3, B. Branson 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Frank Perkins, founder of the principal company of this city. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer (first quarter) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, "Bill" Smith 4, B. Branson 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Ann Smith and Rosemary Foster.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. T. Perrins 3, S. C. Walker (first in the method) 4, L. F. Cobb 5, F. E. Collins 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, L. G. Perrins 8. For Evensong.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. W. Whitfield 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. T. Perrins 3, A. W. Fry 4, D. Wilson 5, F. E. Collins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. For Matins by the local band.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Shelley (first quarter) 1, D. Walsh 2, F. Kirk 3, G. Foster (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. Bedford 5, J. Rooney 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of treble.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Martin's, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary Hutson (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, Ann Abrahams (first as cond.) 3, G. A. Trimby 4, R. T. Jones 5, F. E. Manns 6.

**SHELFORD, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,240 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. C. Mills and Miss K. Froggatt 1, Mrs. D. Bradley and A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hadfield 1, R. W. G. Fenton 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. Before the christening of Roger James Wakefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wakefield, of Balderton, Notts.

**TOTTENHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Laidman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, J. Weaver 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. J. Medley (cond.) 5, S. Rowe 6. A compliment to Matthew Aldridge and his parents.

**WARE, HERTS.**—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara Baguley 1, F. Ellis (cond.) 2, E. Pickett 3, D. Digby 4, R. Durrant 5, C. Hayter 6, B. Foley 7, V. Tubby 8.

**WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Fitton 1, G. Davis 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. Newby 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4.



**ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.**—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kershaw 1, R. Cadamy 2, D. W. Manton 3, P. Neill (first quarter) 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. A. Ward 6.

**AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilcox 1, G. A. Edwards 2, K. W. Eaton 3, F. R. Morton 4, Leon A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Cyril William Hubank, member of the P.C.C. and treasurer of the Church Restoration Fund.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Michael and Paul, on Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine J. Mitchell 1, A. Swanton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. E. Newman 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. J. Orledge 7, P. J. Deyverell 8. First Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second.

**BERRICK SALOME, OXON.**—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Daniel 1, S. K. Thompson 2, V. C. A. Rodrigues 3, R. E. Burbery 4, S. F. Royal 5, P. H. Mackie (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Rung by O.U.S. on outing.

**BINGLEY, YORKS.**—On Oct. 7th, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Chantler 1, W. P. Haskins 2, Belinda M. Gilbert 3, M. Susan Jackson 4, I. Campbell 5, C. B. Dove (comp and cond.) 6, G. W. Randall 7, R. Ducker 8. Peal attempt called round.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Fletcher 1, Joan Pike 2, E. J. Booth 3, R. Philpott 4, R. Price 5, R. Peckham 6, D. Grinwood (cond.) 7, J. Price 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. Colin James, on October 18th.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.**—At Holy Trinity, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): S. Moore 1, A. Riddle 2, Miss C. M. Box 3, P. Beaven 4, G. B. Davis 5, G. Parsons 6, P. S. Galsford (cond.) 7, F. W. Box 8. For Harvest Festival.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, A. Wiffen 2, Miss J. Millbank 3, Mrs. Q. Cresswell 4, C. Gillingham (first "inside") 5, S. Warne 6, C. Barker 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Morning Prayer, and in honour of the "Twinning" on October 28th of Baintree and Bocking with Pierrefeu, France.

**BRASTED, KENT.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, J. M. Corby 2, M. W. Thompson 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

**CATHERINGTON, HANTS.**—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marilyn Heath 1, Vivienne Withers (first quarter) 2, Jennifer Lee Quail (first of P.B.D.) 3, A. F. Howard (cond.) 4, W. Willans 5, E. Herrington 6.

**DRIGHTLINGTON, YORKS.**—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine M. Haskins 1, Belinda M. Gilbert 2, M. Susan Jackson (cond.) 3, A. Cole 4, C. B. Dove 5, A. P. Haskins 6. Rung by Leeds Parish Church ringers for High Mass at the Vicar's request.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Oakshott 1, D. Oakshott 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, J. Munton 6, D. Herschell (cond.) 7, G. Cockman 8. For the Dedication Festival.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Rowland 1, Elizabeth A. Gilliam 2, R. D. Chapman 3, G. M. Chapman 4, L. Harmer (cond.) 5, P. Butler 6, C. T. Gilliam 7, D. Williams 8. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung to commemorate Mr. E. W. Chaney's 60 years of service to St. Mary's Church as organist and choirmaster.

**INGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Ballam (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Ivings 2, R. Rogers 3, K. Brown 4, H. Ivings 5.

**LEEDS, KENT.**—On Oct. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, J. E. Spree (first of Major) 3, E. Clifton 4, G. Stewart 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, M. W. Marshall 8. Rung on the back eight.

**LELANT, CORNWALL.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, R. Hart (first in method) 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, R. Rice 2, P. Bridle (cond.) 3, P. England 4, Miss D. Chapman 5, W. Rice 6, E. Lee 7, J. Brain 8. First of Ealing by all except conductor.

## QUARTER PEALS

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Doubles: Mrs. Dorothy Wood 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, J. Blake 5, R. Holmes 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. B. Sleaf, one time treasurer of this church.

**NETHERBURY, DORSET.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Tither (first quarter) 1, G. Hawkins 2, Mrs. J. Davis 3, John Davis 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, B. Tither 6. For Evensong. Also as a compliment to Vincent George Ashwin, made deacon in Durham Cathedral on September 24th.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas the Martyr, on Oct. 29th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: V. C. A. Rodrigues 1, P. H. Mackie 2, J. K. Walton (first of T.B.) 3, R. Johnston 4, J. R. Leary (cond.) 5, P. J. Daniel 6. First of Kent 2, 4 and 5. Rung by O.U.S. for morning service.

**RUARDEAN, GLOS.**—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkey (first quarter) 1, Ann Butcher 2, W. Reece 3, Howard Meek 4, J. I. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. For Harvest Festival.

**SCUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Joy Butler 1, Mrs. M. Francis 2, J. Croft (first of Surprise) 3, C. J. Butler 4, K. S. Croft 5, A. Jackson 6, M. J. Butler 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Canon R. B. Jolly, former Rector.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Keene (first Treble Bob) 1, I. N. Pett 2, R. A. Ward 3, T. R. Harris 4, D. W. Manton 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 3 and 4.

**SOUTHWARE, LONDON.**—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (back eight): T. Culver 1, K. Small 2, J. Rae 3, E. J. Coode 4, P. Clarke 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, P. Shonk 8. For Evensong.

**STANDISH, LANCs.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. O. Farrimond 1, F. Bentham 2, L. Briers 3, F. Cook 4, H. Grounds 5, J. W. Horner (cond.) 6, K. Heaton 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

**STOCKBURY, KENT.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss A. Underhill 1, J. Davey 2, Miss P. Tomsett (cond.) 3, R. Bushell 4, M. Lacey 5. For Harvest Festival.

**SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDx.**—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. V. Cranham 1, Carol Andrews 2, Patricia Rogers 3, D. Brock 4, D. Boniface 5, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the farewell Evensong for the Vicar, Rev. D. Savill, on his departure for Heston, Middlesex.

**SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESSE, YORKS.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Iris Piper 1, Gwyneth C. Duckett 2, I. W. Thirkell 3, Maria C. Stephenson (first as cond.) 4, Linda Sherwood 5, R. Ducker 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**TENBY, PEMBS.**—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Mrs. S. Lewis 4, E. Williams 5, Rev. R. W. Thomas 6, L. H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, P. C. Rogers 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Thomas, mother of W. Gwyn Thomas, a local ringer.

**WARNFORD, HANTS.**—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Ivey 1, Sandra Pearce 2, Maureen White 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Sandra Pearce.

**WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.**—At All Saints' on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, N. Hadley 2, M. Turner 3, Christine Turner 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, C. Williams 6, J. R. Cotterill (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8. For Mission Week.

**WINCHESTER, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. T. Slack (first quarter) 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, H. R. Jacobs (first away from cover) 3, Katherine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. R. N. Lebon 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,329 Double Oxford Bob Minor: P. Richardson 1, B. Johnson 2, P. R. Staples 3, R. J. Carlton 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for the 45th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 5th.

**WORLESDON, SURREY.**—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, R. Tipper 3, Lesley Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, R. Corke 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8. 100th quarter together 7 and 8.

**WREXHAM, DENBIGHs.**—On Oct. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caterns: A. Hodges 1, J. Clutton 2, Mrs. G. A. Randles 3, F. R. Evans 4, P. Goodhew 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, G. H. Randles 7, J. Capper 8, J. Walden 9, E. Edwards 10. Rung for the opening of the St. Giles' Week Festival.

**WYKE REGIS, DORSET.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. M. Herbert 1, Miss V. D. Howell 2, R. F. Symonds 3, F. B. Stedman 4, P. Herbert 5, B. S. B. Kear (first as cond.) 6, J. Rose 7, M. Harris 8. A wedding compliment to M. Harris and Miss E. Abbott (ringers at this tower), and a 93rd birthday compliment to ringer of 4. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. B. Stedman 1, Miss V. D. Howell (first in method) 2, P. Herbert 3, J. Rose 4, R. F. Symonds (first in method as cond.) 5, B. S. B. Kear 6. A farewell compliment to Miss Howell, leaving for Welshpool.

## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the South West Branch was held at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, on October 14th. Ringing on the six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) was enjoyed during the afternoon under the direction of Mr. D. R. Bould (Ringing Master) and included call changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge. This was followed by a service taken by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Luckraft), who spoke about the word "remember" in his address. The organist was Mr. C. A. Phillips, and the lesson was read by Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman of the Branch.

Tea was then enjoyed in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. H. H. Thomas, who moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the enjoyment. Reports were given by the secretary on the social evening and on the T. G. Myers Memorial Fund.

New members elected were Messrs. J. and G. Boucher (unattached), J. Drew (Emmanuel) and A. Frost (Stoke Damerel). The date of the next annual meeting, to be held at Plympton St. Mary, was changed to February 3rd.

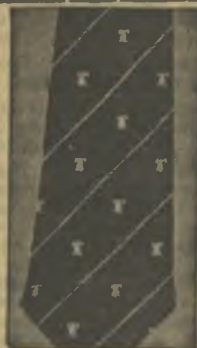
Evening ringing was enjoyed at Stoke Damerel and later at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. S. P. S.

## OBITUARY MRS. TURNER

St. Mary's, Twickenham, has lost a very valued friend by the death of Mrs. Turner on October 27th. A correspondent writes: "Her welcome was always warm and her patience, when teaching at St. Mary's, wonderful. She was a terrific background worker who seldom received the thanks due. Her experience in ringers' teas was very wide."

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**DEAL.**—The address of Mrs. Richard Deal is now: Kimberley, 37, St. Edmunds Road, Acle, Norwich. NOR. 602. Telephone Acle 587. 2661

**LEWIS.**—From November 11th the address of Frank and Eunice Lewis will be: 162, Caversham Road, Reading, Berks. Tel. Reading 40637. 2666

## PERSONAL

"Know ye that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture."—Psalm 100, 3.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**—The Bethersden Players will be performing Kenneth Horne's play "And This Was Odd" in the Village Hall on the evenings of November 9th, 10th and 11th. As is customary, therefore, bell-ringing practice on Friday, November 10th, has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 2628

## RINGERS' DIARY

Dear Sir,—In an effort to produce next year's Diary in good time, we sent it to the printer eight weeks earlier than usual. We regret to announce that the attempt has failed. Although printing is finished, subsequent operations have been repeatedly delayed, with the result that delivery cannot now be expected until the end of November.

We hope that intending purchasers will wait until our advertisements appear before sending orders.

This request does not apply to overseas customers, who should order immediately so that the first available copies can be posted to them.

So far as university and similar bulk orders are concerned, these should state the last acceptable day for delivery; if a list of individual addresses is also enclosed, Diaries will be sent separately (at no extra charge) if the bulk delivery date cannot be met.

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### Ringers' Service

Evensong, Sun., Nov. 19th, at 6.30 p.m.  
Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Refreshment and ringing after service. Preacher, Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Evesham. Visitors welcome. 2670

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## MEETINGS

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas, Wallasey, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 2665

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Barlborough, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield, without fail, please. 2651

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Foxton and Orwell, November 11th. Bells, Foxton (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Foxton Vicarage, 5 p.m. Orwell (5) approx. 6.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2641

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and social evening in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome. Names for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot, Hants (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2637

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Apsley End (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 2639 brought.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, November 11th, 5.30–8.30. All welcome.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2677

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. W. Gilbert, 2, Herne Cottages, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth.—M. L. H. 2624

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Hugglescote (8), Saturday, November 11th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Cups of tea provided in schoolroom 5 p.m.; please bring own food.—R. M. W. 2660

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday November 11th. Demonstration of Carter Ringing Machine, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, S.W.7, 2.30 p.m. St. Luke's, Chelsea Sydney Street, S.W.3, 4–5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, W.8, 7.30–8.30. Cooked tea. Names essential to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 2636

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Moore, 34, Enderley Street, Newcastle, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2659

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, November 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food. 2620

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tilehurst on Saturday, November 11th. Bells are available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Everett, 108, St. Michael's Road, Tilehurst, Reading. No names, no tea. 2644

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Meeting at Gedling (6) on November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 2634

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Annual District meeting at Leiston on November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Guild executive committee meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. H. Bryant, The Vicarage, Leiston, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 2601

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Lymington (not Steyning) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Business meeting after tea. Essential to notify numbers for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2633

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Truro Branch method ringing practice will be held at Constantine Church (6) on Saturday, November 11th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided. Numbers, please, to Mrs. Mossop, Constantine Vicarage, Falmouth. 2667

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Isleworth, Wednesday, November 15th, 8–9.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2550

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Ringing contest, Silsoe, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Contest 4 p.m. Tea and judges' remarks 4.45. Bells after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. T. Harris, 10, The Grove, Silsoe, by the 16th. 2673

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2672



**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2676

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—A learners' meeting will be held at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The help of a few experienced ringers would be appreciated.—G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2678

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, November 18th, at Womersley. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Encknap, Ocklegh, Womersley Common, near Guildford, by previous Tuesday.

**HERFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Braughing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham.—Dis. Sec. 2662

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Abbey Institute, Romeland. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to me by 16th at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2668

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Swinton (8) on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Welis, 58, Clovelly Road, Sindsley, Swinton, Manchester, by previous Wednesday, and please note it is definitely "no names, no tea."—Christine Andrew, Branch Sec. 2669

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells: All Saints' 2.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Martin's 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Stamford. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Chamberlain, 30, Tinwell Road, Stamford (Tel. Stamford 3433), by Wednesday, November 15th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2648

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Baglan, November 18th (not November 11th). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.—4 o'clock. Service and tea, then ringing until approx. 8 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoeose, Barry, Glam. CF6. 9ED. Tel. Rhoeose 494. 2675

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2699

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me, please, by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. C. W. Reed, 2, Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark. 2664

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, on Saturday, November 18th. Committee meeting 2.30. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. Marlow, 20, Phillip Road, Bescot, Walsall. Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2585

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Seaford (8). November 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Connor Cafe for those who send names to me by November 14th. We are asked to ring for a wedding being held at the church at 3 p.m. Could we please have eight ringers in the belfry by 3.20 p.m.?—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec., Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (3442). 2650

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Roos (5), November 18th. 2.30–4.15. Withernsea (6) 3.30–4.15. Patrington (8) after business meeting. Service Patrington 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 2643

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The November quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing will be at Thrybergh (6) 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and Whiston (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. Both are ground-floor rings. Tea at Whiston. Names as soon as possible to Mr. T. E. Cuts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, near Rotherham.—M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2658

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 2603

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Vicar and ringers of Great Dunmow (8), the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, November 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All members welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2679

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Annual meeting at Bures, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by November 22nd. 2663

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Ringing at Heavitree 6.30–8.—G. Skinner. 2553

## LATE NOTICES

### BIRTHS

**ALDRIDGE.**—Chris and Jenifer announce the safe arrival of Matthew Nigel, born October 17th, 1967. 2691

**HALLETT.**—To John and Jean (née Allen), a daughter, Gillian, born in New Westminster, B.C., Canada, on October 28th, 1967. Present address: 1031, Nanaimo Street, New Westminster, B.C. 2696

**MORRIS.**—To Pat and Russ, of 25, Rosamund Avenue, Leicester, on November 1st, 1967, a daughter, Penelope Lisa, a sister for Michelle. 2706

### ENGAGEMENTS

**COLLIER—BLIGH-CHEESMAN.**—Between Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collier, of Haydock, Lancs, and Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bligh-Cheesman, of Wheathampstead, Herts. 2688

**FURSDON—MITCHELL.**—The engagement is announced on November 11th between Keith Fursdon, of Torquay, and Elaine Mitchell, of Saltash. God bless you both.—Mum. 2698

### IN MEMORIAM

**JOAN TURNER.** who was called to higher service on Thursday, October 26th, 1967, was an active and loyal member of St. Mary's, Twickenham, for over 40 years. Joan will be remembered by many ringers for her cheerful disposition and the ready help and encouragement she gave to all beginners. 2685

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**MASSEY.**—The address of Mrs. D. E. Massey, formerly of Claygate, Surrey, is now: Claremont, East Ride, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, Somerset. 2705

### MISCELLANEOUS

**PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.**—Will tower secretaries and outing arrangers please note that these bells will not be rung again. The church is to be closed in the near future.—C. E. Bassett, Sec., Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. 2686

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Any reader having old copies of G. and B. Reports which they no longer need are asked to send them to the Hon. Secretary; an attempt is being made to complete a set for use of officers, and any sent will be acknowledged. Those most needed are for years 1888 to 1939.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 2707

### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Fivehead (6), Saturday, November 11th, 7 p.m.—9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2683

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley, November 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2681

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Great Baddow on November 15th, 7.30–9. All welcome.—I. R. Pantom, Dis. Sec. 2697

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe (8 bells) on Thursday, November 16th, at 7 p.m. 2708

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Backwell (8) on November 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2693

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, Northwich. Look up Woodbine Treble Bob. 2702

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halwill, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce by Monday, November 13th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 2690

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—Meeting, Whickham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m.—7 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Election of officers. Names for tea to Mr. J. Crowther, 54, The Drive, Whickham, Newcastle. Sorry—no name, no tea. 2690

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Huntingdon District.—Meeting to be held at Brampton on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2682

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Redmarley, Glos, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Notify Mrs. Prout, Inn Farm House, Redmarley, Gloucester, for t.a before November 15th. 2692

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Kirby Bellars on November 18th. Ringing 6.30 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 2709

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on November 18th at 6 p.m.

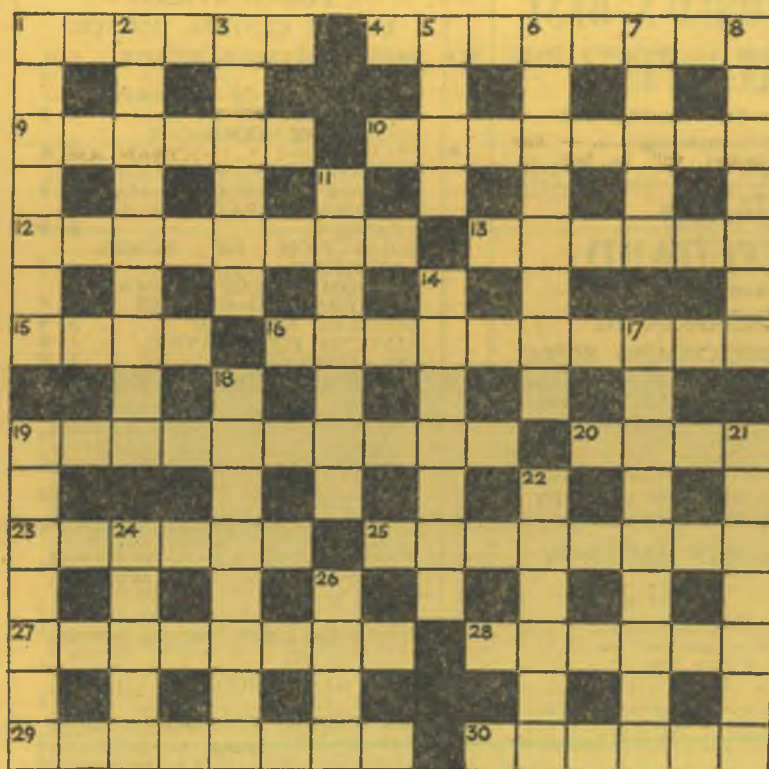
**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Addington (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 7–9 p.m. Special methods: London and Superlative.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2689

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Lea, Saturday, November 25th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Stedman Doubles. 2695

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkwood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, November 22nd.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 2701



# Crossword No. 6—Prize 10s. for first correct opened November 17th



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. A matter of this is not unusual. It's often plain to ringers (6)
4. These are needed to see this clue (8).
9. This is intended to keep one on 1 across (6)
10. Doctor or tenor can be (6, 2)
12. I can roll (anag.) (8)
13. He should be capable of ringing Royal (6)
15. Pull up without me or take ages (4)
16. An able conductor does this (10)
19. Heavy weight follows mattress for a Surrey ten (10)
20. Animal up with the morning (4)
23. Spoken after the morning it's not very good (6)
25. You may not feel like taking one when the Police ask you to! (8)
27. Heywood came from it and it came from Heywood (8)
28. Heaviest rain reveals a stress (6)
29. One of the family is Valerie to a "t" (8)
30. Ask awkward questions (6)

### DOWN

1. Cockney expression with Norfolk tower produces an ancient boat (7)
2. A hundred can become deceitful without a hundred! (9)
3. Put a smiling to the heaviest ten and the whole expands (6)
5. Interval between birthdays (4)
6. Saly has a part in this production (8)
7. Len swallows a bit of propaganda (5)
8. Les rings but gets upset after losing a pound (7)
11. Dutch version is obtainable after losing a bottle (7)
14. Where one would be after being called in (7)
17. O what rusk makes a cathedral (9)
18. He stays until the last round (8)
19. Sounds like a tenor man but stays at school (7)
21. For example a Scottish island will make it orderly (7)
22. This could be a ding dong affair (6)
24. Rubbish whether you accept singles in surprise or not (5)
26. One of an Eastern European race (4)

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## A READER'S QUERIES

**L**T-COL. JERRAM (Helford, Cornwall) writes to ask two questions—one on the subject of method structure and one on the field of composition. Neither of these comes within the scope and purpose of the current fortnightly feature "Tuition Teasers," which feature, as announced at its inception, is concerned with tuition and practice in "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing." By "elements" is meant, of course, the fundamentals of change production, i.e. hunting, place-making and the consequential dodging; and not any specific method as such. So the questions are being dealt with separately from that feature, and only the first of Col. Jerram's questions is considered in this article.

In this question he asks: "What is the reason for 'regular' lead-ends, and what are they? To the uninitiated any lead-ends to which one is tied seem to prevent anything new."

The latter part of this question is logically to be answered first, i.e. "What are 'regular' lead-ends?" Here we are right back on the question of what is a "lead-end" anyway? In the issue of "The Ringing World" dated October 13th, two contributions appear on this subject, but seem inconclusive. The plain fact is that while the ordinary ringer in practice, can get along by use of a loosely-held concept of "lead-end" (which concept, dating from the beginnings of change production, is nevertheless unfortunately illogical), yet the ringer whose interest lies in the technology of the matter—i.e. in method structure and in composition—must, and indeed does, recognise the precise meaning and function of lead-head and lead-end. This was once again demonstrated in "The Ringing World" issue of September 8th, 1967, page 637, with figure diagrams. Neither of these diagrams nor the accompanying terminology differs in any way from the Central Council's dicta on the matter. In the recently-published work—"Method Structure in Change Ringing"—the subject is treated at considerable length, and the con-

clusions reached concur with those of the Central Council's findings.

So we may say that by "regular lead-ends" is meant those rows at the parting of divisions (or "index" rows—see "The Ringing World," page 637), in which rows the bells appear in N.C.O. ("natural coursing order"). In other words, alternate bells are placed as "increasing evens then decreasing odds," or vice versa, according to the mode of hunting. For example, take the Double Norwich index row 13527486 occurring at the parting of the 2nd and 3rd divisions (leads) of its plain course. The first bell coming to lead after the treble is 3, then 2-4-6-8-7-5, giving the cyclic order shown in the diagram. This "regular" order of coursing of the bells is often referred to as producing "Bob Major lead-ends"—a too-restricted title, obviously, since this cyclic order of the bells is found in the index rows of stages other than the Major, and indeed in methods other than Plain Bob. So much for "What are they?"

Coming now to the second part of the original question—"What is the reason for them?" This is, indeed, rather a long story, and, although only a few ringers are aware of this, yet the story is told in detail in a 24-page pamphlet published in 1918 entitled "Lead Ends" by the (late) Rev. C. D. P. Davies, one of the best-known ringers and writers on ringing matters of the earlier part of the present century. In fact the pamphlet satisfies both parts of our present inquiry. He tackles that bugbear of ringing terminology, ambiguity, explaining the meanings of "lead," showing the derivations. He goes on to say:—

"I can fancy that a scientific student approaching the theory of change ringing for the first time would complain of the inexact and puzzling nature of (—our—) terminology, and of its total want of scientific clearness and accuracy. He would be quite justified. The inexact and slipshod application of the terms 'lead' and 'plain lead' is only one instance out of many."

Then he comes to the work of the "Committee on Legitimate Methods," as appointed

by the Central Council, and he maintains that they did not formulate their Report (1904) in full and proper manner. Taking the two methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and considering the order in which bells come down to lead (the natural coursing order in plain hunting), he points out that the Report is framed in such a way as to infer that all accepted methods should exhibit this coursing order in their plain courses; and that, to quote his italicised words, this inference "is left to slip in" (i.e. into the Report) "un-awares." He describes this assumption as "This worthless fad as to the retention of the same coursing order," and as being (wrongly) considered "as not merely a principle of vital importance, but an all-pervading necessity; whereas the real truth is that it matters not one jot or tittle whether we regard it or not."

He continues his conclusions by saying: "There is no special value of any sort or kind in the Plain Bob and Grandsire lead-ends. There are others which are quite and it may be in some respects even more efficient. We need only instance the lead-ends of Union Triples. Certainly Holt had no qualms or hesitation as to their orthodoxy or efficiency."

As to the reason for the (alleged insidious) convention as to "Plain Bob lead-ends" the author says: "The reason for which so many method-builders in the past contrived to give Plain Bob lead-ends to their methods is perfectly clear. Plain Bob lead-ends were at the fingers' ends of every composer, and a new method had far greater chance of general adoption with Plain Bob lead-ends than with any others." He suggests: "Further consideration against the exclusive adoption of Plain Bob and Grandsire lead-ends, that we should thereby be debarred from many other methods of beauty and utility if not already in the present, at least for certain in the future."

The pamphlet is, in the opinion of the present writer, a brilliant exposure of anomaly and contradiction. Although believed to be out of print, yet it could no doubt be borrowed from the Central Council's library. A.Y.-B



## OUTINGS

### LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE

8 a.m. Grey rain slanting down the canyon of dark, Satanic mills below St. Mark's and seven of her fingers wondering what was keeping the other three. A quick run over the spine of England, past St. Michael's, Ashton (four genuflected, the rest said "So what?") and out into a sunny Cheshire plain. Despite all attempts by the verger to repulse us with buckets of water we gain Knutsford's six-bell tower. "Where's the clock mechanism?" and then combined O. and K., Cambridge, Little and Norwich. The bells refused London.

11.15. A worried Reverend Doctor at Rostherne complete with dislocated louver. "Sorry you can't ring" (how true, how true). So on to Ashley for beer. 1 p.m. Sombre Edwardian dignity of the Royal George at Knutsford. Bad choice. Friendly head waiter: first-class food; excellent wine list; reasonable prices.

2.30. Holmes Chapel (6). Friendly welcome. Never ring after such a lunch; but Plain, Oswald, College Exercise and London go well. York—cough—resort to plain course then on to Congleton. Rehung eight rededicated Saturday before. 480 Superlative for a good opener. Then some Treble Bob Major. Bells go well, but did we do them justice?

Final cald Gawsworth. Scarlet sun kindling scarlet trees; village pond and slender tower on green mound; ancient hall and harvest potatoes around the font. Ducks quack and bells tinkle merrily to Cambridge Major over the darkening countryside. idyllic peace; could retire here in another 40 years, and "Brian! Please don't throw young Steve into that pond."

Quick dash back (over 40 miles), into t'Coine Valley—wouldn't have done that 12 months ago, Mrs. Castle. One and a half miles of one in six up narrow cobbled lanes to Cop Mill. Thank you, Edgar, moorland hospitality was always the warmest. Thank you also, incumbents, wardens and tower masters. If your own bands come into the West Riding, don't forget Longwood. I.R.

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Eastbourne ringers went to London for their outing on October 21st but only one tower was visited for ringing—Ewell—where Mr. Beams once more provided tea. But it was a day to delight ringers, with the morning spent at the Whitechapel Foundry, with Mr. Douglas Hughes explaining the intricacies of bell founding and bell hanging.

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