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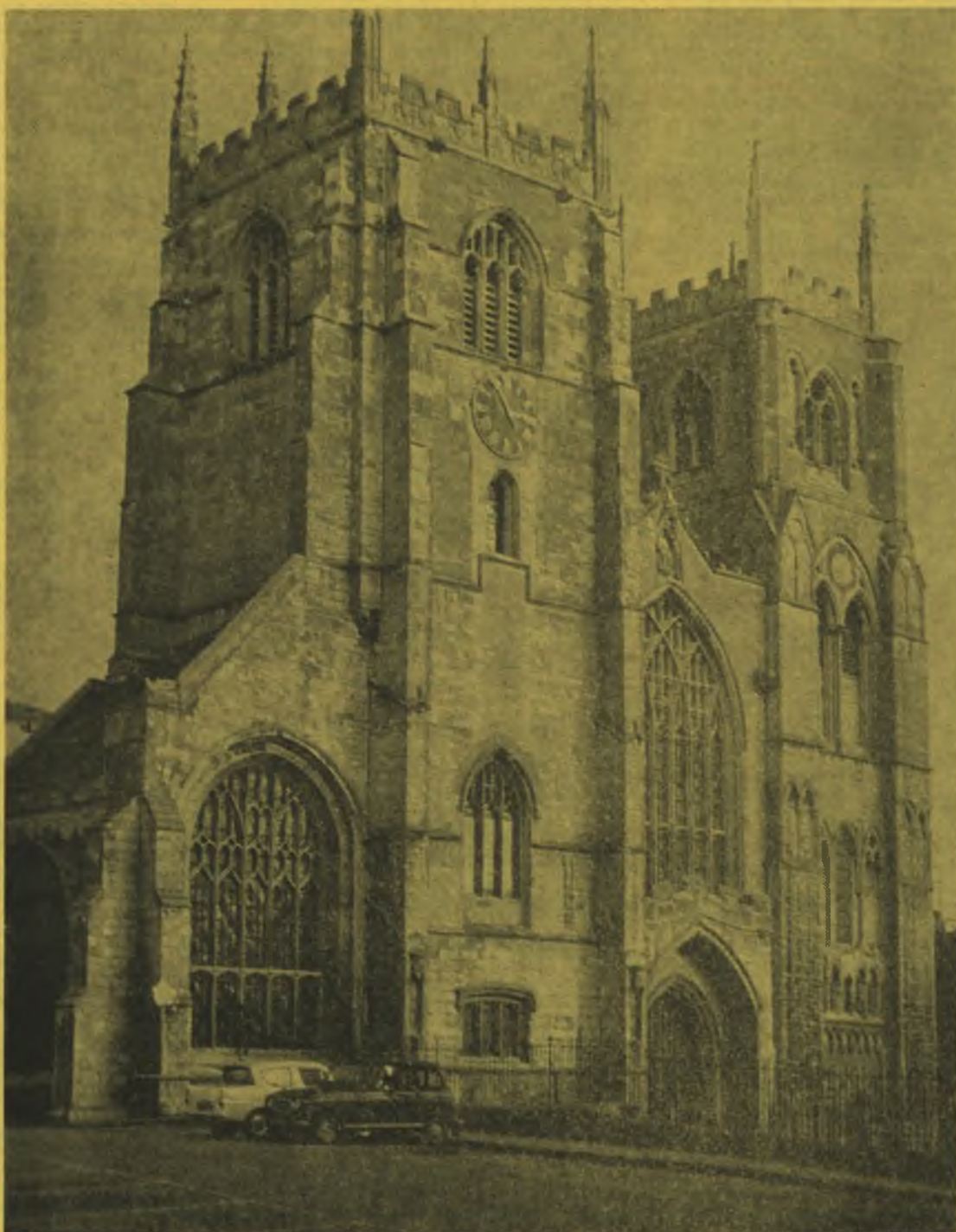
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St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Margaret's, King's Lynn

By ROLAND NEWSON

Rich in history, historical buildings and associations, now fast becoming a "Newcomers" town, King's Lynn stands in a largely isolated corner of Norfolk, a county scarcely surpassed anywhere for its wealth of beautiful churches.

The Tudor Guildhall, where King John's Cup can be viewed, looks across the "Saturday Market Place" to the stately and dignified church of St. Margaret.

Part of an ancient Benedictine Priory, and founded in 1119 by Bishop Losinga, it houses two of the finest examples of 14th century brasses.

Some records show that there was a ring of 5 bells—date uncertain—of 10, 14, 18, 22 and 28 cwt., and tradition has it that these were housed in the smaller of the twin towers. In "Church Bells of Norfolk," by John L'Estrange, we find the name "Margaret" given to the "great" bell, "which could be heard full 10 miles distant." Also the news that "the biggest and least of these was purposely broken," but from the churchwardens' account for 1673 is the item:

"The said Churchwardens are Drs. to ye p'ticular amount of the Two Great Bells, vgt. the Bell Margaret £7-12-0, and Bell Thomas £2-17-6."

although the year 1663 was the year of the recasting into a "ring of eight." Other items from St. Margaret's account books:

"By expenses of Ringers upon opening St. Margaret's Bells—£9-6-8.

"By Insurance of Bells £7-8-6."

These items appear when these bells were recast into a new ring of eight by Lester and Pack in 1766, with a tenor of just on 30 cwt. and with a diameter of 55½ ins. in the key of C (is this still "the Margaret"?).

The beautiful tone of this bell makes it a worthy tenor for the present ring, which was made into ten by the addition of two "Jubilee" trebles in 1887, which hang in the north-west tower today. Inscriptions and weights as follows:

Treble—Albert. This bell was given by me, Emma Rodwell Burkitt, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, June 20th, 1887. B. Dale, Vicar; William Burkitt, Charles Ayre, Churchwardens; Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. (Weight, 6 cwt. 1 qtr. 19 lbs.)

Second—Victoria. This bell was given by me, William Burkitt, Mayor, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. (Names of Vicar, Churchwardens and Founders as on the treble.) (Weight, 7, 2, 23.)

Third—Peace and good neighbourhood. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 8, 2, 3.)

Fourth—Musick is medicine to the mind. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 8, 2, 14.)

Fifth—Our voices shall with joyful sound, make hills and valleys echo round. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 9, 2, 0.)

Sixth—Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 12, 2, 2.)

Seventh—Honour both to God and king. Our voices shall in consort ring. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 14, 3, 1.)

Eight—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness, Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.

Recast. E. G. A. Winter, Vicar; W. Burkitt, C. M. Ayre, Churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1893. (Weight, 17, 0, 10.)

Ninth—Richard Marshall and Charles Crusoe, Churchwardens. Thos. Osborn, Founder, Downham, Norfolk, 1800. (Weight, 20, 3, 10.)

Tenor—John Mather Leet, Ch:warden. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 29, 2, 9.)

The three oldest peal boards in the belfry record peals in 1740, 1770 and 1796. Records show that there was a very active "state of affairs" up to around 1926, after which a period of comparative inactivity appears to have prevailed till 1952, when the bells were rehung, with the back eight on self-aligning ball-bearings—but unfortunately still retaining the old "1766" headstocks.

The last 15 years have been once again "quite lively" and have seen St. Margaret's contributing to the peal columns with quite regular frequency, and the tower peal book, started when the bells were rehung, records some 39 peals to date.

Photograph by R. Newson.

Norwich Diocesan Association's 90 Years of Ringing

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers has just completed 90 years of active life. It was founded on April 4th, 1877. Its inaugural meeting was held at Norwich on September 24th that year, when ringing took place in eight of the city churches. Alas! ringing is possible in only five of these today.

Ringing had been expertly carried on here many years before this.

The "Norwich Scholars" were traditionally founded in the early years of the 17th century, and there are many references to ringing in the city court books.

In 1716 the Scholars anticipated the Welfare State by organising a benefit society among themselves.

On May 2nd, 1715, they rang at Mancroft the first peal of 5,040 changes ever achieved and on November 17th, 1835, they achieved at St. Andrew's a far greater feat—the first peal of London Surprise, quite the most difficult method in general use even today.

But this activity was largely in the secular sphere. For 200 years the puritanical dislike of associating "fun" with faith had driven ringers to find their fellowship in the pub, rather than in church.

Then in the 19th century the Oxford Movement led the Church to recover herself. Ringing recovered its vocation as the proclamation of the Gospel and in each diocese a diocesan ringers' association was founded with this in mind.

[From "Norwich Churchman."

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Guildford Handbell Record Unbeaten

NORBURY ATTEMPT ONE COURSE SHORT

24,120 Plain Bob Royal on Handbells at Norbury, Cheshire, on December 23rd, 1967.

The tradition of attempting a long peal at or around Christmas time in the Manchester area was maintained in 1967. This was the sixth time a peal has been attempted, the successes of past years being:—

- 1961: 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Worsley.
- 1962: 15,904 Plain Bob Major on handbells, Marple.
- 1963: 13,320 Plain Bob Royal on handbells, Marple, and 21,600 Spliced Treble Bob Major, Loughborough.
- 1965: 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major, Accrington.
- 1966: 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus on handbells, Marple.

This year it was decided to try and ring 24,120 Plain Bob Royal on handbells with a view to capturing the following records:

- (i) The longest handbell peal (19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours and 32 minutes on August 31st, 1912);
- (ii) The longest peal on ten bells (21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 12 hours and 25 minutes on April 22nd, 1922);
- (iii) The longest peal of Royal (16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Worsley in 11 hours and 14 minutes on December 23rd, 1961).

The composition was chosen so as to beat in time as well as changes the 12 hours and 25 minutes of the Appleton peal. Assuming a normal peal time of 2 hours and 36 minutes, a 24,120 would have taken 12 hours and 29 minutes to ring. However, this was not to be, as will be explained below.

The ringers met at 8.20 a.m. outside Norbury Church together with the two umpires. Two of the ringers had brought their own chairs and several cushions, hoping thereby to ease the aching backs that were to come.

Once installed in the belfry and the size of handbells decided upon (15 in C), a few rounds were rung before the attempt got under way at 8.42 a.m. The first course was a little unsteady but the ringing soon settled down and a good standard of striking was achieved and

maintained. The first part, 42 courses in the backstroke home, was rung in four hours, and the second part, 42 courses in the titums plus a turning course, was completed in a little over eight hours. 15,300 had now been rung and the 15,840 Plain Bob Royal record of 1953 was in sight. This was passed after 8 hours and 23 minutes, 213 minutes longer than the Bournemouth ringers took though their handbells were smaller in size (11 in G).

The third part of the composition, 24 courses in the backstroke home, was almost half rung when one of the band stated that he was mentally tired and asked for the peal to be called round. The ringing in the past hour had been faster than previously and so it was slowed down in an effort to help. In the circumstances the conductor decided to carry on until the last course of the part, when a decision would be made whether to continue or bring the bells round.

All went well until the 108th course, when a slight hesitation caused a mistake at the Middle position. The bells were quickly righted but the mistake was the one blemish in what had been until then a peal of a high standard. Accordingly it was felt that the Stedman Caters handbell record should not be passed, and the Before in the last course of the part was omitted and a single Home called, thus bringing the bells round at 19,260 changes, one course short of the record. It was an unfortunate end to the attempt, but it was an attempt which brought home to the band just how formidable is the handbell record set by Alfred Pulling in 1912.

No plans have been made as yet for another attempt and it is expected that should another attempt on the handbell record be made, a change of method will also be made, either to Stedman Caters or Treble Bob Royal.

The band would like to express their thanks to the umpires—Alan Scholfield and Christine Andrew—for checking all the calls, coursing orders and course ends, and to the Vicar and tower captain at Norbury for making the church and belfry available for the attempt.

What next? is the inevitable question. Various suggestions were made afterwards, including a raising of the Surprise record of 21,600 Bristol, 20,000 London Surprise Royal or 10,000-odd Triples.

B. J. W.

BEAMINSTER REACH £4,000 TARGET

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. J. E. Fison) performed the ceremony of re-hallowing the Thomas Bilbie bells of St. Mary's, Beaminster, Dorset, in the presence of a congregation of almost 500 on December 17th. The bells had been tuned and turned by John Taylor and Co. and provided with a steel frame to replace the old oak frame. Bilbie cast the eight in a weaving shed adjoining the church in 1764.

It was an inspiring service with good singing led by the parish choir, under the leadership of Mr. Pannell. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway) and the lesson read by the captain of the ringers (Mr. J. T. Barrett). The bell anthem was sung by the choir and the dedication of the bells took place beneath the tower.

At the conclusion of the hallowing the Bishop handed the rope to the Vicar, saying: "Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory."

Rounds were then rung by J. P. Fidler (representative of Loughborough Foundry) 1, Mrs. Edna Pannell 2, Janet Atbey 3, Gerald Pidgeon 4, A. T. Meech 5, A. Winters 6, W. C. Poole 7, W. Glyde (Bridport) 8.

The Bishop based his address on the inscription on the 23 cwt. tenor: "I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all." He said the bell would do its stuff but would the living not only hear it but also come? "You can transform Beaminster and the surrounding country if you hear the bells and do what they are trying to tell you to do."

God grant that we may live up to the call of the bells in Beaminster. This evening is a time for rejoicing at what has been achieved by combined effort. Now the bells are back they will ring."

After the service the Bishop joined the Beaminster ringers, members of the P.C.C. and of the rehanging fund committee for light refreshments at The Greenwood Tree. The bells were rung until 8.45 p.m. by visitors from the Salisbury and Bath and Wells Guilds.

The band desire to congratulate Arthur Fidler and Eric Fowler on a job well done. The "go" of the bells is excellent and all that's needed now are two new trebles to fill the gaps in the frame! The target of £4,000 was reached on December 30th, so all are very well satisfied.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held their last meeting of the Old Year at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on December 30th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening, arranged to suit all tastes, included an all-ladies course of Cambridge.

A happy gathering of old friends and new enjoyed a sumptuous spread provided by some members of the committee, supplemented by Peter's tea. The Supporters' Club members very kindly washed up while the ladies held their business meeting, during which Miss Lesley Hawes, of Kingston upon Thames, and Miss Monica Coningsby, of Melburn, were welcomed to membership. The annual District meeting will be held on March 30th.

Rumour has it that three members of long standing, who all bear the same name, have made a New Year resolution to grow a bit, since one of them almost became airborne.

WINTRY CONDITIONS AT GORLESTON A.G.M.

Despite very wintry conditions, 35 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch held at Gorleston-on-Sea on December 9th.

Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Rev. P. N. Bond; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; standing committee, Mr. T. J. Brock and Mr. A. E. Crowe; Branch committee, Miss M. Kindred, Messrs. A. H. Roberts, J. W. Forder, J. B. Gorrod and S. F. High.

The president of the Association (Mr. F. N. Golden) thanked the Branch officers for serving the Branch well and paid tribute to its work during the year.

Meeting dates for 1968 were arranged for February 17th (Haddiscoe), May 18th, October 5th and December 7th (Branch annual).

The following new ringing members were elected: Mrs. R. F. Deal (Acle) Mr. J. Webb (Rollsby), Mr. M. Davies and Mr. P. Gorrod (Carlton Colville), Mr. B. Barber (Norton Subcourse) was elected to life membership.

The chairman thanked the Rector of Gorleston, the Rev. A. S. Clemens, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist and the ladies for the excellent tea served.

Next practice meeting. Great Yarmouth, January 27th.

N. C.

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EIGHT LITTLE BEAUTIES

By STANLEY G. SCOTT

IT was 9 p.m. and the last practice before Christmas had ended. The band stood in groups around the ringing chamber, chatting as they donned their coats.

A raised voice carried to me as I hitched up the five-minute bell . . . "If you're willing then I'll finish it!" . . . Interested, I joined the group by the seventh and learned that the last £10 of the Easthampstead Bell Fund was being paid. Ken and John were writing their cheques.

I crossed to the notice board and wrote "Bell Fund Closed," heavily underlining the last word across our progress chart.

This, to me, was the hour of success, the final reckoning of a long, arduous but worthwhile job.

With an hour to celebrate, the band dispersed, briefly to meet again in the Green Man, where, reminiscing over the past two years, the memories came back in chronological disorder, each remembering his or her own particular highlight of the affair, and which I shall attempt to assemble in the order of events.

John's final payment was ironically apt as it was he who started it all by ringing the tenor and unwittingly shearing the gudgeon, putting an end to an era of good progress on the old unmelodious six.

NEW SCHEME

In this bar the scheme was born after that eventful practice and our ideas were later put to the entire band and it was duly voted to attempt to obtain permission to recast the six instead of a repair to the tenor—a recast plus two trebles, as it eventually turned out.

Eight spanking, bright little beauties!

At the start, high-pressure enthusiasm was frustrated by a slow pace in getting things moving. Estimates, letters to and fro, P.C.C. meetings, Frank "putting it over," Branch meetings, Guild meetings, more estimates, visits by foundry heads, sketches, measurements, faculties, permissions . . . and a policy.

A committee was formed within the band to follow the agreed undertaking by the Easthampstead ringers to take down the old six bells and deliver them to London. To collect frame parts and make up the frame (oak) for two additional bells, to alter the stairway to the roof, necessary to accommodate the octave, to collect the new ring and provide labour, assisting the hanging and fitting of same.

For the sum of nearly £1,100 the six bells were to be recast into eight and the necessary fittings, bearings, etc., to be supplied.

SCPTICAL P.C.C.

Of this sum the P.C.C. agreed to pay £125 (estimated cost to have the damaged tenor repaired) and the remainder to be found by the Easthampstead ringers outside the parish so as not to compete with funds to be raised for a new church hall.

So with an enthusiastic Rector, full co-operation from the foundry and agreement from, at first, a sceptical P.C.C., we started work.

The unimportant little things as well as the milestones in those busy months stand out in retrospect.

The cold and the sweat, hot coffee late at night on a scaffold board in a belfry strewn with gear, tackle, beams, spanners and pigeon feathers. Shifting steel gentries and heavy deals, dangling bells and dropping nuts, moving over a frame half empty of its bells, four hours of suspended labour getting the old tenor from its pit where it had crashed awkwardly.

Sleeping well at nights, three or four times a week and Saturdays. Grimy and tired, snatching a quick one before closing.

Joan's unusual make-up of bell smudge collected in her hauling up, fetching, carrying, passing and holding role, an often colder part

of the work, while the rest of the team, Frank (without whom I am sure we would never have got through), John and myself, hoisted and swung the bells, stripping them naked before lowering to the whirling harshness of the chain tackle as each pit was emptied.

Via digger-shovel and builder's lorry the bells were delivered to Whitechapel and then the wait for casting.

Ring practice during this period continued through the hospitality of Binfield, Warfield and other neighbouring towers, to whose bands we were indebted.

MINIMUS CONTEST

In our spare time away from the tower we wrote letters to ringers, towers, industrial companies, corporations—any organisation that could help our financial problem. Jumble sales, whist drives, collections at meetings (as at the "Great Minimus Contest," Pamber Priory)—the process of obtaining nearly £900 was working. Everyone was pulling together, the less able-bodied members of the band making every effort to bring in the "lolly"—even to making and selling rhubarb and fig jam (Medical Guild please note!). And all the time a steady response came from Frank's appeal.

It was this outside response from ringers which kept us looking forward and renewed our enthusiasm for the work ahead.

Action again. The frame parts arrived and we were aloft in the night as the alterations to the frame and roof stairs were made. A huge clean-up and then another clean-up—a contract secured to clean, scrape and repaint the steel bell frame at Warfield and another £50 in the fund.

THE CASTING

Guild and Branch grants helped to lessen the deficit. The Barron Trust was unfortunately barren, but the steady sympathetic flow of donations from ringers everywhere proved to be the backbone of the fund.

The casting of the new octave (tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C) proved a delight to witness, and later that day a ring with the foundrymen and a night on the town. A memorable day also not entirely deficient of bell smudge!

A lapse in our labouring, passed all too quickly as the effect of working long hours was beginning to be felt.

The arrival of Harry Parkes, however, got us back into trim. More evenings in the tower, days on end for Frank, an occasional quick call to the Green Man and tales of other towers from "you know who" of Washington repute.

Visions of Harry in the pits with his huge tightening-up spanner, grunting and sweating with effort between utterances of "That'll hold it!" The precise way the bells slipped on to their bearings and the belfry populated again—a good sight.

The final adjustments and a hurried goodbye to Harry, off to Tonbridge, and another deadline.

The dedication service followed and the meeting together of many old friends and new, of famous names and personalities in the Exercise and the day shadowed only by the absence of Canon Thurlow, who was attending another similar function.

The first peal was scored and then back to the grind of finding funds, and this the hardest struggle. Back also to the business of ringing in a tower of our own, to teaching and progress.

The ship's bell in the Green Man rang for "time" and I realised then that it was all over, the moment we had all longed for had arrived, and I remember with pleasure the team work it was my privilege to be connected with, and this, together with enthusiasm, spelled "eight little beauties" at Easthampstead.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GROVES. — The address of Valerie and Bernard is now: 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire. Tel. 061-427 4044. 3163

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Please contact M. W. Seymour, 26, The Larches, Hillingdon, Middx, UX 36309, before February 1st. 3161

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The Barbecue Restaurant and Club, Spring Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Sat., February 10th, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Bar until 1 a.m.

Tickets (22s.) from Denis Mottershead, 8, Hawthorn Walk, Wilmslow, Cheshire, before January 31st. Please enclose s.a.e. for details of ringing arrangements.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Correction Notice.—Evening meeting at North Cerney (6) 5.30 to 7 p.m. and Elkstone (5) 7.15 to 8.45 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th. — J. Pearce, Dis. Sec. 3160

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—January 20th correction.—For Aldgate read Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. 3109

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, January 27th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Next meeting, Stone, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, January 23rd. 3158

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wednesday previous, please.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3169

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to me as soon as possible, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 3159

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Anne M. Guy, The Shielling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 3164

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Practice at St. John the Baptist's on January 29th for A.G.M. is cancelled. Ringing as usual on February 5th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 3166

The Fine Example of Edwin G. Buck

"The good that men do . . ." that saying will surely be proved false now that Eddie is with us no more. Edwin G. Buck, Baldock born and bred, 50 years of age, passed away on Saturday, December 30th. He was a model and example to all on how a life should be lived.

A true Christian, who regularly worshipped at St. Mary's, Baldock, from boyhood until the last time on Christmas Day morning, he served his church as bellringer, as P.C.C. member, and at decanal conferences, at bazaars, fetes and jumble sales and whenever help was needed to clear the cobwebs in church or belfry. He enjoyed life to the full but never to excess. He could tell and take a joke. His interests ranged from matchbox-top collecting to football and cricket, but none gave him more pleasure than his interest in bell ringing and the whole of the ringing world.

He rang at Baldock for 34 years and was captain of the band for 19 years until he had to give up ringing owing to ill-health nearly two years ago. He raised a band after the war from four to eighteen, whose capabilities were always catered for twice each Sunday and on practice nights. In the tower he held the reins firmly on the eager up-and-coming youngsters and influenced the older members diplomatically. He was hard with the sloppy handler and tender towards the lady member with blistered hands. He made all visitors welcome when they came, the call change ringer from Suffolk, the past master of the College Youths, who was surprised to find some "fair old Bristol" being rung. He was as happy with the jarring handstroke leads of the treble ringer who was ringing a first peal of Minor to the (as he remembered it) spine-tingling sensation of Stedman Caters in the Tittums with an expert band.

He will be remembered most, perhaps, for the outings he loved to arrange to the "beauties" of Kent or the Herts County Association annual meeting, or one of his early ones one Christmas, when he took his youngsters on a cycle trip in pouring rain to the surrounding villages to make sure the bells were rung that

Christmas—even a ring rung dead he rang that day. He was given immense pleasure in the last months of his illness at home by having some of the Sunday morning quarter peals, rung when his band was at its height, played back off tape by one of his visiting friends. He was honoured by his Association for all his work and being Northern District secretary by being made president in 1957, and also again on January 5th at a service at St. Mary's before his cremation, by so many of his friends and associates coming to pay their last respects to a fine man. A course of Bob Major was rung in church with his own handbells. It was so very easy to travel along with him, but some are already finding it so hard to follow after him. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and two sons, whose loss is greater even than that of the ringing world. He carried his cross so well, which was made that much heavier by the active life he led. Well rung, Eddie! J.S.D.

HIS 134 PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 2.

Minor: Plain Bob 11, St. Clement's, two to seven methods 18 (conducted 4).

Surprise Minor: Cambridge 4 (1), seven methods 2.

Triples Grandsire 7 (1), Plain Bob 2, Stedman.

Plain Major: Plain Bob 12 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 6, St. Clement's.

Treble Bob: Kent 3, Oxford, Granta variation.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 9, Yorkshire 6, Bristol 5, Rutland 5, Superlative 3, London 3, one each of Aspenden, Belgrave, Birstall, Carlton, Cassiobury, Crediton, Eastcote, Huntingdon, Ipswich, Kelshall, Lapal, Lincolnshire, Maulden, New Cambridge, New Gloucester, Montgomery, Norton, Painswick, Pudsey, Quinton, Rochester, Shoreditch, Wembley, Wymondham, Xavia, Xenia, five-spliced.

Caters: Stedman 2.

Royal: Little Bob, Cambridge Surprise.

MR. T. H. RADFORD

It came as a great shock to his many friends in the East Derbyshire and West Nottingham Association area to hear of the sudden death in hospital of Mr. Thomas H. Radford on December 10th at the age of 58.

A native of Tibshelf, he had given many years of service as a ringer to this tower and was captain of the ringers for at least 12 years. He was a prominent member of the East Derbyshire and West Nottingham Association and served for several years as hon. secretary and Central Council representative. He was also a vice-president of the Association. He will be greatly missed, especially by those whom he had recently taught to ring.

Several ringers from the area bade him farewell by ringing half-muffled touches on the bells at Tibshelf at the funeral service on December 15th and also before Evensong on the following Sunday.

On December 31st a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on the bells he knew so well by members of the Association. We thank God for his life's work and remember with gratitude the friendship we had the good fortune to share with him. May he rest in peace.

B. A. R.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. L. Gullick 1, S. J. Gullick 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 4, M. D. Trigg 5, A. R. Agg 6, J. S. Dear 7, W. F. Todd 8. Half-muffled as a farewell to the old year, and in memory of Edwin G. Buck.

MR. J. H. BEALE

From the age of 12, when he was taught to ring by the late Arthur Aldham, of Barwell, Mr. Joseph Harry Beale had been a member of the Wolvey (near Hinckley) band—a period of 54 years.

He emulated his father both as a ringer and as churchwarden, an office which he held until his death.

At the funeral service four members of the Coventry Guild, to which he belonged, rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and those taking part were Mr and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, Frank Perrins and Hubert Summers.

The loyalty which Joe had towards his church was of the quality which is becoming very rare and a lot of people will mourn the loss of a good man. T. C. B.

MR. S. WALTER

The death has occurred recently in a Canterbury hospital of Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreaux. Mr. Walter, who was 84, had been a ringer since the turn of the century, having learnt at his parish church, and was in the inaugural peal when the bells were rehung in 1906. He had been a churchwarden for many years and was the first person in the village to hold a driving licence!

He had been a member of the Kent County Association since 1907, and became a member of the Canterbury Cathedral band in 1945, and was elected its president in 1962, being still in office at his death.

He saw service in Africa and France during the 1914-18 war and used to amuse the cathedral ringers when, with the late Jack Unwin, they used to greet each other in Swahili! Until recent years he was a regular attendee at meetings, and rarely missed a ring at the Cathedral and would, even when in his seventies, cycle the six miles each way to be present when his car was out of action. He was held in high esteem by all his fellow ringers and many of his old friends will miss him greatly.

Mr. Walter was cremated privately, but a memorial service is to be arranged at a later date at Wickhambreaux, of which due notice will be given, when it is hoped that many of his friends will be present to pay their respects to a most lovable fellow ringer. B. J. L.

MISS M. M. RAVEN — DAUGHTER OF BELL HISTORIAN

On December 30th Miss Margaret Milville Raven died at a Bungay, Suffolk, nursing home at the age of 91. The funeral was at Fressingfield, Suffolk, on January 4th.

She was the younger daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Raven, D.D., master of Bungay Grammar School and of Great Yarmouth, and Vicar of Fressingfield from 1885.

About 1870, while at Yarmouth, Dr. Raven published his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire," and while at Fressingfield his "Church Bells of Suffolk" was published in 1890. He began collecting information for this latter work while his father was curate at Mildenhall, Suffolk. He made his first notes on August 28th, 1848, and the last ones on August 28th, 1890—exactly 42 years later.

Margaret Raven lived in Fressingfield until about 12 years ago, at first going to St. Barnabas', Southwold, Suffolk, then on to Bungay. She was a typical Victorian lady—most pleasant in conversation and manner generally.

She once told me of an experience which would have alarmed anyone, to say nothing of a lady living on her own. It was at her Fressingfield house and the middle of the night. She was awakened by much noise downstairs—flaps, bangs, bumps and rattles. Many would have stayed in bed with but one eye above the sheet, hoping for the best, but Miss Raven went down to investigate and found that an owl had come down the chimney and was fluttering about the room knocking ornaments from the mantelpiece and rattling pictures against the walls. She let the bird out of the window and set about clearing up the wreckage and soot.

I was living at Eye, Suffolk, when I last spoke to her. She asked me where my house was and I told her that it was at the foot of the Castle Mound. This mound rises steeply on all sides to about 50 feet. She said that the previous year (when she must have been in her late 70's) she had a mind to see the view from the top of the mound and was shown the way to go. She went on: "My word! What a path! But after much slipping and sliding, holding on to bushes and twigs, I pulled myself to the top. But then I had to get down, which was much worse. So I turned up my skirts and slid down on my bottom."

It is significant that two days after she died the present Vicar of Fressingfield died in a Scole, Norfolk, nursing home, aged 79. He was the Rev. Bernard Thursby Pitts, and had been in charge of Fressingfield for 32 years. He was buried in Fressingfield Churchyard an hour before Miss Raven. And so the old world rolls on!

CLAUDE RUSH.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Perry (first quarter) 1, Jenny Simons (first "inside" Bob Minor) 2, T. H. Foster 3, D. R. Swann 4, C. M. Brown 5, D. J. Swann (first as cond.) 6. Traditional half-muffled ringing for old year.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, Sara Cornock 2, F. Garland 3, T. Wills (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, Alec Howell 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day.

Letters to the Editor

MORE STRAIGHT WORDS TO LEICESTER

Dear Sir, — With reference to the letter "Straight Words to Leicester Guild" signed "Ringing Master" and published in the issue of December 8th, a number of people have asked me if I was the writer. I have informed all such inquirers I was not. If I am sufficiently moved to write to a journal I do not propose to lurk behind a nom-de-plume. I have a name and am not afraid to use it.

May I say, however, that I strongly endorse the major portion of the contents of the said letter, possibly excepting the point about learners needing to learn to ring on all numbers of bells. This is grandly idealistic, but for the most part highly impracticable.

I would like to underline two points made in the letter. Firstly, that concerning the basic object—"To promote ringing for divine service," and secondly, letting petty arguments and disagreements be forgotten. Regarding the latter, I would think that among professing Christians (which we are—are not we?) such malign circumstances should not be allowed to arise. Perhaps this is being grandly idealistic, too, humans being as they are.

A genuine spirit of Christian fellowship must prevail among ringers if we are to do our job properly. Fortunately, a great deal of this does exist, but more is needed still.

As we all know, there are a few ringers who ring purely for pleasure and self-aggrandisement. These may indeed be good ringers and give much thought to accuracy of striking, etc., but little or none to the real purpose for which church bells are rung. This, of course, is quite undesirable but, as I wrote in a previous letter on this subject, I believe these ringers to be (happily) in the minority.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD D. HIGHER
Secretary, Leicester District.

Mr. J. J. Pawley also writes that the comments are addressed to a small minority. "I have been a member of the Leicester Guild for 20 years and I ring for most services and practice nights and I am sure the majority of members do the same."

CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—Having followed with considerable interest the series of letters on bellringing in Kent, I feel bound to reply to Mr. J. Hedgcock's letter ("Ringing World", page 931).

Although I am very interested in ringing, I have never held a bell rope in my life nor, for that matter, been inside a tower, but I was under the impression that bellringing was in some way connected with churches, and churches with Christianity. On reading Mr. J. Hedgcock's letter I find no trace of Christian thinking whatsoever.

The discussion concerning who rang what is purely academic. What is disturbing is the arrogance of the writer whose letter shows a parochial prejudice which on a broader scale is known as nationalism.

Mr Hedgcock writes from Christ Church College, which is a teachers' training college. I hope he does not impart such personal bias to his future teaching.

From his remarks on peal ringing one can only assume that he prefers to ring peals and has very little time for anything else. Perhaps his pique is a result of his not being able to form a band, and one does not have to look far for the reason.—Yours faithfully,

B. PAY.

Dover, Kent.

CALL-CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—An apology and an observation on Mr G. Beavis' letter in the December 29th issue. May I, a "method" ringer deep in "call-change" country, apologise on behalf of all my call-change friends for his treatment in Plymouth? This is a very isolated case I can assure you, Mr. Beavis. May I recommend your chairman to come to N. Devon next year, where in any call-change tower he will receive a cordial and most friendly welcome. It has been my privilege many times to ring with two of the top teams in the competition world, namely West Down and Swimbridge. At each tower the welcome and invitation to ring have been spontaneous; this would apply to all ringers whatever the standard of their ringing.

Which brings me to my observation. Having rung peals for 23 years does not qualify a ringer as being a good striker in call-change ringing. Peal ringing is not the yardstick for good striking. To these men the quality of any ringer's striking is judged by his performance on the end of a rope during the 60 on thirds, not by the number of peals he has rung and conducted.

Do not run away with the idea that call-change ringing to the vastly experienced method ringer is a simple exercise requiring little concentration; it is not, repeat not. To adapt oneself to the "cartwheel" rhythm takes a great deal of practice. To achieve the exceptionally high standard of such teams as West Down, Swimbridge and Down St. Mary takes months, perhaps years, of dedicated practice by six fanatically keen ringers who live for good striking. Also, each ringer sticks to one bell. This is essential in competition ringing, except for two notable exceptions, that is. Both Mervyn Phillips, of West Down, and Jack Toose, of Swimbridge, started on the back-end; now they both ring treble to an outstanding degree of accuracy, yet each man has his individual style in pitch, rise and lower.

Do send your chairman to N. Devon this year, Mr. Beavis—he will be made most welcome I can assure you.—Yours, etc.,

DEREK JEWELL.

Combe Martin.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD'S "TEN LITTLE BEAUTIES"

Dear Sir,—In connection with my article on the Easthampstead Bell Fund I would like to add that should any band have similar aims I would advise that some experience and absolute stringent safety precautions are essential to such a project.

Safety coupled with insurance was my most urgent demand while working in the tower and I cannot stress the importance of this too much.

I have mentioned the names of those concerned manually with Easthampstead's effort but those who are nameless are nevertheless appreciated as contributing an essential part of the whole.

On behalf of the band I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to Messrs Mears and Stainbank and every donor to our fund, whether their contribution was in cash or kind, large or small, and without whose support and trust we could never have achieved our target.—Yours etc.,

STANLEY G. SCOTT,
Tower Captain,
Easthampstead, Berks.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir,—I am delighted to see that at last someone has questioned the principles behind Westminster Abbey ringing. Perhaps it is understandable that touring ringers are not allowed to ring there, but it is unforgivable not to permit Sunday service ringing.

There has been a Guild of ringers at the Abbey since its foundation. They were granted a charter to ring the "great bells" by Henry III in 1254, for one hundred shillings per annum. This is probably the first example of professional ringing!

If the Dean has any doubts as to the function of ringing, a letter from an officer of the Central Council might dispel them. If this is not sufficient a letter to the highest Abbey authority, the Queen, might help. As to the closed shop principle, restriction of ringing to the two senior ringing Societies would ensure ringing of a high standard at this national showpiece.

The rather sad history of professional ringing in a closed shop on special occasions must be changed in the interest of the Exercise's aims, and I feel the Central Council holds the remedy.—Yours faithfully,

D. BARTON.

Pulborough, Sussex.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frank Tonge, of Longparish, questions the arrangements for ringing at Westminster Abbey and suggests that these are different from any other part of the country. I venture to suggest they are not entirely; it is simply another case of the ringing fraternity being badly represented.

I, personally, do not mind if I never ring at the Abbey and am content if the bells are rung on all proper occasions and a high standard of striking is maintained. There are, however, weaknesses in the present system. I understand from a reliable source that on the occasion of a memorial service to three murdered policemen the Dean invited police ringers to officiate in the belfry. This invitation was later withdrawn and, at the time, I wondered why. The police ringers were relegated to St. Margaret's to pay their tribute on behalf of their colleagues but the newspapers reported that the bells of the Abbey were rung by policemen!

What can we do about this situation generally? No ringer can deny there are advantages because it is good public relations for what ringing takes place to be faultless. The "firing" which is often part of visiting bands' activity should not be tolerated at the Abbey. One answer would be regular open times under proper supervision, not the "catch hold free for all" type. But, regretfully, I feel this would never be a success. So let us tolerate the injustice except when we are really let down. If the Dean receives enough letters on the subject perhaps he may feel there is sufficient justification to make arrangements for more flexible representation at the Abbey.—Yours faithfully,

K. TABER.

South Croydon.

ROPE LENGTHS AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—The letter on page 933 of the December 22nd issue reminded me of an incident in the early 1930's when attending a ring practice at Lyme Regis. A travelling circus was visiting the town, and one of its very small people armed himself with an orange box from the greengrocer's. We assisted him on to the top and he turned the tenor in to Bob Minor!

I think boxes are the only answer to rope lengths to suit tall and short.—Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH T. BARRETT.
Beaminster, Dorset.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

SHORT ROPES AT KENT MEETING

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Anthea Sparshott and Paul Ebsworth concerning rope lengths at meetings, I would like to state that the tower referred to in the letter was not Milton Regis, although the name was not mentioned. The ringers at Milton are all young, and with only myself over 5ft. 2in. (the height mentioned in the letter). Although our ringing is by no means first-class, it is not "grotty."

I would have assumed that any ringer capable of ringing Cambridge Minor should be capable of lengthening the tail-end of the rope.

Knowing the experienced ringers present, I am sure they would have altered any rope had they been asked. To my knowledge the ropes were altered to help other ringers during the meeting.

Surely the criterion is "If in doubt, ask."
—Yours sincerely,

G. WOOD.

Milton Regis.

NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Mr. A. Whittle's letter recalling the time when he was head gardener here in the Newbury district during the 1930's.

I must correct him in saying that Newbury's bells are a fine eight by "Rudhall." The back eight are a complete ring cast by James Wells of Aldbourne, Wilts. Two trebles cast by Mears and Stainbank were added in 1936 and now make a very modest ring of ten.—Yours sincerely,

REG W REX.

Thatcham, Newbury.

CLOSING HOUR OF MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—As secretary and captain of the Womersh tower, I feel that I owe Mr. Uphill and his companions an apology if they felt that they had been rebuffed and left in the cold churchyard. It certainly was a cold and foggy night, which was the reason for the meeting closing down so early.

I had to leave at 6.45 p.m. to pick up my wife and go into Guildford to visit a friend in hospital. Before leaving I left the key with one of our members to lock up as soon as everybody had gone. It seems that the tower was empty at about 7 p.m. so that it was locked and the meeting closed.

Might I suggest that in future Mr. Uphill notifies the secretary in charge of meetings if he intends to visit a tower, so that he may not again be disappointed? I shall be pleased to make arrangements for him to ring at Womersh at some future date.—Yours sincerely,

WALTER E. ENTICKNAP.

Womersh.

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(Two Methods)

By Alan F. Scholfeld

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PEAL RECORDS FOR 1967

We are planning to publish, as in previous years, individual peal totals for 1967. This list is being prepared by Mr. David A. Burt, assisted by his wife, of 49, Ambleside Road, Kingsway, Bath. For the purpose of checking, ringers are asked to submit their totals (tower and hand), and also the number conducted, to him.

No 1967 peals received after the end of this month can be included in this record or that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have enjoyed the work they feel they have not the time available to continue the recordings for 1968. They will be pleased to give particulars to anyone interested.

DOWN UNDER

Melbourne Cathedral ringers were ringing on New Year's Eve from 6 p.m. until 1 p.m. with a few breaks during service.

The Grandsire Cinques rung half-muffled while the people were arriving for the memorial service for Australia's Prime Minister in Melbourne Cathedral made an effective background to the broadcast. In Great Britain the tenor note from tolling was heard only.

The marriage took place on January 6th of Mary Cowling and David Heyes, two Melbourne Cathedral ringers, at Caulfield, where Mary's father is Vicar. She rang in a handbell peal conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Melville during Great Adventure II.

Spending the New Year in Perth are Jack and Gwen Roper. On January 6th they were joined by Helen Henderson.

Jenny Lees and Helen Henderson plan to come to England, probably at the end of July. Some Sydney ringers are also hoping to make the journey.

From Bendigo we hear that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin had John's parents from Woking with them for Christmas. Pam Warren, formerly of Guildford, also joined them.

BATH BRANCH'S RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael with St. Paul's on January 6th. Ringing took place on the octave prior to the fully choral service, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. Holden) officiated. A record number of 92 ringers sat down to the always enjoyable tea at the Church Hall.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. George Hawkins. Members stood to the memory of two staunch members who had passed away during 1967—Mr. Walter Starr (Swainswick) and Mr. Sidney King (Corston), both of whom had been tower captains for a number of years.

The secretary and treasurer (Alan Lee) reported with pleasure that the membership of the Branch had now reached a record height of 196, a rise of 26 on the previous year. Another encouraging feature was the increase in the number of towers now ringing regularly on a Sunday. Marksbury had now rejoined the Association with an enthusiastic band. The meetings held had all been successful with an average attendance of nearly 50. Batheaston bells have been restored and augmented to eight, also major repairs to the towers at Upper Weston and Dunkerton—all this work has been completed.

Instruction classes have been held at Bathampton, Wellow, Freshford and Upper

DIED IN BELFRY
ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The sudden passing of Mr. John Lindsey, of Folkingham, Lincolnshire, at the age of 74, on December 24th, came as a great shock to the local band. Although he had been in somewhat failing health for some time, he still maintained his interest and rang regularly for Sunday services. The customary Christmas Eve ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Folkingham, was in progress, in which Mr. Lindsey was taking part, when he collapsed and died.

Jack, as he was best known, first learned to ring at Folkingham (where he was born and lived all his life) in 1912. He served through the 1914-18 war and saw service in France, where he was badly wounded by shrapnel. After being in hospital for many months he eventually returned home and, resuming his previous employment, returned to the belfry. He rang his first and only peal when he was in his 70th year to mark his 50 years' service as a Sunday service ringer, two other members of the local band sharing the same honour.

The funeral service on December 30th was largely attended and was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. R. Money, M.A., assisted by the Rev. R. Worsdall (curate, and a ringer). The Rector, in a tribute, mentioned Mr. Lindsey's long and faithful service as a service ringer to St. Andrew's Church. After the service the six bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect by the local band assisted by other ringers and concluded with a 720 of Plain Bob. Sympathy is extended to the widow and daughter, Miss Ivy Lindsey, who is a member of the local band.

C. T. H. B.

SWANWICK, DERBS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, D. A. Hanbury 2, D. J. Walters 3, B. Dye 4, K. A. Taylor 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6. Rung immediately after midnight to welcome the New Year, and also in memoriam Tom H. Radford, of Tibshelf.

WELLOW, SOM.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Beverley Surprise Minor: R. L. Coles 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. F. Lee 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Beverley for all.

Weston. All these towers are now ringing regularly both on a Sunday and practice nights. Methods rung are increasing in variety and quarter peals have been scored up to Beverley Surprise. Peals rung in the Branch have increased by five to 17 and have been spread evenly throughout the Branch.

Owing to the illness of the chairman, the Rev. Francis Pollard, he was not seeking reelection, so the following were elected to serve during 1968: Chairman, George Hawkins (St. Michael with St. Paul's); vice-chairmen, Leslie Taylor (Corston) and the Rev. C. Holden (St. Michael with St. Paul's); secretary and treasurer, Alan Lee (Twerton); Ringing Masters, John Owen (Abbey) and Harold Parfree (Corston). Eighteen new members were elected—six from Keynsham, three each from Bathwick and Marksbury and two each from Corston, Bathford and Dunkerton.

It is hoped to hold meetings at Marksbury, Bathwick, Batheaston, with the annual at St. Michael with St. Paul's and the Corporate Communion at Keynsham.

Among the visitors were the Frome Branch secretary (Ted Chivers) and the Axbridge secretary (Miss Marjorie Legg) and ringers from Chilcompton, Bristol (St. Philip's), Clifton, Cam, Worle, Compton Bishop and Newport (Mon.).
A. F. L.

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HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

SOME OF THE TEAMS

(Continued from page 21)

St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, Handbell Ringers. Started as a family team by N. M. Newby. In 1954 the team took part in a television top town contest for Ulverston against Stockton-on-Tees. In 1962 the Newbys moved to St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness and all the family became ringers.

Mr. Newby has also trained a team of the "Over 60 Club" who entertain at other clubs and ring carols at their own annual carol service, and this was done for the third time last month.

Liss Handbell Ringers started in 1966 by carolling around the village at Christmas to collect money for the old folks. The band consists of seven people—Mr. Tom Boules (captain), Mr. B. S. Gambrill and five young members. The repertoire consists of tunes and carols and a start has been made with musical notation (previously untimed numeric notation). The 25 bells (two octaves) by Mears (c. 1900) are the property of Mr. Bowles.

Norbury Handbell Ringers.—The team was in existence before the 1914-18 war, the set of bells (about 60) being privately owned by James Fernley, and practices were held at his home. Public performances continued until the early 1930s, when James Fernley, jun., took over the team. In 1937 the present set (166 bells) was purchased from a church at Elland, Yorks, for £25. Practically all the bells were green with mould but were soon restored to a reasonable condition.

The team disbanded at the outbreak of war in 1939 and did not resume until 1946. In 1949 the bells were sent to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for overhaul at a cost of £110. Another overhaul at the White-chapel Foundry took place in April, 1967, when 140 bells were retuned and polished at a cost of just over £350. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have put the replacement value of the bells at £1,587 10s.

On October 8th, 1966, the first handbell ringers' rally was held at the team's headquarters. In the past, similar gatherings had taken place, but these were competitive, whereas the one held at Hazel Grove was to endeavour to create more interest in the ancient art of tune ringing on handbells.

St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, Handbell Ringers.—The founder of the church and provider of the bells was Mr. Thomas Mellowdue, and Mrs. Mellowdue bought a set of handbells for the sole use of the Moorside Handbell Ringers. The handbells eventually went to the Bull Head Inn. It became known that some men rang for morning service at the church and then would go straight up to the Bull for handbells (and drinks). Quite often they would stay there until it was time to ring for evening service again. The vicar's warden then was Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, and his wife, the daughter of the founder of the church, did not like this. Eventually she and her husband paid over a sum of money for the bells and a deed was drawn up that the handbells belonged to Moorside Church thereafter.

There are 4½ octaves and 18 duplicates, mainly by Mears with a few by Shaw (73 altogether). They have given good service and pleasure to various bands for about 90 years and been used to entertain on many occasions. Most of the music is by the late



THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. William Hartley, of Stockport.

"It was a proud moment for me when I was asked to become the chairman of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain," said Mr. William Hartley, of 29, Hurdsfield Road, Great Moor, Stockport. The occasion was the second rally of handbell ringers—over 200 of them, with friends, attended at Ashton-under-Lyne on October 7th, 1967, when it was unanimously agreed to form an organisation to help to stimulate interest in tune ringing on handbells.

Born in Stockport on May 11th, 1919, Mr. Hartley had always been attached to Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, where his parents were active members of the P.C.C. For 54 years his father was a tower ringer, but "Bill"

William Gordon, of Stockport, and is suitable for five to eight ringers. Practices are held in the school on Friday nights from September until about Whitsun. Visitors and old friends are always welcome, writes Ivan Kay.

Ordsall Handbell Ringers.—The Ordsall set of 29 bells was cast by Taylor's, probably in 1896. A quite enthusiastic team was formed and invested in many of the music sheets published by William Gordon. In 1914 most of the band went into the Forces. The bells and music were given to the verger, who put them in a box under his bed. Only one of the original band is alive today and he is still an active tower ringer despite the fact that he is in his 89th year. Between the wars the only ringing done on the bells was a little change-ringing on the middle octave.

A few years after the Second World War the old verger died and the bells and music were discovered in their box by the captain and vice-captain of the present team. They set about restoring the valuable music and renovating the bells. After much work and even more patience, the team learned to ring most of the tunes on the music. Their first engagement was at an Ordsall garden party in 1950, and since then they have travelled all around Retford and district.

St. Mary's Ringers, Sileby.—Some years ago some handbells in poor condition were given to St. Mary's Church. They were used for tune ringing until enough money was raised to have them completely over-

Hartley, to his father's disgust and disappointment, never followed in his footsteps.

HIS MAIN HOBBY

In 1938 the Norbury Handbell Ringers purchased a large set of handbells, and as more ringers were needed he was invited to join the team. Although he had had no musical training, except five years as a choirboy, he decided to "have a go" and eventually got the bug. This has been his main hobby ever since.

Called up in 1939, Mr. Hartley served in the Royal Artillery until 1942, when he was sent to East Africa to help form the 1st East African Field Regiment, R.E. He travelled far—Madagascar, India and Burma—with the East African Army, and remained with them until December, 1945. He was demobilised in 1946 and the same year was married at Calne, Wilts, his wife being a staff sergeant in the A.T.S. A peal for the wedding was rung at Hazel Grove, composed by his cousin, Ernest Bennett. Their only son was born in 1948 and he is now at Sheffield University studying metallurgy.

LONG SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN

The Norbury Handbell Ringers were re-formed in 1946 and at the general meeting in 1948 Mr. Hartley was elected chairman, an office he has held, apart for one year, ever since. A close liaison has been formed with the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and Dr. Robert Hieber, a past president of the Guild, is a personal friend. He also corresponded frequently with the late Mrs. Alice Shurcliff.

The idea of a national organisation of handbell ringers was the outcome of a rally in October, 1966. Mr. Tom Ogden, of the Moorside Handbell Ringers, asked him to organise this rally. Commented Mr. Hartley: "I said that I would try, thinking that I would only get a mild ripple of enthusiasm, and was most surprised when 13 teams applied to attend the first rally which I had arranged to be held at Norbury School, Hazel Grove, on October 8th, 1966."

hauled. Later there was an amalgamation with the ringers in the next church, who had bells in tune for Sileby's. Concert arrangements were frequent and it was decided to name the team St. Mary's Ringers.

There are 12 regular ringers with 48 bells. Ringing is "four in hand" from a system of numbers. Money is being raised to purchase more bells to improve the range and repertoire. One rule is that all ringers in the handbell team must be able to ring church bells. This year there has been a recording and interviews with the newly-formed Leicester B.B.C.

Silverdale Handbell Ringers.—Founded in 1906 by Dr. Colyer, the first conductor, with ten members and only eight bells. Now the team has 52 bells by J. Taylor, with 12 members. The conductor is Mr. Tom Bolton who has been with the team over 40 years. Under him the team has given four broadcasts on sound radio. In 1949 the team purchased an old pavilion and converted it into their headquarters. Practices are held every Monday during winter months.

In June, 1966, the team was invited to ring for H.R.H. Princess Alexandra at a Lancaster University garden party. (Silverdale is on the shores of Morecambe Bay.)

(To be continued)

[Full details in "Reverberations," from J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs, price 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.]

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Dec. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret McBride 1, Angela McBride 2, A. J. Moy 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, A. G. Wilmore 5, W. B. Duncan 6, S. High 7, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the service of nine lessons and carols.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. Sturmeay (first quarter) 1, A. Hedges 2, R. Peckham 3, D. Vowles (first as cond.) 4, B. Bladon 5, H. Hedges 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. J. Whiting 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, P. S. Abbott 3, R. F. Baker 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For the Christmas Festival.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Cassidy 1, J. Pilgrim 2, P. Bedford 3, S. High 4, F. Brock 5, A. Knights 6, S. Bedford 7, V. Bedford (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,300 St. Clement's College Bob Caters: Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (first of Caters) 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Ruth M. Foreman 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. G. Knight 6, G. H. Austin 7, B. G. Watson 8, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 9, T. J. Lock 10. First of Caters in the method by all.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, G. Hawkins 2, B. Tither 3, John Davis (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. For carol service.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George Jesmond, on Dec. 30th, 1,872 Plain Bob Major: May Graham 1, Jean Berriman 2, J. Pardoe 3, Joy Askew 4, R. Askew 5, C. Monson 6, A. Craddock (cond.) 7, R. Yeates 8. A peal attempt called round. Rung as a compliment to Mark Nicholas Pardoe, born December 24th, 1967.

PORTBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Gee (first quarter) 1, Janine Blanch 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, Suzanne Withers 4, V. H. James 5, W. Williams (cond.) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williamson 1, Mrs. E. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal 3, N. Humphries 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Game of Rainham.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, G. Ward 3, R. Brown 4, A. Newbould 5, G. Cox 6, I. North (cond.) 7, E. Spencer 8. Rung with the compliments of the band to Ian North and Patricia Lockwood on their engagement.

TRULL, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Grigg (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Baker 2, T. Bellhouse (first "inside") 3, B. Vine 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, E. J. Baker 6. For morning service.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, Iris Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. Whetton 6. Rung for Evensong and in memoriam Thomas H. Radford.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge Little Bob, Plain): D. Wiltchell 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, E. C. Buckley 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, R. J. Cowley 5, J. G. Mitchell 6. For the wedding of Hilary Knight and Peter Aslett.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: R. K. Lister 1, J. Cumliffe 2, N. T. E. Burnett 3, R. Jolley 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 6. By the local band.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 6, 8 covers): Janet Yeates (1st out on working bell) 1, R. A. Stone 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, C. Hawkins 6, F. W. Sheffield 7, R. L. Ventham 8. Rung for old year; also a compliment to F. W. Sheffield on the birth of a grand-daughter.

Crossword No. 7 — Solution

The winner of Crossword No. 7 was Miss Elsie Lankester, of 27, Dewsbury Road, Willesden, N.W.10, who has been awarded the prize of 10s. Solution:—

Across.—4, Triplets. 8, Parody. 9, Men-of-war. 10, Pull it up. 11, Issues. 12, Newcomer. 13, Annalist. 16, Entrance. 19, Neutrals. 21, Trials. 23, Alsatian. 24, Birstall. 25, Envied. 26, Chancery.

Down.—1, Matured. 2, Collector. 3, System. 4, Temperamentally. 5, Inn signs. 6, Lifts. 7, Teasers. 14, Lucrative. 15, One's name. 17, Norwich. 18, Bloater. 20, Unseen. 22, Arson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

There was much variety on the agenda for the annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch at Clitheroe on January 6th. The business meeting was preceded by ringing at Downham and Clitheroe and a pie and peas tea.

Mr. F. Reynolds, the general secretary of the Association, took the chair for the election of officers. Mr. Pilkington was elected Ringing Master for a further two years and Mr. R. Leigh as bell adviser.

A proposal that the voting age should be over 18 was regarded as impracticable as the majority of those present were under that age. The Branch trip to North Wales, now being organised, was discussed at length and also an amendment to the Branch Rule 3, that grants be allowed from Branch funds for augmentations and sound control.

There were hearty congratulations to the band who had been ringing in the record length of Glasgow at Accrington, with one exception—a Branch member who participated when he should have been attending a Branch meeting that day!

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. and varied from rounds to Spiced Major and Surprise. A.J.H.

Guildford Guild 40th Anniversary

The Guildford Diocesan Guild was founded on December 31st, 1927, and Guildford itself was not forgotten during the anniversary week-end.

On the eve of the anniversary, December 30th, a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Nicolas' containing several "firsts". The peal attempt for Sunday, December 31st, was at Holy Trinity, Stedman Triples being the method. The peal commenced at 8.45 p.m. and was unfortunately lost after 35 minutes; it was then too late to make a second attempt.

It is hoped that as many quarter peals and peals as possible will be attempted within the next few weeks to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Guild.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The A.G.M. was held on January 6th at Hitchin. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and Yorkshire and Stedman were achieved before the service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar. A buffet tea followed in the Church House.

The Vicar took the chair at the meeting, and at his suggestion members stood in silence in memory of Mr. E. G. Buck, who passed away the week before. The District report and the "R.W." representative's report followed. In his report, Mr. C. M. Orme, the retiring secretary, said that he was sad to leave the District and wished he could have left it in a stronger position.

Recommendations for Association officers were approved and Mr. A. R. Agg explained the reason for proposing Dr. D. L. Gullick as Association president. Mr. J. S. Dear, seconding, reminded the younger members that although no longer so active with peal ringing, Dr. Gullick had given much to the Association in former years.

Mrs. Agg was elected as the new District secretary, resigning as Association peal secretary to be able to do so. Mr. M. D. Trigg was elected to the general committee and Mr. J. S. Dear was elected to the District committee. Other District officers were elected en bloc. The election of new members followed. Those elected were: Miss M. Barker, Miss R. Roden and R. Weedon (Sandon), Miss P. Brown (Baldock), R. Kirkpatrick (Stevenage), Miss C. Forgan, M. Marsden and W. Gentle (Hitchin).

Under "any other business" Mr. C. M. Orme reminded us that the county A.G.M. was in our District and asked for added support. A collection was taken for a wreath at Mr. Buck's funeral. The Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, then challenged every tower in the District to ring at least one quarter this year, and offered assistance to weaker towers. Mr. Agg proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Orme for their admirable job done as District officers for two years.

Ringing resumed at 6.30 with Double Norwich, Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Stedman achieved. M.R.W.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Addington, Surrey, rang 50 quarters on their bells during 1967.

Mr. Walter Ayre has now completed 60 years as a ringer.

Barry Arnold is the first local ringer at Peckleton, Leics, to ring a quarter for many years.

Dr. C. A. Lewis, who arranged the annual quarter peal to open the Wexford Music Festival, was unable to ring and his place was taken by Jim Reynolds, of John's Lane, Dublin. At the first attempt a rope broke during the sixth 120.

Mr. Richard Speed, of 88, High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby, asks for the composition of C. Middleton's used in the peal of Apsley Surprise Major on page 86. He states that if it was the well-known composition of Cambridge then the peal is false.

Due to entertaining the blind folk of the Beccles District with handbell ringing the same evening, none of the local company was able to stand in the traditional anniversary peal at Norton Subcourse. Norfolk, on December 12th, but they are grateful to the band who celebrated that memorable day with a peal in seven methods ("R.W.", December 29th, page 954).

With regard to the complaint of unfriendliness towards visitors in a belfry (see Belfry Gossip, page 897), Mr. John W. Owen, tower Master of Bath Abbey and 50 years a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, asks us to state that a complaint respecting unfriendliness was unjustified if applied to Bath Abbey ringers.

We regret that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Macclesfield in our last issue was a duplicate.

At the annual meeting of All Saints', West Bromwich, ringers the company was entertained by Mr. T. A. Cotterill (the churchwarden) and his wife. The former is a brother of Mr. J. R. Cotterill.

Capel, Surrey, commemorated the 40th anniversary of the first peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild by a quarter on New Year's Day. The peal was rung in this tower, conducted by the father of the ringer of the third (R. G. Tullett).

The band who rang the peal at Mildenhall (Wilts) on December 30th is believed to be the youngest to ring a peal for the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Congratulations to the two "first pealers," in particular 13-year-old Ann Toomer, of Chisledon, who had not previously rang a touch of more than 500 changes.

The Lincoln Cathedral company visited York Minster for a peal of Stedman Cinques on December 30th. The band had a late change when Mr. A. Leslie Pask had to withdraw owing to illness, and Mr. Richard Inglis, who worked at Lincoln Cathedral until he went to University, stood in his place. The company thank Miss M. Wilkinson for welcome cups of tea brought into the belfry at the end of the peal.

The Great Glenn handbell ringers collected £154 at Christmas, which will be sent to various charities.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

OUR THANKS TO BERNARD GROVES

If seven-year cycles are significant, then the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association has reached a significant point in losing Bernard Groves to his native Cheshire. Appreciations are seldom given other than posthumously. As posthumous thanks are no good to the recipient, we at least would like to record our appreciation of Bernard.

When he arrived in Maidstone, about seven years ago, we needed a conductor able to ring peals other than those we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in. He filled this breach and helped us to achieve undreamed heights. At the same time he displayed an outstanding example of enthusiasm, which gave him the same obvious pleasure to ring with beginners as to ring with experts. During his stay with us he has gone from strength to strength and carried others with him. The last few months have seen some notable achievements, but considering the full seven years we feel very few individuals have made such a wide impact on ringing as Bernard has done in this District.

He is unassuming about his prowess but is sufficiently aware of it to instil complete confidence, which we have never had demonstrated to be misplaced. A Kentish wife will maintain his connections with the county, but we will miss the continued presence of an ideal ringer. However, there is young blood in the District; Bernard has encouraged us to independence and would be delighted to see new heights gained. Thank you, Bernard, from both of us particularly, and also from the Maidstone District.

**MARTIN L. HOWE.
MONTY W. GILBERT.**

A SUGGESTION TO COPY

For some years now it has been the practice of Hathern Parish Church, Loughborough, to bring the ringers into the services of the Church whenever possible. Such an occasion was the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas.

A normal peal was rung before the service and in the middle of the service the tower door was opened, the choir sang "The Manger Throne" ("Like silver bells," etc.), but before the first verse the ringers pealed the octave six times. Also between each verse (1367, 2468 or variations) and completed the carol with the octave six times. We have used the bell carol "Ding Dong Merrily" on other occasions. This service draws a very large congregation and I know the practice is greatly appreciated by ringers and worshippers. Have other churches done this or would they like to copy our custom?—C. R. Bull, Rector.

NEW BAND TRAINING AT SALTBURN

With the assistance of the curate, the Rev. David Moore, Mr. Peter Sothorn is training about half a dozen young people at Saltburn Parish Church. In eight weeks they have progressed as far as simple call changes and hope to venture on to Bob Minor shortly. This would be facilitated if old friends of this pleasant ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) would help at the Monday practices from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

On April 1st the new county borough of Teesside comes into being and on the night of March 31st/April 1st it is hoped to ring out the old and ring in the new. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Sothorn at 2, Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar.

MR. HERBERT W. KNIGHT HONOURED

A very pleasant ceremony took place at Writington on January 6th, when a peal board was dedicated to mark 60 years' ringing in the Branch by Mr. Herbert W. Knight, who recently retired as Branch Ringing Master.

The peal board, attractively designed and painted by local craftsmen, was on display in church, and the dedication was performed during a shortened Association service by the Rector, the Rev. J. Vine. The previous incumbent, Rev. B. Leigh, spoke in tribute to Mr. Knight's help and unfailing courtesy during his time in the parish; he always felt that the tower was in good hands whilst Mr. Knight was in charge. The harmony between the ringers in the tower was due to the example he set, and his insistence on ringing being first for service and second for pleasure.

Tea was served to the company at the nearby church hall by Mrs. H. Kingcott and her helpers, and Mr. Knight made a short speech of thanks to all who had contributed to the occasion, which had given him such pleasure.

J. B.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

The Fabian Stedman competition is now closed. Some 27 entries have been received and these are being studied by the assessors. It is hoped to hold a meeting of the assessors in February and then a statement on the competition will be made. Until that meeting none of the entries will be published.

ELLAND'S ACHIEVEMENT

The Boxing Day peal at Elland, Yorkshire, for the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild was the first by the local band since Boxing Day, 1929, when a peal of Kent Minor was rung on the front six. The conductor was Vivian Nutton, who has figured in many Cambridge University peals. A word of praise is given to the three ladies making their first attempt for a peal.

FOURTH EDITION OF "DOVE'S"

Mr. R. H. Dove intended in his article (on page 930) to write Lahore and not Madras. He had recently been doing some research on Madras bells and this probably inadvertently caused this slip of the pen.

Regarding the preparation of his fourth edition, Mr. Dove hopes to be in a position to send the MSS to Mr. Biggers in a fortnight's time.

BREAK IN TRADITION

Because of complaints from people living on a new estate, March, Cambs, ringers decided not to ring at midnight on New Year's Eve. The "silent" bells made a front page story for "The Cambridgeshire Times".

Every year since 1803, when the bells were installed, excepting war years, the Old Year has been rung out and the New Year heralded in. Mr. Don Gipson, landlord of the Seven Stars public house, which stands within the shadow of the church, said: "I was bitterly disappointed and my customers shocked that they did not hear the bells."

A former captain for 40 years and a ringer at March for 60 years, Mr. John Moore, of the Almshouses, commented: "Practically everybody looks forward to it and I am disgusted. If I had known I would have gone up and had a go." And he's 83!

Summing up the situation, Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, secretary of the March ringers, stated that several enquiries had been made as to why the bells were not rung and it would appear that more want to hear them than not.

A HAMPSHIRE AUGMENTATION

Hampshire has another six. The four 18th century bells from the Aldbourne, Wilts, foundry at the Church of All Saints, Upper Clatford; Hants, have been augmented with two of the bells from the derelict 17th century ring of five in St. Laurence's Church, Winchester. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor.

Mr. Derek C. Jackson, of Totton, received permission to attempt a quarter peal on the bells on December 23rd. He found a ground-floor ring of six in the vestry, partly curtained off from the rest of the church. On raising the bells it became obvious that there was only a wooden floor between the bells and the ringing chamber. The bells filled the church with an excessive volume of noise.

A quarter of 1,320 Doubles in 22 methods was successfully brought round by J. S. Hopwood 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, T. Matcham 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. Hartless 6.

According to the Rector, that was the second quarter to be rung on the bells and that a band was under instruction from nearby Andover.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who hung the bells on October 20th, 1967, provide the following details:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp. New bell.

2.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

3.—4 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

4.—4 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp. From Upper Clatford.

5.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B. From Upper Clatford.

Tenor.—9 cwt. 16 lb. in A. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

All Saints' Tooting Graveney.—A light six is to be dedicated here, probably in March. They were cast out of some of the metal of the former bells of St. Michael's, Star Street, Paddington. A band is being trained by the Rev. Tony Clayton.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE

The eight bells were taken down in the first week in the New Year and are to be recast and hung in a new frame.

GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The continuity in organisation, lecturers and, to a certain extent, in students has enabled progressive experiments to be made in developing an ideal week-end ringing course at the above Centre.

Two important features of this year's course have been an increase in the time devoted to practical sessions on tower bells and handbells and the introduction of a tutorial session parallel with each lecture period. Students thus had a choice of an advanced topic, elementary topic or tutorial during each lecture period. The tutorials enabled instruction to be given individually or in small groups in topics not covered in the formal lectures and to enable students to obtain further instruction or practice in a topic already dealt with or to preserve continuity in view of the alternative lectures.

The three lecturers—Mr. J. H. Fielden, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. N. Chaddock—were thus kept fully occupied, but the enthusiasm and progress of the students made the effort really worthwhile. Once again the course was fully booked and it is hoped to hold another in about a year's time.

N. C.

RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—In the belfry of St. Thomas' Church.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 10 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 19,620 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Neil Bennett 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
Robert B. Smith 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

The greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Royal and the longest peal in time to be rung on handbells.

CHRISTMAS WEEK-END

IN NORTHANTS & BEDFORDSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

A Patrick Cannon Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Bridget Bates 2	David J. Marshall 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 10.) Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

FELMERSHAM, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Barrie Hendry Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
*Bridget Bates 2	Alan A. Paul 6
David J. Marshall 3	Alan J. Frost 7
*Christopher C. Stokes .. 4	†A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal in the method (conducted 45, in 113 towers).

KEMPSTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*Bridget Bates Treble	*Christopher C. Stokes .. 5
†A. Patrick Cannon 2	David J. Marshall 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Alan A. Paul 4	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal in the method. † 850th tower for a peal.

WELFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Bridget Bates Treble	*Roger W. Smith 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
David J. Marshall 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 200th peal.

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.
Alan A. Paul Treble Roger W. Smith 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Barrie Hendry 3 A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Alan J. Frost Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 6
Roger W. Smith 2	David J. Marshall 7
Barry E. Saunders 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Graham C. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon 9
Patrick I. Chapman 5	Bryan Pattison Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Moor.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part.	Tenor 21½ cwt
William Hibbert Treble	John H. Napper 5
Frederick C. White 2	Brian R. White 6
John W. T. Hibbert 3	Francis A. White 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 4	Edwin W. Drewitt Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

*Victor Savage Treble	*David McKay 6
Eric Naylor 2	†Philip H. D. Jones 7
Ronald G. Beck 3	*John Brain 8
††Adrian P. Beck 4	Gwilym Salmon 9
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 5	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by J. Burford. Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 25th peal.
First on ten as conductor. Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt.	
*Michael Dobson Treble	††Walter S. Rice 5
††Roy W. Rice 2	†Sidney G. Smith 6
§Geoffrey Hebden 3	George Prescott 7
Marjorie Legg 4	†John Baker Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § First of Triples "inside."

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods, viz.: 17 extents Plain Bob and one 240 and 23 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.
Arthur H. Reed Treble Francis J. Morris 4
James E. Brewer 2 Keith E. Beale 5
*Rodney A. C. Cross 3 Albert W. Knight Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rodney A. C. Cross.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.	
*Barbara Carr Treble	*Paul Wareham 4
George Wareham 2	Ernest E. Bray 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 3	Percy Bray Tenor

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.

* First peal.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.
Joseph T. Barrett Treble Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Raymond P. Selway 2 Albert W. Dyer 5
Trevor E. Marks 3 William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDINGTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri. Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*E. Mary Farr Treble	Alan J. Frost 4
M. Ann Houghton 2	Edward W. Houghton .. 5
Henry B. Whitney 3	Kenneth E. Jackson Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal, first attempt. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all the band except the conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.	
Jeffrey Brannan Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan F. Scholfield 6
Michael J. Platt 3	Frank Osbaldiston 7
Basil Jones 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary Eccleston, late of the Poynton band, and Peter Weimer, of Zurich, married this day at Bramhall, Cheshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
David Allman Treble | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
A. Doreen Edwards .. 2 | *John R. Scott 5
*Leon A. Perry 3 | Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal together.

Believed to be the quickest peal of Minor on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 20 lb. in F.
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble | Paul S. Reading 5
Doris M. Randall 2 | John K. Foot 6
Robert W. Sherriff 3 | Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 7
John F. Thorne 4 | Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

ALLESLEY, Coventry, Works.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,312 London, 1,280 Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Clare F. Dolphin Treble | L. Michael Callow 5
Ian D. Thompson 2 | Ian C. Maycock 6
Peter C. Randall 3 | Ernest J. Gower 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4 | Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Peter Border.

SNITTERFIELD, Works.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.
Christopher J. Royal .. Treble | Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 | Alan H. Bridges 5
Anthony J. Cox 3 | Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Plain, Double and St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.
Shirley E. Jones Treble | Alan H. Bridges 4
Caroline Mackie 2 | Peter C. Randall 5
Peter H. Mackie 3 | Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall and Peter C. Randall.

(3½ extents each.)

WILLOUGHBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: Two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Robert W. Sherriff .. Treble | John F. Thorne 4
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 2 | Peter H. Mackie 5
Alan H. Bridges 3 | Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* 50th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F flat.
Gordon A. Halls Treble | Harold Taylor 6
Richard Wilcox 2 | Clive Thrower 7
Joseph C. Woolley .. 3 | George H. Roobottom .. 8
Malcolm P. Phipps .. 4 | John K. Smith 9
Edward Mould 5 | David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.

TIBSHELFE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Oxford T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.
Arthur S. Smithson .. Treble | Wilfred Riley 4
Thelma E. Staples 2 | Eric J. Sterland 5
*Barry Dye 3 | Brynley A. Richards .. Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Thomas H. Radford, who was captain at this tower for many years.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
Adrian G. Semkin Treble | Alan Andrews 5
Heather McCarthy 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 6
Jennifer Andrews 3 | Walter Arnold 7
Neil V. Avis 4 | *Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Composed by J. W. Barker.

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* First peal of Major as conductor.

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition Tenor 19½ cwt.
Sidney J. Penfold .. Treble | John W. Stephenson .. 5
J. Michael Lakin 2 | John McDonald 6
Frank V. Gant 3 | Colin E. Wright 7
Frederick G. Richardson 4 | Charles E. Brown .. Tenor

Conducted by Colin E. Wright.

Rung by the service band for the Festival of Christmas.

HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, viz.: One 120 each Stedman, Union Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Shipway's, Grandsire and April Day, six 120's each St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in G.

*Stephen D. Humphrey .. Treble | †Brian A. Lord 3
Neil V. Avis 2 | David E. Culham 4

Michael J. Warren Tenor

Conducted by Brian A. Lord.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Most Doubles methods to a peal by all and for the Essex Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alan D. Elsmore .. Treble | †Robert M. Ashman .. 6
Michael J. Uphill 2 | *Jeremy R. Pratt 7
Beryl R. Simpson 3 | *Michael J. Church 8
*Peter J. Munday 4 | Malcolm M. Powell 9
Stanley G. Ponting 5 | Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."

First of Surprise Royal as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.
Frederick W. Ellis .. Treble | Peter T. Dale 6
Donald G. Clift 2 | Harold V. Frost 7
Eric Edmondson 3 | John E. Ewer 8
Bertram C. Johnson .. 4 | Michael D. Frost 9
Anthony R. Carter 5 | Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by George W. Debenham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BROXBORNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.
A Trevor Hawkins .. Treble | George E. Bonham 5
Peter T. Dale 2 | Anthony R. Carter 6
Stephen P. Davill 3 | John E. Ewer 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4 | Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
*C. Valerie Mills 2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard .. 5
*George A. Reading 3	Francis M. Byrne Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of London. First peal on London on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. J. Motley, and Mrs. Motley, who are retiring to Suffolk.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Robert A. Swift Treble	*Colin J. E. Wyld 5
Frederick G. Huckstepp .. 2	Anthony H. Smith 6
Edward F. P. Bryant 3	Robert Swift 7
*Nicholas J. Davies 4	*John C. Clark Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the Old Year.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Joan Beresford Treble	John S. Barnes 5
*Jane M. Foster 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edward F. P. Bryant 3	Frank J. Matthews 7
*Peter M. Wilkinson 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Bolton Branch)

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Neil T. E. Burnett Treble	John Illingworth 5
James Cunliffe 2	R. Keith Lister 6
†James E. Andrews 3	Sydney G. Osborne 7
Roy Jolley 4	Geoffrey Fothergill Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal during 1967.

Rung for the first birthday of Martin Peter Fothergill, son of the conductor, and the sixth birthday of Christopher Cunliffe, son of the ringer of the second.

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

St. Mary Magdalene

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe Treble	†Alan Metters 5
†Nicholas M. Newby 2	Kevin Price 6
†John Bagnall 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe 7
†William Wall 4	*Robert Moore Tenor

Composed by W. Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in B.

*†W. Stephen Walker Treble	*David Bradshaw 4
James E. Burles 2	Kevin M. Price 5
Stanley Anderton 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe (3½ extents) and Kevin M. Price (3½ extents).

* First peal in two methods. † First of Minor. Rung on the front six

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh Treble	Raymond D. Helliwell .. 4
*Christine Broadley 2	Michael Bell 5
John P. Partington 3	Anthony J. Helliwell .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal attempt (aged 13).

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*Doreen Maclean Treble	G. Alan Metters 4
Nicholas M. Newby 2	Thomas F. Metcalfe 5
W. John Hughes 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Monica M. Jelley Treble	*Philip A. Mason 6
*Dorothy Mason 2	John M. Jelley 7
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Roland H. Cook 8
Martin Green 4	Martin C. Faulkes 9
R. Brian Mills 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal on ten bells.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Roland H. Cook Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Gillian M. Hunt 2	John M. Jelley 6
Martin Green 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
John Bramley 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of Leicester.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

John Walden Treble	Raymond F. Smith 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Michael W. Crowder 8
John Freeman 3	Richard A. G. Inglis 9
Harold F. Gibson 4	Peter A. Sharp 10
A. Robin Heppenstall 5	Geoffrey R. Parker 11
Walter Tomlinson 6	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

Trevor N. J. Bailey Treble	*Geoffrey Spencer 4
Frederick T. Carford 2	*Anthony D. Walker 5
Richard A. Hunt 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung in honour of the Nativity.

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

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Aidan C. A. Hopkins .. Treble	Walter S. Smith 4
Charles V. Cade 2	John M. Blaikie 5
*Kathleen Fox 3	G. Angus Dixon Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the Christmas Festival.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird Treble	*Christopher Ricketts .. 7
Ruth E. Havard 2	Roger G. Havard 8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	Alan Tubb 9
Jacqueline S. King 4	Edgar T. Skipsey 10
Charles P. Quartley 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Tudor P. Edwards 6	David J. King Tenor

Composed by C W Roberts.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung with best wishes to Dr. Edwin Morris, who retired as Archbishop of Wales the following day.

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

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Susan Harber Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
Ruth E. Havard 2	Gareth Jones 7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 3	David J. Llewellyn 8
David Bishop 4	Ellis N. Thomas 9
Tudor P. Edwards 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

First peal in the method in Wales (including Monmouthshire).

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

J. Arthur Hoare Treble	William H. Harford 6
Thomas Yeomans 2	M. Jack Pryor 7
*John Prytherch 3	Gwyn I. Lewis 8
*Paul A. Williams 4	Brian J. Woodruffe 9
David L. Phillips 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by William Willson

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Caters.

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Thomas Yeomans Treble	David L. Phillips 5
David J. Hughes 2	M. Jack Pryor 6
Reuben S. Clech 3	Brian J. Woodruffe 7
*Brian S. B. Kear 4	† Spencer G. A. Kear .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal. † First of Stedman.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 12 methods/variations, viz.: (1) April Day, (2) Clifford's Pleasure, (3-4) Stedman, (5-8) Rev. Canterbury, (9-12) Winchendon, (13-16) St. Nicholas, (17-18) St. Remigius, (19-26) Plain Bob, (27-31) St. Martin, (32-33) St. Osmund, (34-37) St. Simon, (38-42) Grandshire.

*E. John Evans Treble	Paul J. Bagshaw 4
D. Geoffrey Kerley 2	*James Clatworthy 5
Rhian N. Bagshaw 3	† Laurence C. Hanney .. Tenor

Conducted by Rhian N. Bagshaw.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal. Most methods to a peal for all.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie N. Melton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

S. Clarke Walters Treble	Richard H. Youdale .. 6
Richard J. Tibbetts 2	Kenneth J. Darvall 7
Stephen P. Darvall 3	Harold W. Rogers 8
R. Mark Damerell 4	*Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
Vivian Nutton 5	Douglas M. Boniface .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvall.

* 150th peal

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Patricia Rogers on the following day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

Peter N. Mackley Treble	Leslie F. Bailey 4
Henry Tooke 2	Richard A. J. Bower .. 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 3	Paul Cattermole Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All. Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Frank W. Phillippo .. Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders .. 4
Henry Tooke 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
H. William Barrett 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WEXHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

David C. Brown Treble	David E. Rothera 6
David P. Hilling 2	William Birmingham .. 7
Frederick R. Scott 3	Noel J. Diserens 8
Helen M. Diserens 4	John Hill 9
Alan R. Patterson 5	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal in the method.

WEXHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

—70—18—1250—36—14—50—16—70—18—90. 2nds 1.e.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Phillip R. Davis Treble	Hugh M. Johnson 5
Diana Reeves 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Robert A. Reeves 3	Paul R. Davis 7
Mark W. Sayers 4	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal in the method by all the band except for the ringer of the sixth.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*William Birmingham .. Treble	*Robert H. Newton 5
*David C. Brown 2	*Ronald K. Russ 6
*Alan R. Pink 3	† Anthony K. Fortin 7
*Sara K. D. Woolley 4	*Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Bernard Branston Treble	Len Brighton 5
Gilbert Cowlin 2	Alf Waller 6..
Tom Bush 3	Geoff Davis 7
*Frank Simesy 4	Roy W. Spencer Tenor

Composed by S. Howlett.

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Ridley and C. Parker.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

William A. Yates Treble	*Barry R. Care 5
Charles E. Truman 2	George W. Holland 6
James Linnell 3	*Barry R. Eglesfield 7
William J. Chester 4	George E. Green Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by George E. Green.

* First peal of spliced.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings).

Jacqueline A. Downing .. Treble	*David Fox 4
*Veronica Leleux 2	George F. Rouse 5
Anne Henman 3	Allan R. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

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

YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Comprising 200 Little Bob and 4,800 Plain.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony Ager Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
Rev. David Sansum 2	Richard J. W. Tibbets .. 6
David Main 3	Maurice F. Edwards 7
A Harold Fitter 4	James W. Belshaw Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

*Patricia A. Lattimer .. Treble	Timothy N. Kedge 4
†Simon S. Barratt 2	Geoffrey M. Cox 5
†Helen J. Lattimer 3	†Ian Sawden Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Cox.

* First peal. † First peal, first attempt. First peal as conductor.
First of Doubles by all the band and on the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents (four callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in A sharp.

*Timothy R. Jones (13) .. Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley 4
*Ann Toomer (13) 2	Colin D. Wilkins 5
†Heather L. Jones 3	Allan G. Keen Tenor

Conducted by Allan G. Keen.

* First peal at first attempt, † First of Minor. First as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(and the Society of Sherwood Youths)

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

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

George A. Dawson .. Treble	John R. Pratchett 5
Peter R. Humphrey 2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6
Peter J. Church 3	Richard A. G. Inglis 7
Michael Poppleston 4	Simon Humphrey Tenor

Arranged by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

The Wollaton Dinner Day peal.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Church and Carole Mason upon their engagement.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

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

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 46 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight, (2) Skipton, Knutsford, Chestow, Rotherme, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (3) Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland, Combermere, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight, (4) Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (5) Marple, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (6) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (7) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob.

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

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 46 Minor methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

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

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

DISEWORTH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
*David J. G. Fryer .. Treble	†W. Arthur Fletcher 4
*Anthony C. Saffell 2	†Peter J. Staniforth 5
*Robert Corah 3	*Peter E. Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles.
The conductor has now rung in peals from Grandsire Doubles to Cinques.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Angela C. Hughes .. Treble	Christopher W. Daws .. 5
†Felicia Hamilton 2	Terence T. Jones 6
Adrienne Gibson 3	†Peter J. Munday 7
Geoffrey W. Stevens .. 4	Roy D. Mills Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Cambridge.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	*Rev. Michael Hart 5
Michael J. Bangham 2	*Brian J. Bull 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Stephen P. Darvill 7
*Julie S. Armstrong 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Rung as compliments to Christine Cobb and Barry Mann prior to their 21st birthdays on January 1st and 4th respectively.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAILSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek Slater Treble	Malcolm Barden 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
John A. Howard 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Simon A. B. Wigg 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

SLAUGHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	George Francis 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David D. Smith 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	†Ernest E. Matthews .. 5
Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	Tom Page 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David D. Smith 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BECKLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Wendy B. Everest .. Treble	*John R. Norris 4
Angela M. Wright 2	Roger E. Peckham 5
Robert J. Fuller 3	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* 25th peal for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's 12-part.	
*Alan E. Kersey Treble	Keith Sansom 5
*Julia M. Piggott 2	Roy Collins 6
Lesley J. Read 3	Rex J. Corke 7
Kenneth A. Tipper 4	Clive Chennell-White .. Tenor

* First peal Conducted by Rex J. Corke.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Peter J. Brown .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 6
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore 7
†Arthur C. Berry 3	*Robert Edwards 8
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming 9
James Attwood, jun. .. 5	†Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 50th peal together.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Morley P. Tobin .. Treble	Martin Powell 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Robert Edwards 6
Joseph Warr 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb in F sharp
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Netherton, the Rev. R. C. Stevens, A.K.C., upon his appointment as an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*John Durham Treble	Roderick J. Lees 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Yvonne Edwards 3	A. Bryan Ellsmore 7
Robert Edwards 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Stephanie Buckley and Michael J. Fellows.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Bernard Everard Treble	Clifford Skidmore 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	Roderick J. Lees 6
Martin D. Fellows 3	A. Bryan Ellsmore 7
†John Durham 4	Robert Edwards Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

W. Eric Critchley Treble	*David Nicholls 7
*Anne P. Leigh 2	John Weaver 8
Neil Donovan 3	C. Barrie Dove 9
*Ronald Ducker 4	Alan E. Hartley 10
Dennis A. Chapman 5	Stuart Armeson 11
Ian G. Campbell 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by James Motts.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal on 12 bells.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Fred Bennett Treble	Michael Johnson 6
Patricia Lockwood 2	Irvin Slack 7
Margaret White 3	Eric Robinson 8
Alan Clifton 4	Ian North 9
David S. Lockwood 5	Rodney Stephenson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.

Rung half-muffled in memory of C. Michael Stephenson, former ringer at the above church.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C.

Richard E. Price Treble	Malcolm P. Phipps 6
*Roger A. Smith 2	George S. Lee 7
Frederick J. Jackson 3	Ian G. Campbell 8
*Roger Harper 4	†Neil Donovan 9
Clive Longdon 5	David Nichols Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson. Conducted by David Nichols.

* First peal on 10 bells. † 175th peal.

RIPON, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Wilfrid.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Anne P. Leigh Treble	W. Eric Critchley 6
Stephen R. Munday 2	C. Barrie Dove 7
Patricia Lockwood 3	Vernon Bottomley 8
Jeanne E. Bottomley 4	Frederick A. Munday 9
Ian North 5	Alan E. Hartley Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Donald M. M. Bartlett, M.A., Canon Emeritus of Ripon Cathedral, formerly Archdeacon of Leeds; Archdeacon of Richmond and Canon Residentiary of Ripon; ordained priest on December 21st, 1897.

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

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
Alan Newbould 2	John Potts 6
H. David Holland 3	Alan E. Hartley 7
*John Weaver 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by W. Barton

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BURSTWITH, Yorks.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Alan Newbould Treble	*†H. David Holland 5
*Pauline Holland 2	John Potts 6
*Christopher M. Tuckett 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
*John Weaver 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, parents-in-law of the ringer of the 7th.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham and Windermere, (2) Cambridge S., (3) Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Hereward, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Primrose S., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A

Trevor Tarbatt Treble	*David S. Johnson 4
*Ronald Ducker 2	*Ian G. Campbell 5
Harold Chant 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in 27 methods.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Neil Donovan Treble	*David Nichols 5
Cyril Rusby 2	Stuart Armeson 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	Frederick J. Jackson 7
Stephen W. Banton 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of Rutland.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Australia.—In the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise, (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Lamas and Steventon Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court, (4) London Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob and Double Court, (5) College, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court, (6) Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Anne Doggett 1-2	Robin G. Turner (cond.) 3-4
Helen Henderson 5-6	

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 11, Sanderson Road.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Colin Monson 1-2	Andrew G. Craddock 5-6
Malcolm E. Johnson 3-4	Stephen C. Wells 7-8

Composed by G. Dodds (12-part). Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Sun., Dec. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Christopher Ottaway 1-2	Rodney A. Yeates 3-4
	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5-6

* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents of Single Oxford Bob, Single Court Bob and Windsor Single Bob (II), with 210 changes of method.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

First peal of three-spliced by all.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Mary E. Flecknoe and Melvyn J. Price.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor in the method by all.

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STEVENS—TIMMINS. — The engagement is announced between Richard Colin, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. F. Stevens, of Croydon, Surrey, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Timmins, of Compton, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 3133

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Sidney Walter will take place at Wickham-breaux, near Canterbury, on Saturday, January 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Opportunity to ring after service. 3150

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

POWELL.—The address of Roger W. Powell is now: 236B, Finchley Road, Hampstead, London N.W.3. Telephone: 01-435 8899.

STILWELL.—As from January 25th the address of Len Stilwell will be: 13, Green Lane, Windsor. Phone 62963. 3149

WISHART.—The address of Peter Wishart is now: 2, Eridge Road, Hunters Hill, Guisborough, Yorkshire. Sorry, no phone as yet. 3146

ZOBEL. — The Bristol address of Mike Zobel is now: 5, Imperial Road, Cotham, Bristol 6. 3147

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual Dinner will be held on January 27th, 1968. Tickets (price 25s.) available from P. J. Bird, 17, Counterpool Road, Kingswood, Bristol. Please send names and s.a.e. 3116

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire. — Correction. — St. John the Baptist's practice night has been changed from Wednesday to Friday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors most welcome. 3033

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Wirral Branch

20th ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton.
February 10th, 1968, 5.30 till midnight.
Tickets (27/6 each) now available. 3122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance
Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford
Friday, February 9th, 7 for 7.30.
Tickets at 32s. 6d. from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, S.A.E., please. 2903

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 20th

Aldgate (time next week).
Clerkenwell (8) 3.45-4.45
Tea at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 5.15,
followed by meeting.
Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 3109

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD Annual Dinner

at the Roslyn Court Hotel on Feb. 10th.
Towers include: Killamarsh (6), Eckington (8), Dore (8), Walkley (6), Ranmoor (10) St. Marie's (8). Peals by arrangement. Details and tickets (22s.) from C. Patey, 6, Woodfindin Avenue, Sheffield 11, by February 2nd, please. 3112

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, Cranford, Friday, Jan. 19th, 7.45-9.15 p.m. District committee meeting will follow in vestry, to which each tower in the District is required to send one representative.—C. H. Rogers. 3076

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Eastham, January 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 28. Please notify Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 3123

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Committee meeting at 5. The Burges, Coventry, at 7.45 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — Annual meeting, Fairfield, January 20th, 3 p.m. For teas, please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3120

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30-3.45. All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45-4.15. Service. All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3093

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (6) 3-4.15. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5., following by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after meeting.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3102

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Shrub End bells also available 3.15-4.15 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to F. H. Erith, Hon. Sec., Vinces Farm, Ardleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 20th. Cathedral bells 3-4.30 p.m. and evening. Tea in Refectory, Stag Hill, 4.30. Service 5.45. Meeting (Refectory) 6.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (Tel. 60809), please. 3004

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on January 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 3088

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3001

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishop's Stortford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Brent Pelham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. at Anstey. Service 4.30 at Brent Pelham, followed by tea and business meeting. N.B.—The District secretary will not be seeking re-election. Ringing in the evening at Great Horstead. Names for tea to D. H. Kingston, Dis. Sec., 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 3101

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Osenton, 12, Formby Terrace, Halling, Rochester, please.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting at Kibworth, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Mr. Guy Slater's.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3118

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District.—You are cordially invited to a meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the New Hall. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3090

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. D. Deighton, 64, Northampton Road, Higham Ferrers, Northampton. 3119

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Chilton Foliat on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3117

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 3070

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 3075

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stour. 4747. 3054

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting at Marshfield on January 23rd. Bells (8) available 7 till 9 p.m. 3143

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Winchcombe (6) on Wednesday, January 24th, from 7.30 until 9. Bells have just been rehung clockwise. 3157

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Clement's (6), Ipswich, Friday, January 26th, 7 p.m.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 3154

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Canton Horethorne, Dorset. 3121

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Kewstoke, January 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who send their names to W. Hart, Rock House, Kewstoke Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare.—M. Legg. 3153

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Stockton, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton. 3152

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting to be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 3142

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall (off The Hart), followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead Cottages, West Street, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3092

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 27th. Cathedral bells (10) 3 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All Saints' bells after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Mere-stone Road, Redhill, Hereford, by Wednesday, 24th. 3141

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, on January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th. 3095

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, January 27th, at St. Mary's, Brecon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Bells during evening; gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Michael Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon. (Tea 2s. 6d each.) 3085

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. David North, 269, Healey Lane, Batley, by previous Thursday. 3156

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, January 27th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 3084

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—A.G.M. at Melton (10), Saturday, January 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by previous Wednesday. 3136

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, before Jan. 25th, please.—C. A. H. 3134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnus Street, Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, January 22nd.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3134

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells: Hounslow (8), 3–4 p.m.; Heston (8), 3.15–4.45 and after meeting. Tea and business in Heston Church Hall (next to church) 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (12) from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—N. C. 3125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, January 27th. Branch Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 3137

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Burton Latimer, January 27th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss S. Staley, 14, West Avenue, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 3148

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Giles', Northampton, Saturday, January 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Holy Sepulchre 2–3 p.m., St. Giles' 3–4.15 p.m., All Saints' after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. A. Eldridge, 242, Towcester Road, Northampton, by previous Wednesday, please. 3148

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Nassington, 27th instant. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Hinton, Police Station, Warrington, Peterborough, by 23rd instant. 3148

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas' 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 3138

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. at Rayleigh, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. 3151

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual general meeting, January 27th. Bells: Babworth, West Retford, in afternoon; Ordsall and Babworth in evening. Service at East Retford 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall, 5 p.m.), to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Wednesday, 24th. 3020

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk, by Wednesday previous. 3151

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, South Croydon, Jan. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. John's bells in evening. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by Monday, Jan. 22nd. 3081

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Crawley (8) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, as early as possible, please, to me.—Mrs. Jean Osborn, Hon. Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel. E. G. 23815. 3132

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice at Lelant on Saturday, January 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 3124

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea, Church Cottage, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 23rd, please. 3098

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Evening practice meeting, Gargrave (8), 6–8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27th. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call-changes.—Maurice Thurmott. 3082

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner and dance at the Albion Restaurant, Derby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at the Cathedral 5.45–6.45 p.m. Tickets (price 22s.) available from C. A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 3073

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Plympton, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Plympton St. Maurice (8) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone: Plymouth 36891) by Monday, January 29th. 3073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Freiston (6) on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, by January 29th. 3140

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich, NOR 04X, by Wednesday, January 31st.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 3144

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15. It is hoped that Sopley bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—L. F. Cobb. 3139

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Howden, Saturday, February 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3130

QUARTER PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Aslett (first quarter) 1, H. Rossell 2, Mary Cowling 3, R. Turner 4, M. Scowen 5, R. Bampton 6, Helen Henderson (cond.) 7, G. Steward 8.

On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bolton 1, Mary Cowling 2, R. Turner 3, A. Fisher 4, M. Scowen 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, D. Heyes 8.

On Nov. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Heyes (first Surprise) 1, Mary Cowling 2, M. Scowen (first Surprise) 3, Helen Henderson 4, R. Turner 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 6.

On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Heyes 1, R. Turner 2, Barbara Beeson 3, M. Scowen 4, B. Potts (first Major on tower bells) 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, H. Rossell 8.

DATE TOUCHES

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Dec. 31st, 1967 Stedman Triples, by J. Topp: M. Legg 1, R. Rice 2, W. Rice 3, P. England 4, D. Gay 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, P. Gardner 8.

YARLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1968 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 1, Susan E. Smith 2, A. Ager 3, A. H. Fitter 4, D. Main 5, Rev. D. Sansum 6, M. F. Edwards 7, J. R. Insley 8. First date touch by all, and on the bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bourne and Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Penny Cocks (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong. 50th quarter on the bells in 1967, entirely by the Sunday service band.

The following quarters were also rung: Westminster S. Minor and Ipswich and Cambridge S. Minor (Dec. 24th); Primrose S. Minor (Christmas Day), and Kent and St. Clement's B. Minor (Dec. 27th).

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Spencer 1, G. Davis 2, W. Smith 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Patricia Stocken 1, G. Young (first quarter) 2, J. Hill 3, L. Smith 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. To celebrate the 24th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Young, of Redmarley.

AUSTREY, WARWS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary E. White 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Devrell 1, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, A. Adams 5, A. Swatton 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Steele 1, M. A. Jones 2, I. Morgan 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Robinson 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Jones 1, P. Jones 2, Mrs. R. Henman 3, D. Morgan 4, I. Morgan 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. For Christmastide.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOM.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, R. Colman 2, R. Cross 3, F. Pike 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Pearce 1, M. Daniels 2, P. D. Thomas 3, J. Winram 4, C. W. Pipe 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6. For carol service.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, L. D. Smith 2, R. Roberts 3, E. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, J. Hartless (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Driver (first quarter) 1, S. R. Munday 2, Mrs. J. M. Dawson 3, R. A. Appleby 4, D. Thorp 5, R. Waddington 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, F. A. Munday 8. Rung on the golden wedding day of Mr and Mrs. Wilfred Lee.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Hannah Penfold 2, R. G. Tullett 3, I. Skilton (cond.) 4, J. V. A. Stedman (first Minor "inside") 5, J. L. Hayns 6. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was rung at this tower, conducted by the father of the ringer of the third.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Homans 1, Julia M. Reardon 2, Jane E. Parker (first quarter) 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whitall (cond.) 5, R. Woodyatt 6.

QUARTER PEALS

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hague 1, A. C. Banton (cond.) 2, Lynne I. Clowe 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, S. P. D. Burnett 5, B. J. Seymour (first attempt) 6. Rung, after meeting short for a peal attempt, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thiorley on the birth of a daughter.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): C. Holmes 1, Gail Cater 2, Charlotte Bennett 3, R. Cater 4, C. S. Naylor 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

ENFORD, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dark (first quarter) 1, B. Young 2, I. Behan 3, R. Wilson 4, P. Bushell (cond.) 5, G. Dark 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Harry Bengier, Enford's oldest inhabitant, for many years captain of the local band and a regular ringer until well over 80.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Skilton 1, G. W. Stevens (first of Royal) 2, W. Parrott 3, J. C. Davidge 4, J. F. Oakshott (first "inside" and of Royal) 5, D. Oakshott 6, Jill P. Oakshott 7, K. Burgess (first of Royal) 8, W. F. Oatway 9, P. J. Munday (cond., 50th quarter) 10. For Epsom Choral Society's carol service.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, J. Kingnorth (first of Minor) 3, B. R. Palmer 4, L. A. England 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A compliment to Monica Hancock and Michael Rose on the occasion of their marriage at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, this day.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia A. Bedford 1, E. A. Potter 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, Jacqueline M. Cullwick 4, D. A. Bedford 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Olive M. Robertson, many years chorister and devoted servant of the Church; died Christmas Day, 1967.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Stone (first quarter) 1, G. Harniss 2, C. Robinson 3, Wendy B. Everest 4, R. E. Peckham (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. For carol service.

KING'S LANGLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob: Gillian Barker (first quarter, age 12) 1, P. Brentnall 2, B. M. Barker 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire: T. Wright 1, S. J. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, W. Avery 6. Rung half-muffled for Ken Seymour, interred this day.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Susan V. Banks (first of Triples) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts (first of Triples) 4, L. D. Smith 5, T. Matcham (first of method "inside") 6, R. Allinson (first as cond. in method) 7, L. V. Smith (first of Triples) 8.

OXFORD.—On Christmas Eve, at the Cathedral, 1,475 Spliced Cinques (133 Erin, 550 Grandsire, 792 Stedman): W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, E. R. Venn 2, P. T. Heritage 3, G. Mellone 4, W. C. Porter 5, P. Walker 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, B. R. White 8, E. J. Smith 9, N. I. Allnatt 10, F. A. White 11, P. H. Tock 12.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Wells 1, C. M. Sturges (first as cond.) 2, J. W. Lawrence 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver 5, B. Arnold (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Cowlin 1, W. Smith 2, Ann Smith 3, B. Branstam 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also at the Church of St. John, on Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Blackith 1, J. E. David 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, J. C. Meads 4, F. T. Boyall 5, W. R. Barker 6, G. S. Bush 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For evening service.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. G. Game (cond.) 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Angela Hughes (first in method) 3, Carol Martin (first in method) 4, A. Streeter 5, A. T. Shelton 6, T. T. Jones 7, C. W. Daws 8, Joan Hanning (cover) 10. For carol service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Knipe 1, Angela Hughes 2, Joan Hanning 3, Carol Martin 4, A. Streeter 5, T. T. Jones 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8. Rung for the 18th birthday of Carol Martin.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. Matcham 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, W. R. Gilks (first in method) 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Allinson (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Bee 1, A. C. A. Hopkins 2, W. S. Smith 3, H. J. Radley 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, R. W. Herring 6. Half-muffled in memory of Annie Cupit, aged 94 (oldest inhabitant), who died December 29th.

SHEFFIELD.—On Christmas Day, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Lilleker 1, J. Guest 2, L. E. Boam 3, W. Holland 4, B. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

SPETISBURY, DORSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Longridge 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, Rev. R. N. Longridge (first quarter "in hand") 5-6. First all-family quarter.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Harrison 1, Mrs. M. Lodge 2, Patricia Sankey 3, D. Debenham (cond.) 4, W. Savill 5, J. Stacey 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Bowden 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, H. Trewin 7, F. Pearce 8. For the 80th birthday of the father of second and tenor ringers. He was a one-time ringer at this church.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, Heather Travers (first "inside" Minor) 3, F. Bird 4, D. Kingston 5, T. Camp 6. For morning service.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Pickering 1, J. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, M. Millard 5, L. Pickering 6. By Sunday service band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. V. Collison 1, Lynn Warner 2, Margaret A. Large 3, C. Bassett (first quarter) 4, R. D. Dival 5, R. A. Large 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. E. Warner 8. For Evensong.

UPTON, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wendy Jones (first quarter) 1, D. Peers 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, A. Wilkinson 4, T. E. Howarth (first as cond.) 5. First single quarter on the bells. Rung to herald 1968, the centenary year of the church and bells.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cook 1, G. Heath 2, Jennifer Alexander 3, G. Eves 4, W. Alexander 5, J. Burry 6, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. First of Triples for all except the conductor.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Court Triples: Frances Brown 1, Judith Robertson 2, Mary Elmes 3, P. R. Keough 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. First in method by all.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Francis 1, E. R. Rapley 2, D. Slater 3, R. Smith 4, N. Carter 5, J. Smith 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Evensong. First of Stedman for 4 and 5.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Wright (first quarter) 1, D. Waldrum 2, F. Chambers 3, J. A. Lord 4, C. Lord 5, J. W. Rawson 6, R. D. Hughes (first as cond.) 7, R. Beniston 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, T. E. Roberts 3, A. Hazeldine 4, R. Hazeldine 5, D. Burbidge 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Major 4. 5. For Evensong.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Daniels 1, M. Vantom 2, S. Smith 3, P. Richardson 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, P. Staples 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Hillis 1, P. Staples 2, R. J. Carlton 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss E. M. Garner.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, I. Charlton 2, F. Gibbard 3, H. France 4, M. Jamieson 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, G. Edmans 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Mitchelmore 1, J. Longridge 2, J. H. Glanville 3, G. E. Mudge 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. Daniel 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, G. T. West 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 4. For Patronal Festival Mass, celebrated by the Bishop of Crediton.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. D. Mack 5, G. T. West 6, J. H. Glanville (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For Evensong.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. P. Murdoch 1, D. Cane 2, D. Murdoch 3, P. D. Cane (first "inside") 4, P. Murdoch (cond.) 5, W. Verney (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper.

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