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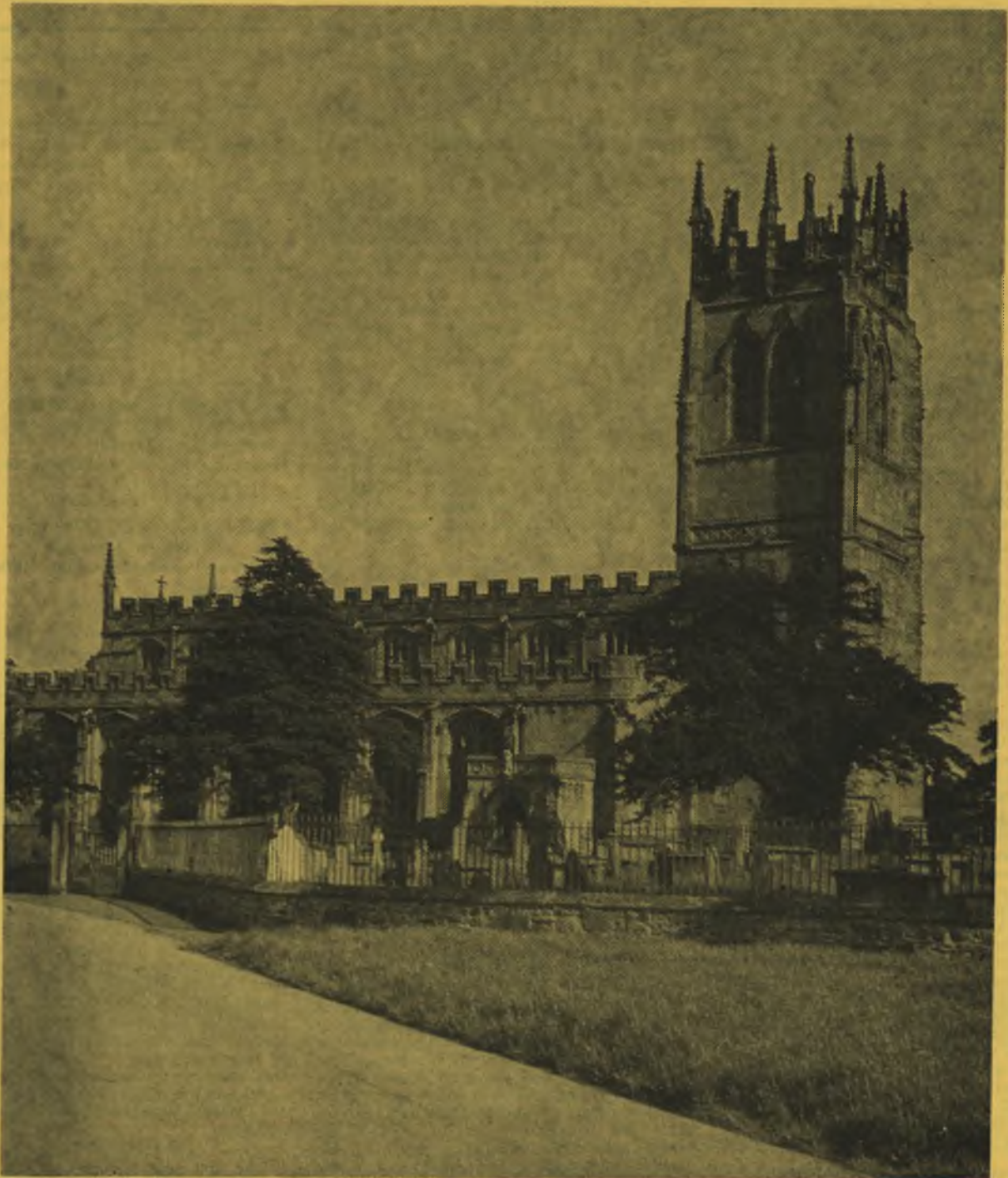
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**The Church of All Saints, Gresford, Denbighs**



## OUR COVER PICTURE

## All Saints' Church, Gresford, Denbighs

By G. H. Randles

**G**RESFORD CHURCH has always been a place of great interest for visitors who find in it many unusual and striking features which give to it a dignity and splendour seldom found in a village church. The living is a vicarage, the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph. It formerly belonged to St. Stephen's College, Westminster, who granted the "Rectory in Gresford in Denbighshire" to Queen Elizabeth, February 1st, 1581.

The six sons of Ithel ap Eunedd, Lord of Gresford, jointly gave the land on which to build a church. Eunedd is supposed to have lived about 1050 and the wooden church built would be the one mentioned in Doomsday Book—"A Church and a Priest are there." Gresford was then in the County of Chester, and when William the Conqueror obtained possession of Chester in 1070 the Normans—Hugo, Rainaldus and Osbernus—came to settle in Gresford.

## PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE

At the beginning of the 13th century the wooden church gave place to one of stone. On the west wall there is still an outline of the Early English roof and buttress. During the 14th century extensive additions were made, including a tower. This was at the time when the church was a popular place of pilgrimage to which people resorted "from Dyvers parts of the Realme," and that by means of the wealth thus accruing the present church was "Strongely and beautifullly made erect and builded." In a letter to Thomas Cromwell, dated 1535, we read that "at a sermon last Sunday near a thousand people were present."

The church is a spacious and elegant structure, consisting of a nave, north and south aisles, while the roofs are of oak, panelled and profusely decorated with fruit and flowers exquisitely carved. With the exception of the pillars of the nave, the arcading of the lower portion and the decorated window of the south aisle, the general character of the architecture is late Perpendicular. The glass in several windows, images and frescoes were taken down about 1547 during the reign of Edward VI, and the church was probably whitewashed at this time. Some remnants of colour are still to be found.

Towards the end of the 15th century the rood loft and screen were erected, the windows filled with rich stained glass and the tower completed to its present height. It is of fine proportion, richly ornamented on the summit with figures of the twelve apostles, alternated with crocketed pinnacles. The tower is also decorated with traceried bands, quaint gargoyles and cornices continued round the church representing cats, mice, dogs and other grotesque creatures. The stained glass window in the Chapel representing the Virgin Mary's birth is dated 1498 and was restored in 1872. The beautiful east window was given by Lord Derby in the year 1500. It is of seven lights with a tree of Jesse filling the tracery. It was restored in 1867. The earliest registers commence in 1660 and are written in Latin.

## ONE OF SEVEN WONDERS

Gresford bells are numbered among the "Seven wonders of Wales." These are as follows:

St. Winifred's Well, Wrexham Steeple.  
Overton Churchyard, Gresford Bells,  
Llangollen Bridge, Pistyll Rhaiadr, and  
Snowdon.

Tenor—1623. Recast by Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Seventh—Thomas Mears of London, 1836.  
Sixth—1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Fifth—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1775.

Fourth—1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Third—Peace and good Neighbourhood. T.R. 1775.

Second—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Treble—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Prayer Bell—God Save this Church.

As the first part of the tower was built in the 14th century and completed towards the end of the 15th century, it seems likely that there were bells here before these dated 1623. It has been suggested that the minute bell was one of them.

In 1875 Messrs. Warner recast the 2nd, 4th and Tenor of the six bells and added two smaller ones to complete the octave. At the same time they rehung the bells completely with new fittings and an oak frame.

## MAGAZINE EXTRACTS

Extracts from the Parish Magazines of 1875 and 1876 show that "the cost of recasting the bells was quickly subscribed for by local residents and sufficient left over for the repair of clock, repair and glaze the belfry windows, pay for an instructor to give three weeks' tuition (£7 16s. 0d.) and supper to the ringers (£2 3s. 6d.), the total cost being £371 4s. 0d."

The Magazine notes continue, "On Saturday, Feb. 5th, a company of Ringers from Manchester came over to inaugurate the new peal of bells by some beautiful change-ringing. This was a great pleasure to all within hearing."

From the Parish Magazine, Sept., 1911: "The rehanging of our beautiful bells, which is urgently needed, is to be taken in hand at once by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, and the well-known bell-founders. The cost will be £40. Our church bells are the pride of the Parish, and indeed of North Wales, and we feel sure that they are to be put in thorough working order."

In 1937 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank replaced the frictional parts and rerimmed the wheels.

From the churchwardens' book, December, 1954: "On the advice of the bellringers we decided to get in touch with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who, as far back as 1937, had advised rehanging. They examined the bells and reported. The bells were not rung during 1954 until Christmas Day, when the firm had completed the work of rehanging. In 1960 the same firm put in cast iron headstocks, using the ball bearings they had provided in 1937. In 1960 the bells were again silent, as many of the figures on the tower were found to be loose on their pedestals. The cost of restoration of the tower was £3,000." Unfortunately, three pinnacles have been blown off during the recent gales.

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## 60 YEARS A RINGER

The present head ringer is Mr. Arthur Tilston, who has been a ringer at Gresford for over sixty years.

David Williams, the 14 year old son of Mr. E. M. Ray Williams, rang his first quarter peal this year. He is the seventh generation of his family to be a ringer and chorister at Gresford Church.

The generations of the Williams family are as follows: Edward Roberts; John Roberts, Matthew Roberts, Mary Roberts, daughter of John Roberts, married Robert Williams and their son was George Williams sen.; George Williams, jun.; E. M. Ray Williams; David R. Williams.

All this family have lived at the "Sextons," which was a thatched cottage situated at the church gate. The present "Sextons" was built on the same site by George Williams, sen., in 1886. From Edward Roberts to George Williams they were all shoemakers.

## FIRST PEAL

The first peal recorded on the bells was rung by the Wrexham Society of Ringers on 27.10.1883. A total of 60 peals has now been rung.

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## THE ABBEY

## HAROLD PITSTOW ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—The letter which you published under the caption "Westminster Abbey Bells—a Closed Shop" in your issue of January 5th asks some questions which I know exist in the minds of many ringers, and therefore I will endeavour to answer them. I am not qualified to deal with the first regarding the ringing procedure in London and why it differs from other parts of the country as I am not sufficiently acquainted with the many ringing towers in the Metropolis. However, it is the procedure at Westminster Abbey which is the target of the letter.

In the first place it must be understood that the Abbey is not a cathedral or a parish church, but a "Royal Peculiar." At its head is the Dean, who is answerable only to the Sovereign—known as "The Visitor." As it is different from other places of worship in this fundamental respect it is not surprising that it should differ in others.

To the question "Why should not the bells be rung on Sundays to call the faithful to worship?" the answer is that not only on Sundays but on every weekday the bells perform this service. True they are not rung, but are clocked by the vergers in the manner or custom which has come down through the ages from a period unknown. This custom, called by some the "ting-tang," has a set pattern, which I could give in detail, and has definite meaning for the Abbey worshippers. It may sound odd, or even absurd to some ringers, as it did apparently to the ringers of the neighbouring Church of St. Stephen, Rochester Row, very soon after the present ring of eight bells was opened. They decided, with permission, to go to the Abbey to ring for Evensong on Sundays. This, however, was very short-lived, Dean Ryle saying that he did not approve and would not have the "ting-tang" set aside.

It was after this that the Dean and Chapter decided to form the Abbey band of ringers, to be drawn from the Ancient Society of Col-

lege Youths, and named the special occasions throughout the year on which the bells should be rung. It includes the festivals of the Church, some Royal anniversaries and dates historically important to the Abbey. This, too, is traditional, for there exists a document giving the ringing dates of the 17th century.

In addition to these regular occasions the bells are requested for special services and memorial services which are held in the Abbey. Always the ringing follows the service unless it is being attended by the Visitor, who He (or She) is rung in.

Reference was made in the letter to the celebrations during the 900th year, when bands from three London Societies were invited to attempt a quarter peal on dates of particular interest in the history of the Abbey. This accorded with invitations to choirs to sing in the Abbey (Washington Cathedral was one). I would have thought that it was within the prerogative of the Dean and Chapter to decide how many such invitations should be issued and to whom.

The writer evidently is disgruntled because his request to take a band to ring on a Saturday afternoon was not granted. The Abbey bells are not rung at any time except for one of the occasions approved by the Dean and Chapter, and perhaps here it might be pointed out that the Abbey ringers do not practise there. The ringers have never had the use of the bells for a purpose of their own choosing, and I doubt whether it has ever occurred to any of them to suggest it.

Finally, the ringers have not a code of their own "backed by the Dean," but they accept and respect a procedure which they found was in operation when they joined the band. Tradition lives on at the Abbey, and one is not within the life of the Abbey long before becoming well aware of it.—Yours faithfully,

H. N. PITSTOW,  
Secretary,  
Westminster Abbey Band of Ringers.

## A PIONEER LADY REMEMBERS

WHILE enduring a few weeks of "C.B." I fell to musing—no energy required—on my early days of ringing and the many notable personalities I had the pleasure of ringing with.

Way back in 1909 my brother invited three of us to "come and see what takes place in the belfry." After watching, I thought, and said, "I'd like to have a try," which I did—not quite so easy as it looked—but I progressed and started going to the practices.

The captain, Mr. Osborne, suggested I go with him at 7 o'clock on Sunday mornings and ring a bell for extra practice, so I not only rang for 7 o'clock but 8 o'clock as well, thereby getting in an extra half-hour each week. It was not long before I was "hunting" on the treble; then he handed me a paper with Stedman "slow work," and after explaining he said "Learn that and we'll soon have you ringing a course." Touches followed quickly. I was taken round to the three other towers in the area; they each had their practice on different evenings, so making for happy relations and good practices. At times a few of us went on our bicycles to the outlying country districts for a practice.

It was at these various and many practices that I rang with the Revs. Mr. Hart, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jenkyns and Canon Coleridge and Miss V. Robinson, also Messrs. Hibbert, Pole-Routh, Newell, Hoppood, Cullum, Fussell, Mayne, Reeves, Freeborn, Parker the Whites, Holifields and Locks and many others too numerous to name. There was only one reverend gentleman who had a grudge, not

because a lady was ringing, but because she did not wear a hat. I wonder what he would think today! However, he did have a ring with her.

I have since related the story of a very grudging consent to get into one tower, and am pleased to say I had a very happy reception at the same tower on this occasion.

How we used to enjoy our "outings," nearly always on Bank Holidays, as most ringers had to work Saturdays. These were by "horse-drawn" brake through country lanes, ringing at pre-arranged churches and enjoying the very generous hospitality of the incumbents and ringers. The climax of these early years was the scoring of the writer's first peal—Stedman. As she was the first lady to ring a peal in Reading, as well, the pride and pleasure of the other ringers is something to be remembered. Later, war service took me to Kent, where I met many more stalwarts of the Exercise, among them Mr. Barnett (Teddy's grandfather) and while on leave in Dublin, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.

By this time, of course, ladies had well and truly made their presence felt in many belfries, so helping to keep the bells ringing. ANON.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 14th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kate Branson 1, Jean Smith (first "inside") 2, M. Peterson (cond.) 3, P. Jenkinson 4, E. Halton 5, I. Laing 6. Rung before the installation of the Rev. G. P. C. Crossfield as Canon and Vice-Provost of the Cathedral. Also a welcome to Angela, daughter of the conductor and June Peterson, born January 7th.

## A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—I can give an experience of courtesy and kindness at Westminster Abbey. About 16 years ago or so I happened to be in London for an afternoon meeting and wandered into the Abbey at about noon. It was the Feast of the Purification. Finding a Consecration of Bishops in progress I stayed until the end of the service, when the bells began to ring. I asked a verger if I might go to the ringing chamber and he at once assented and took me to the staircase entrance. I assured him I could find my way there. A touch of Stedman Triples was in progress when I entered. I saw surprise on the faces of some of the band, and when the touch had ended I was informed of the rules, with the addition that visitors could not ring. However, after a little consultation, I was invited to take part in the next touch of Stedman Triples. Naturally I graciously accepted and was very grateful for this opportunity to ring at the Abbey.

Having rung at the Abbey, I would like many more to be able to do so also. There is no doubt that with ringing as it is today ringers can prevail upon deans and incumbents to relax long standing rules and regulations. There must be occasions when the Abbey bells could be available for meetings, and one would add to this St. Paul's Cathedral also. As the great Cathedral of the Diocese of London and with so many good ringers in the Diocese I am sure full justice would be done to the bells, which are no more difficult to ring than others. With a little thought of how the bells in the provinces are made available for the asking, surely London's bells should be available also. It is from London that we welcome so many of our visitors.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS (Rev.),  
Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

## PRIVILEGE ABUSED

Dear Sir.—Concerning recent correspondence about Westminster Abbey bells and the attitude of the authorities towards visitors, my recollections are there were no restrictions until after Whit Monday, 1936, when visitors, with no respect for other people's property, abused the privilege and broke a stay, after which (not surprisingly) the privilege was withdrawn.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.  
Crayford

## GRESFORD CHURCH

(Continued from page 78)

A peal board in the belfry records a muffled peal rung in October, 1934, in memory of the 262 men who lost their lives in the Gresford Colliery disaster, on Oct. 4th, 1934.

The present Vicar is Canon W. V. Lort, who became interested in ringing when, as a boy, he attended St. David's Church, Bangor, where the Vicar was the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the first President of the North Wales Association.

Gresford Churchyard has many beautiful old yew trees, one of which is known to be more than 800 years old (and some have calculated it to be 1,400 years old) with a circumference of 30ft. 5ins.

We are fortunate to have a copy of "All Saints' Church," written by the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne, M.A., and Vicar of Gresford from 1897 to 1916, which contains greater detail of its history and architecture than we have space for.

ford, for our beautiful cover picture.

We are indebted to Mr. Holmes, of Gres-



## A Challenge to the Ladies' Guild

Dear Sir,—I recently attended the annual meeting of the Sussex District of the Ladies' Guild, which was attended by only five members. Surely this shows a marked decline in support for the Guild. Only a few years ago this meeting always resulted in a tower packed with ringers, mainly ladies.

Without meaning any disrespect to the ladies, any practising ringer will see that the Ladies' Guild has outlived its purpose. Fifty years ago the Guild was obviously worthwhile as, at that time, ladies were only occasionally and very reluctantly allowed on to the end of a rope, and in the majority of cases were barred from the belfry completely. Had it not been for the Ladies' Guild the Exercise would certainly have been deprived of some very fine talent. However, as the result of two wars, ladies became generally accepted in the belfry as, in many cases, sufficient men could not be found to man the towers. Indeed, in the last two decades, ladies have become equally as important as gentlemen in the maintenance of regular ringing at churches throughout the country. Moreover, in several churches the majority of the ringers are ladies, some even holding the post of tower captain. All territorial Associations are glad of their lady members, and although one of the more select Societies of the Exercise, namely the College Youths, does not accept ladies, the Cumberland Youths provides an excellent alternative.

Why, oh why then, does a select minority of our lady ringers persist in trying to keep up such an out-of-date institution as the Ladies'

Guild? It is like fiddling with the cat's whisker of a crystal set to try and pick up 2LO when the obvious thing to do is to switch on the wireless and listen to the 1 o'clock news.

In view of the increasing lack of support I would suggest that the Guild should seriously consider its position. Would it not be better for the Guild to be disbanded after a final flourish, say a peal of Cambridge Maximus, rather than die a slow and dismal death as it seems to be doing in many areas at the present time? (Incidentally, we now have the ideal 12 for this performance at St. Peter's, Nottingham, tenor only 19½ cwt. I am sure Mr. Stainsby, the tower captain, would be pleased to obtain permission for such a peal.)

Come now ladies, let us have your obvious talents put to much wider use than this. Trying to maintain a lost cause can only suppress your ability as ringers. Let us all, ladies and gentlemen alike, put all our ability into the support of our local territorial Associations, all of which have the chief object of improving the standard of Sunday service ringing. This would surely be a much more worthwhile activity than preserving dead wood just for the sake of preservation.

May this letter provoke serious thought rather than heated argument.—Yours respectfully,

IAN V. J. SMITH.

P.S.—My views are held by several lady ringers resident in East Sussex.—I.S.

## AMID THE SNOW AT ABERGAVENNY

The Monmouth Branch annual District meeting was arranged for January 13th at Abergavenny. Our worst fears were confirmed and heavy snow fell during Friday night! Fortunately this turned to rain on Saturday morning and a large number of ringers converged upon Abergavenny from a wide area of England and Wales.

Early arrivals found Mr. Ward and Mr. Lewis shovelling away snow and Mr. Roberts attending to the heating. The lovely ring of ten bells was well used during the afternoon until 4 o'clock. The service was then taken by Canon Sproule-Jones, Mr. George Ward read the lesson, and his son, Mr. Ronald Ward, was organist.

The Abergavenny ringers and their wives had prepared a fine tea in the Priory Room, and Mr. Reuben Clench voiced the thanks of the company for "reviving refreshment" on such a miserable day.

Although an annual District meeting, the business did not prove too lengthy. Canon

Sproule-Jones spoke eloquently of the work done by the 300 inhabitants at the parish of Grosmont in rehanging their bells at great cost. He asked all to give, no matter how little, to encourage them in their tremendous efforts.

Minutes, reports, elections and other usual business proceeded smoothly. New members elected were Miss Gillian Richardson (Usk), Mr. Iestyn William (Ebbw Vale) and Mr. Eric Bundy and his son, Michael (Machen).

It was decided to try to hold meetings at Penhow, Llanfrecfa and Mathern during the year, with Monmouth for the annual District meeting in 1969. Other practice meetings were to be arranged as opportunities arose. The 75th Anniversary Dinner was to be held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on October 19th (not October 12th, as stated in the diary).

The Branch Master, Mr. Richard Stewart, formally thanked Canon Sproule-Jones for his interest in the Branch and for his most pertinent sermon.

### 5,088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

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First rung at Sprotborough, Yorkshire, on January 13th, 1968.

## MISS M. REAY NEW MASTER OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in St. Martin's Hall on January 6th, over 80 ringers being present.

The Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, who had held office for four years, felt that the time had arrived for a change. He nominated Miss Muriel Reay as his successor, and, there being no other nominations, Miss Reay was duly elected. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ingram for his services to the Guild was passed and a record made in the minutes.

The vice-presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the remainder of the officers were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, J. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, S. O'C. Holloway and B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, W. G. Chaplin; hon. secretary and treasurer, G. E. Fearn.

The hon. secretary informed the meeting that this would be his last year in office, as he will then have completed 20 years and the Guild would benefit by a change of secretary.

A donation of £5 was voted towards the appeal for the restoration of the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

In presenting the balance sheet the hon. secretary and treasurer drew the attention of the members to the increased expenditure which will have to be met in the near future. It was decided to increase the membership subscriptions to 10s. annually for resident members and £1 for life members.

New resident members elected were: Miss Susan Smith and Messrs C. Chester (Harborne), G. O. Rushton (Shirley) and K. P. L. Park and A. E. Honeybill (Yardley). The tower elections as life members of the following ringers were duly ratified: Miss A. Sadowska (Cheltenham) and Messrs. P. G. Brown (Chelmsford) and C. J. Hughes (Chesterfield).

It was decided to invite the Rev. Canon Harry Hartley (Rector of Solihull) to take the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner to be held on March 2nd. Mr. T. J. Warner, Ringing Master at Solihull, informed the meeting that the choice was very appropriate, as Solihull Church will shortly have two new trebles, which will make the bells the fourth ring of 12 in the Diocese of Birmingham.

## ELLOE DEANERIES PREFER CONVENTIONAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Spalding on January 13th and although the weather might have been responsible for the rather disappointing attendance there was no lack of discussion at the business meeting.

Following ringing and a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Jakeman, and the curate, a tea prepared by ringers' wives was enjoyed at St. Nicholas' Hall. Mr. B. B. Tyrrell took the chair at the meeting, deputising for the Vicar. It was decided that although the bi-monthly meetings had proved useful, because towers where tea might have been difficult to arrange were visited, members thought conventional meetings with tea and service were of greater value to the Branch and tower. In addition it was agreed to arrange a monthly evening meeting at a particular tower on the practice night.

Finally the members decided to send a gift of fruit with their good wishes to Mr. Hallifax, a founder member of the Guild, at present in Holbeach Hospital.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

Despite the wintry weather some 40 ringers attended the Maidstone District meeting held on January 13th at West Malling. A prompt start was made at 3 o'clock and ringing during the day varied from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. M. Young, and tea was held in the Masonic Hall. During the business meeting several new members were elected and a welcome was given to the many visitors present. General thanks were given by the District Secretary (Mr. M. L. Howe) and ringing continued after the business meeting until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Linton, March 9th.

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## SALISBURY GUILD ACTIVITIES No Peals—but not for want of Trying —Wimborne

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch took place at Poole on January 6th and was attended by 34 ringers and friends, together with three visitors. Ringing on the ten bells at St. James' Church ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. Bell), and the Epiphany hymn "As with gladness" was rung on handbells by the Fuller family during the service.

After a delicious tea a tediously drawn out meeting was held. Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer (Wimborne); vice-chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller (Swanage); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); Ringing Masters, Mr. G. W. Elmes (Wareham) and Mr. H. I. Pitman (Canford); committee members, Mr. C. M. Heawood (Poole) and Mr. L. H. Pink (Wareham).

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. W. Hiscock, a captain at Wareham tower for 15 years, who died in October.

In her report the secretary stated that the Branch membership was now 95. Meetings had not been well attended and the joint meeting held with the North Dorset Branch had been disappointingly so. The Branch hoped to hold another joint meeting in 1968 to rectify this. Another enjoyable barbecue had been held in July and also a repeat performance on the cricket field. The Branch had seen the Poole band firmly on its feet, with regular ringing on Mondays and Sundays. Then the Branch had turned its attention to East Morde, where a keen band of recruits was being taught, using a rota system. No "local" peals had been rung—but not for want of trying!—and only 12 quarter peals. The Branch welcomed the Guild's Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, into its area, as he now has the living of Spetsbury. The Branch were looking forward to the visit of the Guild in May and it is hoped to have all the ringable towers in the Branch open on that day.

The Branch is hoping to hold an outing on March 30th to the Newbury, Berks, area, and the secretary appealed to members for their support of this new venture.

Quarterly meetings for 1968: March 2nd, Witcheshampton and Wimborne St. Giles; July 20th, Wareham and Lytchett Minster; October 19th, Swanage.

## Dorchester—150 Members

Despite very wet weather, nearly 50 ringers and friends gathered at Cattistock on January 13th for the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch. Ringing took place on the fine ring of eight under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey.

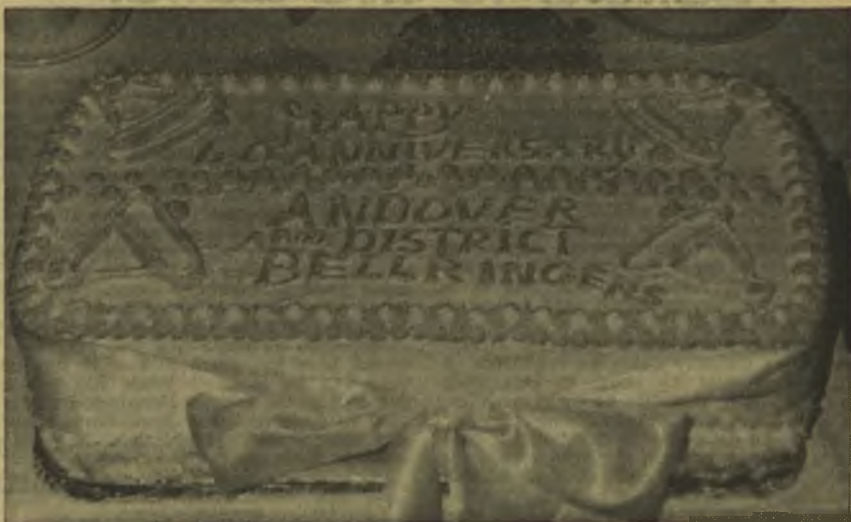
The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector), and Miss Heath-Caldwell played the organ. The Rev. Richard Marsh read the lesson, and the preacher was Canon E. B. Brooks. An excellent tea was provided in the School by Mrs. George Goringe (wife of the captain at Cattistock tower) and other helpers.

The report for 1967 showed Branch membership at 150. Quarter peals had been rung at nine towers, methods including Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Milborne St. Andrew bells had been rehung and augmented to six. The statement of accounts for the year showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

The Branch officers were all re-elected for 1968. Eight new ringing members and four Associate members were elected.

Subject to permission, evening practices will be held at Wyke Regis (February 10th), Milborne St. Andrew (February 24th), Litton Cheney (March 9th), Wool (March 23rd), Charminster (April 6th) and St. Peter's, Dorchester (May 4th).

## 40th Anniversary Cake for Andover District



WHITCHURCH acted as host on January

13th to the Andover District for their 40th annual meeting. The warmth of their welcome was in extreme contrast to the wintry weather conditions which prevailed. After ringing at St. Mary Bourne, Longparish and Whitchurch during the afternoon and concluding with a touch of Stedman Triples, members took their seats for Evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd.

At an excellent tea in the Church Hall, the centre attraction was a beautifully iced cake made and donated by Mrs. Biggs, bearing the inscription "Happy 40th Anniversary—Andover District Bellringers." During the business meeting which followed, the minutes of a meeting held at Whitchurch on February 4th, 1928, were read. It was this meeting, chaired by the then Vicar of Whitchurch (the Rev. M. S. Douglas) that the formation of the Andover District was first approved. Messages were then read from church bellringers of those days, including Mr. Reg Rex (the first District Ringing Master), Mr. Archie Mitchell (past captain at Andover), Mr. Oscar Smart and Mr. Balaam.

A message from the Master of the Guild, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, was conveyed to the meeting by the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who

declared that he accepted full responsibility for advising the Master not to risk the journey from Southampton. The Vicar had a few encouraging words to say on his own behalf, including a reference to the Rev. Mellis S. Douglas, whom he had visited on a number of occasions before his death. He summed up with words familiar to bellringers—"Good hunting."

Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, the chairman, told of the peal programme that had been organised to enable a lasting record to be made of this 40th Anniversary Year. To date, three peals have been scored and seven lost or postponed for varying reasons, including illness and broken ropes. In all, 25 peals are being attempted by District members in the 25 towers in the District during the period January 1st to March 31st, giving opportunities for a good number of "firsts."

The chairman wound up the meeting by proposing votes of thanks to all who had done so much to make the day such a memorable occasion, including the Vicar (the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd), the organist (Mr. Reynolds), the ladies who had prepared the wonderful tea and in particular Mrs. Biggs for the cake and finally Mr. E. Dance, who had coordinated all the arrangements. Thank you, Whitchurch! J. E. W.

## BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT OUTWARD LOOKING

Biggleswade, on January 13th, saw the end of yet another year in the history of the District, and this one will surely be remembered by many as one of the most successful and outward looking.

During the afternoon and evening the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. H. Smith, and Mr. C. D. Mann coped admirably with the full belfry. The Rev. J. H. Dominey held a short service at 4.30 p.m. and then 41 very hungry and cold ringers sat down to a superb tea served by Mrs. Smith and her helpers.

At the business meeting the Vicar, as chairman, briskly ushered the company through the long business agenda. The members approved unanimously the proposed list of towers and practice methods for the coming year submitted by the committee and Ringing Masters.

Mr. P. Mehew was re-elected chairman and Mr. K. H. Fleming as secretary and treasurer. The following were elected to the committee: Messrs. S. Ashton, R. Sharp, P. Rogers and C. Hardy. The Ringing Masters (Mr. C. Mann and Mr. A. H. Smith) were elected as ex-officio members.

The District unanimously re-elected Mr. G. Mayes as Belfry Repair Fund treasurer and

were pleased to hear that the District had over £141 in the joint Association account. Miss L. Ellison was re-elected Press secretary.

Messrs. H. J. Lockey and P. Rogers were elected as District organists for the ensuing 12 months. Mr. P. Rogers was asked to arrange the District outing again this year. The District felt that it could leave the task of the striking contest in Miss Ellison's hands.

Under any other business the company agreed to donate two guineas towards the cost of re-decorating Biggleswade belfry, which must now be one of the most colourful in the country!!

The president of the Association, Mr. A. E. Rushton, in closing the meeting, thanked the ladies who prepared the tea, the Vicar for the way he conducted the meeting, the use of the bells and the short service, and finally he thanked the officers of 1967 for their hard work and wished everybody of the District a very happy 1968. L. E.

**BRAFELD, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 11th, 1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, R. Henman 2, Mrs. R. Henman 3, D. Morgan 4, I. Morgan 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Collier, a member of this church, interred this day.



# Letters to the Editor

## BELLRINGING v. HOMEWORK

Dear Sir,—May I please be allowed to pass some personal remarks about T.A.B.'s comment? I am one of the young people who often find that the demands of homework conflict with my desires to join in with others at bellringing.

The plea that he makes for punctuality is one that deserves the wholehearted support of any reasonable person, and if homework is used as a lame excuse for lateness this should not be tolerated. Furthermore, many of us are aware of the arguments which are put forward against homework, but this is a situation which we, as pupils, are not in a position to remedy.

I cannot, however, agree with his refusal to accept the difficulty which we experience in devoting "at least 2½ hours to bellringing out of the 168." This, like so many statistics, does not bear close examination, for our problem is in fact one of devoting 2½ consecutive hours between 5 o'clock and 9 o'clock. It must be realised that schools would find it impossible to cater for the individual demands of every pupil whose outside interests would be found to conflict with homework on every night of every week. In consequence we must accept the situation that no provision is made for this and homework takes priority. Is it not to our credit that we strive to follow our pursuits in spite of such difficulties?—Yours sincerely,

D. J. AHMS.

Stowmarket.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article about "Bellringing v. homework," in the last paragraph T. A. B. states that he cannot accept that young people cannot devote at least two and a half hours per week, which I presume means one hour on Sundays and one and a half hours on practice nights.

Surely he must realise it is not unusual for students to receive, for instance, two hours' work (in pre-exam years considerably more) on one day, to be handed in on the next, so it has to be done on the same night.

Now it is far better to do this work early in the evening, when the mind is fairly fresh with the day's work than to attempt it later, when the mind is tired.

This means that the student, after doing his homework, cannot possibly arrive at the ringing practice before 8 o'clock, and has therefore got the choice of either arriving late at practice after doing his homework properly and being nagged at by the tower captain, or being punished for handing in incomplete or shoddy homework. The student will soon tire of this and will decide to do his homework and forget the ringing. So I ask all clock-watching tower captains to remember the phrase "Better late than never."—Yours faithfully,

J. J. BAILEY.

Walton-on-Thames.

## NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir, — I must apologise to my old friend, Mr. A. J. Whittle, regarding Newbury bells.

In the course of conversation I made the mistake of thinking that he said in his letter that the back eight were by Rudhall. He was quite right when he said they were by Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. I have since read his letter a second time.—Yours sincerely,

R. W. REX.

Thattham.

## NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest my old friend's letter re Newbury bells. He is quite right and I stand corrected and apologise for my mistake. I must have been carried away on having heard some of Rudhall's beautiful whole peals in the Midlands, viz.: Pershore, Beckford, Eckington, in Worcestershire.

Of course, Newbury's old eight were from Wells, of Aldbourne. When the two trebles were added, in 1933, we used to say "What a grand ring the ten would be if they were all like the trebles." The ten did not do much good in Newbury tower. We were a much better band on the old eight when we could ring Stedman and Grandsire Triples for service—and we could ring Bob Major. We would have got much further if Reg could have had his fling. When Reg was head gardener at the famous Donnington Castle we used to cycle to Ilsey, Bucklebury, Highclere and other places. Happy days, Reg old pal. —Yours faithfully,

ALFRED JAMES WHITTLE.

## THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Brian Woodruffe and his band not only on ringing 19,620 Plain Bob Royal "in hand" but also on their decision, after a slight mistake which spoils the otherwise good ringing, not to try to pass the Stedman Caters handbell record. How tempting it must have been to push on regardless. This is the sort of spirit we want. Congratulations, Brian. Let us have more of it from conductors everywhere. —Yours sincerely,

E. F. FOSBERRY.

Billingshurst.

## NOT AGAINST CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I please be granted a little space to direct Mr. Jewell (page 42) back to the path upon which my previous remarks have travelled?

I think I have not made any disparaging remarks about "call change ringers" as such. What I have said—and repeat—is that at the "call change tower" in Plymouth the band were unkind to the extent of rudeness; that has been my complaint—nothing more! I do not dispute with Mr. Jewell about call change ringing for a moment but merely ask him not to confuse the issue.

When I am next in Combe Martin I shall try and find Mr. Jewell for a chat, and if he and his lady are this way I shall afford him a welcome.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover, Hants.

## PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I withdraw the peal of 5,152 Apsley Surprise Major rung at Anstey, Leicestershire, on November 11th, 1967, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, as it is false.

The composition was given in Mr. Wratten's collection of compositions as being true to Apsley and it was on that authority that I called it.

My sincere apologies to all members of the band and also to those who keep records of peals rung.—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Leicester.

## THE PROGRAMME WAS 14, NOT 17

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that Kingsley Mason has seen fit to confound the controversy about the outing which I organised in Leicestershire on November 4th last ("Ringing World," January 12, 1968), which I had hoped to leave to Judy Cox and A. C. B. to sort out on the original issue of criticism of bells in outing reports.

Firstly, I should say that the report on the outing was entirely a personal contribution from your correspondent, who is, I know, well capable of defending his views.

The more serious issue for me, as organiser of the outing, is Kingsley Mason's ill-informed criticism of the outing itself. This is due partly to the misleading headline "The Day's Programme—17 Towers in Leicestershire." In fact we rang at 14 towers; 17 was the number of towers I had to contact to obtain permission to ring at 14.

The principle I use in planning an outing of this kind is a minimum of 20 minutes for five- and six-bell towers, 30 minutes for eight-bell and 40 minutes for ten-bell. The actual time allowed will depend on the number of ringers, to make sure everyone has a good ring and to allow time for raising and lowering in peal. The time between the towers is roughly calculated at 30 miles per hour plus five minutes. Occasionally there is an unavoidable delay which upsets the timetable, but experience shows it a good basis for planning an outing.

This particular outing went very well apart from the weather and King's Norton! We were able to develop the ringing as we went along and several ringers made considerable progress during the day.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. GROOME.

Kettering.

## THEORY OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Upon looking at the list of Central Council publications I find it surprising that there is nothing dealing with the theory of composition; the only booklet which approaches usefulness is Maurice Hodgson's treatment of false course heads, which is excellent as far as it goes but which leaves the would-be composer wondering how on earth he is expected to compose a peal when every time he produces any particular course he renders parts of perhaps another five courses unusable.

What is really needed is something setting out the basic ideas behind composition, summaries of relevant Central Council Decisions (e.g. about extension) and some indication of what is considered desirable music and what is not—it is, for example, a trifle disconcerting after spending hours perfecting a method, whose main claim to fame is an abundance of roll-ups at handstroke, to be informed that this is "totally unacceptable"!

It may be argued that if a composer is to be able to produce original work then he will be capable of working out everything that he needs from first principles, but even if this is the case there is no need to subject him to such a test. A guide book to composition would save the learner a great deal of time and unnecessary hard work and might enable him to produce useful compositions earlier than would otherwise have been possible.

Perhaps someone could produce such a guide book, or at least give a reason why its publication would be unnecessary.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN C. MONSON.

Grey College, Durham.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
SEE BACK PAGE



## LETTERS—Continued

## EAST DEVON REMEMBERS DANBURY

Dear Sir,—Your front page photograph of Danbury brought back a flood of memories. Twenty-six years ago five other ringers and I from East Budleigh were stationed, with the 8th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment, at Danbury. We used to route march for 30 miles around the village and never lost sight of the tower. There it was, always on our right, never any further away, never any nearer.

Ringling was off at that time so we were unable to sample the bells, but at least we did meet a great Christian gentleman in the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Hopkirk. It was through "The Ringing World" I was able to note his retirement a few years ago and, more recently, his death. We have never forgotten the keen interest he took in us and the great lengths he went to (as did the whole village) to welcome us and make us feel at home. No annual reunion at Exeter ever passes without Danbury being mentioned.

It was from there that we moved to Wentworth Road School in Southend to meet yet another great pillar of the Church in Canon Gowing. Again through "The Ringing World" I noted the passing of this old friend. Yes, friends they were, these two clergymen. We also had short stays at Rayleigh, Bradwell and Burnham.

Later in the war we returned to Essex again, this time to Southminster. The ban on ringing was now lifted so we "had a go" with the locals, but, alas, only three of us were left by this time. I have only once since been in Essex and was able to get a brief ring at Rayleigh one Sunday evening about ten years ago. One of these days I've promised myself a real visit to some of these old haunts.—Yours sincerely,

C. SAVAGE.

East Budleigh.

P.S.—Does anyone in Danbury know what happened to the schoolmistress, Mrs. Cook? She used to play the piano for our sing-songs at the Griffin.—C.S.

## HUNSHLEF HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—My article for "Reverberations" dealing with the Hunshelf ringers dealt only with the team that appeared at the Ashton-under-Lyne Rally. However, ringing at Hunshelf Secondary School began in earnest in September, 1965. Survivors of the first team now, who either are in the Fifth Form or who have left the school, now meet every Thursday evening during term-time in the school under the auspices of the local Evening Institute, at which I get paid as their instructor and leader. There is also a team of 13 girls and boys who are in their second year. So the Hunshelf ringers are of three teams with a total of some 36 ringers. We all use the same bells and also our own cover illustrated with embroidered velvet bells.—Yours faithfully,

M. KING.

Wentworth, Rotherham.

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## TUNE RINGING

## ALTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

MISERABLE weather on January 13th probably accounted for the poor attendance at this fine entertainment. However, the Assembly Rooms main hall, Alton, was three-quarters full, about 200 people apart from the numbers of the bands, and £26 was raised for the church's Rebuilding Fund.

The first band was that of the long-formed Selborne ringers under their jovial, confident leader, Brian Matthews. Their signature tune, "The Serenade of the Bells," was controlled with difficulty in the slow passages. "Glorious Apollo," an organ voluntary specially arranged for the bells, with pretty, well-executed runs, followed. The "Alpine Waltz," which has a pleasing melody, was spoilt by the overbearing bass accompaniment, the band's immaculate striking and obvious prowess was offset by their turnout, which was lacking in image consciousness.

The Shinfield team then gave a very spirited performance. Four men with fourteen Taylor's bells, led by Mr. F. J. Higgs, rang first "The Bells of St. Mary's" with energy and cleverly arranged harmony and then tunes from the British Isles and finished with carols and Brahms' "Cradle Song," rung with masterly control of timing and interpretation.

Liss made two appearances, once before the interval with a full band of four girls and two young men with the leader, Mr. T. S. Bowles, conducting off stage! The team played folk tunes and, despite their nervous enthusiasm, gave a good performance for a band only a year old. Their second ring required Mr. Bowles, his daughter and the two young men with four-in-hand. They played "Galway Bay" and "O No, John" among others.

Team No 4 was The Three Saints Group from Fleet. A young family team led by Lt.-Col. Scott at an easel. Tunes were skilfully played by ten ringers, mostly children. The timing was erratic, especially in "Waltzing

Matilda," but a Malayan dance, "Rosa Sayang," was well rung, only surpassed by a "Sania Lucia" admirably suited to the bells as their finale.

The Alton Boys' Brigade team in uniform were conducted by their teacher, Mr. R. Betsworth, of the Selborne team, whose style and expression was carefully mirrored. They performed "D'ye Ken John Peel" and "The Lincolnshire Poacher," notably. It was to this band's credit that the Festival was organised. Their enthusiasm was obvious and ever the youngest ringer, aged 11, gave of his best.

After the interval the Mortimer West End Women's Institute band entertained first with rounds and Queens finally rung in close harmony. Timid choreography was attempted with limited success, but doubt remained as to whether this was to be taken seriously or not. This team's bells were poorly maintained and little cared for. The playing with numbers was carefully controlled and with suitable harmony. The execution of "Little Brown Jug" and Brahms' "Lullaby" was particularly creditable.

The last team was the Hartley Wintney Toc H band, who were in the unfortunate position of duplicating some previously rung music. They justified themselves amply by surpassing the previous performances with a far better arrangement of "Edelweiss" a precise and vigorous rendering of "Hols-worthy Chimes," which was well received, but their final offering was best of all. "The Rakes of Mallow." Under the leadership of Mr. Vic Stenning this band certainly showed up very well, but there is nothing so disconcerting as ringers chewing on stage!

Lt.-Col Scott thanked Mr. W. Chapman for organising the event so well and led, with his band, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," which concluded an enjoyable evening's entertainment. The first of many Southern handbell concerts, I hope.

B. S. GAMBRILL.

ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING  
AT BUCKFASTLEIGH

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Buckfastleigh on January 13th, when despite the inclement weather there was a fair attendance. The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, and a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms (Vicar).

After a sumptuous tea in the Town Hall the usual business meeting followed, Mr. Simmonds being voted to the chair. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies for the excellent tea arrangements.

The financial statement and a comprehensive secretary's report showed a satisfactory balance in hand and a membership of 72.

At the election of officers the retiring chairman Miss M. Russell, did not seek re-election and the Rev. D. P. Angold was unanimously elected. Also elected were Mr. R. F. Sheperd, Branch secretary; Mr. K. E. Fursdon, Ringing Master; Messrs. B. E. Bartlett, J. Kelly and the Rev. W. P. Dowling to the general committee. One new member was elected.

Next meeting: Paignton, April 20th.

A. L. B.

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**CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.**—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Williams 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, B. Williams 4, A. R. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Williams 1, H. Boyce 2, J. Locke 3, G. I. Lewis 4, A. R. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6.

**COULSDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Geraldine Flook 1, A. C. Smith 2, A. N. Brock (cond.) 3, D. Burnstow 4, W. J. Saysell 5, For Evensong.

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**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. V. A. Copleston 1, D. Ralls 2, Miss J. A. Pullen 3, D. Potter 4, G. C. King 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich by all except the conductor. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. E. Copleston 1, Miss J. A. Pullen 2, G. C. King 3, D. Ralls 4, P. J. Bloomfield 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except the conductor.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, A. Frost (first quarter) 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. E. Mudge 5, E. J. Cann 6. Rung as a commitment to the Rev. J. W. Timms on completing 25 years as Vicar of Buckfastleigh.

**EAST MEON, HANTS.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, N. Lambert 8. First Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3.

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**GLASGOW.**—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. J. Tomkinson 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R. L. Preston 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Fisher 6, D. M. Graham-Servic 7, M. J. Pink (cond.) 8. First in method for all except No. 6. For service of nine lessons and carols.

**HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.**—On Dec. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. N. Pett 1, R. A. Ward 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, P. Neil 4, P. Keene 5, Christine Templeman 6, D. W. Manton 7, R. Churchill (cond.) 8. First of Major 4, 5.

**ROMSEY HANTS.**—At the Abbey, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Drew (first of Stedman Triples) 1, J. R. Worrall 2, H. J. Page 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. C. Jackson 5, W. R. Gilks 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For morning services.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Royal: Heather Darvill (first Royal) 1, H. V. Frost 2, Frances Dodds 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Thelma Lynn Willis 5, C. Forster 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, J. D. Duggan 8, C. E. Slade 9, G. W. Debenham 10. In memoriam E. G. Buck, A. Baldock.

**SAWBURIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brooks 1, D. Hayden 2, W. Aley 3, R. Walker 4, E. Willet 5, E. Rochester 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, S. Levey 8. A welcome to the Bishop of Hertford on his visit to dedicate the new organ.

**SHENSTONE, STAFFS.**—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Smith 1, Vivienne Blackaby (first quarter) 2, V. E. T. Holland 3, I. M. Hankin 4, A. P. Sheldon (cond.) 5. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Doris Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy Austin 3, G. A. Naylor 4, J. E. Clark 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. For Evensong.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Cull 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. T. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West (first of Triples) 1, D. A. Wills 2, W. J. Harvey 3, R. L. Horder 4, F. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth West and a wedding compliment to John D. Walker and Mary J. Milford, married here on Dec. 30th.

**WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDS.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Sell 1, R. D. Hodges 2, P. Hughes 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, P. D. Sell 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

## REVIVAL IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT

A stimulating annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford Cathedral on January 20th, with Mr. Peter Smart, Guild Master, in the chair. Three new companies had been formed—at the Cathedral, St. Nicolas', Guildford, and Bramley, and 17 new members were elected at the meeting.

The meeting stood in remembrance of Mr. Leslie Warner, captain at Cranleigh, and Mr. Fred Oldroyd, of St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity, Guildford.

The Ringing Master (Mr. David Tubbs) in his report spoke of good attendances at meetings—a 47 per cent. increase and 43 per cent. increase in towers represented. The standard of ringing was presentable. He welcomed the new band at Bramley and said the Cathedral had 11 ringers of their own. Mr. F. Housden was holding monthly special method practices on Thursdays, and three more ten-bell practices would be held this year at the Cathedral.

The rise in membership was reflected in the improved balance sheet, and Miss J. Eloie (hon. secretary and treasurer) gave the District's membership as 97 full, plus 14 juniors. The District had a balance in hand of £59 13s. 10d. against £48 12s. 6d.

Officers elected for next year were: Ringing Master, Mr. David Tubbs; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Martin Kirk; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss Eloie; committee, Mr. W. Savile.

Mr. Martin Kirk proposed the vote of thanks to the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) for the use of the bells and the service, and to Mrs. C. Tubbs and Mrs. A. White for the excellent tea provided.

## 5,000 OXFORD BOB ROYAL

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the sisters, Ann and Enid Lawson, on their first peal of four-spliced Surprise Major (all the work) at Staindrop, Co. Durham.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Evercreech the footnote respecting Mr. John Brain should read "First peal of Cambridge Royal." He has rung peaks of Royal in other methods.

For the first time since 1954, Mr. Derek P. Jones, of Burton-on-Trent, has failed to qualify for the list of individual peal totals. His total of 17 (conducted 17) includes very few few failures.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its inception, took part in a peal on December 19th to mark his 65th birthday and retirement from business.

A fund has been opened for the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Thomas the Martyr's, Bristol. These were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. Mr. G. Tudor, 17, Lawfords Gate, Bristol 2, is receiving donations.

There were seven "firsts" of Superlative Surprise Major in a peal at Culcheth, Lancs, conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill, on January 20th.

Mr. Fred Housden has presented to the Guildford Guild library a photographic book of the dedication of Guildford Cathedral bells. It is a treasured collection of pictures, beautifully bound by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

Mr. C. W. Kippin is not seeking re-election as treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. A nomination in favour of Mr. Malcolm Powell, of St. Nicolas', Guildford, was made at the annual meeting of the Guildford District.

On Sunday, January 7th, the ringers of Spalding Parish Church accompanied the choir to Lincoln Cathedral. It was the second year in succession that the choir had been invited to lead the service of the Nine Lessons and Carols, and the ringers are grateful to the Cathedral company for the opportunity of ringing prior to the service.



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### A BRANCH'S TRIBUTE TO ITS LONGEST SERVING OFFICER

Retirements are no: usually happy occasions, but no one could say that this note was absent when members of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild met at Chilton Foliat on January 20th to pay tribute to its secretary for 30 years, Mr. T. Arthur Palmer.

Members of the Branch had contributed to a presentation fund which amounted to just over £13, and this gift was handed to Mr. Palmer by the Guild president, Mr. W. C. West, who had made the long journey with Mrs. West especially for the purpose. In welcoming the president, the chairman of the Branch drew attention to the devotion and co-operation of Mrs. Palmer, and said how pleased Arthur must be that, in a recent quarter peal in his home tower at Aldbourne, six of the band had been taught to ring by him.

Before the presentation Mr. West outlined the history of the Branch. He remembered coming to the Branch's formation on July 22nd, 1911 in a two-horse brake when he was a "probationer" ringer at Melksham. In the first 25 years the Branch had eight different secretaries and when Arthur took over the job there were only 57 members. The health of the Branch today was very largely Arthur's work.

Perhaps Arthur gave us the secret of his service and success when, in thanking the Branch, he said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his work and you could not expect to do well without this priority. It was evident that the meeting thoroughly approved his sentiment. Ringing in scattered rural areas and others too is often dependent on the faithfulness of its Branch secretaries. Thank you, Arthur, for setting us such a fine example. May you have many happy years of ringing yet to come

R. K.

### ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

Work is about to begin on the tower of this church, where the weight of the spire has caused the upper stage to become badly cracked, and of late much masonry has fallen. The tower is then to be completely restored and, including the removal of the spire, the approximate cost is £10,000.

It is to be hoped that the bells, a merry ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), will then receive attention so that the silence of almost 17 years will be ended.

The nearby Mother Church of St. Gregory (8 bells, 16 cwt.) will, of financial necessity, have to await the accumulation of more funds. Here the bells are in good order but the tower was closed some nine years ago after an estimated cost of £6,000 for its restoration.

### MAIDSTONE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS

On January 15th a band of ringers from Maidstone rang a quarter peal of five-Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire) at Leeds, Kent.

This particular quarter peal is the direct result of the monthly Surprise practices which have been held at various towers in the Maidstone District. These practices have been of great benefit, as they have given ringers the opportunity to ring Spliced Surprise Major as well as the standard Surprise methods.

Full credit must be given to the District secretary (Mr. M. L. Howe) and the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Tester) for arranging the practices and making them such a great success.

### THE CHRONICLES OF KENT

And it came to pass that in a certain Holy City there arose two great buildings, one close to the walls of the city, and the other farther from the walls. And lo, when the buildings were partly completed, many young people from other parts of the land appeared, to sojourn awhile for part of the year to increase their learning. And among these young people there were those who followed the peculiar art of change ringing, and they did help the local people in their craft, and the local people welcomed them into their midst, into their towers, and into their homes, and there was much rejoicing in the land.

And lo, after a certain time, some of these young people who lived in the two great buildings did write to the chief scribe of their paper, and one did complain bitterly that the people who lived in that part of the land did not enjoy ringing peals, neither did they have many meetings. And did the people of that land rise up in wrath against the writer of that epistle? They did not, because they followed the writings of their Apostle Paul, who had told them, "If it is possible, as much as lieth within you, live peaceably with all men."

And it came to pass that after a passage of time the people of that land did hold a meeting at a certain small village about two leagues from the walls of the city. And at that time there was much snow and ice on the land and on the roads and paths thereof that led to the village. And there were some that travelled upward of seven leagues to be present with their brethren, and their journey was difficult. But the people of the village did welcome them with warmth in their hearts, in their church and in the hut wherein they had their meal. But the man who complained bitterly appeared not, and they that were there did wonder greatly at his absence.

B. J. LUCK.

### SURPRISE, SURPRISE!!

The long-awaited first Surprise practice at Dereham, Norfolk, on January 12th, was expected to be a failure. During the day snow showers were frequent and many roads were almost impassable. In the evening freezing fog increased the driving hazards. Normal individuals, with no need to venture out of doors, would watch TV. One wife, at least, commented on the madness of doing otherwise!

Three Dereham locals sat over the heater in the belfry knowing that the ringers necessary to make the practice lived 15 miles of Norfolk road away in Norwich.

7.50 p.m., and footsteps sound on the stairs! The clockwinder? No! Ringers share with mad dogs the ability to disregard extremes of climate. Four members of the Colegate Society were determined to make the practice succeed.

A touch of London Surprise on the back six served to empty snow on to the ringers and rouse two more locals. Ringing continued with Yorkshire, London, Cambridge and Bristol.

I think all would agree that the first Surprise practice was a success; the next will be held on February 9th. On behalf of the Dereham company I would like to thank Geoffrey for braving the weather.

K. S. H.

### RECORD LENGTHS OF DOUBLES

In reply to a reader, we give the record lengths of Doubles:—

On tower bells: 12,600 at Old Marston, Oxford, on April 7th, 1958.

On handbells: 15,000 at London on November 14th, 1962.

### A CAMBRIDGESHIRE AUGMENTATION

The bells of Holy Trinity, Meldreth, are to be increased to a ring of eight. The two new trebles were cast on January 17th at the Whitechapel Foundry and the proceedings were watched with great interest by local ringers. Mr. J. Gipson, who is a churchwarden, has offered to hang the new bells.

The inscriptions are:—

Treble: "Blessed the Most Holy Trinity." Patrick McNeice, Vicar. Herbert Hilton, John Gipson, churchwardens..

Second: "All Thy works shall praise Thee."

### HOUNSLOW WEST BELLS RINGABLE

For a number of years the bells of Hounslow West, Middlesex, have been silent owing to damaged wheels. Towards the end of last year Mr. R. J. Collis repaired the wheels, and a quarter of Yorkshire was rung on the bells. There is little prospect of a resident company here, but Mr. Collis hopes that quarter peals will be rung, and any band wishing to do so is asked to contact him at 144, Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham.

### FAWLEY SURPRISE

Members of the Fawley, Hants, band, led by Mr. Derek C. Jackson, have decided to turn their attention to unnamed Minor methods. Mr. Cyril A. Wratten has been very helpful in forwarding a list of Minor methods as yet unnamed. They are all based on the Treble Bob principle and subsequently the following was chosen for Fawley:—

—36—14—12—1236—14, —, 1.  
 2nd l.e. 136245.

Mr. Wratten offered to peal the method. An attempt was made locally to score a peal of Minor containing a 720 Fawley Surprise, but the attempt on January 6th proved unsuccessful. The real occasion, the second anniversary of the rededication of Fawley bells, was honoured by a successful quarter of 720 Fawley Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor, on January 9th. This method has still to be pealed either by Mr. Wratten or by the Fawley band on April 20th.

### DULWICH HANDBELL RINGERS

Hope Baptist Church, Ebdon Bridge, are not the only Baptist handbell ringers. The whole of the present Dulwich Handbell Ringers are Baptists belonging to the Lordship Lane Baptist Church, East Dulwich. Mr. Arthur H. Coombs, the conductor of the handbell ringers, is also the organist at the Baptist Church.

### SILVER WEDDING—HIS 250th PEAL

It was a happy coincidence for Mr. John Ashcroft, of Spring View, Wigan, that his 250th peal should also be in honour of his silver wedding. He thanks the rest of the band for helping him to score this particular peal and all the many friends who have helped and tolerated him since his first peal of almost 30 years ago.



## 1967

## TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
CHEADLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.  
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours.  
**A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.                                    |                           |
| Alex Richardson .. .. Treble                           | Timothy Wylie .. .. 5     |
| G. Richard King .. .. 2                                | Sidney Hough .. .. 6      |
| Joyce Grainger .. .. 3                                 | F. John Nelson .. .. 7    |
| Geoffrey Gardner .. .. 4                               | Neil D. Lomas .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by F. John Nelson. |                           |

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John.  
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Comprising one extent each of Norwich, London, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. |                               |
| F. John Nelson .. .. Treble  | Timothy Wylie .. .. 4         |
| Christopher Jones .. .. 2  | John Robinson .. .. 5         |
| Philip G. K. Davies .. .. 3  | Denis Mottershead .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by Denis Mottershead.  |                               |

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John.  
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Tenor 11 cwt.  |                             |
| Christine H. Telfer .. .. Treble                             | Eric N. Harrison .. .. 5    |
| Ann Lawson .. .. 2   | George S. Deas .. .. 6      |
| Enid Lawson .. .. 3  | James Crowther .. .. 7      |
| Kenneth Lawson .. .. 4                                       | Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael Maughan. |                             |

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Southchurch

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

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Tenor 11 cwt.  |                            |
| C. Duncan Davis .. .. Treble                           | Eric N. Harrison .. .. 5   |
| *Christine H. Telfer .. .. 2                           | George S. Deas .. .. 6     |
| Enid Lawson .. .. 3                                    | Michael Maughan .. .. 7    |
| James Crowther .. .. 4                                 | Kenneth Lawson .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson. |                            |

\* First blow in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G. |                              |
| Yvonne A. Murray .. .. Treble                           | David E. Rothera .. .. 4     |
| Philip J. Rothera .. .. 2                               | James L. Towler .. .. 5      |
| Donald F. Murfet .. .. 3                                | George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by George E. Thoday.                          |                              |

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
NORTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.  
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Being 42 extents (standard callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat. |                              |
| Ralph E. Scudamore .. .. Treble                                     | *Henry C. Bennett .. .. 4    |
| Michael R. Rose .. .. 2   | William F. Scudamore .. .. 5 |
| Keith W. Scudamore (12) .. 3  | A. Peter Law .. .. Tenor     |
| Conducted by Keith W. Scudamore.                                    |                              |

\* First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor (age 12 years 2 months). Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Tenor 25 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in D.                        |                             |
| Edward Jenkins .. .. Treble                            | Peter J. Malloch .. .. 6    |
| Jeffrey Brannan .. .. 2                                | Basil Jones .. .. 7         |
| *Christopher L. D. Munday .. 3                         | Derek Butterworth .. .. 8   |
| Christine Andrew .. .. 4                               | Neil Bennett .. .. 9        |
| *Christopher Movley .. .. 5                            | John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by William Pve. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan. |                             |

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Andrew.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.                   |                             |
| Michael H. Tompsett .. Treble                          | Basil Jones .. .. 5         |
| Derek Yates .. .. 2                                    | C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 6    |
| John P. Partington .. .. 3                             | J. Barry Pickup .. .. 7     |
| Richard Starkie .. .. 4                                | Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan. |                             |

First peal in the method on the bells.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.  
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Four extents Kent T.B., three Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. |                              |
| John Hunt .. .. Treble                                       | Edward C. Cowd .. .. 4       |
| Raymond H. Martin .. .. 2                                    | *Edward Guy Slater .. .. 5   |
| Hazel J. Nichols .. .. 3                                     | Edward W. Martin .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by Edward W. Martin.                               |                              |

\* 25th peal.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral.

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Tenor 24 cwt.  |                               |
| Beryl N. Reed .. .. Treble                           | Philip C. Pitchford .. .. 7   |
| A. Robin Heppenstall .. .. 2                         | Walter Tomlinson .. .. 8      |
| Harold Gibson .. .. 3                                | John Walden .. .. 9           |
| Raymond F. Smith .. .. 4                             | Peter A. Sharp .. .. 10       |
| John Freeman .. .. 5                                 | Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 11   |
| Geoffrey Paul .. .. 6                                | Jack L. Millhouse .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by John Freeman. |                               |

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

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

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Tenor 12½ cwt.                               |                               |
| William S. Deason .. .. Treble               | Roger A. Gage .. .. 5         |
| Michael G. Bartlett .. .. 2                  | Michael C. Church .. .. 6     |
| Alan D. Flood .. .. 3                        | David E. Rothera .. .. 7      |
| Ronald K. Russ .. .. 4                       | Frank T. Blagrove .. .. Tenor |
| Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove. |                               |

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.                         |                            |
| Roland Beniston .. .. Treble                           | Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 5   |
| Richard J. Clifton .. .. 2                             | *Frank Chambers .. .. 6    |
| *John K. Smith .. .. 3                                 | G. Ronald Edwards .. .. 7  |
| Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 4                               | Derek P. Jones .. .. Tenor |
| Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones. |                            |

\* First peal in the method.  
Rung as a 65th birthday and retirement compliment to Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its inception.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. |                                |
| Charles H. Blake .. .. Treble   | Frank Pearson .. .. 4          |
| Henry Tooke .. .. 2   | Frank C. J. Arnold .. .. 5     |
| Wilfred G. Saunders .. .. 3   | H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by H. William Barrett.  |                                |

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Composition, "Change Ringing," page 13.<br>Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D. |                                |
| Richard D. Gibson .. .. Treble  | *Ronald Ducker .. .. 6         |
| Rev. F. Ross .. .. 2  | Ian G. Campbell .. .. 7        |
| Howard C. Palmer .. .. 3  | *David S. Johnson .. .. 8      |
| *F. Charles Hobson .. .. 4  | Norman Chaddock .. .. 9        |
| John N. D. Chaddock .. .. 5   | Michael W. Crowder .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.  |                                |

\* First peal in the method. First as conductor of Surprise Royal.

(Beverley and District Society)

WALKINGTON, near Beverley, E. Yorks.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| In ten methods, comprising the following extents: (1) York Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. |                              |
| F. Charles Hobson .. Treble   | *Maris C. Stephenson .. 4    |
| *Iris Piper .. .. 2   | *John M. Brook .. .. 5       |
| Ian G. Campbell .. .. 3   | David S. Johnson .. .. Tenor |
| Conducted by David S. Johnson.  |                              |

\* First peal in ten methods.



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## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *John G. Flint .. .. Treble | Christopher R. Hardy .. 4 |
| David G. Carr .. .. 2       | *Roger J. Giddings .. 5   |
| Ronald J. Sharp .. .. 3     | Anthony H. Smith .. Tenor |

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

\* First peal.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt 3 qr 23 lb.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Treble | Basil Jones .. .. 6        |
| Alan F. Scholfield .. .. 2   | *Brian Harris .. .. 7      |
| Christopher M. Movley .. 3   | William H. Dowse .. 8      |
| Alan McFall .. .. 4          | Robert B. Smith .. 9       |
| Dereks F. Yates .. .. 5      | Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor |

Composition Traditional Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

\* 100th peal on ten bells. 250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr 2 lb. in G.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *Sandra C. Spooner .. .. Treble | David Danby .. .. 5      |
| Jeffrey Brannan .. .. 2         | John R. Scott .. .. 6    |
| Rosemary E. White .. .. 3       | Roy Worrall .. .. 7      |
| Rosemary A. Spicer .. 4         | Frank R. Morton .. Tenor |

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sandra Spooner.

## GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr 26 lb. in F.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Nicholas Thomson .. .. Treble | Harold Worrall .. .. 5      |
| Christopher J. Jones .. 2      | Geoffrey Green .. .. 6      |
| Robert J. Warrilow .. 3        | Keith J. Walpole .. 7       |
| Michael Thomson .. .. 4        | H. Lyndon Hatfield .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

\* First peal at first attempt

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

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Being seven different extents. | Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.     |
| *Frank R. Morton .. .. Treble  | David Allman .. .. 4         |
| A. Doreen Edwards .. 2         | James S. Barker .. 5         |
| John R. Scott .. .. 3          | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor |

Conducted by Frank R. Morton

\* 100th peal as conductor for the Guild. Quickest peal on the bells.

## THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Fri., Jan. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Being seven different extents. | Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A. |
| *Valerie Walton .. .. Treble   | *John K. Walton .. .. 4         |
| Linda D. Shaw .. .. 2          | Timothy Wylie .. .. 5           |
| *Stuart Pemberton .. 3         | Robert M. Chambers .. Tenor     |

Conducted by Robert M. Chambers.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

## THE DEVON GUILD

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble | Emlyn F. Hancock .. .. 7 |
| *David Rennolds .. .. 2       | Michael J. Hobbs .. .. 8 |
| Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3      | Richard J. Bowden .. 9   |
| †Robert A. Southwood .. 4     | Frank D. Mack .. .. 10   |
| Alan Carveth .. .. 5          | D. John Hunt .. .. 11    |
| †Anthony J. Davison .. 6      | D. Roy Bould .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

\* First peal on 12 bells and first of Stedman "inside." † First of Stedman Cinques.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Christine H. Telfer .. Treble | George S. Deas .. .. 5     |
| *Ann Lawson .. .. 2           | Denis A. Bayles .. .. 6    |
| *Enid Lawson .. .. 3          | Eric N. Harrison .. .. 7   |
| James Crowther .. .. 4        | Kenneth Lawson .. .. Tenor |

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

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

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Richard C. Stevens .. Treble | C. Martin Foster .. .. 5   |
| Christine A. Foster .. 2     | Ernest J. Ladd .. .. 6     |
| Nigel Thomson .. .. 3        | Kevin Taber .. .. 7        |
| *Carol Martin .. .. 4        | Raymond J. Talbot .. Tenor |

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Nigel Thomson.

\* First peal.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *Patricia Holliday .. .. Treble | D. William Newman .. 4    |
| Frank Harper .. .. 2            | Dennis E. Pepper .. 5     |
| Jean Sanderson .. .. 3          | Barry J. Couzens .. Tenor |

Conducted by Barry J. Couzens.

\* First peal.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Cesar's Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *M. Louise Slater .. .. Treble | Dennis A. Hewitt .. .. 6  |
| Andrew J. Slade .. .. 2        | †Kenneth Warner .. .. 7   |
| Robert E. J. Dennis .. 3       | John C. Slater .. .. 8    |
| David E. Rothera .. .. 4       | Donald E. Cobb .. .. 9    |
| Colin G. Wright .. .. 5        | George E. Thoday .. Tenor |

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 100th tower for a peal

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

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 104 cwt.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mary Roast .. .. Treble | *Tony Spurgeon .. .. 5    |
| Yvonne A. Murray .. 2   | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6 |
| Edward W. Roast .. 3    | John West .. .. 7         |
| Peter J. Came .. .. 4   | Joe E. G. Roast .. Tenor  |

Composed by Arthur F. Lewry. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

\* First peal First on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Basil Cornish, on completion of his first year's incumbency.

## STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Keith W. Brown .. .. Treble | Michael J. Bew .. .. 5     |
| Josephine A. Quilter .. 2   | James L. Towler .. .. 6    |
| Susan Rothera .. .. 3       | Philip J. Rothera .. .. 7  |
| *Richard J. Harrison .. 4   | Peter G. Brown .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

\* First peal in the method.

## HATFIELD, Broad Oak, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Claire Hudson .. .. Treble | Ian R. Pantom .. .. 5         |
| Joe E. G. Roast .. .. 2    | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6     |
| Andrew S. Hudson .. 3      | James L. Towler .. .. 7       |
| Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4  | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor |

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble | George E. Bonham .. .. 5    |
| Julia A. Fellows .. .. 2      | David E. Rothera .. .. 6    |
| Robert D. Bellamy .. .. 3     | Colin G. Wright .. .. 7     |
| *David A. Wright .. .. 4      | Andrew J. Slade .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

\* First peal of Surprise "inside."

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

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *†George E. Thoday .. Treble | Keith W. Brown .. .. 4     |
| Jennifer Millbank .. .. 2    | *James L. Towler .. .. 5   |
| Josephine A. Quilter .. 3    | Peter G. Brown .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

\* 50th peal together. † 550th peal. Ringers of 3, 5 and 6 have now completed the "York family." First of Minor in the method by all except the conductor, who has now "circled the tower."

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5472 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Peter T. Dale .. .. Treble | Philip Mehew .. .. 5            |
| George E. Bonham .. .. 2   | Andrew J. Slade .. .. 6         |
| Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3   | George E. Thoday .. .. 7        |
| Robert D. Bellamy .. .. 4  | Robert E. J. Dennis .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Richard Hayes .. .. Treble | Harold Evans .. .. 5        |
| D Paul Smith .. .. 2       | Edward J. Jenner .. .. 6    |
| Doris E. Colgate .. .. 3   | Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 7 |
| Tony Lewis .. .. 4         | Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor  |

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Doris E. Colgate .. .. Treble | Tony Lewis .. .. 5         |
| Margaret E. Fort .. .. 2      | Ian H. Oram .. .. 6        |
| Arthur S. Richards .. .. 3    | Thomas Cullingworth .. 7   |
| Ralph Bird .. .. 4            | Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BRENCHELY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Robert T. Lambert .. .. Treble | Ernest J. Ladd .. .. 5        |
| Olive D. Tester .. .. 2        | Reginald E. Lambert .. 6      |
| Trevor A. Cross .. .. 3        | Colin A. Tester .. .. 7       |
| Alexander Waddington .. 4      | A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

The conductor's 150th peal of Double Norwich, conducted 123, and rung in 147 different towers.

MEREWORTH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Mon., Jan. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In five methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's,

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| (4) Plain Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat. |                              |
| E. Ivan Parkin .. .. Treble  | Peter M. Wilkinson .. 4      |
| Ian R. Russell .. .. 2   | Simon A. B. Wigg .. .. 5     |
| Norman R. Mattingley .. 3  | Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor |

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *John Illingworth .. .. Treble | *†James E. Andrews .. 6       |
| Norman Tompkins .. .. 2        | *Geoffrey O. Sandens .. 7     |
| †Geoffrey Fothergill .. 3      | Harold Worrall .. .. 8        |
| *Thomas Hobson .. .. 4         | †John Ashcroft .. .. 9        |
| Joseph Thornley .. .. 5        | *David R. Forsyth .. .. Tenor |

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by John Ashcroft.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ 250th peal and first of Grandsire Caters.

Rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Ashcroft, and as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who has left Worsley to join the Lancashire County Police.

(Preston Branch)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pritchard's .. .. Tenor  | Phyllis Turner .. .. 5   |
| Neil McCormick .. .. 2   | John Ashcroft .. .. 6    |
| Dennis McCormick .. .. 3 | Peter Gardner .. .. 7    |
| Philip Wilson .. .. 4    | Roger Barnes .. .. Tenor |
| Jeffery Simcox .. .. 5   |                          |

Conducted by Dennis McCormick.

Rung by the regular Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, also to Mr. R. Gardner.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Johnson's variation.        |                            |
| John R. Lunham .. .. Treble | Ronald Kenrick .. .. 5     |
| Celia D'Eath .. .. 2        | Martin E. Snape .. .. 6    |
| Keith J. Walpole .. .. 3    | Dennis R. Jones .. .. 7    |
| May Perry .. .. 4           | Joseph Ridyard .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carole Jones, daughter of the ringer of the seventh, and to mark her engagement to Mr. Cedric Jones.

CULCHETH, Lancashire.—At Newchurch Parish Church.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

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

Composed by N. J. Pistow. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

\* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First in the method as conductor.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble | Diana J. Handley .. .. 4       |
| Wilfred Bolton .. .. 2          | Stanley Anderton .. .. 5       |
| Patricia James .. .. 3          | Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

Rung in memoriam Edward Proctor, ringer for 65 years, who died in his 80th year and was buried here on the previous Wednesday.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Roland H. Cook .. .. Treble | *Stephen C. Wells .. .. 5     |
| *Robin A. Gilliver .. .. 2  | *John Watkins .. .. 6         |
| *Brian L. Burrows .. .. 3   | *K. Paul Gilliver .. .. 7     |
| Martin Green .. .. 4        | R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

\* First peal in the method.

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## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THURLASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Being seven extents.          | Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F. |
| George L. Pickering .. Treble | George Dudley .. 4              |
| John J. Morris .. 2           | Christopher M. Sturgess .. 5    |
| Jane M. Tooby .. 3            | K. Paul Gilliver .. Tenor       |

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jacqueline S. King .. Treble | George T. Cousins .. 6   |
| Donald G. Clarke .. 2        | James L. Fitzgerald .. 7 |
| David Pike .. 3              | Frank Reed .. 8          |
| David L. Phillips .. 4       | David J. King .. 9       |
| David J. Hughes .. 5         | Richard W. Owen .. Tenor |

Composed by Morris J. Morris.

Conducted by David J. King.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Most Rev. Alfred Edwin Morris, D.D., upon his retirement as Lord Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Monmouth.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

## BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bruerton's 12-part.        | Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp. |
| William T. Petty .. Treble | Peter S. Bennett .. 5           |
| *Alwyn R. Lewis .. 2       | D. R. Lynn Jones .. 6           |
| Thomas T. Yeomans .. 3     | Gwyn I. Lewis .. 7              |
| David L. Phillips .. 4     | *Raymond J. Mayle .. Tenor      |

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

\* First peal of Triples "inside." † First of Triples

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Julie E. Spurgeon .. Treble | Harold W. Rogers .. 6         |
| Richard L. Jones .. 2       | Steven P. Darvill .. 7        |
| Patricia Rogers .. 3        | Roger W. Powell .. 8          |
| Mrs. O. L. Rogers .. 4      | Len Goodall .. 9              |
| Laurence C. Way .. 5        | Michael R. Wycherley .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble  | Joseph W. Cotton .. 6   |
| *Roland Beniston .. 2        | Robert L. Piron .. 7    |
| John K. Smith .. 3           | Arthur E. Rowley .. 8   |
| Richard J. Clifton .. 4      | Rupert A. Clarke .. 9   |
| †Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5 | Derek P. Jones .. Tenor |

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

\* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." † 100th peal of Surprise.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rupert Clarke.

LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5008 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble | Arthur E. Rowley .. 5    |
| Richard J. Clifton .. 2     | Frank Chambers .. 6      |
| Ron Hughes .. 3             | Gordon H. Lane .. 7      |
| Joseph W. Cotton .. 4       | Roland Beniston .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Henry Tooke .. Treble   | Clifford Bird .. 6      |
| Nolan Golden .. 2       | Bert Gogle .. 7         |
| David Heighton .. 3     | H. William Barrett .. 8 |
| Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 4 | Leslie J. Bailey .. 9   |
| George Sayer .. 5       | David E. House .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Tooke, a vice-president of the Association and captain of the tower.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peter Border .. Treble | Barry J. Davis .. 6         |
| Barry E. Saunders .. 2 | Michael W. Coleman .. 7     |
| Alan A. Paul .. 3      | Robert A. Reeves .. 8       |
| Barrie Hendry .. 4     | Graham C. Paul .. 9         |
| Diana Reeves .. 5      | Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor |

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Peter Border.

## OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Carter's variation of Parker's 12-part. | Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. |
| *Christopher P. Turner .. Treble        | Edgar J. Smith .. 5       |
| Brian A. White .. 2                     | †Martin J. Turner .. 6    |
| Malcolm Journeaux .. 3                  | Walter F. Judge .. 7      |
| Francis A. White .. 4                   | Charles Coles .. Tenor    |

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

\* First attempt (age 12 years). † First in the method (age 15 years).  
Rung as a birthday compliment for the wife of the conductor.

## HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours.

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| J. J. Parker's six-part.  | Tenor 14½ cwt.               |
| *Eva G. Eele .. Treble    | Bernard C. Castle .. 5       |
| *Charles W. Mortimer .. 2 | *Raymond K. Rivers .. 6      |
| *Charles A. Eele .. 3     | Harold Smith .. 7            |
| Violet N. Castle .. 4     | *Frederick J. Hicks .. Tenor |

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Ian Christopher, second son of John and Susan Froome, both ringers at Hurst.

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

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.   |                           |
| *Helen M. Diserens .. Treble | *Frank W. Lewis .. 5      |
| Albert Diserens .. 2         | Frederick R. Scott .. 6   |
| David P. Hilling .. 3        | *John N. Diserens .. 7    |
| Ronald F. Diserens .. 4      | Noel J. Diserens .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Rung silent and non-conducted.

\* First non-conducted peal.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble | Roger W. Smith .. 6     |
| Barrie Hendry .. 2              | Barry E. Saunders .. 7  |
| Richard F. B. Speed .. 3        | David J. Marshall .. 8  |
| Patrick I. Chapman .. 4         | Alan A. Paul .. 9       |
| Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5        | Graham C. Paul .. Tenor |

Composed by Sam Thomas

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

The conductor's 500th peal. First "little" Surprise Royal method to be rung to a peal.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

## LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL

mx—50—14, 50—50, 36, 14—14, 50—14—18.

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

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| In six methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman and eight extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain and Kennington. | Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A flat. |
| J. Charles Hudson .. Treble   | John G. Mitchell .. 3               |
| Patsy M. Barnes .. 2  | Christopher J. Groome .. 4          |

Richard J. Cowley .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

## NORTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Being ten extents of Grandsire, four of April Day, four of St. Simon, four of St. Martin, four of St. Nicholas, four of Winchendon Place, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. |                         |
| Edward C. Garrett .. Treble   | John S. W. Townley .. 3 |
| Iris R. D. Webb .. 2  | Stanley F. Webb .. 4    |

Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration in 1965.

Tenor 15½ cwt.



### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| John N. Lindon .. .. Treble | *Stephen W. Barton .. .. 5     |
| Maurice F. Edwards .. .. 2  | John R. Insley .. .. 6         |
| Susan E. Smith .. .. 3      | James W. Belshaw .. .. 7       |
| Richard J. Tibbatts .. .. 4 | Clifford A. Barron .. .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

\* First peal in the method.

### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Peter Beresford .. .. Treble | John S. Barnes .. .. 5       |
| Yvonne Edwards .. .. 2       | Derek E. Sibson .. .. 6      |
| Joan Beresford .. .. 3       | James A. D. Woolford .. .. 7 |
| Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 4     | Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor |

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

### THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Sheila A. M. Antony .. Treble | Harold F. Gibson .. .. 7     |
| Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 2      | Gordon A. Halls .. .. 8      |
| Herbert T. Rooke .. .. 3       | Denis A. Carlisle .. .. 9    |
| Richard A. G. Inglis .. .. 4   | William L. E. Exton .. .. 10 |
| Royston Blackler .. .. 5       | John R. Pratchett .. .. 11   |
| George A. Dawson .. .. 6       | John Walden .. .. Tenor      |

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

\* First peal of Stedman and first on 12 bells.

Rung to the memory of Frederick A. Salter, for many years a respected Ringing Master at this tower.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Leslie P. Brain .. .. Treble | Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 4  |
| *Dorothy M. Durrant .. .. 2  | Cecil W. Pipe .. .. 5         |
| Margaret Egglestone .. .. 3  | Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor |

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

\* First peal.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Betty Percy .. .. Treble   | Thomas M. Barlow .. .. 5     |
| Amette E. Bradbury .. .. 2 | Alan R. Baldock .. .. 6      |
| Janet M. Percy .. .. 3     | John R. Norris .. .. 7       |
| Rosemary Earl .. .. 4      | Charles R. Percy .. .. Tenor |

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Rev. Lewis Evan Meredith, Bishop of Dover 1957 to 1964 and Vicar of this parish 1947 to 1957, who died on January 4th, 1968, aged 67.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Morley P. Tobin .. .. Treble | Stephen W. Barton .. .. 5      |
| M. Irene Ellsmore .. .. 2    | Robert Edwards .. .. 6         |
| Roderick J. Lees .. .. 3     | Martin D. Fellows .. .. 7      |
| A. Bryan Ellsmore .. .. 4    | Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor |

Composed by John R. Mayne

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jack L. Millhouse .. .. Treble | Phillip C. Pitchford .. .. 7 |
| Susan Jackson .. .. 2          | Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 8   |
| Alan H. Bridges .. .. 3        | John Walden .. .. 9          |
| David Phillipson .. .. 4       | C. Barrie Dove .. .. 10      |
| Peter A. Sharp .. .. 5         | Michael Maughan .. .. 11     |
| Rev. Giles C. Galley .. .. 6   | Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor |

Composed by John E. Chilcott.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

### PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

#### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christopher A. Moxon .. Treble | *Christopher Holmes .. .. 5 |
| *R. Anne Johnson .. .. 2       | †Rev. Nicholas Webb .. .. 6 |
| Charlotte Bennett .. .. 3      | Trevor Tarbatt .. .. 7      |
| David S. Johnson .. .. 4       | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor |

Composed by H. Cashmore.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

## QUARTER PEALS

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen N. Restorick (first quarter) 1, H. C. Milward 2, F. W. James 3, C. A. Milward 4, C. Hims (cond.) 5, H. C. Kent 6. With the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, Rev. P. Blakiston, who is moving to Northumberland.

AUSTREY, WARKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rosemary White 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Believed to be first quarter on bells for ten years.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: Andrea North 1, Cherrill L. Everard (first as cond.) 2, B. S. Payne 3, M. G. Godwin 4, M. D. Barsby 5, P. G. Chambers 6. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Christine Younger 1, M. D. Barsby 2, P. G. Chambers (first as cond.) 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. Wilmore 5, C. L. Younger 6. Rung on Ringers' Sunday.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Travers 1, F. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, T. Camp 4, K. Westwood 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. For family service.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Cheseman 1, P. R. Everest 2, M. W. Thompson (first of Triples) 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, J. R. Palmer 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, W. J. Bear 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Ronda M. Purkese 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, T. Matcham 3, P. R. Parsons 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, B. M. Mackrell 6. Half-muffled in memorial Alfred Carlos Fletcher, Vicar of Eling, 1951-1967.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Blencowe (first quarter) 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Blencowe 8. For Farnham Grammar School carol service. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Fletcher 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, C. K. Hill 4, S. Meadows 5, J. A. Collier 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. First Bob Triples 1, 4. For Evensong. (C. K. Hill is on leave from Cyprus.)

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Tipper 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, Valerie Rushforth (first of Bob Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Christmas Eve, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. D. Eicell (cond.) 1, Mary Attard (first "inside") 2, J. Clarke 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Rung before midnight Eucharist. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): 1, Minns (first quarter) 1, R. E. Smalley (first of Minimus) 2, J. Parkin (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Half-muffled. First in three methods in this tower.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): J. D. Tarrant 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6.

LONGWOLD, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Morning Star Treble Bob Minor: 1, Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For the Epiphany.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (eight methods): 1, K. Foot 1, G. W. Randall (cond.) 2, Shirley Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, P. C. Randall 5, A. H. Bridges 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Christine M. Brazil (first in method) 1, F. W. James 2, W. R. Jackson 3, C. C. Freeman 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, T. W. Herbert 6. For the induction of the Rev. B. Glover to St. George's Church, Redditch.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, R. Weekes 4, G. Wood 5, G. A. Naylor 6, J. Clark 7, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Kenward on the occasion of their 46th wedding anniversary.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Anita D. O'Brien (first in method) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, W. H. Trueman 3, R. Fry 4, R. G. Bryant 5, I. S. Campbell 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Holborow, Swindon Branch member, interred this day at Stratton St. Margaret.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDY.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Boniface 1, D. Brock 2, M. B. Tyers 3, R. J. Collis 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, M. J. Palmer 6, R. Bettley-Cooke 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8. For the induction as Vicar of the Rev. John L. James, lately Vicar of Balcombe.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grand-sire Cater: M. Sutton 1, Jill E. Davidge 2, Pauline Wilton 3, B. Bladen 4, M. J. Stanley 5, R. C. Hulme 6, M. New 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. W. T. Daniel 10. For Christmas Eve and a welcome to Peter, son born to Brian and Leslie Bladen or December 20th. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Carol Lovegrove (first Triples) 1, Jill E. Davidge (cond.) 2, Winifred Marriott 3, Eileen Jaques 4, R. C. Hulme 5, M. J. Stanley 6, M. New 7, E. Sutton 8. A farewell to the Rev. J. W. Jackson, now at Walsall, Birmingham.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): 1, L. Dollins 1, J. Sach 2, A. Russell 3, W. H. Raxter 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.



## HALF PEAL

**BOLDMERE, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 13th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Miss R. J. McCallum 1, R. C. Ingram 2, D. Reeves 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, A. S. Burbridge (cond.) 5, M. Androlia 6, J. E. Neale 7, R. H. Harris 8. First half peal on bells since church rededication after fire.

## DATE TOUCH

**BEESTON, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Twigg 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, D. R. McLean 5, P. N. Mackley 6, E. Shuttleworth 7, I. V. J. Smith (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong by N.U.S.C.R. First length on the bells since rehanging. An engagement compliment to Ian V. J. Smith and Ann Harris, both Society members, and also to David R. McLean, Master of the Society, and E. Sybil M. Tonkin.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Wiltshire 1, N. Bennett (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Mace (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**ASHCOTT, SOM.**—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. Greter 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Janice Haggett 4, F. Parramore 5, R. Lambert 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Poole.

**ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.**—On Jan. 6, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Dixon 1, J. Westmacott 2, G. J. Collett 3, P. R. Coveney 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tucker.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Rowland (first quarter) 1, Margaret Jones 2, F. Hucklestep 3, R. A. Swift 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, J. Clark 6.

**ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.**—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. H. Reed 1, J. E. Brewer 2, R. A. C. Cross 3, F. J. Morris 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6. A 21st birthday compliment to niger of 3rd.

**ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.**—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain): R. Cadamy 1, A. Kershaw 2, I. N. Pett 3, P. Neil 4, D. W. Manton 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6.

**BENINGTON, HERTS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Nigel R. Perrin (first quarter) 1, K. J. Perrin 2, Brenda J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, F. W. Judkins 6. For Epiphany.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (back six): Susan L. King 1, Barbara A. Pates 2, B. F. R. Mullins (first "inside") 3, Sheila I. Smith 4, A. S. L. Smith (cond.) 5, D. G. Carr 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Christmas and a welcome to Mr. C. W. H. Bedford, from New Zealand to visit his son-in-law (B. F. R. Mullins).

**BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, R. Garrett 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung for the marriage of Stanley Duncan Muir and Maureen Lily Hill.

**BRASTED, KENT.**—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Longhurst 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, R. J. Everest 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, N. S. Butcher 6. Rung with the band's best wishes to Charlie Aylward, of Chiddington, on his 83rd birthday.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Murrell 1, S. Badman 2, R. Sweet 3, B. Abraham 4, D. Helliwell 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, B. A. Shackleton 7, S. Gillett 8. Rung on the back eight on the occasion of the marriage of Monica Hancock to Mike Rose.

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

**COMPTON MARTIN, SOM.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Berwick and Hexham): Monica Horseman 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Brain (300th quarter) 3, P. Jones 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, D. Mackay 6.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, E. W. Razzell 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. G. T. Steere 5, N. S. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, A. Brown 9, C. M. Foster 10. For midnight Communion.

**DRAYTON BASSETT, TAMWORTH, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 7th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): A. E. Cooper 1, N. Attaway (cond.) 2, Miss S. P. Fairfield 3, K. G. Parker 4. First quarter 1, 4. First of Minimus 2, 3. First quarter since the bells were recast and is believed to be the first quarter ever at Drayton Bassett.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ELSTOW, BEDS.**—At the Abbey on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Robinson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary A. Hartley 2, S. R. Huckle 3, R. Wood (first of Minor) 4, R. Piron 5, A. D. Norman (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. G. Hartley (vicar) and R. F. Law (ordinand).

**HEMINGTON, SOM.**—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Weaver 1, Christine Green (first quarter) 2, H. Hawkins 3, E. Green (first "inside") 4, R. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6.

**HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Caldecote 1, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 2, Annette Taylor 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. Clayfield 5, R. A. Gilliver 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Hilary Bevins, a ringer at this church, who died (aged 18 years) after a road accident on December 22nd.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. M. Humphrey 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, S. W. Brown 3, J. R. Norris 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. First in seven methods for all the band. For Evensong.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Elderton, chorister and member of the P.C.C.

**LEDGERY, HEREFORDS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (19 meth./var.): R. J. Bullock 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. W. Collins (first "inside") 4, R. K. Higgins (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Most meth./var. by all the band, and on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. G. Moeran, rural dean at Ledgery until 1959.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Dec. 1st, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version): R. A. Clarke 1, J. Bramley 2, M. E. Wade 3, J. E. Cook 4, W. E. Rawson 5, P. A. Mason 6, S. J. Haines 7, A. M. Lindsey 8, R. H. Cook 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10.

**LEICESTER.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. B. Brown 1, R. Kingsley Mason 2, Monica M. Jelley 3, J. Bramley 4, M. Green 5, A. Cattell 6, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 7, J. E. Plant 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of his funeral as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Cattell, bellringer, chorister and churchwarden of All Saints' for many years.

**LONDON.**—At St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. R. Wycherly 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, R. L. Jones 3, L. C. Way 4, J. R. Pratt 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6, R. W. Powell 7, S. P. Darvill 8. For Matins.

**LEIRE, LEICS.**—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob): K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 1, J. H. Dove 2, N. W. Price 3, W. Johnson 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, C. M. Sturgess 6. Rung after a peal attempt failure. A 60th birthday compliment to Harry Dove.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. S. Slatford 1, N. G. Knee 2, C. P. Quartley 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, R. J. Purnell 5, C. F. Andrews 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, E. J. Hitchins (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the institution of the Rev. W. H. Langdon as Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

**NORWICH.**—At St. George's, Colegate, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Minor (London S. and Plain): G. H. Pullin 1, Miss H. Webb 2, D. Cubitt 3, Mrs. D. House 4, P. Adcock 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Miss B. M. Payne 1, Miss A. M. Wright 2, Mrs. D. House 3, D. E. House (cond.) 4, D. Cubitt 5.

**OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. Tremear 1, Jane Dard 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Masson (first in two methods as cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Jane Dando 2, R. J. Latham (first "inside") 3, J. Huggins 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. Bevan 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. Hoar 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6.

**PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, Katharine Gorvin 2, J. M. Tyler 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. C. Meads 5, J. E. David 6, L. Hadman 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong in honour of the 87th birthday, on January 6th, of Rev. Dr. C. J. Grimes, former Vicar. Also birthday compliments to G. S. Bush and L. Hadman.

**PRESTON, RUTLAND.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy M. Barnes 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, L. Atton 3, R. Sparrow 4, J. C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robin and Mary Sparrow on the birth of a daughter, Wendy Tessa, and to Frazer Williams and Ann Sadler on their engagement.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Cobb 1, Jennifer Nockolds (first of Minor) 2, L. Goodall 3, L. W. Allen 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, A. Patterson 6, Julie Armstrong cover.

**ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (two methods): D. Rose 1, B. Coley 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose 6. For morning service and to mark the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the ban on ringing for Christmas Day only until 12 o'clock.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, I. P. Sawford 3, P. S. George 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6, J. S. Walker 7, R. D. Bellamy 8. For Harves Thanksgiving. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant 1, I. P. Sawford 2, P. S. George 3, T. W. Griffiths 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, C. D. Corby 6, J. S. Walker 7, R. D. Bellamy 8.

**SILSOE, BEDS.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): N. Brazier 1, Julie Horne 2, C. Catlin 3, D. A. Eddy 4, T. R. Harris (cond.) 5, Susan Catlin 6. The youngest band to ring a quarter on the bells (average age 14.5 years). For midnight Communion. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Catlin 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, Julie Horne 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. R. Harris 5, Susan Catlin 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. D. W. Boothman, killed in the Luton air crash.

**SOPLEY, HANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Young 1, F. W. Freeman 2, W. T. Perrins 3, G. W. Scragg 4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5, R. Childs 6. First quarter 1, 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. P. O. Sandercombe as Vicar and the dedication of a new vestry by the Lord Bishop of Winchester this day.

**STAFFORD.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Daniels 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, G. T. Williams 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, A. E. Garbett 6, M. Holland (cond.) 7, D. Owen 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to G. P. Matthews, F.R.C.O., 43 years organist at St. Mary's Church, died January 3rd, aged 85 years.

**STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Pam Whitfield 1, Mrs. D. Webb 2, S. F. Webb 3, J. K. Foot 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, S. Royal 6. Rung to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Foot to the village.

**STEVENAGE, HERTS.**—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (840 Grandsire, 480 Plain): W. Brown 3, D. Taplin 4, S. Gullick 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Lawrence 7, R. Kirkpatrick (covering) 8. In memory of Edwin G. Buck.

**STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.**—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew 1, Miss R. Snowden 2, Mrs. E. Oxenham 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, D. Bentley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.**—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Royal (cond.) 1, Pam Whitfield 2, Mrs. G. Williamson 3, R. Winter 4, P. K. Williamson 5, J. Royal 6.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Sara E. Elmes (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. T. Brown 5, P. J. N. Brown (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, R. Jones 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

**WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.**—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Thirle 1, Hilary Bailey 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, J. Bailey 4, A. Luxford (cond.) 5, B. Rogers 6.

**WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (seven methods): Jane Briggs 1, R. D. R. Brown 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, F. W. Ellis 4, J. E. Ewer 5, B. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Edwin G. Buck, ringer of Baldock and past president of the Hertford County Association.

**WYMONDHAM, LEICS.**—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minimus (5-6 covering): S. Welbourn 1, B. Harley 2, R. Murphy 3, J. T. P. Thorpe (cond.) 4, C. Bottom 5, B. Dickenson 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawlings on the occasion of their diamond wedding.



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## BIRTH

EVANS.—To Sally (née Clark) and Brian, of 42, West Street, Malmesbury, Wilts, on Friday, January 19th, 1968, a daughter (Jacqueline Karen). 3218

## RUBY WEDDING

PARK—THWAITES. — On February 4th, 1928, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, by the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., William Norman Park to Sadie Thwaites. Present address: 372, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington. 3165

## PERSONAL

HAYWARD.—Congratulations to Val Hayward on her 21st birthday, on January 23rd, from the Spring Park ringers. 3230

"In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul."—Psalm lcv, 19.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### APPLETON, BERKSHIRE

The 150th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 20s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 20th. 3248

### AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

#### St. Matthew's-in-the-City

The recent completion of a pilot scheme on No. 3 suggests that "Bishop Selwyn's Bells" could once again be made ringable.

Anyone living in Auckland district who has a working knowledge of "belfry mechanics" and an unlimited amount of spare time which he/she is prepared to devote to the project is invited to contact: W. T. Lack, 3, Rodney Road, Northcote, Auckland 9. Telephone: Auckland 283-843.

It would be greatly appreciated if readers with ringing friends in Auckland District would bring this notice to their attention. 3249

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Annual Dinner at the Royal Oak, Ilminster, Monday, February 12th. Tickets 11s. each. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ilminster, 6.45-8 p.m., prior to dinner. Tickets limited.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 3228

EGHAM, SURREY.—St. John the Baptist's practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors most welcome. 3204

## 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

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District.—Annual Social at King George VI Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 17th. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment by booking now—4s. each from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. Licensed bar, refreshments and entertainment from 7.30. 3241

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, February 12th, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3225

## ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY

### STOURBRIDGE, WORCS

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Surprise practice, Newport, Salop, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 6.45 p.m.—8.30 p.m. All welcome. 3217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The address of the new secretary, Mr. Eric Godfrey, is: 53, Chelsham Road, Warmingham, CR39EQ, Surrey. Telephone No. UAO—4366. 3203

For Notices of Dinners see back page of cover.

## MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Bletsoe (6), Saturday, February 3rd, 3.15-4.45. Tea, Milton Ernest, 5 p.m. Milton Ernest (6) from 6 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 3246

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 3207

CLEVELAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting at Workington, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (Own arrangements for tea.)—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 3207

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Haddenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Special methods: Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Names for tea to Rev. J. Jones, 13, High Street, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs. 3199

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. Visitors will have to make own arrangements for teas; names of cafes where teas can be obtained will be given in the tower before service.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3207

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead. Tea not guaranteed if you don't send your name.—M. M. 2196

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, February 3rd. Weston (5) 5.30-7: Graveley (6) 7-8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3242

We apologise to disappointed secretaries. "The Ringing World" had to go to press on Friday, January 26th, because of mechanical difficulties.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), February 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Regret no service owing to redecoration of church. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane. Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 3215

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, February 3rd. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3210

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Penistone (8), February 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. All welcome. Note: Secretary not seeking re-election at A.G.M.—A. King, Hon. Sec. 3244

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Beeston (8, just been rehung) on February 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Haines, 4, Elm Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 3173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 p.m. 3188

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. 3222

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice, Woodstock (8), Wednesday, February 7th, 7.30 p.m. — E. Venn. 3227

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Surprise Major practice, Dereham, Friday, February 9th, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—G. P. Adams. 3255

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, February 9th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3252

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Stogumber (6 bells) on Saturday, February 10th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3219

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy (6) on Saturday, February 10th. Usual arrangements. Sincere welcome to all.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 3254

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull, February 10th. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing before service and after tea to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stipetic, c/o Holy Trinity Church, Hull, by February 7th (latest). 3229

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, February 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., with evening ringing until 8 p.m. Please bring own tea: cups of tea will be provided in the Church Hall. 3178

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Old School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3224

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Annual general meeting at Ottery St. Mary, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley, Branch Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel. 2795.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Dartmouth, February 10th. Service, St. Clement's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Petrox' 2-3 p.m.; St. Clement's 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by February 6th.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Hoghton, Saturday, February 10th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Iltley, Woodside, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, by Wednesday, 7th.—B. Tomlinson and L. Walmsley. 3187

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness-on-Windermere on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere.—T. F. Metcalfe. 3216

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Shore (Littleborough) on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. It is proposed to authorise a grant from the Branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham. 3234

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Bells: Quorn 10 to 11.30; Old Woodhouse 11 to 12; Woodhouse Eaves 12 to 1 p.m.; Shepshed 2 to 3 p.m.; Loughborough Parish 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Wilson, 138, Park Road, Loughborough, not later than February 7th. Parish and Bell Foundry bells available after meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 3200

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Llanblethian (6) on Saturday, February 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m.-4 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Cowbridge bells available after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 7, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, CF6 9 ED. Tel. Rhoose 494. 3197

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting at Caversham on February 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Caversham Church House. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Langan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, by February 7th. No names, no tea. 3251

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, February 10th. Names for tea to Miss A. Starmer, The Bull Inn, Harpole, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 3245

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. — Meeting to be held at Bromham (6), February 10th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. Turner, Mirabelle, New Road, Bromham, Chippenham. 3235

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bingham District.—Meeting at Glanby (6), February 10th. Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Wharton, by Wednesday previous. 3228

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 10th. Cathedral bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Evensong at 5.15 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Rooms after Evensong, followed by business meeting. Ring at the Cathedral after. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Southern District.—Evening ringing session at Leamington Spa (8), Monday, February 12th. Ringing, 7.30-9 p.m. to suit all tastes and abilities. All most welcome.—R. W. S. 3206

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Practices: February 6th, St. Mary-le-Bow; February 13th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; February 20th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m. 3220

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District.—District practice meeting at Horsmonden (8) on Thursday, February 15th. at 7.30 p.m. Future practices on various week-day evenings. 3247

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.** — Evening practice meeting at Walsall on Sat., February 17th. Bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3170

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (Lewes) (10), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please note nomination required for Divisional secretary. Names for tea to G. P. Elphick, 66, Priory

Street, Lewes, by February 4th.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" ten-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, February 17th, 5.30-7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 3243

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District.—The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17th. Bells: Barnby Don (6) 3-4 p.m.; Arksey (8) 4-5 p.m. and 6.15-7.15 p.m.; Campsall (8) 7-9 p.m. Tea and meeting at Arksey Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, as soon as possible. Buses every 40 minutes to Arksey from Doncaster. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3211

## Recruitment and Training

By N. CHADDOCK,

Convener, C.C. Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee

THE suggestion made by N. F. M. in his feature "The Difficulties of Bellringing" (page 936, "R.W." December 22nd), that experiences of various towers be made known, is a good one. I agree with him that constant recruitment and training are essential if continuity of efficient ringing is to be maintained. The only exceptions to this are a few cities where ringing flourishes and there is a steady influx of ready-made ringers. Their gain, however, is some other tower's loss.

There must, however, be interest, enthusiasm and opportunities to progress. Some towers have literally droves of recruits who reach a certain stage and finding no opportunity for further progress lose interest and drop off.

In these days of extreme "mobility of labour" and the high proportion of lady ringers (God bless them!) whose ringing careers are necessarily interrupted or restricted, most towers have a steady wastage which calls for a considerable degree of training most of the time.

The Survey done by the Service Ringing and Education Committee, almost 10 years ago, threw some light on this problem, as did the consequent publication "Ringing for Service," available from the C.C. librarian.

Whilst many factors for success are well known, they are not always the same in different towers because the composition of the bands, conditions, traditions and outlooks differ. The band, old and young, experienced and inexperienced, must be able to get on extremely well together. Mental and physical qualities are only two of many important ones to be looked for in new recruits.

Some common factors for success are undaunted enthusiasm of one or several able members of the existing band, and ability of someone to teach, to organise and to create interest and enthusiasm. The belfry must be organised on businesslike lines. Half-heartedness never brings success in ringing affairs.

Those who work with youngsters have not only to teach them to ring but take a part in moulding their impressionable characters and sense of true values in ringing matters.

Though most young people often tend to appear less thoughtful than adults, this is not always so and there is a reward in seeing one's own teenage recruits develop their ringing ability and personality.

Not only is it necessary to train replace-

ment ringers, but those with qualities of leadership and ability to impart their enthusiasm and skills to others must be encouraged to take responsibility in the tower and in established ringing organisations.

Of over 60 post-war trainees of mine who have rung 720's, the majority have been teenagers, and I would put 14 years as an ideal age at which to learn to ring. One of my most rewarding pupils, however, has been a mature man in his 40's, his contribution being not only that of a capable service ringer but of understanding and friendly encouragement to all who entered the ringing chamber including myself. He learnt happily amongst a group of 14 year olds, three of whom have for years been outstanding in their reliability, ringing ability and enthusiasm and have progressively become the backbone of the band.

Whilst exceptionally bright Grammar school recruits can produce rapid results, for steady continuity boys slightly below that academic standard take some beating. The former often develop too many other commitments and the latter are more likely to remain in the locality and develop ringing as their major interest.

Time spent on training those who later give up their ringing is not always time wasted. In some cases worthwhile service is obtained from them and they often bridge the gap between earlier and later recruits who retain their interest.

As regards method ringing, the majority of my teenage recruits at Rotherham have progressed to Surprise Major and Stedman Caters. The various ringing done each time a band meets should include a short "piece" which stretches it to its limit, bearing in mind the need to preserve a good standard of striking. On one occasion this might be Stedman Triples and on another Spliced Surprise. This keeps a band interested and on its toes and in a frame of mind to bear up with the more humble part essential to ensure the band's future.

It is advantageous to have a small group of pupils learning together, if this can be arranged. Training must be thorough and standards high in all aspects. The value of the extensive use of handbells in training cannot be over-emphasised.

Much valuable information about methods of teaching has been disseminated at the day and weekend courses in bell ringing. The Exercise can benefit from the pooling of ideas and experience which has proved effective.



## TUNE RINGING

## TODDLERS' FIRST STEPS WITH BELL MUSIC

From Yorkshire Mrs. M. Chant tells of the introduction of tune ringing by five-year-olds at South Hindley J.M. and I. School. They are pictured ringing "St. Paul's Steeple."

They have a growing repertoire of nursery rhymes, such as "Baa Baa Black Sheep," hymn tunes, including "Thank you for the world so sweet." They also ring a number of songs from "The Sound of Music," including "Edelweiss" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." At Christmas time carols of course are rung, "O come all ye faithful" "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Away in a Manger" being among the favourites.

The "conductor" points at a poster-size sheet of "music"—the pointing making the rhythm of the piece, because as a note is touched, then the ringer of that particular note "rings."

Each note at this stage is rung by recognition of colour (tunes in full harmony being rung at a later stage to numbers—each child having its own individual music).

When we exhausted the easily recognised colours, and more notes were required, then we repeated the colours but put a black stripe on top. This gave us the following key of recognition:—

|         |    |                          |
|---------|----|--------------------------|
| A       | 15 | White and black stripe.  |
| B       | 14 | Blue and black stripe.   |
| C       | 13 | Yellow and black stripe. |
| D       | 12 | Red.                     |
| E       | 11 | Yellow.                  |
| F       | 10 | Pink and black stripe.   |
| F sharp | 10 | Pink.                    |
| G       | 9  | Green.                   |
| G sharp | 9  | Brown and black stripe.  |
| A       | 8  | Orange.                  |
| B       | 7  | Mauve.                   |
| C       | 6  | Brown.                   |
| C sharp | 6  | Black.                   |

|         |   |                          |
|---------|---|--------------------------|
| D       | 5 | Blue.                    |
| E       | 4 | White.                   |
| F       | 3 | Orange and black stripe. |
| F sharp | 3 | Green and black stripe.  |
| G       | 2 | Red and black stripe.    |
| A       | 1 | Mauve and black stripe.  |

Each handbell has its individual colour,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", cello-taped upon it. Even the five-year-olds are able to ring a faultless tune, which they can recognise and enjoy. The powers of concentration are developed to a remarkable degree—as I think the picture very clearly demonstrates. The children were not



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## CLUES

## ACROSS

1. Wooden pin tapering at both ends (6).
4. Highest quality. May be the upper sixth (3, 5).
9. Chucks out politely (6).
10. For caviar, Mrs. Beeton might have said: "First catch your —" (8).
12. I go to Bedford and move it to Devon (8).
13. An illuminated manuscript (6).
15. Suitable place for College Bob? (4).
16. These are often sought or given (10).
19. Alternative versions of a flush (3, 2, 5).
20. Mohammedan title (4).
23. If you get this you're in! (6).
25. The music has been rearranged (8).
27. He lives surrounded by sea (8).
28. Starts in the same way as Grandsire and Stedman, surprisingly (6).
29. Teenager can produce (8).
30. 26d. with ship produces possessions (6).

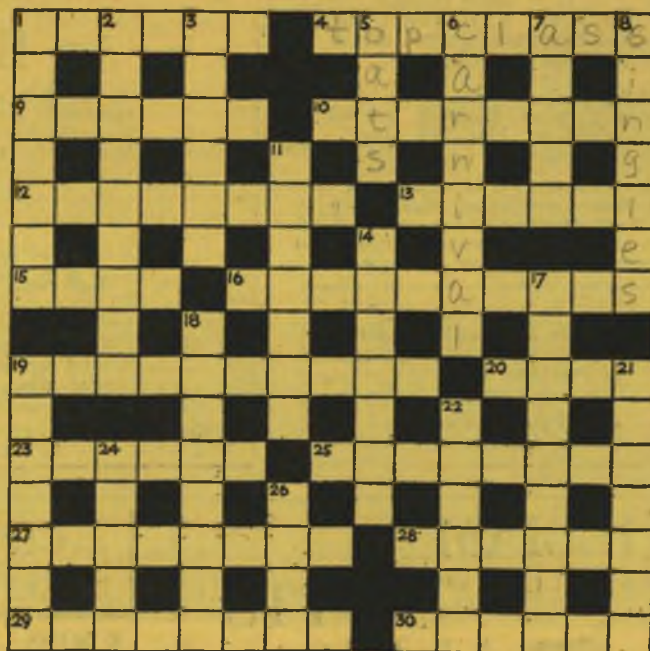
## DOWN

1. Put a thousand into the first bell and the result will shake you! (7).
2. New cathedral found in St. Martin's Guild for Diocese of Birmingham (9).
3. Excused or exploded? (3, 3).
5. These can be sown deliberately and yet be wild (4).
6. Carl and Ivan get together for this event (8).
7. Famous last words (5).
8. Ringers have these with doubles—tennis players don't! (7).
11. Not often seen supporting the top table (7).
14. Comparative speed of one six in Stedman (7).
17. Birdcage with a thousand in it springs a surprise (9).
18. He's not free to stand in peal attempts (8).
19. One of the three r's (7).
21. Look up Yorkshire and you'll find three of these (7).
22. This follows Trevor in the peal columns (1, 5).
24. Punctuation mark or large intestine (5).
26. Calling "Stand" may enable you to take this! (4).

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