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St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

THE first church on the site was founded before the Saxon invasion, and in bygone days it appears to have received the attention of many marauders. In 864 the church was plundered by Irish pirates, in 875 by the Danes, and in 1060 by Earl Harold's men. The army of William Rufus is said to have encamped one night about the church and before departing to have knelt before the altar and made offerings. The King granted the church to the monastery of St. Peter's, Gloucester, in whose possession is remained until 1540 when the rights of presentation, patronage, etc., were vested in the Bishop of Gloucester. In 1882 these were transferred to the Bishop of Llandaff. In 1921, with the formation of the Diocese of Monmouth, St. Woolos' became the pro-Cathedral and in October, 1930, a Cathedral, the rights of presentation, etc., passing to the Bishop of Monmouth.

Little is known about the bells until 1768 when they were five in number. In the following year they were recast into a ring of six; the inscriptions on these old bells are rather interesting:

Treble.—My treble voice makes hearts rejoice.

2nd.—Good ringing might yield great delight.

3rd.—Health, Peace and Plenty to this Neighbourhood.

4th.—Faith, Hope and Grace attend this place.

5th.—Kemys and Friends did vote tis true these five old bells should cast six new.

6th.—Me Resonare Jubent Pietas Mors Atque Voluptas 1769. Mr. Tudor and Mr. Richards, Churchwardens. Thomas Bayley, Founder.

The tenor bell was recast in 1870 by Mears and Stainbank. In 1894 a new treble and tenor were added to complete the octave. The inscriptions on these bells are:

Treble.—Praise to the Holiest in the Height. Henry John Davies, Arthur Stevens, Churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders.

Tenor.—And in the Depth be Praise. This bell was given to the Glory of God to the Church and Parish of St. Woolos by Henry John Davies, 1894. Mears and Stainbank, Founders.

In 1913, owing to the bad go of the bells, it was decided that the bells should be recast, two trebles added and the whole ring rehung in a steel frame. This work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. In 1939 two further trebles were added and the three lightest bells recast by Gillett and Johnston to form the only ring of 12 bells in Wales and Monmouthshire. The weight of the tenor is 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. Last year the plain bearings were replaced by ball bearings. The parishioners of St. Woolos' are most certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which this ring has been augmented and maintained during this century.

Although peals are now scored on these bells at frequent intervals this has not always been the case. The first peal on the bells was in 1895 when R. T. Hibbert conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; in the following year he returned to call a similar peal half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Prince Henry of Battenburg.

After the ten bells were hung in 1913 we have to wait until August, 1919, before reading of the first peal of Caters, conducted by J. E. Sykes, to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Peace. The first peal of Cinques was conducted by D. G. Clift in 1948, eleven years after the installation of the ring of twelve bells. It is difficult to imagine such a handy ring of twelve being installed today without a peal on them for eleven years! The following year W. Williams conducted the first peal of Maximus on the bells. Mr. Williams also conducted the first peal of Surprise Royal on the ten in 1932. Up to the present time some 90 peals have been rung.

For many years the ringers in the area appear to have been closely associated with the Great Western Railway, and several peals have been rung by railwaymen on the bells, including two conducted by the late A. J. Pitman.

The tower is served by a faithful band of ringers who do their utmost to keep the bells ringing regularly for Sunday service, and it is pleasing to note that they have several promising youngsters in the band.

M. J. P.

RECORDINGS—POINTED QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—On page 763 you report that a church in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, without bells, now has permission to play the recorded sound of church bells from the tower, under certain conditions regarding the quality of the sound produced and the purpose for which it is played.

This is a precedent which will no doubt be followed widely, and I am writing to ask whether the Central Council should now begin to consider exercising some control, not over the playing but over the recording. One can imagine a tape enthusiast—a non-ringer—recording the bells of a nearby church, say, on practice night when, with learners struggling along, the striking falls sadly short of an acceptable service standard, in the belief that he is faithfully recording the proper sound of church bells.

The owners of the bells and the incumbents who control them can, if they wish, seek advice as to their rights in the matter, but what about the ringers who take part, whose skill is thus to be used elsewhere? Would it not be proper to introduce some form of control to ensure that no recording is made without the knowledge of the ringers taking part, or without their approval of the standard of ringing before the record is released for use?—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster, S.W.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

ON October 13th, 1893, a meeting was held at The Girls' School, Llandaff, attended by the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Llandaff and "a large number of ringers," when it was decided to form the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster from Caerleon, was elected the first Master. He was very active in promoting the art of change ringing in the area, and was largely responsible for arranging the first meeting. At that time the Diocese covered the whole of Monmouthshire and the greater part of Glamorgan, with a new ring of ten bells at St. John's, Cardiff, eleven rings of eight bells and a large number of sixes and fives.

The minutes of the early meetings show that they were held in different towers to try to arouse interest; the minutes of these meetings are very brief, seldom extending beyond one page of large handwriting. The first available statement of accounts was published for the year 1896, and on the income side we read "48 Performing Members £3.12.6d.", and on the other side "Telegram 6d.", "Advertisements (Bell News) 4s. 0d." and "Postage & Paper 4s. 8d." It is interesting to note that the subscription was reduced to 1s. in 1905, and remained at 1s. until 1963.

TWO NOTED SECRETARIES

From 1899 until 1945 Mr. J. W. Jones was the general secretary, and there is little doubt that under his leadership the Association prospered with a steady increase of membership and general interest, resulting in several new rings of bells being installed, whilst many others were augmented. He was succeeded in 1945 by Mr. F. J. Hannington, who, despite the handicap of losing an arm shortly after the first world war, carried on the good work until 1962. During this period Mr. Hannington spent considerable time in producing records of the bells and ringers in the area. His "reign" was brought to a climax by the visit of the Central Council to Cardiff in 1962. He continues to be a most regular Sunday service ringer at St. John's, Cardiff. The writer has struggled most inadequately since 1962 to meet the high standard set by these two stalwarts.

It is the practice of the Association for the Master to be elected for a term of one year only, although Evan Davies held the office for 1893-4-5 and F. J. Hannington for the years 1940-43 and in 1963. The list of Masters includes A. J. Pitman for 1926, and J. Phillips in 1931. Mr. Phillips later became the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Only one lady has held the office—Miss Jacqueline S. Evans in 1952. She is now Mrs. David King, and since 1953 has been a very hard-

working and efficient secretary of the Monmouth Branch, and is the immediate past president of the Ladies Guild.

During 1921 the new Diocese of Monmouth was created, and it was decided to alter the title of the Association to its present form, the Bishops of the two Dioceses to become joint presidents. Many years later, in 1953, two Branches were formed within the Association, each covering a Diocese.

The first ring of ten bells for the Association was installed at St. John's, Cardiff, in 1893. Later, in 1913, St. Woolos', Newport, bells were augmented to ten, as were the bells at Llandaff Cathedral in 1920. In 1939 St. Woolos' bells were again augmented to give the only ring of 12 bells. Since that time further 10-bell rings have been installed at Abergavenny and Chepstow.

COMPLETE PEAL RECORDS

The Association has kept a complete record of all peals rung in the area—these peal books make interesting reading and show up clearly the progress made in the art over the years. Until 1909 only 69 peals were rung (less than five per year), whilst the years 1909 to 1913 produced 131 peals. These were mostly of Grandsire and Plain Bob, but after 1911 peals of Stedman and Treble Bob appeared. Records show that at that time most of the towers were fully manned, but, alas, the 1914-18 war put an end to this happy state of affairs.

Immediately after the war, progress was slow, but in the early twenties things began to brighten up again. Fred Chamberlain was the leading conductor at the time, most of his peals being of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. This period also produced that remarkable self-taught band at Pentre. This band was the first in the area to progress beyond the four standard methods with a peal of D.N.C.B. Major and, later, peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major on the heavy ring at Pentre. The last members of this band have recently passed from us, but their influence lives on with members of the present band there, including Tudor Edwards and John Owen—the latter is now in Canada.

From 1925 Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, was busy with his early compositions, many of which were rung at Bridgend or Aberavon, conducted either by C. H. Perry or A. J. Pitman himself. As an Association we are, of course, very proud of his later achievements as a composer, and at the time of his death he was vice-president of the Association.

During the period 1919-39 an average of 26 peals was rung each year. After the 1939-45 war progress was again slow, but the

names of E. Stith and A. J. Pitman appear frequently in the peal columns. Early in the fifties Jack Worrall introduced a new wave of enthusiasm which resulted in quite a large number of peals being rung, including the first peal on 12 bells by a resident band.

YOUNG RINGERS TO THE FORE

Since that time there has been a continued interest in the art by an ever-increasing number of young people. Quite a few towers have in recent years scored peals by their Sunday service band; the band at Llandaff Cathedral have achieved peals of both Caters and Royal. Peals of Surprise are today quite common, but it is only a few years since the first peal of Surprise Royal by a resident band was rung. Three of our young ringers were featured in the series "Up and Coming Youngsters"—Ellis N. Thomas, Christopher Ricketts and Nicholas W. H. Simon. The first two are products of Cowbridge Grammar School, where Iolo Davies has been so successful in producing young ringers to man the tower at Llanbleddian, whilst N. W. H. Simon, a ringer at Llandaff Cathedral, has in a few years conducted nearly as many peals as any conductor for this Association.

The leading peal ringers for the Association up to the end of 1967 were: J. W. Jones (deceased) 373, E. Stith (deceased) 258, T. Yeomans 181 and G. I. Lewis 161, whilst the leading conductors were: G. I. Lewis 89, N. W. H. Simon 65, D. J. King 65 and C. H. Perry (deceased) 63.

GUILD LIBRARY

The late J. W. Jones left a very good collection of books and "Ringing Worlds." These have all been bound and we have a complete set of "The Ringing World" up to the present time. These books form a foundation for a library that has been established at All Saints' Church, Newport, in a beautiful bookcase made for us by a Newport ringer, Donald Clarke. The whole was dedicated to the memory of J. W. J. in 1965, and since that time a further valuable collection has been given by F. J. Hannington. It is fitting that Mr. Leslie Bainham, a pupil of J. W. Jones, is now our librarian.

Our membership at the present time stands at 400, and our total assets amount to £252 0s. 6d. It is most fitting that in this our 75th anniversary year the Master, Mr. Richard J. Stewart, of Newport, should be one of the youngest to occupy the office. His presence, as Master at our celebration dinner, is a sure symbol of the faith we have in the future of the Association, and those who will be responsible for it. M. J. P.

TED ROCHESTER TAKES HIS RINGERS TO SOMERSET

THE Herts/Essex outing, organised by Ted Rochester, has again lived up to its reputation as one of the best of the regulars.

Due to the magnificent effort of Audrey and Ron Short, a run of excellent towers drew the best ringing from our bunch.

Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.), the first, was unfortunately not reached by all in time. Huikh Episcopi (8, 16 cwt.) had ropes removed from treble and second for some unexplained reason. This did not lessen the pleasure of the ring. Curry Rivel and Milverton (both 8, 18 cwt.) and Wiveliscombe (8, 20 cwt.). Wellington (8, 19 cwt.) and St. James', Taunton (8, 19½ cwt.) completed the Saturday ring.

Friends of Audrey and Ron supplemented the band all day and helped us get the greatest possible pleasure from the exercise. We hope they enjoyed it, too.

On Sunday most of us were unprepared for Holy Trinity, Taunton (6, 4½ cwt.) until someone remarked "You'll find out!" So we penetrated the obscure regions where this tower stood, ominously (as you will find later) avoiding the numerous turns marked TRULL. The bells rang very reasonably, particularly with the assistance of the local band,

St. Mary's, Taunton (12, 23½ cwt.), was another matter. Despite the fragile-looking tower, the inside seemed solid enough and the 12 bells rang deep and ponderous—too ponderous at first—but the pace improved and we made some handsome rounds and kept to Caters and Triples. We achieved two quite involuntary compliments from a church official and a member of the congregation!

DEMONS AND SIGNPOSTS

Someone had slipped us the tip that Wilton (Somerset) bells would be available if we covered the short distance along the TRULL road in time. The cars filled quickly, the procession started off to find one of those many signposts mentioned earlier. Now, a family of demons allowed half the party to get away before removing all the signposts. The other half was left gaping and furious. At a tense kerbside conference John Collins offered to lead, and he found the signs replaced (one up, John!) with the tail of the last demon flicking merrily as, having successfully stalled the Wilton ring, it slid off of sight.

The party was now reunited, if fractious. A considerable pavement parliament de-

veloped. Ted was for freeing the day and meeting at Sonning-on-Thames for Evensong. Others were for the offchance of an afternoon ring at Wells. The choice was delectable, but we were Ted's men and most of us made Sonning. Four of the local band met us and we had probably the most satisfying ring of the outing with them. Only one comment to the unwary—when the tenor is working, hold the treble well off at backstroke.

Methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Cambridge Major, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters and Double Norwich. And the only incident was the successful standing of all bells after a touch early on Saturday, followed by a rope breaking off and clattering to the ground at the next pull-off.

Brig Young, who we always look for on this outing, was with us until we left for Sonning and/or Wells. He is a marvellous watchdog for nervous ringers. Thanks, Brig!

Lunch at the Bell Hotel, Curry Rivel, was good and quickly served with mini-skirt attraction. Tea at the White Hart, Wiveliscombe, was very much the old fashioned meal, extremely generous and wholesome. L. G. G.

THEY TOOK ISSUE No. 1—



MR. F. BARNETT, SEN.
oldest member of the Kent County Association, having joined in 1897. Has a store of anecdotes of ringing of 50 and more years ago.



MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS
the oldest man to ring a peal.



MR. LEONARD STILWELL
has all his "Ringing Worlds" beautifully bound. Rang peals in America and Australia.

WITH thankfulness for many mercies, the Editor presents today to his 6,000 odd readers the 3,000th issue of "The Ringing World". And since the journal first saw the light of day, on March 24th, 1911, no fewer than 34 readers have a continuous record of being faithful supporters week by week. To them there has been a rich blessing not only in health to survive two world wars but to retain an interest and affection for a craft that has been dedicated to the service of God and his Church.

The launching of "The Ringing World" was carefully prepared and the Editor and Founder, James Sparkes Goldsmith, acknowledged the desire behind the Exercise for a *live* journal. He wrote: "No enterprise could have been embarked upon with more generous wishes for success . . . From north, south, east and west, since first the proposal to establish this journal was made known, have come messages of encouragement."

The pathway has not been easy. There were times during the wars when the obstacles were many and the financial outlook was bleak. Even when bells were silent during part of World War II the journal survived on the heritage of the past and the painstaking research of the then Editor, J. Armiger Trollope.

Perhaps the most significant act of confidence and the desire to maintain a weekly journal for change ringing took place in the summer of 1942 when, upon the death of the Founder-Editor, the Central Council acquired the journal and with it a debt load. Their faith and their confidence have been fully justified and, thanks to the careful husbanding of resources, "The Ringing World" has today behind it capital exceeding £10,000.

We hope and pray that the example of loyalty and faithfulness of the 34 original readers will be followed by the clientele of this age and that men and women will be forthcoming to steer the ship to the next objective—No. 4,000.

AVERY, P.H. (80), of Clacton, Essex, has taken the paper since he was 16 years of age. Learned to ring at North Weald, Essex, and in 1918 joined Leytonstone. Losing a leg in World War I, in which he was awarded the D.C.M., he has been unable to do much peal ringing but has rung about 20 and conducted one of Surprise Minor. From Leytonstone he went to St. Mary's, Watford, then to All Saints', Hastings. Rayleigh and is now with Kirby-le-Soken band.

AYRE, Walter, Hemel Hempstead, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee. Uncertain whether he had all the copies during the 1914-18 war, when he was on active service. Rung over 900 peals and still rings peals. Elected to Central Council in 1926.

BAKER, C. H., Gainsborough, Lines, has taken the journal since No. 1 and "The Bell News" one year before that. Is now turned 80 years and still able to ring regularly and enjoy the paper.

BARKER, Arthur D., Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Born 1890. Hon. treasurer Oxford Diocesan Guild. Member of Central Council since 1924.

BARNES, Harry, of Woodhall Spa, near Lincoln, took "The Bell News" from about 1902 and has taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue. For many years he lived at the Blacksmith's Cottage, Stainton, near Rotherham, but in recent years has lived at Woodhall Spa.

BARNETT, F., Crayford, Grand Old Man of the Kent County Association, having been elected in 1897 and rang his first peal in May, 1899. Has rung 594 peals and served for many years on the committee of the Kent County Association. From 1903-32 was a member of the Central Council.

BEARD, Albert Walter, of East Ham, has been associated with St. Margaret's belfry, Barking, Essex, for the past 62 years and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 43 years.

BIRD, Hector G., East Brent, North Somerset, is as keen as ever on "The Ringing World" but regards the cover as unnecessary.

BLACK, Robert G. (79), of Geddington, Kettering, began ringing at Geddington when the bells were restored in 1909. Has taken the journal continuously from the first issue. During Army service in the 1914-18 war it was forwarded to him. "Before taking 'The Ringing World' I took 'The Bellringer,' which was published by William Willson, of Leicester. My father was a ringer and took 'The Bell News,' so from a lad I have been a reader of ringing journals." From 1926-49 he was general secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

CLAYDON, F., of Earle Colne, is proud to be able to say that he has taken every copy and still greatly looks forward to every edition.

FLINT, T. R. (89), Lynwood Cottage, 17, Central Avenue, Workson. Learned to ring at Workson in 1897 and became leader the same year. Joined the Midland Counties Association in 1906 and rang his first peal that year. Still enjoys "The Ringing World."

HAIRS, Frank I., Groombridge, Sussex, helped Jack Goldsmith for some time before the first issue by distributing handbills and making the "coming event" known in London. Joined the Central Council in 1930 as representative of Sussex County Association. Hon. member since 1951. Did valuable work for journal while member of "R.W." Committee.

HARMAN, Alfred, Wroxall, Isle of Wight, took "The Ringing World" from its first publication until the 1914-18 war, when he was on active service abroad, and from then until the present time. He is a former Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

HIBBINS, Ernest G., Cambridge. Born at Stamford, Lines, 1889. Elected member of the Ely Association in 1911. Served as peal secretary and Ringing Master on Diocesan and Cambridge District committees. Former Master of Cambridge Youths. Employed for 46 years by British Railways.

HOARE, J. Arthur, Swansea. Secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, the Railway-men's Guild and a member of the Central Council since 1946.

NOW THEY TAKE *Issue* 3,000

HUMPHERY, H.S. (87), of 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, Kent, has taken "The Ringing World" from No. 1 issue.

INSKIP, E. Pearl, Bromham, Beds, has taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue without a break. For four years (1915-1919) copies were sent to him in France; previously he took "The Bell News" for two years. Started to ring in 1960 at Bromham and was leader at Kempston Church for 43 years, after which he returned to Bromham to live.

KENWARD, George, Sittingbourne, Kent, became a bellringer in 1909 and took "The Bell News" before "The Ringing World" was founded. "I look forward to it every week and hope to enjoy it for a few more years." He has a membership of over 50 years of the Kent County Association.

KEYTE, Jack, Freeland, Oxford. Born July 1st, 1890, at Blockley, Glos. Commenced ringing on the five-minute bell at the age of 10. For 40 years secretary of Chipping Norton Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild. Still rings for Sunday services — Shipton-under-Wychwood in morning and Bourton-on-the-Water in the evening.

MACEY, Frederick S. (79), Sutton Valence, Kent. Taught to ring at Rainham, Kent, by the late George Gilbert, being one of his first pupils. Joined the Kent County Association in 1904. Conducted the first "Frederick" peal for the Kent County Association, at Rolvenden, on June 20th, 1926. Looking forward to celebrating his 80th birthday with a peal at Maidstone next April.

MAULDEN, Willoughby E., of Woodbridge, Suffolk, writes: "Most times it ('The Ringing World') turns up on Thursday mornings, in time to reach me in bed! but seldom later than first post on Fridays (never a miss). He joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1908 and rang his first peal in September, 1909.

NORRIS, Charles E. J. (79), Chatham, first went into the belfry at St. Mary's, Chatham, in 1903 and joined the Kent County Association in 1908. Taught to ring by the late F. A. Holden, who called his first peal (Holt's Original) on March 5th, 1910, with six first peelers in it. "The Ringing World" was sent to him while serving in the Royal Artillery from 1914-18. In 1942 he was appointed steeplekeeper at Chatham, a post he still holds. He was invited to join Rochester Cathedral band in 1922 and has served under seven Deans. Captain from 1958-65 and steeplekeeper at the Cathedral for 25 years. Peals total about 180.

PERRENS, Frank W. Born 1891. Learned to ring at Willenhall in 1910 and rang his first peal the following year. Librarian to the Central Council (member since 1927 with a gap of two years). Former Master and president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

RUMENS, H., Salisbury, Wilts. Learned to ring at Walthamstow, where he rang most of his peals ranging from Triples to Royal, but mainly Stedman Caters. He was secretary of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers for many years and left for Salisbury over three years ago, being a regular member of St. Thomas's band. He has been a member of the College Youths for 59 years and for over 60 years of the Essex and Middlesex Associations. Since joining the Salisbury Guild he has made many friends.

SEDGLEY, Charles J. (81), Ipswich, learned to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Rang 357 peals (conducted 91). Rang in the first peals of Superlative. New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester and York Surprise Maximus, also the first 5,040 Cambridge. Ringing Master Suffolk Guild 1923 to 1956. Member Central Council 1927 to 1956. "I look forward to getting 'The Ringing World' each week and enjoy its varied news."

SEGAR, John (75), Skegness, commenced ringing in 1909 at Retford, Notts. In 1913 he tapped on handbells 7,200 of Minor in ten plain methods, and 5,040 in seven Surprise methods, becoming the second peal tapper in history. He compiled the C.C. "Four-Way Table of Minor Methods." He discovered that f.c.h. of a method can be found from its blue line. As a composer he has had some success with record lengths.

SHEPHERD, Edgar C., of Warminster, has read "The Ringing World" from No. 1 onwards, for his late brother took the paper from its beginning. He still has Volume 1, the copies of which he bound nearly 50 years ago. One of "The Ringing World's" most loyal contributors. Member of Central Council, convener of Literature and Press Committee.

SHEPHERD, William, Addlestone, Surrey.—"I am delighted to be one of those who have supported the paper through thick and thin. The journal, which was born at Woking, has had a difficult period, including two world wars. On May 20th, 1911, I called a peal of Minor at Horsell, the nearest tower to the editorial offices, and we youngsters regarded it as a welcome peal. On September 18th, 1915, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung in the Editor's office at Woking—my 250th peal; the Editor rang 7-8. 'The Ringing World' has had three editors—Faith, Hope and Love, all of whom have proved sincere friends."

SMALLWOOD, J. Frank. During the first world war, when he served overseas for four years, the late James George used to send him "The Ringing World" each week. Former convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. Former Master and trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Life member of Central Council, which he joined in 1939.

SODEN, B. O. (81), of Northampton, is still ringing, especially at meetings. He learned to ring at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, and has rung peals from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative Surprise Major. His peals total 101 and were rung for the Central Northamptonshire Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

STEEL, Miss Evelyn, of Biddenham, Bedford, has taken "The Ringing World" since it was first started by Mr. Goldsmith and was in the first peal by "ladies only" in 1912. Former president of the Ladies Guild and of the Bedfordshire Association. Served on Central Council from 1938-50.

STILWELL, Leonard (78), Windsor, has all his "Ringing Worlds" from No. 1 issue beautifully bound. Has just returned from a Canadian tour and was an active member of Great Adventure II. Len is still an honorary member of the Central Council and a vice-president of the Sussex Association. Started to ring in 1903 and rang his first peal at Pulborough on October 6th, 1904.

SYMONDS, George E. (92), Ipswich, writes: "During the 1890's I commenced taking 'The Bell News' until it ceased publication, and the six months 'Campanology'. Also subscribed to 'The Ringing World' since the start in 1911 except for five months' stay in Canada in 1951. All issues of 'The Bell News,' including six months of 'Campanology' are bound volumes in a bookcase in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, together with a previous volume of 'Church Bells,' thanks to James Mott and others." Was secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society for 40 years. Rang a peal this year!

WINCH, Alfred H. (88), Leatherhead, has not only taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue but also supported "The Bell News" from September, 1897 until its final issue. "Cannot ring now owing to disability, but my weekly ringing paper is a must."



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD
whose reminiscences provide interesting letters.



MR. CHARLES SEDGLEY
stood in first peals of Surprise Maximus in Suffolk.



MR. JOHN SEAGER
a composer with the gift of ingenuity. Also a peal tapper of distinction.

Letters to the Editor

"A NEW PROFESSIONALISM"

Dear Sir,—The recent letter from Wheatley ("Insurance of Bellringers," September 27th) is, I think many will agree, indicative of the present demise of the Exercise.

Ringling will inevitably go through very difficult times in the future with such potent rivals as television, bingo, ten-pin bowling, golf and similar activities which have, owing to the rise in the standard of living, become available to the vast majority of people. It must be realised that these alternatives are a substantial threat to the continued practice of our art and that complacency (so familiar to every ringer) must be stamped out. We must now do everything in our power to ensure that our bells and belfries are left to succeeding generations in a substantially improved condition than that which now exists. A new era of belfry reform must be born; a "New Professionalism" must be born.

Despite restorations and improvements to church heating, lighting, seating and amplification in recent years, the average ringing room is still squalid, damp, draughty, ill-lit and devoid of any conveniences whatsoever. On top of this we now find that some church authorities cannot, or will not, arrange for the insurance of all persons who legitimately go to the belfry in the service of the church.

With these circumstances in mind, I would seriously propose the formation of a "National Union of Bellringers" to negotiate with the church authorities for substantial improvement of belfries and the drawing up of model ringing conditions, ensuring their reasonable adherence thereto. We are now in the second half of the 20th century—most of our belfries look like something out of "Pickwick Papers"!

Below I give a résumé of the most important reforms which much be carried out now if ringing is not to be classed with the dodo.

Lighting. — Adequate lighting to ringing rooms, bell chambers and stairs.

Heating. — Equipment to ensure a certain minimum temperature during ringing.

Ventilation. — A feature ignored by most church architects. Ringers know how valuable good ventilation is on a hot day!

Maintenance of Bells and Frames. — All churches should be visited at least once every three years by a specialist. A copy of the report should be supplied to the ringers and exhibited in the belfry.

Sound Control. — Where possible, towers should have effective sound control so that regular practices can be held without offence to neighbours.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. DYE.

Cholsey, Berks.

Note.—The framework of Guilds, Associations and the Central Council is an adequate safeguard without collecting subscriptions for another body—the National Union of Bellringers. The position of insurance of juveniles is under review by officials of the C.C.—Editor.

NOT SUPERSTITIOUS!

G.H.B. writes: "I am not superstitious, but Friday, September 13th, was not my day. Firstly the church was locked and the tower captain had to be found. Once into Huish Episcopi Church, things seemed to be all right, but after 20 minutes I miscalled the quarter attempt of Grandsire Triples, and it was too late to start again. The following touch of Plain Bob Major fired up after two courses, and the rope of the treble broke during a course of Grandsire Major, but I am still not superstitious."

A TAPE-RECORDING LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—As you will already know from the last Central Council meeting report, I have volunteered my services to the Records Committee in order to compile a library of taped recordings of record length peals. These would not, of course, constitute the whole length, but probably the starts and finishes together with excerpts of other musical or progressive positions in the ringing.

As long as this does not occur too often, or involve long distances with overnight stays, I will gladly undertake this work without cost to the Council except for the actual tapes.

Might I therefore make the request that should an organiser of a record peal know the probable date (surely well in advance) and if he and his team have no objection to such recordings being made, will he communicate with me at the address below at the earliest possible date, giving as many details of the attempt as possible. In recent times I have found the official notices on these attempts in "The Ringing World" far too late, and that I have already another commitment. One team have already "warned" me of an attempt next Easter Monday, and whilst I appreciate this is probably more notice than a lot of people could normally give, at least I am hoping to keep that date clear.

Friends at the bell foundries would agree that probably a microphone has not yet been invented capable of faithfully capturing all the detailed harmonics and overtones of any bell. This is not our aim. We feel that it is desirable that future generations, together with those unable to be present at the actual ringing, should have an opportunity of listening to the standards achieved by past record peal breakers.

I am also hoping to assist the Council in building up a collection of good ringing on noteworthy rings of bells and, in particular, when the bells are likely to be silenced for some reason, be it removal or just a complete recasting. Here again, only the co-operation of the ringers concerned can help us achieve this. Records will be made and kept in stock at a speed of 7½ inches per second, so that gramophone records or copies (possibly at different speeds) could be made at a later date if desired.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

29, Dimbles Hill,
Lichfield, Staffs.

FOUR-SPICED PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Sibson will look through the pages of the 1945–1946 volumes of "The Ringing World" he will find many other compositions by Mr. A. J. Pitman in his quest for an "all-the-work" peal.

When Mr. Cashmore's peal was composed, Mr. Pitman's "best yet" was a peal with all the work with the exception of the sixth missing two leads of Bristol. He congratulated Mr. Cashmore "on obtaining a composition in which all the bells do all the work of each method." Mr. Cashmore, who kept in touch with Mr. Pitman by correspondence at this time, subsequently published his composition and later, in February, 1946, wrote to "The Ringing World" about parts of the peal which he considered blemishes, i.e. the consecutive five leads of London and eight of Bristol.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

TINTED COVERS AGAIN

Dear Sir.—I have let a few weeks elapse before referring to my letter published on July 19th as I expected a few criticisms, but to my great surprise only a little jab from Mr. G. Edmands, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, and a "kick in the ribs" (what the heck is wrong with us?) from Mr. Bernard C. Ashford, an old colleague and the secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcesters, of which I have been an associate member for many years.

In my letter I did not criticise the price increase of "The Ringing World" but I did criticise the expenditure of £40 per week on the tinted cover, and I still think this expenditure is not necessary. It is the contents of "The Ringing World" which are important to ringers. I am glad to read that sales have increased (Editor's note) and I hope that this has balanced the deficit (I doubt it).

In my opinion the journals mentioned by Mr. Ashford cannot be compared with "The Ringing World." They cover sports which require either a club fee or a charge at the gates to watch. Ringers do not require an audience to watch them in the art of bell-ringing. This brings me to another point in Mr. Ashford's letter—"peanuts and chicken feed"—and here I again emphasise "the peal levy." For my own information I totalled up the number of ringers who rang peals published in "The Ringing World" of June 28th (not including handbells) and I made the number 425. At the rate of a shilling a rope this would amount to £21. Each week a similar amount would help the financial position of "The Ringing World" in the continued use of the tinted cover.

My appreciation goes out to the present committee, who I feel are very capable and level headed, and this includes Mr. Speed and Mrs. Jill Staniforth, who had the courage to say "Are we lighting for 'The Ringing World'?" Yes, Mrs. Staniforth, I am with you 100 per cent.

I appeal to every ringer up and down the country to put his or her shoulder to the wheel and pay a minimum of 1s. per rope for every successful peal rung (except old age pensioners). The conductor will know where to send the money.

This is my last comment on tinted covers—I shall always continue to take "The Ringing World" whatever the price.—Yours faithfully,

HECTOR G. BIRD.

East Brent, N. Somerset.

BELLHOUSES

Dear Sir,—I have found much interest in the Dean of Chester's article on "Bellhouses and Chester Cathedral" ("Ringing World," July 19th, page 560), and I now write to correct one slip—in the third column reference is made to St. Mary's and St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. The article shows that St. Mary's is now the Cathedral (of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich). It is, in fact, St. James'. St. Mary's is still a parish church.

Several thousand pounds have lately been and still are being spent on St. James' to make it more Cathedral-like, but the Norman Tower, detached, remains its bellhouse, containing ten bells with tenor about 30 cwt. in fair going order.—Yours sincerely,

Felixstowe, Suffolk. CLAUDE RUSH.

(Another letter on page 818)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Shoreditch Bells in Their Full Glory

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH, bells (one of the historic rings in London held in veneration by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), were heard in their full glory on Saturday, October 5th, after their major restoration. The rededication was performed by the Archdeacon of London (the Ven. S. M. F. Woodhouse), who is patron of the living, in the presence of some 150 ringers, including Mr. Paul L. Taylor of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, who was entrusted with the work on the bells.

The last restoration was in 1913, when John Warner and Sons at their Spitalfields foundry recast four bells of bad tone, replaced the old oak frame and fittings with a new steel frame, metal headstocks and fittings. The decision to undertake the present restoration was made in 1967 and the work of the Loughborough Foundry involved rehanging the bells on new ball bearings, fitting new bell bolts, clapper pins and pulleys. The money for this work has been raised by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

A LIGHT EIGHT

A most generous gift has been made by the Drapers Company of a sharp second bell, weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., which will provide a light ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. The present tenor of the 12 weighs 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and was cast by Messrs. Blews of Birmingham in 1875. The sharp second bell will be dedicated at the service of thanksgiving after restoration and rededication on October 19th, when the Bishop of London will be the preacher.

But the Cumberlands have not confined their activities to raising money. Their practical work, which was started in 1967, has included scraping and painting the frame and anchoring it to the wall. Sound control has been studied and the side of the church facing the hospital and a block of flats has been bricked up entirely. The other louvres have been bricked up to seven feet high. The sordidness of the tower, a relic of past generations, has been entirely removed. The ringing room is now very attractive and bright in colours of Wedgwood blue and magnolia on the walls and windows, while the well-worn stairway has a fresh white appearance—a great job of painting and decorating has been accomplished by enthusiasts in the Cumberlands' ranks. The ropes have also received attention. This building and decorative work has also been borne by the Society, but between £60 and £100 is still required to balance the account.

THE SERVICE

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. I. Thomson), and the congregation sang valiantly the five hymns and Psalm 150 against a powerful organ. The first lesson, which was read by the Master (Mr. Dennis Beresford) was from I Chronicles xxix, telling of David's preparations for the building of the Temple by Solomon. Dr. Derek E. Sibson, secretary of the Society, read the second lesson from Ephesians v.

For the rededication of the bells a procession was formed, headed by the churchwardens (Messrs. A. W. Tubbs and J. M. Withrington), followed by the Archdeacon, the Vicar and the 12 ringers who were to sound the bells after dedication and later to ring the first touch. They stood in the following order:

Adrienne Gibson, Jane Foster, Joan Beresford, Sheila Dobbie, P. Beresford, E. A. Barnett, P. Wilkinson, T. Francis, J. Barnes, D. E. Sibson, J. Woolford and D. Beresford.

The Archdeacon in his address said he was delighted to be asked to come to the rededication for two special reasons—he was a campanologist and lover of bells, and secondly because in his office as Archdeacon he was patron of their church, which had been there for 800 years.

His text was from I Corinthians iii, 15: "Know ye that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you." In a commentary he said that letter to the Corinthians might just as well have been written to them in London or Shoreditch, because there was not all that difference between them and Corinth. They were both mercantile people and knew about temples and churches.

First of all, the church was God's house. It was the place people had built, furnished and equipped to the best of their ability and had given it to God. The people in Shoreditch from the year 900 onwards had given a home to God in that place. When the old house became old and dilapidated they instructed the great architect Dance in 1740 to build that church. It was the best that Dance could design, and the people of that day gave all they had to it. They knew the story of how the people there had honoured bells throughout the ages.

GOD'S PARTY

The second thing was the church was given to God and it was the place where His sons and daughters met Him. The church was the trysting place between God and His people. . . . It was on this second side that the bells played a great part. They were the voice through which God summoned His people outside: "Come. I am going to have a party in half an hour. Come into my home and join me."

They represented the Church, the family unit in that House of God; corporately through the Holy Spirit they offered their best to Him. And as they went about their business in groups or singly they could proudly say: "We belong to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch."

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT

"There has been a great co-operative effort over these bells. Thank you, Taylors of Loughborough; thank you, scrapers and painters of the bell frame; thank you, the people who painted the turret stairs and the bell chamber; thank you, the carpenters and bricklayers for your work; thank you, the team-makers. There has been a great co-operative effort. God in heaven wants to say 'thank you' to all of you who have clubbed together to make this church glorious as it is today."

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung by those who rang at the dedication and later members of the Ancient Society of College Youths with their Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) and the secretary (Mr. J. G. M. Prior) rang three courses of Stedman Cinques. Ladies of the Cumberlands served tea in the Church Hall, and opportunities were afforded afterwards for the many visitors present to test the bells. All went away feeling that the Society of Cumberland Youths had been richly blessed by having such a good ring of 12 to ring to His service and glory.

CALLING ALL TOWER CAPTAINS

Does the Squarer Deal make sense to you? If it does, you will be delighted to learn that Test Card Books, the successors to Test Cards, are now generally available.

What are they like? Briefly, they are excellently duplicated 12-page booklets, measuring 6½ inches by 8 inches and comprising, as well as the four test cards, hints and notes for the learner at each stage, not to mention a couple of pages on which are explained exactly what the scheme entails, how it works and what it sets out to achieve. The test cards in the book are identical in dimensions to their originals—so, if one of your learners has, say, a half-completed C card, and is worried by the thought that he will have to transfer all the entries on the old card to the new one in the book, reassure him by telling him that all he has to do is to paste his old card on top of the one in the book—and he will be all set to carry on.

How much do they cost? See the advertisement at the back of this week's issue for details—and for pro-rata postal charges.

Why the excitement about these booklets, anyway? To find the answer, write for some and see what it is about the scheme that has caught the interest of so many ringers in so many different parts of the country. Give the Squarer Deal a fair trial! Write for your books today!!

That is quite enough of the high-pressure sales talk. To conclude this announcement, and to correct any false impressions, I should like to stress that this is not a profit-making venture but is entirely for the benefit of the Exercise at large.

The address to write to: Miss Elizabeth M. Barber, 5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans, Herts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At North Mymps

The Church of St. Mary, North Mymps, set in ideal surroundings amidst the trees, was visited by the N. and E. District on September 21st.

The attendance before tea was not all that could be desired, due principally to holidays and a number of ringers being required at their own churches to ring for weddings. However, the numbers improved later and methods from Grandshire for beginners to Superlative and Bristol for the more advanced were brought round under the guidance of Mr. T. G. Hawkins.

The Vicar (the Rev. Barry Tunstall), with the assistance of Mr. Sturges, lay reader, conducted the service, which was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Lock. A company of just over 20 partook of an excellent tea in the Vicarage.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. S. Deason in the chair, Peter J. Hooton (Harrow Weald), David Dorrington and Christopher Edwards (Edmonton) were elected as ringing members, whilst the belfry elections of D. C. Heath (Romford) and David Sloman (Prittlewell) were ratified. The membership of Mr. Frank Reed of Hereford, at present residing within the county, as a ringing member was confirmed.

The grateful thanks of the Association are due to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock for making this meeting possible at very short notice and, together with the Vicar and others concerned, they were thanked by the chairman.

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TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR IN LEICESTER AREA

ON Tom Lock's tour last year it was requested that we visit the Leicester area in 1968. Accordingly, Tom contacted Peter Stanforth, and we owe Peter a debt of gratitude for the trouble he took on our behalf. The welcome we received in Leicester was warm, and the only trouble we found was in finding our way round the one-way streets.

Most of the party arrived at lunch-time on Saturday, eight of them finding All Saints', where a peal of Bristol was attempted; unfortunately this was lost after an hour, the ringing never really settling down. Perhaps we were a little ambitious for the first peal of the week. Eleven other ringers made their way to the Cathedral, where they were met by Shirley Burton and Russell Morris. Here a commendable peal of Yorkshire Maximus was rung, the band being completed by Russell and Bill and Claudia Critchley, who made the journey from London especially for this peal. Most of the band finished the peal wishing they had Leicester Cathedral bells on their doorsteps. It is interesting to note that there have been 326 peals rung at the Cathedral. Shirley Burton told us that he writes up the peal book, but as he is now 80 he is a little doubtful if he will be writing in the 1,000th peal!

VIOLENT THUNDERSTORM

It was unfortunate, although unavoidable, that this year the party had to be accommodated in two different hotels. Consequently some of the normal breakfast hadinage was missing. However, we managed to meet at St. Margaret's for morning ringing on Sunday, and before going up to the tower had time to admire the Ernest Morris memorial window. We very much enjoyed ringing here and were sorry it had not been possible to arrange for a peal. The local ringers present gave us a warm welcome, one kindly coming back in the afternoon to open up the tower so that a handbell peal could be attempted. This was called round a quarter of the way through as the ringing was not good enough.

The afternoon was notable for the violent thunderstorms over Leicester, and some of the party joined in the mopping-up operations in the hall attached to St. Margaret's Church, where nearly two inches of water flooded the floor. Other ringers went to South Wigston, where they were given a warm welcome by the local band.

On Monday the week began in earnest, the last three tour members having arrived. An unusual addition to our party was Tom Kimber, no longer ringing himself, who for his own enjoyment and benefit hoped to record some of the ringing during the week. Of the ringers, one band went to Aylestone to attempt a peal of Leicestershire, but it would not go. The disappointed band made their way to St. Mary's, Anstey, where a fast peal of Rutland was being rung by the other half of the party. This sounded good outside, but the ringers inside were not so happy, there being very little air in the belfry. Win, missing her rope, woke them up a bit, although she was obviously annoyed with herself. After lunch in a local cafe there was time for a sit and a chatter in the sun before splitting up for Quorn and Sileby. At both towers good peals were scored, of Quornden and Bottesford Surprise Major respectively, while the two ringers off duty for the afternoon listened at Sileby—part of the time to the bells, part of the time to the thunderstorm.

RALPH EDWARDS' INFLUENCE

Tuesday saw one band ringing a very good peal of Bristol at Kibworth, where the bells went like clockwork. But another peal was lost, this time a six-spliced at Enderby. Again there was very little air or room, and perhaps this was the reason for the mistakes, in the correction of which two of the band missed the change of method. The afternoon was

bright and sunny, consoling those who were not taking part in the peal of Rutland Surprise Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester. The "grabbers" had their usual short ring, some wishing they could stand in the peal on these fine bells. The peal ringers rang a good peal, perhaps spurred on by having seen Ralph Edwards outside the church, on his way home from another peal tour.

Wednesday dawned with the band down for Claybrooke eager for a peal on the lovely bells. They were very upset when London would not go, and it was too late for a second start. It was wrong not to have scored a good peal on these bells, but it was some consolation to find that the other band had rung quite a good peal of Ealing on the excellent bells at Earl Shilton in the fast time of 2 hours and 40 minutes. We had time after lunch to walk around Burbage and to note the attractive black and white timbered cottage by the church. At Hinckley those not participating were able to listen to an excellent peal of four-spliced on the grand bells. The band managed to keep the beat going while the organ was being played, thanks to the conductor, who kept them on their toes. Alf Ballard gave us a warm welcome here and was on hand again to greet the band after the peal. Tom volunteered to drive Win's car back to Leicester to keep her company; he managed to unlock an identical car and then wondered why the key would not fit the ignition, while Win stood by her car and wondered where he had got to!

COLOURFUL GARDENS

Thursday, and a sunny day, with only one peal attempt in the morning. This was at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, the tall, slender spire of which can be seen from some distance away. The method on the programme was Leicestershire, but a good peal was wanted on the lovely bells, so the method was changed to London and a good peal was scored. Those not ringing strolled around this friendly village, and when three of them stopped to admire a colourful garden the owner invited them to walk around it, even presenting the lady of the trio with a "Super Star" rose. In the afternoon another peal was lost, this time Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Melton Mowbray following a miscall, but our thanks are extended to Michael Brown, of Sapcote, for completing the band. However, the other eight ringers scored an enjoyable peal of Rutland at Oakham. The bells here are worthwhile to ring and the band were impressed by the local steeplekeeper greasing the bells that very afternoon to ensure that a full peal could be rung.

Frank Price joined us for the day on Friday and was one of the band which attempted a silent, non-conducted peal of London at Hugglescote. Unfortunately this came to grief after nearly two hours of good ringing, when two of the bells crossed over. Another band finally completed a peal of Pudsey at Whitwick, but some felt that it was not of the standard expected on Tom Lock's tours. At Measham in the afternoon the band were determined to score the peal of Lincolnshire, and this they did, it being Win's first in the method as conductor. The bells are easy to ring and fall into a good rhythm. A second band went to Coleorton, and having eventually found the church they rang a peal of six-spliced, while Alick listened critically outside—when he was not asleep in the car!

Saturday, the last full day of the tour, and with one or two having to return home we were getting short of ringers. Only one peal was arranged for the morning, Rutland Surprise Major, at the Foundry, and most of the party made their way to Loughborough to wander round the Foundry looking at the bells standing on the floor and the carillon being constructed near the roof. The peal band were left to ring a good peal, while three of the other ringers enjoyed their morning off wandering round the town. The remaining four

travelled back to Leicester to assist, accidentally, in ringing for a wedding at the Cathedral and to press two more local ringers into service for the afternoon, Roland Cook having been "pressed" earlier in the week. We are grateful to Jean Whit and John Harold for standing in at such short notice, as well as to Roland; as a result, a good peal was rung on the eight at Shepshed. The remaining ten ringers were at Loughborough Parish Church, and after watching a most attractive wedding group climbed the stairs for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. This was not as perfect as had been hoped, but on the whole seemed quite good, with patches that really did justice to the bells.

Late in the evening the majority of the party gathered at one hotel for the rendering of accounts and the "thank you" to Tom. Another tour is over, and we are sincerely grateful to all the incumbents and all local ringers who made us welcome. Thank you, Peter, for all your hard work, and thank you, Tom, for yet another happy tour. Anon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

Lyme Regis, the home tower of the Branch chairman, was chosen for the quarterly meeting on September 21st. Six towers were represented and visitors were welcomed. The fine ring of eight was rung until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. H. A. Charles.

A welcome tea was awaiting us in the Church House, prepared by local lady ringers. The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell.

Members were informed of the Ringing Festival for Dorset ringers at Blandford on October 26th, and a letter of appreciation and thanks was read from Mr. W. Shute.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Cambridge, Yorkshire and Double Norwich.

Next meeting: The annual at Beaminster on November 30th; practice meetings: Burton Bradstock, Wednesday, November 13th, and Whitechurch Canonicorum on Monday, December 16th. J. D.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At their last monthly meeting, on September 28th, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society acted as hosts to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, who held a committee meeting at Rothwell.

Ringing was available at Woodlesford in the afternoon, and at Rothwell in the evening, although the time at the latter had to be restricted to two hours owing to recent complaints from the occupants of new houses nearby.

The six bells at Woodlesford are light but odd-struck and are seldom rung. However, an enthusiastic band of about 20 ringers kept them going all afternoon to a multitude of methods.

Tea was provided for a large gathering in the Church Hall at Rothwell and, at the business meeting afterwards, the Society was pleased to see Mr. Irvin Slack, a past president of the Society, back in the chair.

The conditions in Rothwell tower in the evening were hot and crowded, most of the Joint Council members joining the ringing for at least part of the evening. The ringing included courses of several Surprise Major methods, including London by a band composed mainly of Leeds and District members.

Next meeting, Cleckheaton, on October 26th, when the Society's first striking contest will be held in the afternoon. The November meeting is tentatively arranged for Wragby and Wakefield Cathedral. R. C.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Peal duplication—Llanelli and St. Florence, pages 627 and 643.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Bromyard, Herefordshire, Saturday, October 26th, London Surprise Major, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Culwick (first Triples) 1, J. H. Stith 2, Miss J. Calwick 3, E. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, V. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Wood 1, S. Taylor 2, J. H. Stith 3, V. Dale 4, S. Penfold 5, A. Pryke 6, C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Bell 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. T. R. Dodd 3, R. J. Edden 4, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 5, S. J. Wills (first quarter) 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet A. Fawcett 1, Hilary I. Pitman (aged 14, first "inside") 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, T. W. A. Hiscok 6. For the wedding of Barbara A. Furness, former ringer and choir girl.

CASTLE CARY, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Stokes 1, W. Osborne 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, W. Higdon 5, H. F. Creed 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Creed (80), a member of the local band for over 60 years, interred September 25th.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Stiles (first quarter) 1, B. Collins 2, P. Phillips 3, S. Lilly 4, B. Pocock (cond.) 5, R. Medway 6, H. Bell 7, G. Harris 8. For the induction of the curates of Denham Green and Blechley.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. P. Claxton 1, A. G. Harrison 2, J. Mowle 3, F. C. Arnold 4, C. Catchpole 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung for the united service with the Salvation Army in the parish church; also a 75th birthday compliment to Harry Hines.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Rance (first Triples) 1, G. N. Scott (first Triples) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. Rung for St. Michael's Day Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. Patrick Bright, formerly a ringer at Chichester.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ford 1, Margaret A. Eyre 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Barbara Hooks 4, Helen M. Simpson 5, D. W. Camm 6, D. J. Beach (cond.) 7, D. Conkon 8. First Triples 1, 2 and 4.

FROME, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Baker 1, Sally Baker 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, G. W. Massey 5, D. J. Orledge 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as a wedding compliment to William Carter and Frances Massey, sister of the conductor and member of the local band; also a farewell to the conductor on his departure to the University of Leicester; also to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. P. R. Mitchell.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, R. Harrop 2, M. Paul 3, V. Bowen 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robin Shipp on his marriage to Janet Scott.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Evans 1, Eisle Wyatt 2, F. Taylor 3, C. Denness (cond.) 4, J. Mullins 5, L. Bailey 6. First quarter 1, 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Mason, priest and former Vicar.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hall (first quarter) 1, Leona Roper 2, Mrs. Jean Hall 3, J. F. Gibbons 4, D. Hall 5, W. F. Gibbons (first Minor as cond.) 6.

HAMPTON, Evesham, WORCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Melanie Pugh (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Catchpole 2, G. Hunt 3, J. H. Smith 4, L. Mills (cond.) 5, G. Taylor 6, R. Hunt 7, B. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles R. Rayner, diocesan secretary of lay readers, whose funeral took place this day.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Hill (first quarter) 1, Joyce Windsor 2, C. Lawton 3, T. Hauley 4, R. Sheasby 5, H. Windsor 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Coventry.

QUARTER PEALS

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Cullwick 1, Mrs. S. Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, Miss J. Cullwick 4, E. Potter 5. First Pl. Bob Doubles for all. A farewell to ringer of 4th. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Porter (first attempt) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Grace Taylor (first "inside") 3, Mrs. S. Bedford 4, E. Potter 5. For Harvest Festival.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Beck 1, Miss R. Smith 2, R. Perry (first Grandsire Triples) 3, P. H. Jones 4, A. Perry 5, J. Maggs (first Grandsire Triples as cond.) 6, F. Savage 7, D. Mackay 8.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Wood 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, F. J. Dadson 4, J. R. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell (first Surprise as cond.) 6. First Surprise 4, 5. To mark the birth of Julian Philip Mitchell and Bridget Tracy Leworthy. All the parents of these infants (who were born within an hour of each other) are ringers.

MINEHEAD, SOM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sweet (first quarter) 1, Margaret Tuball 2, L. Amcott 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, G. Sparkes 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, P. Casley (cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. For the golden wedding of Rev. Mr. Maiting, and also for the birth of a second grandson of the conductor.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast (first on eight) 2, J. Mowle 3, C. Catchpole 4, A. Cook 5, D. G. Boast 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke, of North Lopham, 31st wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Catchpole and a birthday compliment to Mr. H. B. Fuller.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Palmer (first in method) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando (first as cond.) 3, J. A. Dodd 4, J. Huggins 5, R. Skinner 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pengelly 1, J. J. George 2, Miss D. Carter (first "inside") 3, C. S. Venn 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, T. S. Venn 6.

PINNER, MIDD.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Enid M. Bardsley 1, K. B. Sanders 2, Mark E. Took 3, M. Hickman 4, D. F. R. Knights (cond.) 5, R. W. Sanders 6, H. B. J. Paul 7, A. C. Muskett 8. Rung with best wishes of all Pinner ringers to Robert W. Sanders and Mary M. Sweetman, married September 21st, 1968.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Josephine Sadler 1, Penny Halliwell 2, D. Sloman 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Bekham 5, P. Sadler 6, S. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. For Ordination Service by the Bishop of Bradwell.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Matthews 1, M. Etherington 2, E. Fosberry 3, A. V. Corden 4, R. Picton 5, H. Franklin 6, D. Barton (first as cond.) 7, R. Heeseman 8. For Parish Communion.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Brown (first quarter, aged 10) 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the Wake afternoon service.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. B. Clarke 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3, L. Mitchell 4, F. J. Dadson 5. Rung following the wedding of Pamela Ann Thomsett and Richard James Busbell, both ringers at Stockbury.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Digby 1, A. G. Sears 2, N. S. Blamire-Brown 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, T. Peacock (first attempt) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Offen (first Triples) 1, Violet Ring 2, Jane Hough 3, F. French 4, Jane Cook 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, O. Webster 7, P. Relf 8. In honour of the wedding of Eleanor Hough (daughter of the Vicar and sister of the ringers of 3 and 6) and Alan Oliver.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. E. Bell 1, P. C. Coward (first "inside") 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, H. Heath (first in method) 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. Rung prior to a united service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Barbara Burt 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, Kay Whitaker 4, D. A. Burt 5, R. L. Coles 6. First in method by all the band. Rung in memoriam Benita K. Sheppard (nee Whetherly), died September 19th (aged 29) in Singapore. She was the first girl to ring in the tower when the local band was formed 15 years ago.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. R. Wood 1, I. P. Stoter 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, K. Leach 4, P. G. Davies 5, H. White 6, Rev. D. J. Stoter 7, J. R. White (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First in method by all except 3 and 6. First quarter in method on the bells by a local band.

WAREHORNE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Otten 1, J. Hensley 2, H. Deacon 3, N. Davies 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

WARFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Paul Bassett.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. C. Spooner 1, Miss C. J. Turner 2, A. Howell 3, Miss M. Gerrard 4, H. Howell 5, J. P. Pooley 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Correction.

WINTERBOURNE, near BRISTOL.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. T. Ferris 1, J. Ferris 2, E. Thomas 3, T. J. Jefferies 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Harvest Festival and the launching of the appeal for restoration of Winterbourne Church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Barry Cousins is going to Kenya on business for probably four months.

Mr. J. D. Beach is resigning as hon. secretary of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild from the next annual general meeting in January. We thank him for his loyal co-operation.

The Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at its meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield on September 28th decided to promote a prize draw over the Christmas period for the Belfry Repair Fund.

Visitors to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 26th will have the opportunity of hearing and seeing some Surprise Major—Glasgow, spliced or what have you—rung on handbells by John Mayne and his talented band from Bushey.

The bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, are being removed to the Loughborough foundry on November 4th. Towards the target of £5,000 the sum of £4,200 has been received, of which over £850 has been donated by St. Thomas's ringers.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who rang his 2,250th peal during Tom Lock's tour. The peal was Rutland Surprise rung at Oakham.

There was a ringers' wedding at St. George's, Damerham, Hants, on October 5th, when Veronica, only daughter of Mr. Jack Baverstock (vice-captain) and Mrs. Baverstock, was married to Roger Case. Both the clergy who officiated are ringers—the Revs. Gordon Baverstock (bride's cousin) and G. Moule. Mr. Percy Waterman and his band are thanked for their quarter peal—a wonderful wedding present, writes the bride's father.

A handsome silver trophy in the form of a bell hung on a wooden frame has been given to the Gloucester and Bristol Association for an annual competition for Sunday service bands. The donor, Major P. D. Birchall, chairman of the Gloucester County Council, has given it in memory of the late W. I. Croome, and made the presentation at the Association's 90th anniversary dinner on September 28th.

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BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

People travelled long distances—from London, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and many parts of Essex—to be present at the Bellringers' Sunday at Kirby-le-Soken on September 22nd, organised by Mr. Frank Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association.

Ringing began at 7 a.m., and after Communion service there was breakfast in the Church Hall. The preacher at Matins was the Rev. L. Pizzey, secretary of the Suffolk Guild. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Brian Redgers, of Rushmere, near Ipswich. The lessons were read by Mr. Walter Ayre and Mr. Peter Pitt, and a handbell team led by Tony Skelton, from Ashted, played.

During the afternoon there was ringing not only at Kirby but at Thorington and St. Osyth. Visiting ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lufkin at their home before they went to Great Holland tower.

In a crowded church the ringers heard Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, preach at Evensong. Lessons were read by Mr. Redgers and Mr. Lufkin, and Messrs. Peter Pitt and Frank Oliver's handbell team performed during the service.

About 150 people attended a get-together in the Church Hall after the service. Refreshments were served and Mr. H. Inglestone's handbell team and others played. Two poems were read by Mr. A. E. Sivell, church treasurer, and a glee party from Bradfield entertained.

It was a most successful day and Mr. Lufkin, through our columns, gives a very warm "thank you" to the many who made it a memorable occasion.

MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGERS CROSS INTO SOMERSET

From Mathern, Mon. to Weston-super-Mare is a long route by road, but September 7th was a fine day for Mathern ringers, joined en route by four others at Bassaleg, for their annual outing.

The first ringing of the day was on the heavy eight at Long Ashton. Unfortunately the wrong turning was taken in trying to reach Nailsea. To keep to the timetable the coach then went direct to Backwell (a delightful eight much enjoyed by all).

After lunch at Weston we were able to provide wedding bells on the six at Worle, and in Bristol rang on the well-sounding six at the Lord Mayor's Chapel. Finally, the light six at Filton gave much enjoyment, as did the reward—a jug of ale at the local. Our thanks to incumbents and tower captains. V. J.

MRS LATHBURY RETIRES

Mrs. Violet Lathbury retired at the end of September from the post of vergereess at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames. Upon the death of her husband, Mr. Reg Lathbury, 13 years ago, she succeeded him in this office. Her late husband was captain of the bellringers at St. Mary's during the war years, and Mrs. Lathbury and her sister, the late Miss Nora Shorter, were among the ringers.

The two sisters learned to ring at Oatlands Park and, with their father, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 27th, 1919. This was the first peal in Surrey in which three members of a family had taken part. The two sisters also took part in a peal of 5,148 changes at St. Clement Danes'.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH LOOK AFTER YOUNGSTERS

The Clevedon area of Somerset was the venue chosen by the Marlborough Branch for its annual outing on September 21st, which was jointly organised by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) and the hon. secretary (Miss H. Jones). Ringing took place at Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury, Portishead, Weston-in-Gordano, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Tickenham and Nailsea. The high proportion of young ringers was given every opportunity to try out strange bells under the watchful eyes of Mr. F. Read (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Keen (Deputy Master). Lunch was taken at Portishead and tea at Clevedon.

THE BROWNS OF SAPCOTE

There has been a Brown ringing at Sapcote, Leics. since 1829, when the great-great-grandfather of the present conductor, Mr. M. E. Brown joined the band. On September 15th the conductor's 10-year-old son, David, rang his first quarter. This is an encouraging sign for the continuity of the Browns in Sapcote belfry. David has made a good start: he has already rung in 98 different towers.

WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY LTD.

The Whitechapel Foundry has traded under the name of Mears and Stainbank only since 1865. Formerly, back to 1570, when Robert Mot first cast bells in Whitechapel, it had been known to succeeding generations by the name of each Master Founder. It has now been decided that from October 1st, 1968, it will continue under the title of **Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd.**

The Foundry remains under the same directorship and will in all other respects continue as before.

KENT RINGERS WED

The wedding took place on Saturday, September 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Stockbury, of two very popular members of the Rochester District. They were Mr. Richard James Bushell and Miss Pamela Ann Thomsett, both ringers at Stockbury. The Rev. P. W. Poole officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin dress with a lace bodice and train. Her attendants were Miss L. Thomsett, who wore a dress of salmon-pink crystal satin. Miss M. Town and Miss S. Kitcatt, who both wore dresses of pale blue crystal satin.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom emerged from the church beneath an archway of bell ropes held by members of the Rochester District. Immediately after the wedding a peal was attempted but unfortunately it came to grief. However, a quarter peal of six Doubles methods was rung. The couple spent their honeymoon at Priddy, Somerset, and are now residing in Tunstall. L. M.

OPEN DAYS ARE POPULAR

The ringers at Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, held an open week to enable the general public (and Press) to see the bells in action. Approximately 120 people visited the tower and many climbed the 105 steps to the top of the tower. They were shown all six bells actually ringing, and the idea of change ringing was explained to them in a simple manner. As a result two new recruits were gained and a ringer who had fallen by the wayside was attracted back: also approximately £15 was raised in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund.

MISS FRANCES MASSEY MARRIED

The marriage took place at Weston-super-Mare on September 26th of Richard William Carter, only son of the late Mr. S. Carter and Mrs. Margaret Carter of Portishead, to Frances Mary Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Massey, of Spring Gardens, Frome. The bride and bridegroom, both of whom graduated from the University College of Wales, Aberystwith, this year, will make their home in Northern Ireland, their new address being Dunmore, 2, Salisbury Terrace, Coleraine Road, Portrush, Co. Antrim.

The bride has for a number of years been a ringer at St. John's, Frome, and has rung several peals for the Bath and Wells Association and for other Associations.

A peal attempt at Shepton Beauchamp in honour of the occasion was lost through a broken rope after 75 minutes, but a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was scored at Hemington on Saturday morning. A celebration quarter peal was also rung at Frances' home tower on Sunday evening. This latter quarter peal had two other additional intentions—to bid farewell to the conductor, brother of the bride, on his departure to the University of Leicester, and to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and his wife, the Rev and Mrs. P. R. Mitchell.

GORING-ON-THAMES LOCAL PEAL

Mr. L. G. Haines, foreman of ringers at Goring-on-Thames Parish Church, states that although the peal of Grandsire Triples (published this week) was the first by a local band since the bells were cast and installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1929, there has been a ringing band in the tower from the 1880's, when some lads taught themselves to ring Grandsire Doubles, the first 120 in 1887 being recorded in the ringing chamber.

The Vicar then gave a treble bell to make a six, and the bell was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1889. Mr. Haines took over as foreman from John Bower when he died, thus in 81 years the tower has only had two foremen! A few Minor peals were rung by a local band before 1917, one of which, rung in 1902, is recorded in the ringing chamber.

"DISTURBED BY BELLS"

Two well-known ringers—Mr. Michael R. Meadows, vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. M. Alec Beaumont, Master of the Durham University Society—have replied to the letter in "The Times" from Mr. Ronald Warson, in which he sought to place church bells within the category of a legal or an illegal nuisance. They write:

"Most incumbents and campanologists are aware of the legal requirements appertaining to the ringing of church bells and efforts are made, particularly in urban areas, to restrict ringing times so as not to accord an unreasonable amount of interference to an uncompromising laity.

"It is not being suggested that Mr. Warson should endeavour to sleep on his legal rights, or even remove himself to the remote fastness of a sound-proof dwelling place, but it does seem unreasonable, in this day and age of mechanical pandemonium, that he, and many other members of the public, are unwilling to tolerate the only loud noise made to the Glory of God."

TOM LOCK'S LEICESTERSHIRE PEAL TOUR**ALL RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Russell S. Morris 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Thomas J. Lock 8
Julia A. Fellows 3	Neil Donovan 9
*Ruth M. Foreman 4	Stuart Armeson 10
Dennis Knox 5	Gerald Penney 11
Richard E. Price 6	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by P. Border.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Neil Donovan Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Richard E. Price 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Stuart Armeson 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Neil Donovan 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

First peal in the method by all.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Stuart Armeson Treble	Gerald Penney 5
Kenneth Arthur 2	George E. Fearn 6
E. Winifred Keys 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Dennis Knox 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

First peal in the method by all.

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

E. Winifred Keys Treble	Alick Cutler 5
Richard E. Price 2	George E. Fearn 6
Gordon A. Halls 3	Neil Donovan 7
Kenneth Arthur 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

George E. Fearn Treble	*Thomas J. Lock 6
Philip Mehew 2	*Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 7
*Dennis Knox 3	Gerald Penney 8
*Neil Donovan 4	*Stuart Armeson 9
*Gordon A. Halls 5	*Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung in connection with the 114th anniversary of this church. September 6th.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

EARLS SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

E. Winifred Keys Treble	*Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5
Ronald J. Sharp 2	George E. Fearn 6
Thomas J. Lock 3	*Stuart Armeson 7
*Neil Donovan 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

HINCKLEY, Leics.—At the Church of the Assumption of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 London, 992 Superlative and 768 Bristol, with 103 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Dennis Knox 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Richard E. Price Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 2	George E. Fearn 6
Gordon A. Halls 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Alick Cutler Treble	Kenneth Arthur 5
E. Winifred Keys 2	Dennis Knox 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	*George E. Fearn 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* 2,250th peal.

COLEORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey and 928 Watford., with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Eric Edmondson Treble	Gerald Penney 5
Richard E. Price 2	Dennis Knox 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Neil Donovan 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Kenneth Arthur 6
Frank C. Price 3	*E. Winifred Keys 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

E. Winifred Keys Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5
Alick Cutler 2	Neil Donovan 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Ruth M. Foreman 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by D. Knox.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Thomas J. Lock Treble	E. Winifred Keys 5
Eric Edmondson 2	Dennis Knox 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	*Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* 100th peal as conductor.

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

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Neil Donovan Treble	Thomas J. Lock 6
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 7
*Ruth M. Foreman 3	Stuart Armeson 8
Eric Edmondson 4	Gerald Penney 9
Philip Mehew 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 100th peal.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Alick Cutler Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 5
*Jean M. Whait 2	Kenneth Arthur 6
E. Winifred Keys 3	Roland H. Cook 7
*John E. Harrold 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* First peal in the method.

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CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell 5
C. Barrie Dove 2	David S. Johnson 6
John R. Leary 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton 7
John N. D. Chaddock .. 4	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

LLANFIGN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	*John N. D. Chaddock .. 5
*Elizabeth Johnson 2	*Ronald Ducker 6
*John R. Leary 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
*Stephen K. Thompson .. 4	Ian G. Campbell Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method.

ABERAVON, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	David S. Johnson 5
Elizabeth Johnson 2	Ian G. Campbell 6
John R. Leary 3	Ronald Ducker 7
*John N. D. Chaddock .. 4	†C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method. † 275th peal for the Association.

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

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Ian G. Campbell Treble	C. Barrie Dove 5
*John R. Leary 2	David S. Johnson 6
Stephen K. Thompson .. 3	Ronald Ducker 7
A. Benjamin Cooper .. 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell 5
Elizabeth Johnson 2	*John R. Leary 6
Ronald Ducker 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
*John N. D. Chaddock .. 4	David S. Johnson Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method.

LLANFIGN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.

On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	John R. Leary 5
*Elizabeth Johnson 2	*F. Charles Hobson 6
David S. Johnson 3	Ian G. Campbell 7
*John N. D. Chaddock .. 4	*Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg.

Conducted by John R. Leary.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	Brian D. Threlfall 7
David P. Hilling 2	Rodney B. Meadows 8
Tudor P. Edwards 3	Noel J. Diserens 9
Brian Bladon 4	John R. Mayne 10
John Armstrong 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Frank D. Mack 6	Michael P. Moreton Tenor
	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

The conductor's 300th peal.

Rung following the marriage at the Cathedral this day of Edward Mortimer, the son of the Bishop of Exeter, and Elizabeth Zanetti.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

Richard Hayes Treble	David E. Rothera 6
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	Andrew J. Corby 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Christopher H. Rogers .. 4	Trevor N. J. Bailey 9
Richard A. Hunt 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew in honour of the translation of the Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston to the Bishopric of Stepney.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Brian F. Mullins .. Treble	†Peter Clark 5
†John G. Flint 2	†David G. Carr 6
Sheila I. Smith 3	Anthony H. Smith 7
†Chris R. Hardy 4	Alan S. Smith Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Chris R. Hardy.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

Rung for harvest and restoration thanksgiving services.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Joyce Gardner Treble	Brian Mills 5
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 2	Geoffrey Gardner 6
Christine Mills 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Michael Platt 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

First peal in the method, on the bells and by all except the ringers of the sixth and tenor

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary

Magdalene.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Richard King Treble	Brian Mills 5
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 2	F. John Nelson 6
*Michael Platt 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Raymond Ballard 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* 50th peal.

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

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Linda B. Jones Treble	John R. Bibby 5
Lucy P. A. Hopkins 2	William E. Allman 6
Walter Allman 3	Keith J. Walpole 7
Charles F. Ward 4	*William F. Allman Tenor

Composed by T. Morris.

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all except ringers of 3 and 5.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*R. David Baker .. Treble	Geoffrey Randall 5
Peter J. Randall 2	†John Foot 6
†Ruth Havard 3	Maurice C. Hughes 7
Frank W. Perrens 4	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

* First peal of Major † First in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Cecil J. Barker .. Treble	Robert J. Lindsell 5
*Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
†Susan J. Chapman 3	Alan R. Syder 7
Josephine A. Quilter .. 4	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Ian V. Foster Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Peter G. Pitt 2	George E. Thoday 6
*Keith W. Brown 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
*Yvonne A. Murray 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method. 300th peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. David Moir on the occasion of his ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral the previous Sunday. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Roast.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Norwich Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Walter Arnold Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Yvonne A. Murray 3	*James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 275th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 KINVER SURPRISE MAJOR

C.W.C. No. 30. Tenor 14 cwt.

Ian Lloyd Treble	John Clements 5
Austin T. Wingate 2	Peter Robertson 6
Shirley M. Drew 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method.

The band send good wishes to the Rector (Rev. W. R. Houghton) on the occasion of his birthday and 27th anniversary of his ordination, both this day.

KINVER SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dudley P. Elsmore Treble	Alan D. Elsmore 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
Peter G. Sherwood 3	*Michael J. Church 7
William H. Viggers 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Tom Page.

* 50th peal

Rung on the Patronal Festival as a farewell to the Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of Aldershot, and Mrs. Dart. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Old and Plain Bob, ten extents and two 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 89 lb.

*Jill P. J. Edwardes .. Treble	Douglas A. R. May .. 4
†Judith M. Collins 2	Roy Collins 5
Jill M. May 3	*John M. C. Edwardes .. Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. G. Sanger, son of a Surrey County Councillor, and Miss M. M. Collis.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.

On Wed., Sept. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John F. M. Maybrey .. Treble	Richard L. Underwood .. 5
Gareth H. Jones 2	Rowan S. Bradley 6
*Merryn Hutchings 3	Richard H. Youdale 7
Richard Green 4	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

WATERFORD, Co. Waterford.—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Merryn Hutchings .. Treble	Gareth H. Jones 5
*Jenny Field 2	Richard Green 6
John F. M. Maybrey .. 3	Richard H. Youdale .. 7
Richard L. Underwood .. 4	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the consecration this day in Dublin of the Rt. Rev. John Ward Armstrong as Bishop of Cashel, Emly, Waterford and Lismore. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

Colin A. Téster Treble	*Simon A. B. Wigg 6
Derek Slater 2	John A. Howard 7
Trevor A. Cross 3	Peter S. Muchlinski 8
Alexander Waddington .. 4	Martin L. Howe 9
Ernest J. Ladd 5	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by R. Pipe. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Large.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 each Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Mrs. T. Cullingworth .. Treble	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
*Ann Jenner 2	*Tony Lewis 6
Margaret E. Oram 3	Ralph Bird 7
Ian H. Oram 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of 11-spliced. First of 11-spliced as conductor

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Simon A. B. Wigg .. Treble	Malcolm Hitchcock .. 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Peter D. J. Beal 6
Lawrence Mitchell 3	Nicholas J. Chesson .. 7
George Kenward 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung to celebrate the births of Julian Phillip Mitchell and Bridget Tracey Leworthy

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Cliff Newby Treble	†Joseph Whalley 5
Nicholas M. Newby 2	Kevin M. Price 6
Alan Capstick 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 7
James Blackburn 4	Lawrence D. Clement .. Tenor

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

* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. First of Triples in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and a tribute to Tom Barlow, verger and tower member. Also for the 10th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells in a new frame and the augmentation to a ring of eight.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Christopher M. Sturgess Treble	John Watkins 4
*Robert W. Smith 2	Brian L. Burrows 5
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Kent T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Sheila M. Anthony 3	George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Edward T. Roberts, of Croydon and Miss Mary Poole, of Branston, Lincs. whose wedding took place at Branston on August 31st, 1968

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

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble	Michael W. Crowder .. 4
Ronald Chafer 2	Melvyn Rose 5
William Bains 3	Jack Bray Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Wratten Collection No. 148.

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Peter N. Felton Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
Timothy G. Pett 2	C. Martin Press 7
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 3	David E. Rothera 8
*John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 9
Geoffrey Bridges 5	Harold W. Rogers Tenor

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the completion of a new Lady Chapel and the commencement of rebuilding the main church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Sept. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	*Frank Chambers 5
B. Stedman Payne 2	†Arthur E. Rowley 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
E. Frederick Gobey 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method. † 200th for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Colegate Society.)

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 5
David Cubitt 2	Peter Adcock 6
Janet House 3	*Martin Cubitt 7
Hilary Adcock 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by David E. House.

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

COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

♭—38—14—58—36.14—14.58—36—78.

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

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ian B. Lowther .. Treble	†John Dowe 4
H. William Barrett .. 2	Henry Tooke 5
Thomas E. Spight 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

G. Richard King .. Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
Geoffrey Gardner .. 2	Raymond Ballard 6
Mandi McCaillon 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
Timothy Wylie 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Philip J. Rothera .. Treble	David E. Rothera 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 2	Frank E. Haynes 7
Alan F. Scholfield .. 3	Peter S. Bennett 8
Geoffrey Pearson .. 4	John H. Fielden 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,200 each of London (No. 3) and Pudsey, with 110 changes of method.

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

David P. Hilling .. Treble	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	*Timothy G. Pett 7
*Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	*John N. Diserens 8
*Frank T. Blagrove .. 4	*Ronald F. Diserens .. 9
Brian Bladon 5	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal by the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17½ cwt.

Michael Hatchett .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. 5
Leonard Stilwell .. 2	David P. Hilling 6
William Birmingham .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove .. 7
Albert C. Wenban .. 4	Sidney Blyth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Michael Hatchett .. Treble	Michael J. Palmer 5
Anthony K. Fortin .. 2	Dennis Knox 6
Patricia A. Copas .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth 7
David P. Hilling .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Henry Hubbard's ten-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Edmund E. Pearson .. Treble	William H. Minnear .. 5
Alec W. Iving 2	William Iving 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Michael W. Coleman .. 7
*Harold N. Pratley .. 4	*Oscar J. Hemmings Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band for Miss Lillian A. Weaver's diamond jubilee as organist at this church.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*Malvin N. F. Tull .. Treble	Michael M. Hodgkinson .. 5
†Carol N. F. Tull .. 2	J. Anthony Beaumont .. 6
†Mary G. Trent 3	William J. Irving 7
Stephen J. Franklin .. 4	*John Hiscock Tenor

Conducted by William J. Irving.

* First peal. † First "inside." First on eight bells by a fully local band. First as conductor.

GREAT MILTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Harry E. Wells 5
*Beryl R. Simpson .. 2	Robert B. Blond 6
Michael J. Church .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Roy H. Jones 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of D.N.C.B. First of Double Norwich on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Barry E. Saunders Treble	James Linnell 5
Bridget Bates 2	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 6
Alan A. Paul 3	Graham C. Paul 7
William J. Chester 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Being extents of Carlisle, York, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4
Graham C. Paul Treble	Alan A. Paul 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Barry E. Saunders Tenor
William J. Chester 3	

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Society of Roving Ringers.)

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Adrienne Gibson Treble	Charles P. Quartley 7
David E. Parsons 2	John C. Slater 8
John Chilcott 3	David Beacham 9
Roy D. Mills 4	Frank W. Lewis 10
Alan D. Elsmore 5	George E. Evenden 11
John Brain 6	Geoffrey Stevens Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.

DORCHESTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt in F

*Mary E. Elmes Treble	*Graham W. Elmes 5
*Timothy F. Collins 2	†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 6
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	*William T. Perrins 7
*John N. Longridge 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.

Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Miss Katharine J. Maundrell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 45 extents in 92 methods/variations, comprising 26 methods—Grandsire, Antelope, Newark, Plain, Candlesby, Boxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Raveningham, Dorton, St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin, Welford, Slapton, Winchendon, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster and Rev. Union, with 66 variations—Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, Middleton Stoney, St. Quintin, St. Lucy, Allistree, St. Frideswide, Ladbroke, Zennor, Keysoe, Pink's, St. Margaret, Oxford, St. Valentine, Freeland, Isis, Beckley, Ray, Stanton, St. Swithun, Northleigh, St. Cross, Gresford, St. Tydfil, Jacobstow, Harbury, Quantoxhead, Southwell, Nazeing, Oxtou, Pinxtou, St. Endellion, Roxholme, Saxondale, Tuxford, Uttoxeter, Vauxhall, Waxham, Xanxene, Yaxley, Zeal Monochorum, Old, Kennington, Southrepps, St. Columb, Eynsham, Elford, St. Jude, St. Ignatius, St. Albans, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Laurence, Churchill, St. Paul, St. John, St. Crispin, Ryton, St. Giles, Lanley, St. Mary and Shreshill.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	George A. Dawson 4
*Elizabeth J. Foster 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
†Philip E. Jones 3	Albert Foster Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* Most methods/variations. † First peal of Doubles.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain, (6) St. Clement's and Plain, (7) Plain.

C. Jack Gibson Treble	J. Barry Pickup 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2	Michael J. Parker 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	I. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung on the treble ringer's birthday. 250th peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

*Caroline F. Madge .. Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Alan R. Patterson 2	Alan E. Bagworth 6
John R. Pratchett 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
†Michael J. Bangham .. 4	Christopher F. Mew Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire.

Rung as a compliment to Alison Mann and Michael Bayley on their engagement. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Alan T. Winter Treble	Richard L. Underwood .. 5
Katherine J. Maundrell .. 2	Rowan S. Bradley 6
Richard Green 3	Michael J. Church 7
Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4	Richard H. Youdale Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Linda P. Smith and Roger S. Bradley, who were married at Medmenham on September 14th, 1968.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, (2) Cambridge, Surfleet, (3) Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, Plain, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain.

Len Mills Treble	Peter Robertson 4
Mrs. J. Thomas 2	Arthur C. Berry 5
Shirley M. Drew 3	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

Southern Branch quarterly peal. Also rung as a wedding compliment to Ian and Ann Lloyd, married at Pershore on September 7th, 1968.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*David Featherstone .. Treble	Alan Sheppard 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	John Potts 6
William P. Haskins .. 3	†C. Barrie Dove 7
Suzanne J. Withers .. 4	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. † 325th peal First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

(Huntington Guild of Bellringers.)

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Sept. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with no 65's at backstroke. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*A. Colin Banton Treble	David Pearson 4
Susan Mitchell 2	Susan E. Thompson 5
Christopher J. Groome .. 3	Simon P. D. Burnett Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 125th peal (25th peal in this tower) and has now "circled the tower" twice to peals.

Rung for Evensong as a compliment to the Rev. Michael Escriit, vice-president of the Guild, who was ordained priest in Howden Minster earlier this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in E flat.

Frederick Shallcross .. 1-2	Hubert Ashley 5-6
Geoffrey Pratt 3-4	Hubert Summers 7-8

Composed by John Nicholl. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frank J. Matthews .. 1-2	Edward J. Beer 5-6
*Trevor A. Cross 3-4	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 7-8
	*Cyril S. Jarrett 9-10

Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." The conductor's 350th peal.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

VEITCH.—To Bruce and Julie, a son, born on Friday, September 27th, 1968. 4958

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EMMETT.—Please note that Liz now lives at 54, King Street, Tring, Hertfordshire. 4972

WRATTEN.—The address of Mrs. R. Wratten is now Sandyridge, West Hythe Road, Hythe, Kent. Phone Hythe 68797. 4956

PERSONAL

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."—Ephesians v, 11 and 12.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHTS

ARDINGLY, Sussex.—Practice night to be held on Fridays at 8 p.m. from now onwards. —J. M. L. Hooton, Sec., Yew Tree House, Ardingly. 4965

HALLING, KENT.—From October 8th and until further notice the practice will be on Tuesday from 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. 4913

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. — Commencing October 14th, practices at St. Mary's will take place on Mondays, 7.30–9 p.m. 4943

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MISCELLANEOUS

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—The monthly 12-bell practice has been cancelled. The next practices will be on November 16th and December 21st at 6 p.m. 4966

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ASTON PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM

The 12 bells will be ringable from Oct. 6th, 1968. Tower Restoration is now complete.

Ringling: Thurs. 7.30–9 p.m.; Sun. 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.—Ringing Master. 4911

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Snowdon Dinner, October 19th. Ringing arrangements: Brighouse 11.30–12.30; Otley 11.30–12.30; St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 11.30–12.30; Cleckheaton 1.15–2.15; Guiseley 1.15–2.15; Burley (Leeds) 1.15–2.15; Armley 2.30–3.30; Drighlington 2.30–3.30; Idle 2.30–3.30; Bradford 4–5.30 Bramley bells not available. 4901

Please come to our

ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE

on Sunday, October 20th at All Saints' Church, Danehill, Sussex. Ringing 5.30–6.30. Service 6.30, during which handbells will be rung, followed by free refreshments at the Memorial Hall. 4974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968 Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 1968 at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 15s. 6d. each.

Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10) 4.30–6; St. Swithun's (6) 5 to 6. Tickets from General Secretary and Branch Secretaries by October 21st. D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 4883

BRISTOL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26th, 1968

Twenty-nine towers open. For full programme see "Ringing World" of October 4th. Maps still available, as advertised. 4983

DORSET RINGING RESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 26th, Blandford Forum Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15.

All Dorset ringers welcome. 4976

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cottillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Wallbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me; Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ringling arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London. S.W.12 4733

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The date of the E.G.M. has been changed to Friday, November 15th. 4896

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 26th. Towers: Rotherhithe 9.45–10.30; St. Mary's, Bow Road, 11–11.45; Clerkenwell 12.15–1; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2–2.45; St. George's, Borough, 3–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4, followed by service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will members please make every effort to attend this important meeting, when changes in the constitution will be proposed. Names for tea, please, to Audrey Alexander, Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1 4824

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, please. 4871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Annable's London Surprise Minor and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4910

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6). October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. (Tel. 57344). —R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne. —T. Barton. 4980

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 19th. Bells: Long Clawson 1–1.45 p.m., Hose 1.45–2.30, Eaton 2.30–3.15, Crofton Kerrial 3–3.45, Waltham-on-the-Wolds 3.30–4.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Cooke, Moor Lees Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (Tel. Waltham 808), Melton Mowbray. 4937

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Hendon, Saturday, October 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby. 4954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Blechley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard. —M. R. Cross.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Kings Norton (10), October 19th. Bells 3.30. Service and tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28 (Phone SPR 1025). 4907

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. James', Paisley, on October 19th from 2.15 p.m., and at St. Mary's, Glasgow, after tea. Names for tea to Miss Eleanor Procter, 6, Brown Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire. 4959

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4916

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam and Beckley, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at Northiam 3-4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beckley 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to me or alternatively make own arrangements.—G. M. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4946

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Leadley, Moonrakers, Bromfield Road, Henfield, Sussex. 4942

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting at Hordle, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Milford (8) after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewis, Cottessmore, Everton Road, Hordle, near Lymington, Hants.—Mrs. G. W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec., 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4915

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence (5), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 4981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel (6), October 26th, 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Marston Magna (6) after tea. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4962

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street. 4791

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bentley (8), October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 4977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tewkesbury (12), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Tewkesbury, Glos, by Wednesday, October 23rd. 4925

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Peterchurch (6), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by Wednesday, 23rd. 4964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Kesteven Education Committee
ONE-DAY RINGING SCHOOL
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at the
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Assembly at the School 10.15 a.m.

Instruction in classroom and tower for beginners, intermediate and advanced groups. Twelve changes to Plain Bob Minor. Plain Minor Methods. Treble Bob Major, Erin and Stedman Triples.

Brochure and enrolment forms from
Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of
Education, County Offices, Sleaford,
Lincs 4908

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A.G.M., St. Alphege's, Canterbury, on October 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than October 23rd. 4919

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Chislehurst on October 26th. Ringing at the Annunciation 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at St. Nicholas Church Hall Service 6.30 and evening ringing at St. Nicholas'. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 23rd. 4970

LADIES GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. D. Kirton, Sunny Side Farm, Coddington, Newark-on-Trent. Barnby bells available 2.30-4.15.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 4938

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Striking contest at Cleckheaton (8), Saturday, October 26th. 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing in the evening. Names to Miss M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by previous Wednesday. 4996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton, Leics, by the Wednesday previous. 4971

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks).—Joint meeting at Hillingdon, October 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with social evening to follow. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m. Harefield bells available 2.45 p.m.—3.45 p.m.—J. Muller, M. J. Palmer. 4982

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Church Hanborough on October 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Church Hanborough (6) 2.30-4 and 6.30-7.30; Freeland (6) 2.30-3.30; Woodstock (8) 7.30-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. N. I. Bridges, Wroslon Road, Freeland, Oxford, by October 22nd.—E. R. Venn, Sec. 4957

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Evening meeting at Newnham (6), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing from 7 p.m. onwards.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4975

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—A.G.M. at Stowmarket (8) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4968

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Barkston, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham, Lincs, by October 28th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4978

LATE NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

PAYTON-TRIGWELL.—The engagement is announced between John Henry Payton, of Chiddingfold, and Karen Janet Trigwell, of Farnham. 4989

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

MALE RINGER requires accommodation as near Sheffield University as possible for approximately ten weeks from mid-November.—C. Sweeney, 37, Percy Road, Kenilworth. 4984

MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton (6) on October 19th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. Baker, 4, Wellingborough Road, Ecton, Northants. 4986

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Learners' practice at Cobham, Tuesday, October 22nd, 7.30-9 p.m.—J. P. O. 4990

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford (6), Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 5 p.m. Special method: Carlisle. Names for tea to R. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, by October 23rd. 4988

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Crich (8), October 26th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Cafe nearby. Please attend.—E. J. S. 4985

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Capel, Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing, probably at Newdigate. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Surrey. Names must be sent if you expect to have tea.—J. P. O. 4991

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Names for tea not required. 4987

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.—N.C. 4994

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Habledon, October 26th. Bells 2.45 till 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in New Inn, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Hamlet Cottage, East Street, Habledon, by Wednesday, October 23rd, please. 4993

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Ruby Fardon 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, R. A. Fardon 3, Ruby M. Myllys 4, M. C. Seymour 5, Patricia A. Copas 6, W. H. Coles 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, M. J. Palmer 10. For Harvest Festival.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Read 1, Jane Osmant (first quarter "inside") 2, J. Smith 3, T. Fox (cond.) 4, Cynthia Elson 5, P. Nelson 6, R. Tickner 7, C. Denyer 8. For Harvest Festival.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBES.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hydrangea Northeast 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, A. C. Boorman 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, R. S. Bradley 6, R. H. Youdale 7, P. Martin 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

STONE, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Thomas (first Minor) 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Jane Osenton 3, J. Hemaley 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Patricia Ramage 1, Christine T. Wilkins (first as cond.) 2, R. E. Gerhardt 3, A. Wender 4, D. Barwick 5, S. Mallett 6. For Flower Festival.

WHITSON, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. E. Price 1, R. Harper 2, D. Nichols 3, J. Whitam 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, F. Jackson 8. Rung after the wedding of David Fearn to Dorothy Ann Hellewell.

Letters—continued

MR. BLAGROVE ANSWERS MORE
QUERIES

Dear Sir.—May I answer the points raised by Mr. Shepherd? No one has tried to differentiate between the equal terms "longest length" and "progressive length." But not all longest lengths are the record peals proper. The progressive lengths instanced by Mr. Shepherd would all be record peals, and it would not be necessary to comply with the special conditions on page 19 of the Handbook. Further, it would not be necessary for the first peal to reach or exceed 6,720 to comply. But in the case of a peal rung to surpass a total of 6,720 or more, it is necessary to comply, if the resulting peal were to stand as the record peal proper. We now come to the first vagueness in Decision D, para. (f).

Does it mean "all peals which will surpass a previous peal of 6,720 or more must comply"? This is the hard-line interpretation, and all peals not complying would not be recognised by the Council, but must be published in "The Ringing World." The soft-line interpretation is "all peals rung with the intention of setting up a new record must comply." Then, a peal which did not comply would be a progressive length, but not the record peal proper.

The special conditions are perfectly clear in that seven days' notice must be given in "The Ringing World." similar notice must be sent to the secretary of the holding Society, the peal must be unpeired and well proved, and the methods must comply with the Report on Regular Methods. Not so clear is the publication of the composition. The hard-line is that it must be published with the notice, and the soft-line is that it must be published at the latest with the report of the peal, and nothing is laid down for non-record peals.

It will be appreciated that up to 1966 attempts complied with these special conditions. But in the last two years difficulties over these two points have arisen, and been accentuated by several conductors not bothering to comply, or wishing soft-line on their attempts and hard-line on the attempts of others. Turning to Mr. Woodruffe, I was informed in March that the need for a revision of Decisions would be raised at Worcester. Therefore, in an attempt to smooth the way, the report for 1967 contained all new long lengths under the single heading "Performances," and I did hope for the same in the 1968 report, in view of the forthcoming revision. But Mr. Woodruffe wants a separate listing.

Therefore it becomes necessary to continue checking all compositions, both progressive lengths and record peals, but, for the latter only, there are other details to check. No decision has been made over the 13,140 Maximus, and my misinterpretation of Mr. Woodruffe's letter of August 2nd was due to the wording of his letter and my non-participation in untruthful gossip. I note his claim for the record peal of Kent L.C. and Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells, and his definition of Cam Maximus as an irregular method. I was informed by one member of the band that they were aware that the 12,480 Pudsey would not be a record peal proper, and if Mr. Woodruffe had had the manners to ask he could have had the composition months ago.

The 12,096 Glasgow has not been demoted to a progressive length. The band asked for it not to be the record length proper. By the C.C. Decisions it was not necessary for notice to be given for the 11,872 Glasgow, the 9,600 Lincolnshire and the 12,096 Huddersfield, even though Mr. Woodruffe says otherwise. His strictures on the L.A.C.R. are way out of place. Was written notice given to their secretary of the Cambridge Royal? Have Mr. Woodruffe's compositions always been published before the attempt? Indeed, have his compositions always been published?

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor,

TOURS AND OUTINGS

WOTTON AND BRISTOL COMBINED
OUTING

The Wotton-under-Edge and Bristol ringers had a combined outing under blue skies on September 7th. No less than four Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were represented, making the large number in the back seat wish we had booked a bigger coach!

The first stop was at Romsey Abbey, having one of the best rings of eight in the country, and much excitement and interest was caused by the gallery which breaks the long climb up to the ringing chamber. The bells themselves are a real joy to ring, and we would gladly have stayed much longer.

After ringing on the pleasant light eight at Twyford, most of us fortified ourselves with refreshment at the Dolphin.

Before ringing at New Alresford we were obliged to wait for a wedding to finish, so we sat outside the tower while the guests poured forth from the church, and listened to the local band ringing and at the same time admired the varying styles of dress of the wedding company.

Tea was at Andover, and those in the restaurant heard the remainder of the party raising the eight at the church. The long ascent to the ringing chamber was rather frightening and was the second occasion that day upon which the gentlemen were asked by the ladies to go up first, due to the somewhat revealing nature of the wooden spiral staircase! Here the standard of striking was improved, although an attempt at Kent Major ended in failure. Our final tower was at West Overton (6). The striking was, in general, better here than it had been all day, probably due to the short draught of rope which made the bells go so well.

Thanks go to Henry Taysom and Ken Weeks, of the Bristol Rural Branch, and Ron Cox, of the Wotton Branch, the three chief organisers. Thanks also to all those who met us. S.D.

"WELCH'S WANDERERS"

In line with the increasing vogue for naming touring parties, about forty ringers and friends formed themselves into "Welch's Wanderers" to take part in the annual outing organised by Roy and Enid Welch, of Ilton, Somerset, on September 21st.

This year we started in Devon, and our first ring was on the fine eight at Tiverton, where I, personally, had the pleasure of ringing a bell for the first time in almost eight months and, believe me, it was a pleasure.

From there we went to Chawleigh and then to Chumleigh and some good ringing took place at both towers. After the usual liquid refreshment we went to Chittlehampton and South Molton, where tea had been arranged.

Over a narrow bridge on Exmoor our arrival at Exford was delayed, but everyone who wished to was able to ring on the lovely six.

Our thanks to Roy and Enid for their organisation, and incumbents. Roll on next year. J.D.

HORSHAM RINGERS' MINI-OUTING

Fourteen Horsham ringers and friends sallied forth for a half-day tour round neighbouring towers on September 21st. Despite thunderstorms and torrential showers the party managed to ring at Bolney (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Henfield (8), Cowfold (8) and Shipley (6). Methods rung (or attempted) ranged from Grand sire and Stedman Triples to Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped to arrange a similar trip into Surrey later in the year. Mike Read, who organised the tour, is thanked, as well as incumbents and local ringers.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On September 28th Twerton ringers held their annual outing and were joined by friends from various towers in the Bath area.

Amesbury was the first stop. The bells had not been rung for some months but nevertheless go very well (the two trebles being the only bells on ball-bearings). The girls of the party excelled themselves with good call changes, the local captain being quite amazed, as he had not seen his back bells rung by the fairer sex before.

St. Martin's, Salisbury.—The only ground-floor ring of the day. These bells were unringable for six years until quite recently, when Bill Theobald put them in order. A half-course of Yorkshire proved quite successful.

Downton.—Lovely-toned heavy octave. A fund has been set up to rehang the seventh, the bearings of which have become badly worn, but this does not reflect on the go of the bell too much, although ringing has been curtailed pending restoration.

Fordingbridge.—A fairly light octave that will travel. Here we rang all sorts of oddments—Hawkhurst Triples, Birstwith Little Bob Major and some unsuccessful London Major.

Ringwood.—One member learned to ring here, so met old acquaintances. The octave will not be pushed too much but are pleasant to ring. Cambridge was by far the best ringing.

Christchurch Priory.—The beauty of the 12 here is well known and we were very pleased with our rise. We limited ourselves to some good call changes and Bob Royal. Bob Maximus was too ambitious.

We had a wonderful day. The people who met us at each tower were very kind and patient and we were pleased to have them join in the ringing. A.F.I.

CRAVEN RINGERS VISIT LANCASHIRE

The start for this outing on September 7th was too early for one driver, whose party missed two towers. At 8.30 a.m. Erin and Grand sire were being rung at Downham (5). We enjoyed the well-sounding bells at Clitheroe (8) and Whalley (8), where Plain Bob, Grand sire and Stedman were rung.

The six at Ribchester preceded a picnic lunch by the River Ribble, during which handbells were produced. Cambridge and Erin were rung at Goosnargh (a pleasant six), but the performance at Scorton (8) was not up to the standard of ringing at previous towers. However, there was good ringing at Hornby (8) and the programme of ringing was concluded at Low Bentham (6).

A very enjoyable dinner at Long Preston concluded a happy day. Mr. E. Lee, who organised the outing in a masterly style, is specially thanked. D.F.

SOUTHBROOM, WILTSHIRE

Southbroom ringers and friends made Guildford their objective for their annual outing on September 28th. En route they rang at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and, after lunch at Guildford, at Holy Trinity and on the six at St. Mary's, which they found were a "bit strange" with a clock face and anti-clockwise ring to contend with. Tea followed, and the Cathedral was visited to hear the choir sing Evensong. Ringing was afterwards enjoyed on the ground-floor ring of six at Bentley. The refreshment 40 minutes were spent at Andover and home was reached at 10.30 p.m. Incumbents and those who met the party are thanked. A.T.W.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: A. P. Hancock 1, N. P. Hancock 2, R. Sweet 3, M. J. Hancock 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillett 8. For Evensong. A 40th wedding anniversary couple—Mr. and Mrs. S. Badman.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

(September 28th)

BINSTED, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Stacey 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6.

STEEP, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (23 meth./var.): D. Hughes 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. Maximum number for band and District.

BURITON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tipper 1, D. Hughes 2, Jane Sims (first "inside") 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Warkworth Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Margaret Jones 2, B. Johnson 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For the christening of Martin, son of Nicholas and Brenda Davies.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Heather P. S. Llewellyn (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 2, H. W. Brown 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, P. Morris 6. A compliment to Wendy and Barry on their marriage the previous day, and to Bill Foss and Michael Thompson, ordained deacons this day.

APLEDOR, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jenner 1, N. Pollock 2, J. Hemsley 3, R. Lebon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, O. Webster 6, H. Deacon 7, P. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: V. J. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, J. R. Mitty 4, N. H. Leslie 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, B. R. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald Thomas Newman.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Elizabeth M. Bowyer (first quarter) 1, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 2, Barbara Clift (first "inside") 3, J. M. Lawrence 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Cheesman (first quarter) 1, Winifred Cheesman 2, Andrea Tilley 3, A. Schofield 4, H. N. Pitsoy (cond.) 5, J. Cheesman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. Reece 8. For church rededication.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, G. H. Harding 2, E. Norris 3, D. Hill-Brown 4, J. T. Barrett 5, N. G. Kne 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, N. J. Medley 8. For the Church Festival, and a 36th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barrett.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Spicer 1, J. Dafters 2, J. W. Smith 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, M. F. Oakshott 5, T. Lewis 6, Mrs. C. B. Shiers 7, K. J. Rader (cond.) 8, D. E. Beach 9, J. A. Powell 10. For the wedding of Miss Susan Nicholls, daughter of Mr. Sam Nicholls.

BEKESSBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Webster 1, Jane Osonen 2, Margaret Jenner 3, T. Young 4, J. Hemsley (first as cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, Jane Osonen 2, Margaret Jenner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Lebon (first Grandsire) 6, O. Webster 7, A. Bourner 8. For Evensong.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Bennett 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, W. Dawson 3, R. Bennett 4, Rev. R. Worsdall 5, A. D. Mills 6, A. Flatters 7, P. Reynolds 8. First quarter 4, 5 and 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Miss S. Leadbetter 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, C. J. Bennett 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, S. T. Yates 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6. First in the method by the band. A farewell to Barbara Pickering, who is leaving for Worcester College.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): Margaret Jenner 1, R. Lebon 2, A. Leves 3, O. Webster 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in three methods 2, 3 and 4.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on Sept. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Andrews (first "in hand") 1-2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3-4, A. V. Davis 5-6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. J. Barker 1, P. G. Brown 2, Susan Chapman 3, Jennifer Milbank 4, Josephine Quilter 5, H. G. Felton 6, R. J. Lindall 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. M. Cullwick 1, J. Stich 2, Miss J. Cullwick 3, E. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, V. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For the Festival of Flowers Service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Wright 1, V. Sheppard 2, R. Osbon 3, I. Vaughan 4, P. Hepburn 5, J. Norris (cond.) 10th quarter on tower bells) 6, J. Hills 7, A. Bond 8. For the church's gift day. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Longman 1, J. Riddleston 2, R. Mimon 3, V. Sheppard 4, A. Bond (cond.) 5, J. Garner 6. First quarter by Nurse Longman and a farewell on her departure to Torquay.

BRISTOL.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal: Heather Walters 1, S. Brown 2, Diana Bridle 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. England 5, P. Bridle 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8, J. H. Gilbert 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. First of London Royal for 2, 4, 7 and 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Stoy 1, R. C. Stevens 2, N. Thomson (cond.) 3, Carol Martin 4, G. W. Stevens 5, K. G. Game 6. Rung in memoriam Violet Jean Thompson, grandmother of the conductor.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. L. Mills 1, J. P. Loveles 2, Mrs. E. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, J. J. Dingwall 5, A. W. Candale 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. First in method "inside" 2 and 5. Rung for the christenings of Paul William, son of Allen and Maureen Candale, and Elizabeth Margaret Allan.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Elphick 1, G. P. Elphick 2, A. V. Sheppard 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, A. W. Bond 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, R. I. Vaughan (75th quarter) 7, W. D. Homfrey (first quarter) 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of Canon Cooke's ordination.

COTHELSTONE, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, J. West 2, E. W. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, P. J. Came 5, E. G. Roast 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. W. Roast 1, Yvonne Murray 2, P. J. Came 3, T. Spurgeon 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. David Moir, one of the local company, on the occasion of his ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. King 1, D. G. Boast (first on eight) 2, J. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Raymond King.

GREAT CHART, KENT.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, A. Bourne (first in two methods) 2, Marion Kemp 3, J. Hemsley 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. A. Birch 2, B. Johnson 3, K. D. Butler 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First Surprise for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Percy 1, Betty Percy 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, A. Baldock 4, T. Barlow 5, R. Percy 6. With best wishes to Sybil M. Tonkin and David R. McLean immediately after their marriage at this church.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, P. Furniss 3, P. Taylor 4, R. Crocker 5, G. Dodd (cond.) 6. First Cambridge by all the band except the conductor. Rung for evening service by the Sunday service band.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, Joan Peacock 2, C. E. Wright 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, C. C. M. Pain 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

IVYCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hemsley 1, Miss M. Jenner 2, B. Johnson (cond.) 3, O. Webster 4, D. Cawley 5. First on the bells, a ring of five since 1624.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Treble 1, W. G. Cocks (first Grandsire "inside") 2, Janine Blanche 3, M. J. K. Griffiths 4, D. P. Treble (cond.) 5, J. Boulter 6. First quarter by the present local band. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. D. R. Drake-Brockman.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, J. Foster 2, G. Gray 3, K. Lucas (aged 9) 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Rung as a contribution from the Art of Change Ringing in honour of the opening of the Basildon Civic Arts Centre.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Laver 1, Judith Robinson 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, J. Laver 5, P. Ford 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, D. James 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, C. Hughes 2, Miss J. M. H. Smith 3, C. Willmington (cond.) 4, L. Fox 5, R. Brown (first in method) 6, H. Weedon 7, R. Turner 8. For Harvest Festival.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: T. W. Hesketh 1, E. Timmins 2, C. D'Aeth 3, M. E. Snape 4, J. A. Elliot 5, E. L. Humphris 6, J. McKee 7, W. E. Court 8, J. N. Brown 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, G. K. Austin and N. P. A. Goulding 12. Rung in memoriam H. Stewart Bailey, a member of the Cathedral band.

LLANFAFF, GLAM.—On Sept. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, C. Ricketts (cond.) 4, T. T. Lewis 5, N. A. James 6, S. Fenwick 7, J. James 8. Rung for the ordination of Richard D. Fenwick, a bellringer at this Cathedral.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On June 30th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: Veronica Belitt (first in method) 1, F. Ward 2, C. Beswick 3, C. Stringer (first in method) 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Jean Cunliffe 1, Veronica Belitt (first "inside") 2, F. Ward 3, A. Hartland 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Beswick 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: Veronica Belitt 1, D. J. Marshall 2, W. Barwell 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Newman 1, J. A. Booth 2, Margaret Booth 3, Brenda Redfeare 4, N. Garrard 5, G. Hawkins 6, A. J. Smith 7, H. Wood 8, D. Redfeare 9, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 10. For evening service, and as a compliment to Felicity, daughter of Canon and Mrs. H. E. Frankham, and Mr. T. K. Pool, whose marriage took place the previous day.

LUTTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Campling 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. Butler (cond.) 3, P. Campling 4, P. Butler 5, R. Ragdsell 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Flower and Harvest Festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Towler 1, Angela Quick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. Hiller 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6, A. R. Agg 7, P. Fletchney 8.

MACGILLICUDDY'S REEKS, EIRE.—At the Church of Our Lady of the Valley, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Youdale 1-2, S. C. Walters 3-4, R. S. Bradley 5-6, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 7-8.

MACHEN, MON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bundy (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, L. James 3, V. Jones 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, H. Everson 6. For Harvest Festival.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P. Gagen 4, J. E. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire): Susan A. Coombs 1, H. J. Coombs 2, A. J. Coombs (first as cond.) 3, P. Blacker 4, R. Perry 5, Ruby M. Coombs 6. First quarter 1, 6. A compliment to the Rev. W. Cecil Mason on the 24th anniversary of his ordination as priest.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Anne Copperwheat (first quarter) 1, Mary L. Mann 2, M. J. Locky 3, C. D. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. Goodwin 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Goodwin.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: W. Holmes (first on ten) 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, R. Preston 4, W. Clamp 5, R. H. Cook 6, R. Looker 7, O. Homewood 8, R. E. Manton (cond.) 9, A. French 10. For Harvest Festival and a farewell to Rev. Dudley Gummer.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD'S RINGING COURSE

The Northamptonshire County Youth Service, at the request of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, ran a half-day ringing course on September 28th using Islip School and the towers of Islip, Thrapston and Tichmarsh. The course was under the general direction of Mr. J. M. Tyler, who is, appropriately enough, the county music adviser; and the team of instructors was led by Mr. J. H. Bluff, Master of the Guild.

Some 70 students attended, and whilst these covered a wide age range, it was particularly encouraging to see such a large number of young people anxious to improve their ringing. The general consensus of opinion was that they went away knowing a good deal more about what they were trying to do than they did when they came.

The course was divided into five groups, and covered everything from plain hunt to extents of Plain Bob on this occasion. However, with such an encouraging response to this, the first diocese-wide course, it is intended to hold another one, possibly next spring, and to aim then to cover a wider range of methods. Grateful thanks are extended to those who came as instructors, and to the incumbents who made their towers available.

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