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The Church of St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton, Sussex

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36th Snowdon Dinner at Bradford

THE annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held on October 19th at the Victoria Hotel, Bradford, where the excellent meal was enjoyed by 93 members, their guests and friends. Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Association was in the chair and, after the loyal toast, the cigars, cigarettes and pipes were lit and the company settled down to the speeches, which this year were notable for their brevity.

"The Church and State" was proposed by Dr. T. David Spencer, the Association's peal secretary. He based his words on the first chapter of Wilfrid G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing" and spoke of the uses to which bells had been put through the ages. It had always been customary for the bells to ring out at times of national rejoicing, on great State occasions and to commemorate famous victories but, he said, they had not always been instruments of the Church, although housed in the churches. At one time their use as a means of calling the faithful to worship was forbidden and they were only rung by the ringers as a sporting pursuit. Happily, those days were past and the bells now rang out proclaiming the message of the Church.

The reply was given by the Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. W. H. Alan Cooper, who said how honoured he felt at being invited to the Association's dinner and pleased to have the opportunity of replying to the toast. He thanked Dr. Spencer for proposing the toast and the company present for the way they had received it. He did not feel adequate to reply for the State, his only connection being that he had been appointed to his present office by it and, like everyone else, he had to buy an insurance stamp each week, but he could reply for the Church, and he thanked the ringers for the work they did. Next year would see the beginning of the golden jubilee year of the Bradford Diocese and he wanted the Association to take part in the celebrations by holding a meeting and ringing peals at the Cathedral.

The main toast of the evening, that to "The Late Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association," was proposed by the president

of the Central Council, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, in his usual inimitable style, which will be well known to many members. He referred to the work of Jasper Snowdon and his brother, William, and the traditions which succeeding generations of officers had maintained. The Exercise owed much to Jasper Snowdon for his text books and, in particular, "Ropesight" was a lasting memorial to his name.

As is the custom, the toast was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung by J. H. Fielden 1-2, M. J. Thurmott 3-4, W. F. Moreton 5-6, W. Barton 7-8, F. A. Munday 9-10.

Mr. Maurice J. Thurmott, who proposed the toast of "The Guests and Visitors," welcomed the Provost and Canon Thurlow, together with the visitors, and said how pleased the members were to have them at the dinner. This was the 36th Snowdon Dinner, which throughout the years had been held in eight different counties and this was the fourth occasion at which the president of the Central Council had been the principal guest.

Before the reply, the handbells were again brought into use and three courses of Grandsire Surprise—or was it Spliced Grandsire, Grandsire and Grandsire!—was rung to the amusement of the company.

The Rev. Frazer Williams, curate at St. James', Bradford (Bolton), replied to Mr. Thurmott's toast, thanked him for his welcome and said how much he had enjoyed the evening. He referred to the bells as the messengers of the Church and concluded appropriately by quoting from John Betjeman's Poems in the Porch: "Those Blasted Bells."

The formal proceedings were over, but two hours later small groups of ringers and their friends were still to be seen in the hotel and, as is usually the case, talking shop. It was generally agreed that the dinner had been a most happy and successful occasion.

During the day the bells at ten churches in the district had been available for ringing, the final tower before the dinner being Bradford Cathedral, where the excellent ten were put to good use.

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MIDDLEWICH TO LLANGOLLEN BY NARROW BOAT

ON Saturday, September 28th, eight ringers from Nottinghamshire set out to spend one week on a narrow boat on the canals and inland waterways of England and Wales.

The party was made up as follows: Iris (Warsop), Jane (Laxton), Linda (Worksop), Thelma (Kirkby-in-Ashfield), Brian (Sutton-cum-Lound), David and John (Laxton) and "Nobby" John (Retford).

On arrival at the British Waterways Board Middlewich Depot—no boat! It had been abandoned the previous night about two miles up the cut and the staff were unable to locate and retrieve it until after we arrived. Despite a very delayed start we were able to make up for lost time and spent Saturday night moored at Barbridge Junction.

On Sunday afternoon we arrived at Whitchurch, where "Nobby" John, dressed in a pakamac (ballerina-length), Wellingtons and shorts, inquired of a cleric walking along the towpath with his wife, daughter and dog, "Are you the Vicar of Whitchurch? What time is the service, and could we please ring on your bells?" We are not quite sure whether he

was relieved or not that we were not "of his flock," as he was the Methodist minister.

After something which, to the girls, resembled a route march we arrived at St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, in time to hear the bells being lowered, but the local ringers very kindly gave their permission for us to ring after the service. After ringing we retired to the Vic, where we were joined by local non-ringing friends, who kindly took us back to the boat.

On Monday afternoon, Linda, a ringer from Retford, and Helen, her friend, who are studying to become physiotherapists, joined us at Newmarton Locks and remained with us until Tuesday morning. We arrived at Llangollen that evening and by the time we had all washed and changed the bells were ringing. The local ringers made us most welcome and concluded the practice by inviting "the visitors" to lower the bells in peal.

On Tuesday evening we travelled by more conventional means and Brian astonished the bus conductor by asking for "Eight to Ruabon, please"—the ticket would have made a good streamer for any party! Unfortunately,

we were too late to take part in the normal ringing but the captain allowed us to ring afterwards. On the return journey we were classed at "Nutcases"—Brian was practising his Welsh and others were ringing Plain Bob thumbs on knees, so this was not really surprising. Apologies to the Llangollen lady ringer who happened to be travelling on the bus.

On Wednesday afternoon we arrived at Trevor and moored near the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, which was first opened to traffic in 1805. Shortly after our arrival we were taken on a conducted tour of the Aqueduct by an elderly gentleman who informed us that his great-grandfather had worked on its construction for wages of a penny an hour.

On Thursday we moored at Whitchurch and on Friday arrived back at the base in Middlewich. Fortunately no one had a ducking during the holiday, although John wet his shoes and Iris received a prize set of bruises.

Very grateful thanks are expressed to all clergy who kindly let us ring their bells and to the local ringers for making us so welcome. We will reciprocate given the opportunity.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton

By A. VICTOR SHEPPARD

IN the absence of any vestry minutes prior to 1790 we are at a loss for knowledge of our earliest bells. Although the historian Erredge records that Joshua Kipling recast the great bell, at parish expense, in 1736, we do not know how many bells there were in the tower at that time. When Thomas Rudhall cast a ring of eight for us in 1777 it is very likely that he used the metal of the earlier bells. These were the years when Charles Rudhall, brother of the founder, was in business in Brighton as an ironmonger and brazier; doubtless he was also acting as the foundry's agent in Sussex and soon he was to become a churchwarden of St. Nicolas'. So it is not surprising that some later writers were confused into thinking that these bells were cast by Rudhall in Brighton.

They were of course the first ring in the town, owing their existence not only to the booming prosperity of the fashionable holiday resort, but also to the spread of ringing knowledge and the presence of able practitioners. The first peal, rung on the last day of 1777, was Grandsire Triples, and the fourth, a couple of years later, was a notable 11,088 of Bob Major; the peal board for which is now our most prized possession. These first four peals were, in fact, all rung by the Cumberland Youths.

VESTRIES IN PUBS

Writing from "The New Ship Inn" in 1790, Churchwarden Rudhall resolved "that Mr. Palmer do repair the treble," and it is through this custom of holding vestry meetings at a different pub each month that we have learned the names of no less than forty-six of the taverns in late eighteenth century Brighton. One of these, The Hen and Chickens, was owned by John Pocock in 1797. He was a bellringer and for forty years parish clerk, so understandably his upper room came to be the headquarters of the Brighton Society of Change Ringers. The walls were hung with peal boards brought down from the belfry and added to over the years. On one of them, dated 1816, one man is simply named "Gentleman Volunteer"; he was in fact a well-known Quaker who did not like his name to appear publicly in this connection. This man, Edward Martin, a tailor, was passionately fond of ringing and regularly attended practice with his workman Jones. On these evenings, as soon as the worthy Quaker heard the first bell, he would call up to the workshop, "The child's a crying, Jones," and master and man at once set off for the belfry. The Hen and Chickens, no longer a pub, still stands in King Street.

In 1815 the troublesome treble was recast at Whitechapel and three years later the churchwardens note "the present ringers have two bells in their possession purchased at sixpence halfpenny per pound, which they now offer at cost price . . . resolved to recast and rehang them at the expense of the parish." Thus through the efforts of its own ringers St. Nicolas' became the first ten bell tower in Sussex and later that year (1819) rang the first peal on them (Grandsire Caters).

No account of Brighton can neglect the story of the Prince Regent and the exotic home he built in the Royal Pavilion. His

eventual accession to the throne in 1820, and his coronation as King George IV in 1821, were both marked by peals in the parish church. However, the addition of those two trebles by T. Mears had not been a happy splice, only two peals had been rung on them, and with the opening of St. Peter's in 1828 they were removed thither to chime the clock quarters. From 1833 a silence of fifty years descended on the old mediaeval church.

The great restoration of 1853 did not extend as far as the bells although the blocked up tower arch into the nave was re-opened. This gave the congregation an excellent view of the ringing chamber on the ground floor and was probably intentionally done in the movement towards belfry reform. For two or three decades after the rebuilding new St. Nicolas' must have been a strangely modern, austere and quiet church for the parishioners; not only were no peals being rung, but due to the architects' mistake there was no space for an organ for twenty years. It was during this quiescent period that Tyssen published "The Church Bells of Sussex," 1864, in which the eight bells are noted as: Treble, T. Mears, 1815; 2, Fear God honour the King, 1777; 3, Peace and good neighbourhood, 1777; 4 and 5, Thos. Rudhall, Gloucester, 1777; 6, 1777; 7, Recast T. Mears, 1812; tenor, 1 to church the living call and to the grave do summon all, 1777.

NEW GENERATION OF RINGERS

Brighton was now growing fast; in 1873 St. Peter's became the parish church, albeit without bells, and St. Nicolas' was designated the mother church of the town. The foundation of the Sussex Association in 1875, by a new generation of ringers, brought a great enthusiasm for peal ringing that broke the half century of silence. It had taken 120 years to reach 50 peals; the next 50 took but 13 years. The enthusiasm of these determined and loyal Victorians was such that they greeted Her Majesty's golden jubilee in 1887 with a peal at 4.37 a.m.! An important result of all this activity was the resolve to re-augment the old eight once more into a 10.

In 1892, with the Shelley legacy, two trebles were added from Whitechapel, and later that year was rung the first peal of Stedman Caters in Sussex, followed three years later by Kent Royal, another first. By now Double Norwich was in the repertoire and before the end of the century Cambridge, London and Superlative were being pealed. As may be expected with ringing of this standard, some renowned names were making their debut in the peal book: Frank Bennett, Keith Hart, George Williams and Harry Stalham to mention but a few.

By the end of the first world war it was obvious that the old bells were no longer pleasant to the ear. Not one was in tune, and all were out of tune with each other. The seventh was heavier than the eighth; all were encrusted with the sea atmosphere and much worn with the 119 peals rung on them. The wooden frame was judged beyond repair and the belfry walls and roof needed attention.

BIG RESTORATIONS

It says a great deal for the spirit of the parish and the ringers, in those lean years of 1921-22, that they resolved to go the whole hog with a decision to recast all ten and hang them in an iron frame on ball bearings, at the same time constructing a louvred lantern in the tower roof. At this stage two men, Henry Wagner and Somers Clarke, who had long family connections with St. Nicolas', offered to contribute half the cost of the work which had been estimated at £1,050. And so the order went out to Gillett and Johnston, who cast and installed a ring of ten Simpson tuned bells with an 18 cwt. tenor in E. It was with some sense of occasion that the first peal was arranged, like the first peal on the old eight back in 1777, for the last night of the year and this time Stedman Caters ushered in the new year on splendid new bells; it was 1923.

To-day, December 6th, the mother church of Brighton celebrates the festival of St. Nicolas of Myra, patron of Seamen and of Children. The old church still sits snugly on the hill, encompassed now by the fishing village that raised up these walls six centuries ago. The ancient tower, no longer a landmark and lighthouse for sailors, still looks out to the unchanging sea witnessing in its bells, and the service of its ringers, the enduring faith of the Church of God on earth.

CHESTER GUILD'S
HANDBELL DAY

Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild interested in handbell ringing met at Marple on November 16th. Sixteen ringers from four Branches took part in the peals.

Two attempts for Plain Bob Maximus were scheduled for 9 a.m., one at the belfry and the other at Ashwood Crescent. Both got off to a prompt start and both were successful. Lunch of fish and chips followed, and there was time to relax a little at either Ashwood Crescent or Ridge Crescent.

Ringers were then transported to the three centres arranged for the afternoon attempts. All three attempts were under way shortly after 2 p.m. but the attempt of Plain Bob Royal at Ashwood Crescent came to grief after 1½ hours' good ringing. The other attempts, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, were both completed in the same time of 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Tea for members of the three bands was provided by Valerie Groves and May Smith before the early evening attempts took place. Three peals—Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal—were successful, giving a total of seven peals from eight attempts in the day.

At 8.30 p.m. ringers' wives and friends made for the Ring o' Bells, where a room had been reserved, together with an adequate supply of sandwiches and drinks. So ended an enjoyable but tiring day of handbell ringing which may turn out to be the forerunner of others.

R. B. S.

**NEXT WEEK'S
COVER PICTURE
CANTERBURY
CATHEDRAL**

COMPETITIONS WITH DEVON ASSOCIATION

By EDGAR J. COLE,

Hon. Secretary, Devon Association of Bell Ringers

THE comment by D. A. R. May in the issue of July 12th made interesting reading and I would be grateful for a little space to add the method of judging employed by our Association, many of whose hours of relaxation are taken up with competitive call-change ringing.

In the first place, a peal of eight bells has to be rung for at least 20 minutes, and one of six bells has to be rung for at least 15 minutes, including the rise and fall. To encourage novice ringers, the same eight- and six-bell peals or "sequence of changes" are used in all competitions, and are most commonly used as soon as learners are competent enough to ring in a team, so that they become conversant with the competition peal at an early stage in their training.

As to the judging itself, during the rise and fall of a peal one fault is given to each bell striking in its incorrect position, e.g. the Second speaking after the Third in round ringing would warrant one fault. If, in the same round, the Fourth was speaking after the Fifth, then the marking would be two

faults per round. This is also the basis used for the remainder of the peal for bells striking out of order.

Should any bell miss striking one round—one fault is given.

Should one bell strike another to almost coincide—one fault is given.

Should the cycle of any round be "out of rhythm"—one-quarter fault per bell is given.

At the end of the lowering of a peal, any part of an uncompleted round would receive one fault for each bell striking or failing to strike, whichever is the least:

e.g.: In a peal of Six bells, if four bells speak in order—two faults. In a peal of Eight bells—

if Five bells speak in order—give three faults;

if Six bells speak in order—give two faults;

if Seven bells speak in order—give one fault.

Obviously, faults are accumulated rather faster in the rise and fall of a peal, where a considerable amount of skill is required to keep the bells in correct order, and where most errors have to be penalised with a full fault, but once the rise is completed many

teams only gather one-quarter faults at a time, and then often only in occasional rounds.

The team with the least number of faults is the winner of the competition, and therefore the captain has to keep one eye on the clock and endeavour to complete his fifteen or twenty minutes' ringing as near as possible but not under the stipulated time, as it will be appreciated that too much "excess" ringing only results in additional faults.

Many Saturday afternoons from April to October are occupied with ringing competitions throughout Devon—page 543 of the above edition of "The Ringing World" had a very good diary of the July festivals by J. G. M. S.—not everyone has the chance to take part in the ringing, but all can and do enjoy some of the finest music possible to come from our towers, especially when the more experienced teams are "on the end of the ropes." At the same time, quite a few of "would-be" judges amongst the listening audience indulge in marking a peal to see if they are as good as the experts!

What of the prizes! For the winning team, the glory of having its tower's name engraved on a shield or cup and holding it in safe keeping for twelve months, and for the first six or eight teams a certificate, numbered in order of merit, to decorate the home belfry.

ANDOVER DISTRICT COMPETES FOR TWO CUPS

FOR the eighth consecutive year the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held its annual striking contest on November 16th, when the teams competed for two challenge cups.

A change of venue is a good thing, and this year it was held on the light six at St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, this being the fifth change of tower since the cup was handed over to the District in 1960 to be competed for by local Sunday service bands, who must be members of the Guild.

The judge, Mr. R. W. Rex, a well-known ringer and a past Ringing Master of the District, was positioned in Mr. Green's pantechnicon parked outside the church, with an oilstove to keep him warm. Ringing commenced at 2.30 under the watchful eye of Mr. G. Bevis, belfry marshal, whilst Mr. E. Dance shepherded the teams into place after they had drawn numbers for position in ringing.

Five of the teams were competing for the Andover Challenge Cup, for rounds ringers only, and these teams rang in the following order—Kingsclere B, Woolton Hill B, Upper Clatford, Highclere B and Woolton Hill A.

The other five teams followed, ringing changes, and competing for the Malcolm Aird Challenge Cup. These were Andover, Burghclere, St. Mary Bourne, Kingsclere A and Highclere A.

A good standard of striking was maintained by all the bands. A service followed immediately after the ringing, and then to tea and the eagerly-awaited verdict.

Mr. Rex was introduced by the chairman, Mr. G. Dodd, and he summed up each team in the order in which they rang, giving the individual faults and dealing with the rounds ringers first.

Some of these had had very little experience on bells other than their own and in most cases were very young, but all agreed they had done well. The Woolton Hill B team consisting entirely of ladies. The results were: Upper Clatford 23 faults, Woolton Hill B 28, Kingsclere B 55, Woolton Hill A 65, Highclere B 88.

After the cheering for the winning team had subsided, the judge summed up the change ringing bands, the results being: Highclere A

8½ faults, Kingsclere A 14, Andover 15, Burghclere 19, St. Mary Bourne 40.

This seemed a popular win and the chairman then presented the Andover Challenge Cup to Mr. Pickford, captain of Upper Clatford, congratulating him on his band's progress, the bells having been dedicated only a year ago.

As he was also captain of the Highclere team, Mr. Murduck, leader of the runners-up, presented the Aird Challenge Cup to Highclere, saying that the positions were now reversed, as a few weeks back, at Fordingbridge, Kingsclere had beaten Highclere for the Guild Challenge Cup by three points, there having been close rivalry between the two teams for the last few years.

Mr. Dodd, replying, said all his team were thrilled again to win the trophy after being a close second so many times.

A further adjournment was made to the belfry until 8.30, where ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

A successful day and again a good number of entrants was the general opinion. We look forward to the competition next year. G. D.

MEDICAL GUILD ELECT FIRST AUSTRALIAN MEMBER

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 16th. Ringing was due to begin on the ten at All Saints', West Ham, at 2 p.m., but it was not really until 2.30 that a full company of members had assembled to put a stop to the expedient of Minor with the tenor covering. Between 3.30 and 4.30 we did our best ringing on the ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, which were a real cause for satisfaction. Both Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were well struck on the excellent bells. Our last call once again was at Cripplegate, where a paucity of ringers really accustomed to ringing on 12 caused a lowering of performance standards.

Dinner, as usual, was taken at the George, in the Borough, and was, as usual, excellent. The company was rather smaller than in recent years but this did not prevent several touches "in hand," after dinner and the business meeting.

The annual general meeting began at approximately 9.30 p.m. with the president, Mr.

J. B. Williamson, in the chair. After the minutes of the 1967 annual general meeting had been read and approved, the secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Central Council in reply to a point about broadcasting raised in the minutes.

The secretary's report on the year was adopted with the addition of a vote of thanks to the president, moved by D. J. Neal Smith, for arranging the May meeting in the Isle of Wight.

The three officers were then re-elected unopposed, viz.: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary/treasurer, D. L. Gullick.

An unprecedented number of associate members were then elected, having been duly proposed and seconded—Jonathan Hollis, Pamela Gough, Marilyn Chambers, Lois Bown and Robert Gillies. Of these, Jonathan Hollis will be by far the youngest active member, and Miss Gough was especially welcomed as the Guild's first native Australian member.

For the future it was decided to accept the invitation of Lewis Castleden to hold the May meeting of next year in his territory, Essex, and tentative plans were made for the next annual general meeting in London—the third Saturdays in May and November, 1969, respectively. The secretary also undertook to canvass a peal attempt early in 1969.

The proceedings closed with expressions of thanks to the officers and to the honorary members, and the incumbents for the excellent meeting arrangements. D. L. G.

JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

Peal Ringing in Queen Victoria's Reign

SYMONDS, George E., of Ipswich. — "I might say I was a ringer at Queen Victoria's first jubilee, in 1887, making me a bellringer of over 80 years. Last century I rang 27 peals and conducted 15, not including Holt's Original (silent) on June 4th, 1898, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. I conducted six peals "First in method."

"On Bank Holiday, August 1st, 1898, after calling a peal at Christ Church, Epsom, I walked across the Downs and conducted Bob Major at Ashted, in eight hours. I am very thankful that I can look back on these performances of so long ago; they are not all my own doing, others arranged some and asked me to call the peals.

"The peal of Bob Major I achieved at Vassal Road, S.E., was the first to be rung on the then new maiden ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank, who fitted handbells in the ringing chamber operated by the headstock. Here the Waterloo Society practised Superlative Surprise Major silently. Unfortunately the whole was destroyed by enemy action.

P.S.—Does last century finish at the end of 1900? At this time my total was 31 (conducted 18).

Note.—We asked for peals rung in Queen Victoria's reign, so Mr. Symonds' total would be 31. What a magnificent record!—Ed.

STANFORD, William, of Slinfold, Sussex, has just celebrated the 65th anniversary of his wedding. "Barge" Stanford, as he is widely known, rang his first peal at Warnham (Union Triples) on Christmas Day, 1895. He has rung 115 peals, nearly all for the Sussex County Association, but is no longer able to ring.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION MEET IN THE CITY

WITH the exception of the tower and walls, the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry in Gresham Street, City, was destroyed by enemy action in December, 1940, but a beautiful new church, completed in 1957, has risen from the ashes, the only change being that it is no longer a parish, but a Guild church, ministering to the working week-day population of the City, and is the official church of the City Corporation.

An attendance of just over 50 enjoyed an afternoon's ringing on this City "eight" on November 16th, visitors being welcomed from Bexhill, Northampton, Luton and Beaconsfield.

The diary of Samuel Pepys for February 12th, 1664, refers to an item "up and to church at St. Lawrence Jewry" and mentions that the singing was "most excellent." If he had been present at the service conducted by the Rev. C. S. Day, chaplain to the Central Middlesex and Neasden Hospitals, he would be of the same opinion. Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw accompanied at the organ.

After tea in the Guildhall staff luncheon room a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. G. Hart, who gave a special welcome to Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. A tribute was paid to Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw, who is shortly leaving London to take up residence in Sussex, for the sterling work he has put in for over 20 years to ensure continuity of Sunday service ringing, and as an instructor, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. A member since 1947, Douglas leaves with the best wishes of the district for a long and happy retirement.

Diaries out, please! It was announced that the Association's fourth triennial dinner would be held on October 25th, 1969.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. J. F. D. Trimmingham, Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, the Rev. C. S. Day, the Rev. C. G. How, Rector of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith, Mrs. E. H. Kilby and other helpers for providing tea. E.H.K.

SHEPHERD, William,—"My first peal was on August 7th, 1900, at Exmouth, Devon, my second on August 11th, 1900, my third on October 25th, 1900, and my fourth on November, 1900, the last three at Heavitree, Devon. On January 12th, 1901, I rang my first peal in London, at Walworth, and my sixth peal was on January 25th, 1901, a muffled peal on the same bells for the passing of Queen Victoria. Prior to my first peal two unrecorded quarter peals (one a 1,900-odd) but my test length of 2,520 Grandsire Triples was rung without a bad blow. In 1897, diamond jubilee year, Exeter had six rings of bells available for ringing, but change ringers were few in number."

MILES, Harry, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, writes "I rang three peals in Queen Victoria's reign, all in Oxfordshire. The first one was noteworthy for the fact that the peal (Stedman Triples) was the first peal of Stedman for all the band except the conductor (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and four of the ringers were teenagers, most unusual in those days. I also have read "The Ringing World" since the first number and "The Bell News" for the previous 15 or 16 years."

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Towcester Branch held its annual dinner on November 9th in Towcester Racecourse Pavilion, by kind permission of the Racecourse Committee. Sixty-four members sat down to a first-class meal, those present including the Branch president (Rev. G. Hales), the Guild president (Rev. E. G. Orland) and his wife, also clergy from Branch towers.

A most enjoyable entertainment followed the dinner, presented by Mr. Vic Russell with his humorous songs and ukelele. Mr. Chris Clarke and his friends from Deddington with their handbells, and Mr. Eyden with his coloured slides showing places of local interest.

Our thanks are extended to these people, also the caterers and the Branch entertainment committee, for a most enjoyable evening.

W. A. Y.

EWELL RINGERS VISIT FORMER PARSON

The Ewell ringers were augmented from neighbouring towers on their 22nd annual outing under the same management: they called at five churches in Essex and Suffolk and rang at four of them.

The chief objective this year was Leiston (tenor 20½ cwt.), which was reached in the afternoon, where the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bryant, and his wife, who left Ewell last year, greeted their friends. After an hour's ringing, Evensong was sung attended by the 80 people in the party, for the Ewell outing has over the years developed into a parish affair, and everybody knows about it. This is not a bad thing, for there is quite a feeling for tradition at Ewell and the bells are part of this tradition.

Leiston Church is not very old, being mostly rebuilt in 1854, but it has a 13th century font and other interesting features. A sumptuous tea had been prepared by the ladies of Leiston and was enjoyed in the Church Hall.

Earlier in the day ringing had taken place at Great Baddow, Essex (featured some time ago on the front page of "The Ringing World"), where Mr. Ainger welcomed the ringers, and at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. Arrangements for ringing at Ufford had to be cancelled owing to long-due building work on the tower, but a short time was spent looking over the church, which dates from the 14th century, and is richly decorated. Old stocks

OBITUARY

MR. LEONARD SMITH

An Appreciation

I would like to express sorrow on learning of the death at the age of 67 of Mr. Leonard Smith, head verger at Lichfield Cathedral, Staffordshire, who for 23 years was captain of the ringers at the Church of St. Michael in that city.

In the past I admired his person and example. Not only was he a zealous and faithful ringer, but a quiet, modest and somewhat uncommon pattern of broad Christian service. Ringing was only one department of his usefulness. To mention only two, he for long sang in the choir and also gave over 30 years to altar serving. He also aspired to become second verger at this Cathedral, was encouraged this way, but, even so, was rather surprised to get the post.

When the head verger resigned Mr. Smith was picked as his successor. I believe it has been said he lived for the Cathedral in his latter years and would "... have taken it home with him in the evenings if he could have." Earlier, he for many years was a very busy bread roundsman—a roundsman with a difference, which was his marked devotion and loyalty to church life, and (especially) his view of church work as a thing of many compartments, as shown by the way he successfully and selflessly spread his Christian love and effort during his life sooner than centre it in any one direction. He was a man hard of replacement.—Evelyn Mason (Mrs.).

Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warks.

MR. A. J. PETERS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Alfred J. Peters, of Barking, Suffolk, who passed peacefully away at his home on November 8th in his 74th year.

He rang his first peal at Barking in 1922 but was unable to stand in many peals owing to abdominal wounds, sustained in the 1914-18 war, which greatly curtailed his ringing activities. Nevertheless he was instrumental in raising a band at Barking and kept the bells going for several years.

The funeral service was at Barking on November 14th, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Kent T.B. Minor was rung in the evening by local ringers.—R.I.P. H.D.F.

stand at the churchyard gate: there is an hourglass on the pulpit; the bench-ends were carved in the 15th century and the font cover is 18 feet tall, its pinnacles elaborately carved 500 years ago.

Back in Essex the invasion of quiet Boreham was left until dark. Once the village church had been found the bells were soon set going, while down below all was harmony and light, the organ was being played in the church, ready decorated for Harvest Festival on the morrow.

The ringing at all towers was under the direction of Mr. Peter Munday and included, appropriately enough, Ipswich Surprise, while the last touch of Spliced Surprise Major (five methods), at Boreham, was possibly the best of the day. Thanks are due to all who helped in the arrangements and particularly to Mr. Bill Slocombe, whose driving skill and enthusiasm as a ringer are a tremendous asset; he postponed his holiday in Ireland to drive the leading coach.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Lindell (cond.) 1, Miss J. M. Millbank 2, Miss J. A. Quilter 3, A. Wiffen 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. J. Barker 7, A. R. Syder 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert A. Richardson, former churchwarden and faithful friend of the Guild, interred this day.

Letters to the Editor

DIFFICULT INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir,—As another Guild officer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, I can sympathise with Mr. C. Bassett, secretary of the Aiton and Petersfield District of that Guild.

Mr. Uphill asks: "Is this the general attitude of the Guild?" Mr. Bassett, in his District, seems to have had more than his fair share of difficult incumbents. For many years one of his District towers was not available for any ringing and I, as an outsider, was granted permission on a "be it on your own head" basis. Fortunately I was wise enough to invite members of the District, and now regular quarter peals are recorded there.

Another case was at Chawton, where persistent efforts by Mr. Bassett finally reopened the tower. Here the Bishop was an interested party, but happily, through Mr. Bassett's efforts, he did not have to intervene.

However, Mr. Bassett's latest incumbent is even more difficult. The Rev. Mr. Ellis (priest-in-charge at Privett) is completely unyielding and on his own admission has no intention of allowing the eight bells there to be rung, although he agrees there is nothing wrong with the bells. His reason: "The church is closed and no services will be held there in the future. I intend to go on with my policy of refusing everybody. Thank you for your interest."

Can the Bishop intervene when the church is closed? Perhaps one of our ringing clergy can give advice. I know Mr. Bassett will be pleased to accept advice and am sure the two Notices in "The Ringing World" under his name regarding Privett—and the later one on West Meon and Warnford—were not his own views but done at the express wish of the incumbents of these towers.

So Mr. Uphill, you may rest assured you are welcome in our territory. I myself have arranged ringing at many towers at a minute's notice for visiting ringers. As chairman of the Andover District and, I am sure, with the backing of my District, I can say that we have very friendly relations with all our clergy and tower captains and there is not a tower in the District that would not give a welcome at very short notice.

I hope that I am expressing the sentiments of the Guild as a whole when I make this statement.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

DOUBLES: PLEA FOR STATUS QUO

Dear Sir,—Regarding the Doubles controversy. I have been wanting to write on this for some time, but I still feel that a gradual return to *status quo* without any fuss is the best way out.

It has certainly done us a disservice and a drop in peals of Doubles round this area, and with that a general reduction in interest. One sometimes wonders whether the *genuine* Doubles ringer is still ringing peals and not bothering to publish them, or whether he is too bewildered to know what to do. Once you start publishing Doubles methods in place notation then you move out of the sphere of the *genuine* Doubles ringer. I should know: see peal totals of previous years for leading Doubles ringers.—Yours sincerely,

W. L. EXTON,
Sec., Southwell Diocesan Guild.

SEEKING MORE VARIED QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—As a mere six-, eight- and ten-bell ringer I enter the multi-Doubles field with trepidation. "I. R." in his letter (page 908) talks about a Reverse Canterbury bob as distinct from a Plain Bob bob. What is the difference? If a Reverse Canterbury bob is called at the end of a course of Reverse Canterbury Plain Bob Doubles the course-end 14235 comes up. If a Plain Bob bob is called at the end of a course of Plain Bob Doubles the course-end 14235 comes up. Fourth place is made as the treble leads. The only difference is in the change previous to the treble's first lead: Reverse Canterbury: 21435; Plain Bob: 21345. The first change after the treble's lead is different also—Reverse Canterbury: 41325; Plain Bob: 41235. This, in "I. R.'s" eyes, is presumably the difference between the two bobs.

Surely, though, the bob is the 4th place instead of 2nds as the treble leads, in which case there is no real difference at all. The 3rds and 4ths place before and after the treble leads in Reverse Canterbury are part of the method, not part of the bob. Therefore it seems to me that "I. R." cannot talk about calling a Reverse Canterbury bob instead of a Plain Bob bob to make another variation. I grant him that the bob in Reverse Canterbury seems different from that in Plain Bob—the bell making 4th goes out in Reverse Canterbury afterwards, and in Plain Bob, but this happens in London Surprise also and no one would suggest that there is a fundamental difference between a London Surprise bob and a Cambridge Surprise bob. I submit that the "multi-Doubles whiz-kids" attempt to glamorise petty differences.—Yours sincerely,

Wisbech.

R. I. WEST.

LONG SUTTON OUTING

Dear Sir,—The report relating to the above appears to have got out of course between leaving my typewriter and publication in "The Ringing World."

As several cars were used for the outing it was "one" car which broke down and not "the" car as published. Also the fact that the Churches of Holy Trinity and SS. Philip and James are situated in Ilfracombe was omitted.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Som.

VICTORIAN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—What a splendid article was that by J. H. Lenton in "The Ringing World" of November 8th—"Victorian Ringers at St. Giles, Pontefract." Its crisp simplicity and clarity of style and its carefully judged length compelled reading. Any more, Mr. Lenton?—Yours faithfully,

W. H. JACKSON.

Maidenhead, Berks.

Note.—The Editor would welcome other similar articles introducing ringers of bygone days.—Ed.

KING CHARLES SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Re the attempted peal of King Charles Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity Church, Wonston, Hants (page 710, September 13th), as G. K. D. has neither confirmed nor denied the report being true (which is contrary to the Rector's or local account), are we to take all his reports to "The Ringing World" with a pinch of salt?—Yours faithfully,

Sutton Scotney, Winchester. R. SMITH.

METRIC SYSTEM AND RINGING

Dear Sir.—In the issue of November 22nd there appears a most misleading item of Belfry Gossip under the above heading. I would be grateful for an opportunity to set the record straight.

On October 18th this year I called a peal of Cambridge Minor at Harston. When I submitted this peal for publication I gave the weight of the tenor in kg. You, sir, decided—quite justifiably within your editorial prerogative—that this was unacceptable, and printed the peal with the tenor weight in the traditional style. Unfortunately you misread your "Dove" and got it wrong; but this could happen to anyone.

When submitting this peal I had hoped you would be sufficiently progressive to allow of the tenor weight appearing in kg: I was disappointed when I saw that you had edited my copy but naturally accepted your decision—after all, you are the Editor.

You will recall that no correspondence, apart from the peal copy, passed between us on this matter, in either direction; that the peal was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association, not the Cambridge University Guild; and that I submitted it on my own headed notepaper.

It may be of interest to those who are not already aware of the facts to know that the country has embarked on a comprehensive programme of metrication, to apply to all walks of life. Decimal currency is already partly with us; and the building industry, the first complete industry scheduled to make the change, is already beginning to use metric (or more precisely, *Système Internationale*) units.—Yours faithfully,

B. D. THRELFALL.

Harston, Cambs.

TENORS IN METRIC WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—I note with regret your refusal to publish the weights of tenor bells in the metric system, but would respectfully suggest that you could offer this paper for sale at five new pence.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

St. Luke's College, Exeter.

Note.—Alan F. Scholfield also wrote regretting that the copy was altered from metric to weights in current use. He points out that the Cambridge University Guild did not attempt to introduce metric units, although it came from a member of the Guild.—Ed.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL—PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of our Cathedral Ringers' Guild, express sincere appreciation of the kind comments made by visiting bands upon the tone and "go" of the ten bells and upon the furnishing appointments of the belfry, and the comfort and convenience of the ringing arrangements.

These conditions have been made possible by the kind co-operation of the Provost and the Cathedral Council, and by the "labour of love" participation of our Guild members.

The ensuing popularity of the tower, however, means, we regret to say, some measure of disappointment to intending visiting peal bands, since the "bookings" extend through next year (1969) and as far as and including the month of December.

It is hoped that this letter may help to avoid further disappointments arising from ineffectual applications within that period.—Yours very truly,

Southsea.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Delving into Early Issues of "THE BELL NEWS"

SUCH was the demand for the first number of "The Bell News" that a second edition had to be printed to satisfy a clamouring Exercise. The paper was born in an auspicious moment. Change ringing, which appears to have been in the doldrums for over half a century, was beginning to stir again in many parts of the country; the territorial Associations were then being formed with the twin objects of belfry reform and encouragement of the art of ringing; the Essex Association, the Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Lancashire Association and the Norwich Diocesan Association were all in their infancy whilst the Durham Diocesan Association and the Oxford Diocesan Association along with others had just been born; and Jasper Snowdon had begun to publish his well-known books, which immediately became popular. "The Bell News" added to this resurgence by publishing reports of Guild meetings, peals, date touches and a column headed "Miscellaneous," which included anything down to and including plain courses of Grandsire Doubles.

Until April of the next year, the paper was issued monthly, and during that time the first 720 of Treble Bob by a band consisting entirely of clergymen was rung; the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers rang "three six-scores of Bob Doubles, being the first performance on the tower bells by the society, unassisted." These young men have progressed since then. At Lavenham, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hours and 30 minutes. "It was upwards of twenty-eight years since a peal had been rung on those fine bells, and the performers were complimented by the inhabitants for the good striking and its accomplishment." What do you think of that? The Holt Society rang a date touch of 1.881 changes, the longest touch by that Society, which had been formed 18 months before. The first peal on the bells, Stedman Cinques, was rung at St. Paul's. The Oxford Diocesan Guild rang its first peal, as also did the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mourning touches were rung for the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Duchess of Westminster and President General Garfield. To keep political balance, a 720 was rung (not muffled) when Mr. Gladstone went to church.

WHOLE PULL AND STAND

At Cheltenham "On . . . the day of the funeral of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, the local branch rang, as a mark of respect on the parish church bells, deeply muffled, a mourning touch of 504 Stedman Triples, and afterwards rang out the age of the deceased nobleman. The ringing out of the age is a system not generally understood. It is, however, when well done, very effective and solemn in sound. The execution is by ringing all the bells round, back stroke and hand stroke, then all the bells stand while the tenor strikes twice, counting the two strokes for one year. The touch was conducted by J. Belcher." There would, I imagine (this is me, not the Cheltenham people) be some dirty looks if you failed to set your bell. At Cheltenham they have lots and lots of bells and were quite courteous to a poor Minor ringer who rang Plain Bob dodges to Grandsire Cinques. Only once have I heard the age rung out in this manner. It was at the funeral of the late John Worth, when, one assumes, the Chester Guild had put on one of their top bands, who gave John everything that they had. It was superb.

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The Daresbury (Cheshire) band rang seven 720's of Minor in seven methods, believed to be the first on their bells, and asked if the same had ever been rung before in Cheshire. Mr. Hardman, of Radcliffe, near Manchester, wrote: "In answer to the Daresbury ringers, we do not know of any accomplishing a similar performance in Cheshire, but W. Walker, of Radcliffe, was one of six who rang 14 different 360's, viz.: Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Radcliffe's Delight, College Treble, Morning Star, Evening Star, Coventry, Currant-Roll, Jack Tar, Tulip, Royal Bob and College Bob. The same band could ring seven other six-bell methods, making twenty-one in all." Can anyone please, please, supply the notation of Currant-Roll? Have the Radcliffe ringers any ancient papyri? Will they look through that old bunch of recipes that Grandma left behind?

The gentle reader will no doubt be agog to learn the result of the long peal attempt by the St. Martin's Company. Well, they got it. "The Bell News" gives the tidings a little more elegantly:—

"EXTRAORDINARY LONG PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM COMMEMORATION OF THE 72nd BIRTHDAY OF THE COMPOSER THE ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY

Yesterday, February 28th, 1881, the longest peal of Stedman Cinques on record was performed at the metropolis of the Midlands—Birmingham. The Bull-Ring, the thoroughfare in which St. Martin's is situate, was thronged with attentive listeners. We are unable, on the eve of going to press, to do more than merely record the grand performance, which the competent judges outside the steeple state to have been struck well."

This stop-press announcement concludes with the information that the peal contained 9,238 changes and took six hours and 48 minutes, together with a list of "Performers."

In the April issue, the performance was dealt with a little more fully, so I quote: "This performance, information of which we received at the moment of going to press with our last number, was, we hear, most satisfactorily and creditably executed. Several who have sent us notices for our current number of our journal have alluded to it in terms of unequivocal commendation, and we take this opportunity of complimenting the whole band upon their success. Whatever we might say as regards the

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abilities of Mr. H. Johnson could not add one iota to his great reputation among his compeers in the art. As a talented ringer expressed himself the other night in our hearing, 'He is indeed a wonder,' and we echo the observation. The taking part in a peal of 9,000 Stedman Cinques on one's 72nd birthday is an event indeed to be proud of, and in the spirit we shake hands with the hardy veteran, and wish him in all sincerity 'Many happy returns of the day.' Then follow the composition with comments thereon. The gentle reader will be pleased to learn that the composition was neither lost nor mislaid and that the peal was not followed by any acrimonious correspondence. It is not always thus.

The band was as follows: A. Cresser 1. J. Joynes 2. H. Johnson jun. 3. C. H. Hattersley 4. S. Reeves 5. H. Johnson sen. (composer) 6. J. Dunn 7. J. Buffery 8. J. James 9. F. H. James 10. W. Hallsworth (conductor) 11. T. Reynolds 12. Tenor 36 cwt.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. David Cubitt for his informative letter on the old and new calendar.

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A RINGERS' STORY

"On the End of a Rope"

By JOHN HOLLOWAY

GEORGE BURTON was hot, tired and "fed-up"! The day had been full of minor mishaps. His shoe lace had broken, he had got a piece of grit in his eye and a car had scattered tar grit over his new suit!

He would have gone straight on home, but he had left a parcel at the office which his wife had asked him to bring home—there would only be more trouble if he didn't take it!

He turned down a street of old Georgian houses, most of which were now used as offices, and entered one which had a brass plate on the door inscribed "Morton and Clarke—Solicitors."

He entered an office on the first floor and sat down thankfully at his desk. On the desk stood a calendar of the "tear-off" type, which had a slip for each day, and, under the date, a text. George glared at it! And it seemed to glare back at him! "Friday, June 13th," it read.

George reached for it and was just going to tear the day's slip off when he remembered that someone had once told him that it was very unlucky to do this before the day had actually ended. Well, he didn't want any more bad luck today, so he put the calendar back in its place. As he did so, he read the text on the slip:

"And even things without life, giving sound, except they give a distinctive sound, how shall their meaning be understood?"

"There are many voices and none of them is without its significance!"

A sharp ring on the telephone at his desk made him jump! He lifted the receiver, and a voice said: "Come into my office, George. I have been waiting to have a word with you."

It was the voice of Mr. Morton, the principal of the firm. "Very good," answered George, thinking "that voice has significance all right." He went across to Mr. Morton's private office and tapped on the door.

"Come in," said Mr. Morton. "Sit down. Have a cigarette?" George accepted the cigarette and sat down, wondering what was coming.

"I hope, George, you will not mind doing a little job for the firm during the week-end?"

"Not at all, sir," replied George, but to himself he said "What a day!"

"Now, George, I want some information about the late Mr. Sproson's will, and I want it for Monday morning. I have here a letter of introduction to the Rev. James Woodrow, the Rector of Roxton. Roxton is a small village about three miles from Dentworth, where you live. Take this letter to him and ask him to let you see the Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. I want you to verify certain dates. The Rector has agreed to help us, and I have made an appointment for you to see him at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Here's the letter, and I hope that this arrangement will not upset any plans you may have made for the week-end."

"Very good," said George, putting the letter in his pocket. "Anything else, sir?"

"No, that's all, George. I'll see you on Monday as soon as you get here."

George returned to his own office, picked up the parcel for his wife and hurried to catch his train home. As the train passed Roxton he caught a glimpse of the village. It lay close to the line but had no station, the nearest being Dentworth. The village looked very pretty; he had never been there, so tomorrow's visit should be interesting.

The train rumbled over the bridge that spanned the river and drew into Dentworth Station. George soon covered the half-mile to his house and was pleased to see his wife, Dorothy, and his small son, Jim, in the garden. He kissed his wife and had a short romp with Jim, then they went in to tea.

"Dorothy," he said, "I have to go over to Roxton tomorrow afternoon on the firm's business; I hope you won't mind, dear." "No," replied Dorothy, "it will be all right; Mother is coming to tea, so Jim and I will have company. Shall you be long at Roxton, George?" "I don't know," said George, "I have to see the Rector about some B.M.D.s." "What on earth are B.M.D.s?" asked Dorothy, "they sound awful." "B.M.D.s," said George, "are old and musty, dirty and dusty; they are the Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. I expect the Rector will be old, too, if not dusty and dirty. What a way to spend a fine Saturday afternoon!"

On Saturday morning George found time to mow his lawn, and after lunch he set out by bus for Roxton. The day was warm and sunny and he quite enjoyed the trip. It seemed no time at all before he reached his destination.

As he made his way to the Rectory he could hear the church bells ringing. "That's a distinctive sound," he thought to himself.

He walked up a short drive to the front door and rang the bell. A very pleasant lady answered his ring. He introduced himself and started his business. "Oh, yes," the lady replied, "you have; an appointment with my husband—please come in."

She showed him into a very pleasant room and said: "Do make yourself comfortable, and smoke if you want to. You must excuse me for not stopping but it is five minutes to three, and I have a meeting in the village at three o'clock. Goodbye, Mr. Burton, my husband will not keep you waiting, I'm sure."

George settled himself in a comfortable chair near the window and glanced round the room. It was tastefully furnished and the view from the window was very lovely. He could see the tower of the church, although the building itself was partly hidden by some fine old trees.

He glanced again around the room. There were only two pictures on the walls, one was a devotional subject and the other was a good copy of a painting by Constable called "The Boat Builder." It depicted a barge in the course of construction, but only one man appeared to be working on it. George liked the colouring and the calm beauty of the picture.

He heard footsteps in the hall and rose to his feet as the door opened. The newcomer was the gentleman he had come to see, for he wore a clerical collar, but he was dressed in a rather dirty pair of grey flannels and an old green pullover. The Rector (for it was the Rector in person) advanced into the room and held out his hand to George, smiled in a friendly way and said: "You are Mr. Burton from Morton and Clarke, I believe?"

"Yes, sir," answered George, "here is a letter from Mr. Morton."

"Excuse me, Mr. Burton, while I glance through it," said the Rector. "Yes, yes, I think I can assist you in this matter. I am sorry to have kept you waiting, Mr. Burton, and I must also ask you to excuse my rather untidy attire. I have been helping old Tom, our tower-keeper, to get everything ready for our annual bellringers' meeting this afternoon. We will go down to the church as soon as you like and get our business done."

As they walked to the church George said: "I did enjoy my short rest in your lovely room, and I particularly admired that picture of the boat."

"Ah, I like it, too," said the Rector. "You know, I sometimes think it could have been the very barge that brought our church bells here in 1742. They came by barge from Gloucester and were landed at a wharf about two miles from here. Our six bells are the original castings, as the inscriptions on them show. Some churches have eight, ten or even twelve bells, but we must be content with our six. Anyway, I doubt if we could find twelve ringers in this small community. By the way, do you ring, Mr. Burton?" "I'm afraid not, sir," said George, "in fact I haven't any idea of what church bellringing is like. I've heard them many a time, of course, but I have always thought that bellringers were big, brawny men who sweated as they pulled on thick ropes."

The Rector smiled. "You have a lot to learn, Mr. Burton. Look, here come some of our visiting ringers." George saw, coming down the road, a group of about fifteen people. They were talking to each other in a very animated way. What surprised him was their diversity. Three schoolboys came first, and they were looking up at the church tower as if they would like to climb to the top!

Then followed four teenage girls, two in jeans and pullovers, one in cycling shorts and the other wearing a very smart mini-skirt. Behind these youngsters came some older folk—both men and women—and, bringing up the rear, three elderly men, who looked to be about 60 to 70 years old. He found out later that one was over 80!

"There! You see, Mr. Burton, quite a mixed bag! Ringers come from all walks of life, and a ringers' meeting reminds me of the Psalm which runs: 'Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord.'"

When they reached the church the Rector took George into the vestry and, unlocking a safe, brought out the registers. Putting them on a table and drawing up a chair for George, he said: "I have marked the dates you require. Make any copies you may need." George thanked him and when he had finished his notes the Rector locked the registers in the safe again, and they both went outside into the churchyard.

"Hello, Tom!" called the Rector to a tall, clean-shaven man who was walking towards the belfry door. "Come here and let me introduce you to Mr. Burton. Mr. Burton, this is Tom Sands, our tower-keeper. He will be pleased to tell you all about bells and bellringers." "Glad to meet you, sir," said Tom, shaking hands, "but call me Tom—everyone does, you know." "Thanks, Tom, I will," said George.

The Rector said: "If you will excuse me, I'll leave you two together while I get into more formal dress, I want to fix up the ringers' service and I must also go and see how our lady helpers are getting on with arrangements for tea. I hope, Mr. Burton, to see you at both."

Up in the ringing chamber George was fascinated by the way the bell ropes rose up and down. The coloured "sallies" (as the woolen grips on the ropes are called) were caught deftly by the ringers' hands, and then quickly released, to disappear through holes in the ceiling.

"What do you call a lot of ringers?" George asked Tom. He replied: "When they are ringing together like this they are called a band, but if they are ringing badly" (and he winked at George) "they may be called other things!"

Someone called "Stand" and all the bells stopped ringing.

"How do they do that, Tom?" asked George. "I always thought a bell went on swinging for a long time after one stopped pulling the rope." Tom showed him a small

model of a church bell and explained how it was done. Presently Tom called out: "One more 'touch,' and then will you all please come into church for the service."

They all went down the narrow, spiral, stone stairway and into the church. The Rector met them in the porch and said to George: "We shall have a proper ringers' service today, Mr. Burton. I have got a clergyman ringer to conduct the service, a policeman ringer to read the lesson, and Miss Warren, who is also a ringer, to play the organ."

George quite enjoyed the service. The policeman read the lesson clearly and with dignity, and Miss Warren proved to be a very capable organist. The short address was based on a passage from an epistle to the Corinthians, which George recognised as the one he had read on his calendar yesterday.

After the service everybody went across to the Parish Hall, where they sat down to a substantial tea which had been given by an anonymous "well-wisher." George was delighted at the friendliness shown to him by everyone present, although, as he pointed out, he was not a ringer. "You must learn to ring," they said. "I think I will," said George.

After thanking the Rector and Tom for their hospitality, George went to get his bus home. Most of the younger ringers, too, went off home as well, but quite a number of the more experienced ringers returned to the tower to practise some of the more complicated methods of change ringing.

"Well, George," said his wife, when he reached home. "How did you get on at Roxton? Have you had any tea?" "Yes dear, I had a lovely tea," replied George, "and what I thought would be a boring afternoon turned out to be very enjoyable indeed," and he told her all about the meeting. Little Jim said: "Daddy, I want to go with you and ring a great big bell. Can I, please, Daddy?"

"So you shall, Jim lad, when you are a great big boy," said his father.

On Monday morning George went straight to Mr. Morton's office to report the result of his interview with the Rector of Roxton.

"Nice work, George," said Mr. Morton, "and thank you."

Then George told him about the bellringers' meeting and said how he had enjoyed it.

"It's funny you should mention that," said Mr. Morton. "I have never thought to tell you that I am a campanologist (that's a long name for a bellringer, you know). I am also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded in 1637. I must take you along to one of our meetings sometime. It would be nice to see you on the end of a rope!"

Note.—Names of people and places mentioned in this story are fictitious, and no reference to any living person is intended.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal rung at Helmingham (reported on page 695) was resubmitted and appeared again on page 753.

On page 894 the peals for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild were rung at Dalston and Heston, and not as published.

M. Cecilia Evans, who has rung in four peals, is given as a first pealer in the peal at Shrewsbury. Eric S. White, who took part in the same peal, has rung a previous peal.

The handbell peal of Cambridge University Guild (page 914) was Richard Underwood's 25th peal as conductor and his first "in hand" as conductor, and not as printed. He has rung over 50 peals.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Smith 1, C. M. Davies 2, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 3, D. Everett 4, M. Larcher 5, P. Fenson 6. To herald an Evensong visit of the Archbishop of Wales.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY QUARTER PEALS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jennifer Millbank 1, Josephine Oulter 2, C. H. Gillingham 3, Mrs. Jennifer Syder 4, C. Barker 5, H. G. Felton 6, A. R. Syder 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the afternoon parade service attended by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Dove 1, W. Noon 2, I. S. Merry 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, R. A. Gilliver (first as cond.) 5, Half-muffled.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Ballam 1, J. Underwood 2, J. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, D. Rowlands 5, W. Goodship 6, C. Stannard (cond.) 7, A. Feather 8. For Evensong.

CHELTEHAM, GLOS.—1,320 Grandsire Cinques: R. Newman 1, Margery A. Wratten 2, F. G. Nurdin 3, W. Newman 4, I. Goulter 5, C. T. Burridge 6, Valerie Willard 7, Frances Fairbank 8, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 9, P. Baker 10, W. A. Farmer 11, J. Tyler 12. Half-muffled; also in memory of Charles Martin, a former member of the band and a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who died in New Zealand on November 1st, aged 81.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, R. Cooper 4, P. Payne 5, C. Herrington 6, M. D. Fuller 7, G. Coleman 8. Half-muffled.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Sippitt (first Major) 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Porter 1, Marilyn Chambers 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, Grace Taylor 4, Phillip Bedford (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. A. Banner 1, R. V. Johnson 2, R. Verrall 3, G. Rix 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. Half-muffled; also to mark the 50th anniversary (November 11th) of the re-opening of the bells after 25 years' silence. The grandfather of the conductor arranged and took part in that ringing.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Half-muffled. Also 1,260 Huntley Bob Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, W. White 6. Half-muffled.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chambers 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. Birckett 3, Christine M. Wright 4, J. A. Coates 5, D. R. Chambers (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Watts 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, T. K. Deacon 3, C. M. Sturgeus 4, N. W. Price 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. Half-muffled.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Lawrence 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. Millhouse (cond.) 4, A. Hopkins 5, M. Sinden 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garland 1, Sara Cornock 2, P. Barton 3, R. Watts 4, T. Pritchard (cond.) 5, R. Cornock 6. Rung by the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—1,320 St. Anne Doubles: Anne Pearce 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, T. N. Hitchens (first quarter) 6. A welcome home to Anne Pearce.

PEMBROKE.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, J. Prvtherch 5, P. F. Kraus 6. Jointly conducted by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WEST MAILLING, KENT.—1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, P. Carter 3, D. A. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. 25th quarter together 5 and 6. Half-muffled.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.—1,296 Minor (Plain Bob and Cambridge): Brenda Cooke 1, J. Yates 2, M. Poppleston 3, C. D. Davis 4, J. Crowther 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—1,050 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gerrard 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, D. Jordan 3, Miss C. J. Turner 4, T. Marson 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6, H. Howell 7, J. Cranmer 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: M. Rawlings 1, L. Harvey (cond.) 2, T. Rawlings 3, G. Sharpe 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green 6. Also for the passing of the wife of a former ringer. Half-muffled.

WITHYCOMBE, RALEIGH, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, F. W. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, G. T. West 4, W. J. Harvey 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Half-muffled for Evensong.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Dolby (first on "working" bell) 1, A. Whiteside 2, R. Charlton 3, J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler (first as cond.) 5, R. H. Daw 6. Half-muffled.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Christchurch Priory, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell has now completed the Plain Bob family from Minimus to Maximus.

Eight members of the local band at Nettleham, Lincs, were confirmed on November 15th. A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung for the service.

Cupid has been busy in Chipping Barnet, Herts, tower. A quarter peal was rung on November 3rd to celebrate the engagements of four ringers.

There were seven "first of Royal" in a peal at Accrington on November 16th. It was hoped that this would be the first local peal on ten bells, as Royal is rung on most Sundays. This, however, was impracticable and a Blackburn Branch peal was rung.

The first quarter peal by the Barstable School Society of Change Ringers (Basildon, Essex)—the first length "in hand" for all the ringers—was rung on small bells from a child's musical toy fitted with makeshift clappers, the tenor being only two inches in diameter.

After a gap of 41 years a peal has been rung at Brinklow, Warwickshire, the second on the bells. It was Plain Bob Doubles, and Alan Boyd was calling his first peal. It was particularly meritorious as the remainder of the hand were all first-pealers. Congratulations to all concerned.

The redundant bells of St. Margaret's Church, Canterbury, have been rehoused at three separate churches, each one needing another bell for augmentation. We hope to publish the story next week.

November 19th was the centenary of the birth of Gabriel Lindoff at Leiston, Suffolk. In honour of the centenary a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major, one of his compositions, was rung that day on Leiston bells, conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Mr. G. Dodd writes: "My apologies to Northamptonshire ringers for incorrect information and congratulations on getting Everdon bells going. To Mr. Spraggett: You must have had supermen up there when you wrote 'They are not too bad.'"

Inspired by Mr. W. T. Cook's excellent article "Property of the College Youths," a correspondent writes: "The two ringing cups are obviously historical. A—what is the oldest ringing cup in existence? and B—what is the oldest ringing cup still being competed for annually; we know of the Aird Challenge Cup, which was first competed for in 1923."

Two good 12-bell peals have just reached us, both rung on November 23rd: Londinium Surprise Maximus for the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill (conducted by Wilfred Williams), and Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral (conducted by Thomas H. Francis).

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CUMBERLANDS HONOUR SHOREDITCH VICAR

The marriage of the Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Rev. Richard I. Thomson, to Miss Ann Shippam, took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, Sussex, on Saturday, November 9th. With the kind agreement of the Vicar and ringers at Bosham the bells of this fine old church were rung before and after the service by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who are, of course, so closely associated with Shoreditch.

It had been decided to attempt a peal at St. Mary's, Portsea, but a car breakdown prevented the band meeting in sufficient time to complete the peal before the prescribed hour of the evening service. A quarter peal consisting of 1.376 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative) was, however, rung at Portsea by M. Louise Slater 1, Jane Foster 2, Joan Beresford 3, P. M. Wilkinson 4, P. Beresford 5, D. E. Sibson (conductor) 6, T. H. Francis 7, D. Beresford 8.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on the following Saturday, November 16th. It was fitting that this should have been the first peal on the bells since their restoration, towards which Mr. Thomson has displayed great enthusiasm and given every encouragement.

HALF-CENTURY IN SOMERSET TOWER

Not even a broken stay could deter the enthusiasm with which some of his fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, after Evensong on November 17th, to congratulate Mr. Percy Eades, who has been a ringer at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Charlton Mackrell, for 50 years. Mr. Eades has seen many ringers come and go at Charlton and has always been a tower of strength to the many "strugglers" who have learned to ring there.

After the quarter peal a number of his ringing friends together with churchwardens enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Rex, where Mr. Eades was presented with a scroll, and cut an iced cake to mark the occasion.

In his speech of thanks Mr. Eades said he had always hoped to fulfil two ambitions in his lifetime—to complete 50 years of ringing in his home tower and to ring the tenor at Queen Camel, where hangs the heaviest ring of six in the world. Both these ambitions had been achieved in the last fortnight.

Well done, "Perce." long may you ring.

C. G.

NOW ON THE RETIRED LIST

Mr. C. E. J. Norris, who for 46 years has been a member of the band at Rochester Cathedral, is retiring from his office as steeple-keeper, an appointment he has held for 25 years. He was captain of the Cathedral band from 1958 to 1965, and has served under seven Deans. He was successful in 1959 in urging the installation of a new bell frame.

A retired boilermaker, Charles learned to ring at St. Mary's, Chatham, in 1903 and joined the Kent County Association in 1908. He is also among the senior members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

RESTORATION OF EWELL BELLS

The Ewell (Surrey) bells have for the past year or so been the cause of concern, due chiefly to movement in the old oak frame, which was adapted to its present use 120 years ago, when with the six heavier bells of the present ring it was transferred from the old tower still standing at the other end of St. Mary's churchyard.

The eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.) were cast at various dates at the Whitechapel Foundry and have not received any major attention for over 30 years, when they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. An estimate for rehanging in a new metal frame was provisionally accepted about two years ago, since which time the ringers have been running a campaign to raise the amount required—over £2,000. The people of the parish are giving the effort their enthusiastic support, while the local newspapers have been most helpful with favourable publicity whenever possible, with the result that the fund now stands at £800.

Contributions, large or small, to the restoration fund would be welcomed and may be sent to the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council (Church Bells Account), Mr. J. H. Pycraft, 14, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, or to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. J. E. B.

AN AUSTRALIAN VISIT

In the second half of October I was fortunate enough to get a return visit to Sydney, Australia. I was last there nine years ago and it was good to meet the ringers again, including some with whom I rang a peal on my last visit.

The visit was an extremely pleasant one, with plenty of ringing during practices at St. Mary's, St. Jude's, Randwick, and Turramurra, also on the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Burwood, which had been opened since my previous visit. On the second Sunday we rang an enjoyable 720 of Single Oxford Bob Minor at St. Mary's.

The activities were not restricted entirely to ringing. We had a jolly barbecue in the Blue Mountains during the first week-end and a trip to the Reptile Park at Gosford the second week-end.

The enthusiasm of the ringers is infectious, and despite my having been at sea and away from ringing for six months and wondering if perhaps I was not a bit rusty, I was extremely keen to take hold and join in. With the ringing and get-togethers in various places it was a truly memorable visit. I left hoping that in my remaining years in the Royal Navy I may get another chance to visit Sydney.

M. J. BRAY.

WANTAGE'S NEW CAPTAIN

At the annual meeting of the Wantage ringers on November 17th Mr. A. Roy Wood was elected as tower captain in succession to Dr. John C. Baldwin, and Mr. Peter G. Davies was appointed deputy captain. Tribute was paid to Dr. Baldwin's work during the three years he has been the tower captain, and in particular to the patience he has shown in the training of new ringers.

BELLRINGERS' EVENING AT HORSHAM

The bellringers of St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex, were invited by Mr. J. Fielder, secretary of Horsham Parish Church Social Committee, to tell something of their art at one of the meetings organised by the committee on November 12th. Accordingly the ringers met between 60 and 70 members of the congregation at the Parish Hall. After an introduction by Mr. J. Fielder a talk was given by Mr. T. Fox, illustrated by diagrams and demonstrations of handbell ringing by Messrs. E. R. Rapley, M. Reed and J. Smith. Some very interesting questions were put by people in the hall.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. L. Gillingham, asked the ringers in the audience to stand up, state their names and say how long they had been ringing. The loudest applause went to Mr. L. Bourne, who first started to ring at Woodchurch, in Kent, 51 years ago. After more handbell ringing the company went up to the belfry, where the ringers demonstrated tower bell ringing with touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. People who wished to see the bells while being rung were carefully escorted upstairs and down again by ringers.

The four-in-hand handbell ringing of Eddie Rapley amazed everybody, but few people realised the calm confidence of Jim Smith, who, ringing the tenor near the door, carefully kept clear of the visitors and also called the touch of Bob Major. After more questions were answered, the evening ended with a short prayer by the Vicar.

SWAYING TOWERS

Can anyone in authority give information on how much tower sway there can be before an element of danger is introduced? Older ringers may remember the eight at Macclesfield, where until the bells were lowered there was an alarming tower movement, although several peals were scored; the trebles of the 12 at Oldham are said to be affected by high wind; at Gosport it was said to be impossible to ring the back six and leave the two trebles up; at Andover the handbells on the wall go with the tower; and the brand new eight at Thorpe, Norfolk, were said to have been rung only once and hurriedly lowered at the rededication ceremony (given in "Dove's" as "tower unsafe")—this could well be correct. Can any Norfolk ringer shed any light on this? Perhaps other readers can give us incidents of towers with an alarming amount of sway.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The choice of Potton bells and the promise of an excellent tea proved a good draw for the October meeting of the Biggleswade District. A wide variety of ringing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening, even though the bells presented some handling difficulties to the less experienced.

The business meeting, held after an excellent tea, was executed in record time, at which decisions were made allocating a small sum of money to the District practices in order to carry out running repairs and that the committee and District practice organisers meet to formulate future policy. L. E.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAWLETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.
Brian J. Wyldre .. Treble | Cecil T. Clarke .. 3

*Alan G. Kent .. 2 | *†Edwin Dibble .. 4

Michael J. Stone .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.

* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles "inside." First in the method as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung to welcome the arrival of Julian Michael, son of Valerie and Michael Stone.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Alan J. Brown .. Treble | Dennis Latham .. 5

Norman Sherratt .. 2 | Charles A. S. Webb .. 6

I. Felicity Ashford .. 3 | Walter Sherratt .. 7

Gerald Parsons .. 4 | Roy Worrall .. Tenor

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

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

William H. Dowse .. Treble | Paul J. Atkins .. 5

Derek F. Yates .. 2 | John Hall .. 6

T. Felicity Ashford .. 3 | Raymond J. Ballard .. 7

Gerald Parsons .. 4 | Roy Worrall .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Durham,

York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

T. Felicity Ashford .. Treble | Reginald Challinor .. 4

Norman Sherratt .. 2 | Walter Sherratt .. 5

*Gerald Parsons .. 3 | Roy Worrall .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

* First peal of seven Surprise.

BARLASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of five methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew,

All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents of the variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Rushall, Marchington, St. Columb, South-

repps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Old, Kennington, April Day

and Seighford; two extents of the spliced variations—Marston, Broad-

was, Tichborne and Norfolk. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in C.

William H. Watkin .. Treble | Frederick S. Sutton .. 3

Roland W. Morant .. 2 | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4

Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Believed to be the first peal of 21 Doubles methods/variations on the bells.

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

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green .. Treble | John R. Scott .. 4

*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2 | Stephen P. Newton .. 5

*†Frank R. Morton .. 3 | James S. Baker .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 175th peal together. † 250th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTLERS MARSTON, Works.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2)

Beverley Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5)

St. Clement's Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

Anthony D. Jones .. Treble | Peter C. Randall .. 4

David P. Crawley .. 2 | John K. Foot .. 5

Brian R. Danby .. 3 | John F. Thornc .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Frank Rogers .. Treble | David W. Friend .. 5

*David W. Camm .. 2 | Gordon A. Halls .. 6

Clive Thrower .. 3 | Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7

Peter Blight .. 4 | Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to mark the centenary of the present church building.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Single

Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise

and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher D. Corby .. Treble | †Phillip S. George .. 4

Robert D. Bellamy .. 2 | George E. Thoday .. 5

*Ian P. Sanford .. 3 | George E. Bonham .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in more than one method.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

W. A. R. Chamberlain .. Treble | Robert D. Bellamy .. 4

*Michael F. Stallard .. 2 | George E. Bonham .. 5

Timothy W. Griffiths .. 3 | George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal "inside." The conductor has now rung peals with 600 different ringers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Anne Edwards .. Treble | Keith W. Brown .. 4

*Gary A. Bainbridge .. 2 | Peter M. Wilkinson .. 5

Jane Foster .. 3 | James L. Towler .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal "inside."

Rung after the wedding of Miss Penelope Keddie (granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Keddie, who gave these bells) and Mr. Robin Farquhar Oliver.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

S. Barnaby Bell .. Treble | *Peter Clarkson .. 5

*Margery A. Wratten .. 2 | Valerie Willard .. 6

Ivor Goulter .. 3 | Leonard C. Edwards .. 7

Frances Fairbank .. 4 | Cyril A. Wratten .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

KEMERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury,

and Ockley T.B., (2) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge

and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford,

Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Single

Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob, with 73

changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

Harold Schofield .. Treble | *Arthur C. Berry .. 4

Valerie Willard .. 2 | Cyril A. Wratten .. 5

Hugh N. Evans .. 3 | Geoffrey R. Drew .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* Most methods to a peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung earlier this year.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Roy K. Williams .. Treble | *Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5

Julia A. Fellows .. 2 | George E. Bonham .. 6

Peter T. Dale .. 3 | Philip Mehew .. 7

Robert D. Bellamy .. 4 | George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal of Surprise.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Bourne and Caithness Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Wells Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Beverley Surprise, (6) Surfleet Surprise, (7) Nowich Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Delphine E. L. Holman .. Treble	*Andrew J. Slade 4
Ian G. Campbell 2	Michael Maughan 5
Alan R. Bridges 3	†George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal of Minor. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Robert W. Sherriff and Delphine E. L. Holman upon their engagement

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley Treble	Tony Lewis 5
Richard Hayes 2	John W. Smith 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
D. Paul Smith 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

The ringer of the second has now "completed the circle."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

*John Nelson Treble	*John Nixon 5
Lawrence Walmsley 2	Alan Gardner 6
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Donald G. Lawson 4	Stanley Anderton Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to congratulate Bob Braithwaite, of this village, on winning a gold medal in the 1968 Olympic Games.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of

St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Thomas Hobson Treble	Albert Greenhalgh 5
*James Cunliffe 2	*David Makin-Taylor .. 6
*Neil T. E. Burnett 3	John Ashcroft 7
*John A. Illingworth 4	*R. Keith Lister Tenor

Conducted by R. Keith Lister.

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

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon P. A. Wrigley, in appreciation of his generosity to all ringers.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE, Westmorland.—At the Church of

St. Martin.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Alan Capstick Treble	Stanley Anderton 5
*Joseph Whalley 2	Frank Birkett 6
John Bagnall 3	Lawrence D. Clement .. 7
Nicholas M. Newby 4	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Major. First on eight bells as conductor. First on the bells for 18 years. First in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Frank Wilson (Bowness tower captain), James Tebay (Bowness bellkeeper) and Alan Capstick (Ambleside tower captain), who have been ringing for 40 years.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Patricia A. Etchells .. Treble	*Richard C. L. Brown .. 5
*Michael J. Platt 2	*Roland W. Morant 6
Christine Andrew 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
*John P. Partington 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Christine Andrew 5
Michael D. Fishwick 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
J. Colin Ashworth 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Jeffrey Kershaw 4	Richard S. Starkie Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOUNTSORREL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

John M. Jelley Treble	David F. Moore 5
Monica M. Jelley 2	David G. Massey 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

Rung on Armistice Day to the memory of those who gave their lives in two world wars. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation and Collegiate Church of

St. Mary-de-Castro.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Roland H. Cook Treble	Martin Green 5
R. Brian Mills 2	K. Paul Gilliver 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	David G. Massey 7
Robin A. Gilliver 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Evesham Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Frank Taylor Treble	*Maurice E. Hare 5
Mrs. A. J. Payne 2	Bernard B. Tyrell 6
Miss J. Kendrick 3	Ronald C. Noon 7
Miss J. Hubbard 4	Alan J. Payne Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Julie Kendrick on joining Her Majesty's Forces. (W.R.A.F.)

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores.	Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.
*Robert T. Cummings .. Treble	†Peter G. Mayle 4
Nigel V. Hill 2	Raymond J. Mayle 5
William T. Petty 3	*Robert W. Procter Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bells being recast.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 MORTLOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Walter G. Knight Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
D. Kay Adkins 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Alan R. Pink 3	Barry J. Davies 7
John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Frank Reed Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method.

MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR

B —38—14—1258—1236—12—1458—16—78. E. C. H. b. d. e.

Note.—Corrigan No. 230 will need renaming when rung to a peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Victor H. Nash Treble	†Colin D. Baugh 5
Derek H. Walters 2	Edward T. Lloyd 6
Roger J. Amos 3	Michael J. Hedley 7
*William L. Gates 4	Leonard G. Gates Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard G. Gates.

* First peal. † First in method.

Rung on the eve of the wedding of the conductor, to Miss Margaret Joy Geater at the Church of St. Margaret, Olton, Solihull.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Susan Rothera Treble	Martin L. Howe 7
George E. Thoday 2	Philip J. Rothera 8
David Heighton 3	J. Barry Pickup 9
David E. Rothera 4	John H. Fielden 10
Kenneth J. Hesketh 5	David E. House 11
Martin Cubitt 6	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by David E. House.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	John W. Blackwood 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	†George E. Bonham 6
George P. Adams 3	Alan M. Barber 7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal. † 200th peal. 200th even-bell peal as conductor.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Arthur C. W. Roope Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Owen P. Claxton 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
*Norman P. J. Cossey 3	Andrew Salisbury 7
Geoffrey H. Pullin 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal in the method

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
Janet House 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Martin L. Howe 3	David E. Rothera 7
David Cubitt 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Conducted by David E. Rothera.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being: (1) Oswald Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

David J. Morgan Treble	Barry R. Care 4
*Raymond Henman 2	Stephen B. Bell 5
J. Malcolm Tyler 3	Allan R. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

* 25th peal. 25th peal as conductor. First peal in ten methods by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Frederick G. Hooper Treble	Frederick Derry 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2	J. Edward Brown 5
Derick E. Kirton 3	Derek J. Tysoe Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice which was signed 50 years ago. Also a tribute to R. Russell, of Corby.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship .. Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
Cecil W. Pipe 2	Leslie G. Brett 6
*William Pye 3	*Ernest G. Pearce 7
*Ernest W. Pye 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Lincolnshire.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.
Robert E. Lester Treble	Leslie G. Brett 4
Katharine M. Thorley 2	*Michael J. Parker 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

Rung for Remembrance Day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Michael J. Uphill Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Peter N. Felton 2	John Pladdys 6
Richard L. Jones 3	Michael J. Palmer 7
Laurence C. Way 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

The conductor's 75th peal with the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Maurice J. Butler Treble	Thomas A. Francis 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	David J. Forder 7
*John R. Southey 3	Roger Baldwin 8
†Christopher W. Woolley .. 4	John H. Hunt 9
Martyn L. J. Jordan 5	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of London Surprise Royal on tower bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Christopher Hims Treble	Austin T. Wingate 5
R. George Morris 2	Leslie Evens 6
Harold B. Scholfield 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
John Clements 4	Robert Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

First peal of Quedgeley by all except the tenor ringer First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt

Alan Sheppard Treble	Christopher Forster 5
John Potts 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
Frederick J. Jackson 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Roger A. Smith 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Trinity Sunday T.B., (2) Felkirk, Havercroft, Barnsley and South Kirby T.B., (3) Norbury, Oakley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B., (4) Kingston, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and London Scholars T.B., (5) Killmarsh T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Christopher N. Grandidge Treble	Alan Clifton 4
Ronald R. Warford 2	Patricia Lockwood 5
David S. Lockwood 3	Ian North Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

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HANDBELL PEALS

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HANDBELL DAY

(November 16th, 1968.)

All peals rung at Marple, Cheshire.

No. 1.

At All Saints' Bell Tower.

In 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in A.

Eric F. Gilbert 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7-8
J. David Atkinson 3-4	Robert Peers 9-10
Neil Bennett 5-6	F. Leslie Coventry 11-12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

No. 2.

At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

In 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Keith J. Walpole 1-2	N. David Lane 7-8
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	*William H. Dowse .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on 12 handbells, completing peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on handbells.

No. 3.

At 40, Ridge Crescent.

In 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

*Eric J. Gilbert 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	†Ernest Bennett 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First handbell peal for 36 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Bennett.

No. 4.

At All Saints' Bell Tower.

In 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
J. David Atkinson 3-4	Frank R. Morton 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

No. 5.

At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

In 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*N. David Lane 1-2	†Robert B. Smith 5-6
*Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	Ernest Bennett 7-8

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First of Treble Bob on an "inside pair." ‡ 450th peal for the Guild.

No. 6.

At All Saints' Bell Tower.

In 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Frank R. Morton 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

No. 7.

At 40, Ridge Crescent.

In 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

*Keith J. Walpole 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
†Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	*Robert Peers 7-8
*F. Leslie Coventry 9-10	

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.**THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In the Union. Discussion Room 2.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Rosehill, Childwall, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, (2) St. Clement's, Buxton, (3-7) Plain Bob. Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

J. S. Hopwood 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Robert M. Chambers 5-6

Most Minor methods to a handbell peal by all the band except the conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Selwyn College.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 16 in B.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 1-2	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 7-8
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 3-4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 9-10
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 5-6	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by J. M. H. Hunter.

700th peal by the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.—At 10, St. Regis.

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

A. F. Winter (Christ's) .. 1-2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 5-6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 3-4	D. S. Bishop (Caius) 7-8
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.

On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Robert B. Smith 1-2	*J. David Atkinson 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6	*John W. Gander 11-12

Composed by J. David Atkinson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. Tenor size 15 in C.

(Wirral Branch.)

BIBBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.

On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

Keith J. Walpole 1-2	N. David Lane 5-6
Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	Robert Peers 7-8
*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 9-10	

Composed by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand."**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 67, Warwick Avenue.

On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 51, Church Street.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*†Peter Blight 1-2	Gordon A. Halls 5-6
†John S. Harrison 3-4	David W. Friend 7-8
David J. Marshall 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First handbell peal. † First peal of Royal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—In the belfry at the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Nov. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*Peter S. Muchlinski 1-2	†Thomas Cullingworth .. 3-4
Alastair D. Macfadyen (cond.) 5-6	

* First peal "in hand." † First on six handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB MINORBeing seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Marv W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in the method by all the band

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Spliced College and St. Clement's College, one of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob and one of Single Court

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

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
*David Phillipson 1-2 | *Christopher J. Sharp .. 3-4
Jack L. Millhouse (cond.) .. 5-6
* First handbell peal.**NON-ASSOCIATION.**

CAMBRIDGE.—In R1, Tree Court, Gonville and Caius College.

On Sun., Nov. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

Michael J. Pickup 1-2	Alan T. Winter 5-6
David S. Bishop 3-4	Richard L. Underwood .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

QUARTER PEALS

BASILDON, ESSEX.—At Barstable School, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Burton (aged 13, first quarter attempt) 5-6. First "in hand" for all the band and first length by the Barstable School Society of Change Ringers.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Kay Le Marechal (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hallett 2, J. P. Colliss 3, J. C. Howell (first "inside") 4, R. Le Marechal (aged 15, first as cond.) 5, Philippa Evelyn Menniss 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Roy Le Marechal.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Grand-sire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, S. Upton 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, S. Allen 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Packham 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, J. Nutty 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Packham, much-respected friend and colleague of the above band and brother of ringer of 6.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, F. Priddle 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell, jun. 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. D. W. C. Chant, whose funeral took place at Sturminster Marshall two days previously.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOM.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: E. C. Eades (captain) 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, C. Gratton 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Callow 6. A compliment to Mr. Percy Eades, who has completed 50 years' ringing at Charlton Mackrell.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Bailey (cond., has now "circled the tower") 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, G. Beavan 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Alice Jamieson (first quarter) 1, Helen Hubert 2, J. P. O. Barry (cond.) 3, C. J. Reede 4, M. R. Owen (first "inside") 5, J. K. Stark (first quarter) 6. Rung by Dublin University Guild to congratulate Miss Alice Jamieson on her coming-of-age.

EAST TYTHESLY, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. S. Hopwood 1, Anna Sadowska 2, M. G. Ingram 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. Bridges 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Kent Major: C. Chapman 1, B. Porter 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Sally Forbes-Harper 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, Jill Oakshott 6, J. Munton 7, J. Davidge 8. First of Kent 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Rung at the request of Brian Porter, who is about to emigrate to Bermuda. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: M. Elliot 1, P. Munday 2, S. Mortimore 3, Jill Oakshott 4, M. Harbott 5, J. Helder 6, C. Chapman 7, K. Burgess 8, J. Davidge (cond., 50th quarter) 9, J. Aronson 10. Rung for the wedding of Brian Porter and Alyson Dyer, both members of the local band; also as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon W. Purcell, leaving to become Archdeacon of Dorset.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. Windermar 1, T. J. Windermar 2, J. Preston 3, R. M. Preston 4, Miss J. Cleve 5, R. L. Preston 6, T. C. Windermar 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8, P. T. Fisher 9, M. J. Pink (cond.) 10. First of Royal for all except 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung for dedication festival Evensong.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Foster 1, Carol Martin 2, Dianne Hatfield (first in method) 3, Juliet Stoy 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, M. Foster 7, H. L. Hatfield 8.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. F. Warnes (Vicar) 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Charlotte Harris 3, C. M. Orme 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Wood 1, G. W. Taysom 2, Miss M. Christopher (first as cond.) 3, J. Harris (first "inside") 4, R. Woodbridge 5, J. Williams 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford Bob, Plain): W. Cousins 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, R. Newton 3, L. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6. Rung on the back six.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: D. E. B. Reed 1, A. C. Walker 2, W. Tyson 3, I. Wintrip 4, K. Arthur 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. W. E. Wright, Vicar of Lanchester, who died on November 18th, 1963.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. White 1, K. Lucas (first is cond. in more than one method) 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney 5. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (13 methods): J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chambers 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, Christine M. Wright 3, P. Rogers 4, B. Birkett 5, D. R. Chambers (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Sayer, a ringer at this church, prior to the christening of her nephew, Mark Richard Sayer.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,277 Bob Minimus: Dianne Davis (first quarter) 1, I. M. Minns 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, E. J. Ladd 2, K. J. Rider 3, Mrs. L. Warner (first Caters) 4, P. Simmonds 5, J. E. Warner 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, D. P. Smith 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, T. Lewis 10. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Thorne 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, J. Sage 3, A. W. Sage 4, Miss F. M. Sage (cond.) 5, W. Broom 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to our captain, Mr. T. J. Thorne, married at Luppitt on November 2nd.

MARTOCK, SOM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Triples "inside") 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, A. Dyer 5, F. J. White 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. J. Callow (first Triples) 8. Rung to honour the 21st wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): Susan Aveyard 1, G. Davis 2, B. Branson 3, R. Spencer 4, A. Waller 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John Cooper, of Castor.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Yvonne B. Lewin 1, Hazel J. Glue (first as cond.) 2, M. A. Catell 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, F. Lewin 5, M. Edwards 6. First in method 1. 5. Rung in memory of Mr. G. Bryant, organist at Merrow, who died recently.

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NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. M. Parker 1, Mrs. S. Sinden 2, M. Sinden 3, P. Sharp 4, D. Phillipson 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, at which eight members of the local band were confirmed.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Mrs. R. Written 2, G. C. Webb 3, R. Birch 4, Miss P. Court 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Mayor of New Romney, who died on November 20th.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Agg 1, Josephine Trigg 2, Margaret Roden (first in method) 3, I. R. Pantion 4, C. M. Orme 5, G. T. Horritt (first in method) 6, J. S. Dear 7, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bridget M. Sleath (first quarter) 1, Frances E. Miller 2, Rachel E. D. Kistruck 3, Judith H. Harvey 4, Susan M. Heyworth 5, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Sally Stacey (first T.B. Major) 1, R. Tipper (first in method) 2, Mary White 3, D. Hatherly (first in method) 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper (15th quarter, first in method) 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (first in method as cond.) 8.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Isaacs 1, Miss V. Williams 2, P. Clewett 3, J. A. Wright (first quarter) 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. Rung to the glory of God, for the patronal festival, and as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Leathersich.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Penny Halliwell 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, M. Hallett 4, A. Cansdale 5, B. Sadler 6, H. Furninger 7, G. Bacon 8, D. Sloman (first in method as cond.) 9, G. Eve 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Original Major: Rev. M. Hart 1, N. R. Waite 2, M. J. Bingham 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, B. Downie 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, K. J. Rider 7, A. R. Patterson 8. First in the principle for all the band.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, W. Wood 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, S. Rayfield 5, Miss S. M. Kimmings 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, who celebrate their birthdays in November.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,380 Doubles (four methods): Cecily Roberts 1, Ann Hall 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, O. Dyson 6.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 17th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): T. N. Hitchens (first Minimus) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: N. W. Harvey 1, R. W. Smith 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, Mrs. M. E. Brown 4, L. Watkins 5, B. L. Burrows 6, J. Watkins 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. First quarter by a complete Sapote (six bells) band on eight bells. Rung for morning service by Sapote Sunday service band.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Lankester 1, J. Thorogood 2, W. Lanyon 3, R. W. Yates 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Yates 1, W. Lanyon 2, J. Thorogood (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. Shellard 5. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, P. Lankester 4, B. Egglefield 5.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 P.B. Minimus: F. W. Sheffield 1, J. D. Flook (first quarter "inside") 2, Janet Yeates (first quarter "inside") 3, R. A. Stone (first as cond.) 4, R. L. Venham 5, S. Venham 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lee (first quarter, aged 11) 1, H. Young 2, G. Maidment 3, V. Gunter 4, G. Sparks 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung after the wedding of the grand-daughter of Lady Baden-Powell and the late Lord Baden-Powell.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ayris 1, J. Ewert 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, L. J. Gregory (cond.) 5, H. G. Rand 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Baroness Pirquet, cremated this day at Oxford.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

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LEACH.—On November 13th, 1968, to Beth (née Goddard) and David, of Farnborough, Hants, a daughter, Catherine Miranda, sister to Alison. 6102

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HAINES.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haines is now Top Flat, 49, West Street, Fareham, Hants. All ringing friends welcome. 6105

TALBOT.—The address of Raymond J. Talbot is now 79, New Road, Brixham, Devon. 6100

TELEPHONE NUMBER

CHAPMAN.—Tom and Margaret, of Plot 1, Stonevell Lane, Congresbury, Bristol, now have a telephone—YATTON 8837. 6096

PERSONAL

"Deal bountifully with thy servant that I may live, and keep thy word."—Psalm cxix, 17.

ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES.—Bro. William A. Stote, K.O.M., has been elected to the high office of Provincial Grand Primo of the Coventry Province of the Order for the year 1969. He is desirous, during his term of office, of taking part in an attempt for the first year by a band of Buffs, providing that seven more capable ringing Brothers can be found willing. Applications and enquiries will be welcomed at 47, Cedars Avenue, Coundon, Coventry. Phone Coventry 20930.—W. A. Stote. 6098

WILL Mr. J. G. Hobson, of 6, Ashwood Place, Bean, Dartford, Kent, please contact this office, as his copy of the "R.W." has been returned marked "Gone Away"

All ringing friends who know Harry Cook send most sincerely their best wishes for a speedy recovery in his recent illness. Harry was taken ill at a ringing meeting at Gaddesby on November 16th.—D. A. D. 6125

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MISCELLANEOUS

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—No practice December 7th. Monthly practices will be resumed January 4th. All enquiries re Cirencester and Watermoor bells to Mr. H. Cooke, 65, Watermoor Road, Cirencester. 6095

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motions for the A.G.M., 1969, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX). —P. W. Saltmarsh. 6073

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A committee meeting will be held at Church House, Salisbury, on February 1st at 2.30 p.m. Members with items to be placed on the agenda please forward by December 21st. Any members wishing to stand for office in the Guild during 1969 please forward their name. —F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. 6086

ST. LUKE'S, GADDESBY, LEICS.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS December 21st–29th, 1968

Saturday, December 21st:
Concert, Music and Voice, 7.30 p.m.
Ringing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd:
Carols by Candlelight, 6.00 p.m.,
with Barrow-on-Soar Handbell
Ringers.

Ringing, 5.00–6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24th:
Holy Communion, 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Family Service, 11.00 a.m.

Friday, December 27th:

Great Dalby Brass Band, 7.30 p.m.

Ringing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29th:

Nativity Play by Children, 6.30 p.m.

Carols round Christmas Tree.

Ringing, 5.30–6.30 p.m.

The church open to view decorations
by candlelight after dark.

21st: 2.30–9 p.m. 26th: 2.30–6 p.m.

22nd: 10.30 a.m.– 27th: 2.30–9 p.m.

9 p.m.

23rd: 6–9 p.m. 28th: 2.30–9 p.m.

24th: 6–9 p.m. 29th: 2.30–9 p.m.

Light Refreshments Saturdays and
Friday.

PENN, STAFFS.

Ringers please note:—

There will be no practice on Tuesday
evening, December 10th, 1968.

C. F. W. E.
6083

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD 1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, at 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.c. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5031

WYMONDHAM ABBEY

Norwich Diocesan Association

Northern Branch A.G.M.

Saturday, December 14th

Permission is given for visitors from other Branches or Guilds not wishing to attend business meeting to ring at the conclusion of tea. Names to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham. 6119

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PRACTICE NIGHT

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—Practice night has been changed to Thursday, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 6132

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will members please note that the Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 1969. 6094

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual tour, April 5th-12th, 1969. Boating on the Thames downstream from Oxford. Will non-resident members who wish to participate write immediately to R. Shea, 19, Maryport Street, Usk, Mon. NP5 1AE. 6097

POSTPONED

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Please note that the December meeting has been cancelled. The next Manchester Branch meeting will be the A.G.M. at the Town Hall on January 18th: details later. —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6110

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown (8) on Friday, December 6th, 7.30-9 p.m. 6057

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Kington on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Radway 2-2.45 and Burton Dassett 3-3.45 will also be open. Business includes election of new District secretary.—R. W. S. 6091

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and Wilburton Alliance. 5972

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting. St. Ippolyts (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 6078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to N. Chesson. 19, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey. Special method: London.—T. Barton. 6032

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Birmingham, Dec. 7, 9.45-10.45, All Saints', West Bromwich; 11-12, St. Mary's, Handsworth; 12.30-1.30, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston; 2.15-3.15, St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston; 3.30-4.30, St. Mary's, Selly Oak; 4.30-5.30, St. Peter's, Harborne. 6088

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own sandwiches.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6080

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral and St. George-in-the-Borough 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth 6.30-8; St. Margaret's, Westminster 6.30-8.30. Tea in the Chapter House, St. Thomas Street, 5 p.m.—D. E. Sibson, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 6080

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Tooting Graveyard on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Kenneth Black, 88, Topsham Road, Tooting, S.W. 17, or telephoned to me 01-654 4915.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6060

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Slougham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Carol Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 16, Horsham Road, Pease Cottage, Crawley, Sussex.—Jean Osborn, Div. Sec. 0668

OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13th

Christmas and New Year Greetings to be included in this issue should be received not later than Friday, Dec. 6th.

PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices: Thursday, December 19th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in Parish Room, Blakefield Walk, St. John's, at 5.30 p.m. Bells also available in the evening from 7 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 6063

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, December 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6085

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Monthly Branch practice at St. Helen's, Abington, Wed., Dec. 11th, 7.30 p.m.—C. Corderoy. 6108

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Batheaston (8), Thursday, December 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 6130

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting. Ingham (5), Friday evening, Dec. 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 6112

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Nomination Meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on December 14th. Retiring office—president, Mr. Chant. All nominations to be handed to the secretary in writing, complete with proposer's and seconder's signatures.

Ringing arrangements: Bells available 1500 hours to 2030 hours. Cups of tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome. 6134

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. at Blunham (6), followed by tea and business meeting at Northill 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 8.30. 6130

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hesse (6), December 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Sharp, 7, Kirkham Close, Hesse, by previous Wednesday. Don't forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Monday, December 9th. 6127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, December 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by December 11th. 6135

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting at Chesterfield (10), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Miss M. Yarnold, Dale Bank, 56, Cobden Road, Chesterfield (Tel. Chest. 3918) without fail, please. —Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 6062

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by December 12th. 6053

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles', Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6111

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slympbridge, Gloucester, GL2 7AU, by Wednesday, December 11th. 6131

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Dorking, Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, 11th. 6065

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Milnthorpe. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Simpson, 1, Meadow Lane, Liverpool, 12, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 6116

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley, by Wednesday, 11th.—L. Walmsley. 6037

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing at Oldham Parish Church (12) in the afternoon from 3 p.m., and at St. Mark's, Glodwick (8), in the evening from 6.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 6104

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurcaston (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. T. Bindley, 10, Mill Road, Thurcaston, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th. 6070

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) available 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Quainton (5), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, Dec. 12th. 6115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Aldate's Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at St. John the Baptist's, Windsor, on December 14th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. R. A. Muller. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting at Nether Heyford (6) on Saturday, December 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, by Monday previous. 6126

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest. 6129

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., December 14th, at Mere. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Evening ringing. Gillingham. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—M. M. Godley, St. Francis' Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne. Phone: Yetminster 332. 6107

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newport, Salop (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Monk-moor, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Please note change of times.—Meeting, Henley, December 14th. Ringing commences 3.30, Service 5. Tea 5.15. Ringing after business meeting until 9 o'clock. All wishing for tea please book: Mrs. H. Egglestone, Egglestone Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk, by Wednesday, December 11th. — W. L. Dis. Sec. 6087

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Findon (not Washington), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 and tea at Findon Tea House 5.30. As accommodation is limited it will be essential to notify for tea to Div. Sec. by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 6109

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on December 14th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Halifax Parish Church (12) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Ackroyden, Halifax, by previous Thursday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 6079

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Chalford (6), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL26 PX, by Dec. 17th. 6103

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 21st, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Macfarlane, 15, Folly Avenue, St. Albans (Tel. 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Christmas Social at Victory Hall, Bramford, on Saturday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainments and lots of fun, all for 5s. (school-children 2s. 6d.). Come and meet your friends.

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, 1969

At Church House, Westminster.

Tickets (price 30s.) are now available from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 6144

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ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Felton 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, Olive Rogers 3, A. Knights 4, Kathleen Parr 5, C. T. Richards 6, H. Blagden 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, N. Felton (cover) 9.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

May 27th, 1969, at ST. ALBANS

Preliminary Announcement

Headquarters will be at the Peahen Hotel, London Road, where the terms for bed and breakfast are: Single 39/6, double let as single 52/6 and double 74/-.

Other hotels:—

Noke, Watford Road.—Single 55/- (with bath, 65/-), double 90/- (with bath, 110/-).

Great Red Lion, High Street.—Single 45/- (with bath, 55/-), twin/double 90/- (with bath, 110/-).

St. Michael's Manor, Fishpool Street.—Single 45/- or 50/-, double per person 40/-.

White Hart, Holywell Hill.—Single 35/-, twin per person 35/-, double let as single 40/-.

Important.—Under present conditions there is a possibility that these prices may have increased by the time of reservation, and confirmation should therefore be sought.

Details of other hotel and guest house accommodation are available from the assistant hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mrs. Mary A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, who must be supplied with a stamped and addressed envelope.

Accommodation is limited (there are only 69 rooms in the five hotels listed above) and members are strongly advised to make their reservations as soon as possible.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,

Northwram,

Halifax, Yorkshire.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PRIME.—The temporary address of Pat, Dick and family is now 36, The Avenue, Halesworth, Suffolk. Friends, old and new, welcome. 6136

MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Buffet tea 5. Names to F. Kitwood and Sons, 30, Jackson Street, Goole, before 6th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6143

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on December 14th at 3 o'clock. (Nuneaton not available.) Names for tea to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton. Please look up your ten-bell methods, then come and ring them.—L. Trevor, Dis. Sec. 6147

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall. 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 6142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M., Barnwood (8), December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Upton St. Leonards (8) available after business. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0DT, by December 12th. 6137

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual general meeting at Christ Church, Swindon (10) on Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, please. 6140

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 6145

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 14th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. 6139

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch A.G.M.

There was a good attendance at the annual general meeting of the Marlborough Branch held at Marlborough on November 16th. The high proportion of younger members present must surely hold great promise for the future.

Owing to the augmentation of St. Mary's six bells to eight, now in progress, the scope of ringing was extremely limited, being confined to the front five, and ringing during the evening was transferred to nearby Mildenhall.

The Guild service at 4.15 p.m. was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Walsh), who gave a short but appropriate address on "Trust, Fellowship and Dedication." Mr. Pomfret kindly played the organ.

Tea was enjoyed in the nearby Church Hall, prepared and served by ladies of the church, and this was followed by the business meeting. The chairman (Mr. G. Newman) presided and the previous minutes were read by the hon. secretary (Miss H. Jones), who also presented the year's statement of accounts, which showed a slight reduction in both the balance at the bank and in hand. This was due to two items which it was hoped would be non-recurring, and in any case a healthy credit sum still remained. Ten meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 18. Peals and quarter peals had been rung at six different churches, the highlight being the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's, Aldbourne, conducted by Mr. F. Read. This was rung by an entirely Aldbourne band and was the first achieved by such a band since 1837. Chisledon ringers were also commended for their handbell performances at local functions.

The six-bell ring at St. Mary's, Marlborough, was being augmented to eight and this would give a second octave in good order to the Branch.

All were sorry to lose the Rev. R. Keeley, now Vicar of Whiteparish. During his five years as curate at Marlborough Mr. Keeley had given unstinted service to the Branch as Ringing Master, Branch representative and in training new recruits. Others who had left were Karl Harvey and John Mitchell, both of Aldbourne, and the good wishes of the Branch were extended to them all. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted. Before the election of officers for the coming year, the Rev. R. Keeley was presented with a travelling clock and a book token as a mark of esteem and appreciation from the Branch. The presentation was made by Mr. W. A. Edwards, one of the oldest members of the Branch, who wished Mr. Keeley every success and happiness now and in the future. Mr. Keeley suitably replied.

In the election of officers which followed, Mr. G. Newman was again confirmed as chairman, Miss H. Jones as hon. secretary and Mr. F. Read as vice-chairman. Mr. A. Keen was elected Ringing Master with Mr. F. Cook as his deputy, and Mr. Keen also undertook the duties of Branch representative on the Guild Committee. Dr. Craig and Mr. C. Wilkins agreed to serve on the Branch Committee.

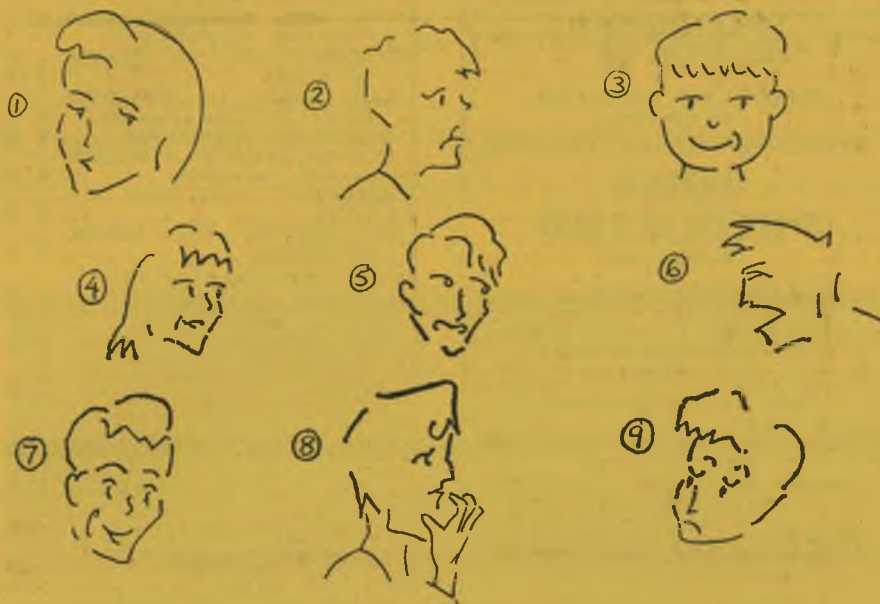
A list of monthly meetings with suggested towers for 1969 was approved, and it was agreed that at least two meetings would be held jointly with the Calne Branch, one in each area.

A record number of new members were nominated and all were unanimously elected.

In his concluding address the chairman thanked all who had helped in any way throughout the year. He made a special appeal to all towers to make every effort to attend the monthly meetings. Although the past year had been a useful one in this respect, he felt that the attendances had been provided by only a few towers and he would like to see the representation more widely distributed.

Ringing was afterwards resumed on the light six at nearby Mildenhall. W. A. E.

As Seen at a District Meeting!



Facial contortions are to be met at most District meetings. In this competition readers are asked to fit each caption to its appropriate number.

- A. Less noise, please.
- B. Tea in half-an-hour—yum, yum.
- C. I do know a little touch—let me see.
- D. Double Norwich? But I don't know the starts.
- E. Who said I couldn't ring Cambridge for toffee?
- F. No, Geraldine—not until you can hunt properly.
- G. I had hoped to be allowed to conduct.
- H. Bristol? Not likely with this band.
- I. Guess what? I followed that all the way through!

Entries to "District Meeting Competition," "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. First correct opened on December 31st, prize of 10s. Answers (fill in numbers)

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FOUR QUARTERS IN ONE DAY On November 23rd

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, 1,272 Stedman Caters: R. C. Stevens 1, Carol Martin (first S. Caters) 2, Mrs. Christine Foster 3, N. Thomson 4, A. H. Long (first Caters) 5, C. M. Foster 6, R. A. Grant (first Caters) 7, A. J. C. Brown 8, K. G. Game (cond., first S. Caters) 9, J. Knipe 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Knipe 1, A. J. C. Brown 2, Mrs. Christine Foster 3, R. C. Stevens 4, Carol Martin (first Royal) 5, A. H. Long (first Royal) 6, R. A. Grant (first Royal) 7, K. G. Game 8, C. M. Foster 9, N. Thomson (cond.) 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. G. Game 1, Mrs. Christine Foster 2, Carol Martin 3, C. M. Foster 4, N. Thomson 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, A. J. C. Brown 7, R. A. Grant 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—1,280 Cambridge Major: A. J. C. Brown 1, Mrs. Christine Foster (first C. Major) 2, Carol Martin (first in method) 3, N. Thomson 4, C. M. Foster 5, R. A. Grant 6, K. G. Game (cond., first in method) 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. S. Bennett (cond.) 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, T. T. Yeomans 4, M. Pilgrim 5, A. Marsh 6, M. J. Pryor 7, Rev. G. J. Stickland 8, C. P. Quartley 9, P. Williams 10.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. A. Alford 1, D. C. Henderson 2, J. R. Rowson 3, T. R. Garrett 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, M. P. Stevens (first quarter) 6, By Abingdon School S.C.R.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Rossendale Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, N. Bennett 3, R. Rayfield 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6, For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Christopher Macve and Maureen Lewis.

ALWALTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. Oliver 1, Mrs. Ann Smith 2, F. Simey 3, G. Davis 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, Rung for the 21st wedding anniversary of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: R. J. Wilsher 1, L. J. Haines 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, Caroline Mackie 4, R. A. Yeates 5, J. P. Coad 6, J. R. Pratt 7, P. H. Mackie 8, P. G. McIlhorne 9, A. P. Foster (cond.) 10.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Rev. L. R. Pizzey 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, M. H. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6, For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Percy 1, R. Johnson 2, Betty Percy 3, A. Bond 4, T. Barlow 5, V. Sheppard 6, D. Smith 7, G. Francis 8, A. Baldock (cond.) 9, G. FitzHugh 10. First on ten 5, 9, 10. Rung by officers of the Association as a welcome to Bernard John Minton, son of the deputy captain of this tower, born November 5th.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Susan Painter (first quarter) 1, Stephanie Cox (first "inside") 2, D. W. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, Susan Bagshaw 5.

BROADCHALKE, WILTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Mitchell 1, Susan M. Corry 2, W. C. Shute 3, A. Nunn (cond.) 4, J. D. Willcock 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Yates 1, Mrs. G. Shelard 2, F. Vickers 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Pateman 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shelard 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. P. Beck 1, R. E. Beck (first Bristol) 2, E. Naylor 3, P. H. Jones 4, G. G. Salmon 5, H. D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): C. Herrington 1, P. Payne (first as cond.) 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. F. Payne 4, G. Coleman tenor. First quarter of Minimus for all the band.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Paternoster 1, Miss E. Aubrey 2, R. Adcock (cond.) 3, J. Paternoster 4, M. Bullett 5, E. Paternoster 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of John Paternoster to Adrienne Laver, Michael Bullett to Sarah Porteous, Roy Adcock to Elizabeth Aubrey.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. Lockwood 1, R. Taylor 2, H. D. Lister (cond.) 3, F. Sterry 4, L. G. Forster 5, A. E. Cook 6, T. W. Lockwood 7, S. Arbon 8. A compliment to Mr. B. Chivers, churchwarden and ringer, on his 80th birthday.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Willcock 1, Mrs. M. Mitchell 2, Susan M. Corry 3, C. F. Longridge 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, A. Nunn 6.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. V. Chesterton 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, Valerie Watts 3, C. M. Sturgess 4, E. J. Pickering 5, W. Newton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, A. Read 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Margaret Wright, interred this day.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T.B.): S. R. Huckle 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, R. P. Wood 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. First in methods 3, 5. Rung for St. Cecilia's Day.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack 1, K. Hilton 2, B. Birkett 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, P. Rogers 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six in memoriam C. R. Gladish, sometime Mayor of East Retford.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Gray 1, Miss B. A. Lancaster (first quarter) 2, Mrs. A. Gray 3, Mrs. J. Lawrence 4, F. Lawrence (cond.) 5, W. Terry 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Pettman (first quarter) 1, G. Goodship 2, S. R. E. Pipe 3, E. W. Pearce 4, C. W. Pipe 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodhall 1, B. Ellsmore 2, L. Clissett 3, M. Lashford 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, T. Greenhall 7, H. Shilcock 8. A compliment to the Rector (Ven. J. C. Williams), who was installed as Archdeacon of Dudley at Worcester Cathedral on November 16th. Also as a birthday compliment to M. L. Lashford.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Jennifer M. Andrews 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. J. Southgate 5, F. W. Mussett 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. L. K. Whittell.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Underwood 1, B. E. Whiting (first Major) 2, C. R. Nunn (first Major) 3, A. F. Ballam 4, R. R. Rose 5, D. O. Rowland 6, C. R. Stannard 7, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bailey (first Triples) 1, Miss P. Court 2, S. Mowl 3, K. Butler 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. J. Birch 6, P. C. Sinden 7, H. Porter 8. Rung as a salute to the School of Infancy which will shortly be leaving Hythe.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Bloomfield 1, J. Munnings 2, Miss J. Peacock (first Major) 3, A. Munnings 4, P. May 5, K. Whittell 6, R. W. Steward 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Bryony P. Moorby 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, J. P. Hull 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Hull, brother of the 5th ringer, who died this day and was at one time a ringer at this church.

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35426	x	—	—
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25634	—	x	—
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25346	—	x	—
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