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The Church of St. Hieritha, Chittlehampton, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Hieritha's Church, Chittlehampton

By Rev. Preb. J. H. B. ANDREWS (President, Guild of Devonshire Ringers)

"St. Hieritha's," we say, in answer to the visitor's question. "The church is St. Hieritha's or St. Urith's; there are two forms of name." And politely the visitor tells us that he has never heard of her. Who was she? So we tell him what we know.

All the old books, beginning with Camden in the reign of the first Elizabeth, agree that Chittlehampton was famous as the place of her burial, and that she was famous for her "acts", the miracles performed at her tomb. There was once a book of them. There were certainly pilgrimages until Henry VIII, in his fatherly care for his people, told them it was better to stay at home and get on with their work. Her image was removed from the canopied niche beside her tomb, and the Vicar's income dropped by two-thirds in one year, for pilgrims' offerings had trebled the value of the Vicarage.

The old county historians also preserved the legend of St. Urith, and their story agrees with a Latin hymn which came to light in a manuscript at Cambridge sixty years ago. We sing this hymn in translation now, the only church in the country to have its own ancient hymn.

"Sing, Chittlehampton, sing!
Let all Devon's meadows ring
With holy gladness for our Saint's renown!
And thou, blest maiden, pray
That we in this our day
May bear our cross and win our heavenly crown."

Forty years ago Sir Sydney Nicholson composed a tune for these words. It exists only in manuscript, and is sung only at Chittlehampton. And St. Hieritha's date? Probably sixth century, when there is known to have been a mission from Glastonbury, by St. Kea, St. Fili and St. Rumon, who left their names at Landkey, Filleigh and Romansleigh close by, and when (so it seems) a Christian maiden called Urith perished at the hands of her heathen neighbours.

When the Saxons came they made Chittlehampton a centre of colonisation, and the present village square is their "town place". The houses on the north side were removed in the 1880s, revealing the church more fully. It took shape gradually, first nave and chancel, then transepts, then the 15th century aisles, and finally the 16th century tower. In its proportions and its restrained ornamentation it surpasses (so we think) the famous towers of Somerset and its bulkier kinsman at Probus in Cornwall.

It is likely that the four bells of the time of Edward VI were cast for this new tower, the tenor 18½ cwt. They were hung "sally way" in 1726. In 1739 they were sent up the Bristol Channel to Evans of Chepstow to be recast as six, the tenor 13 cwt. and the bell opening was a great event, "38 lbs. of Beef and Mutton at 2½d. and 2d." costing the churchwardens 8s. 1d. The beams on which the bells rested, one from the Vicarage and one from Squire Rolle's house at Brightley, lasted until 1928, when the bells, augmented to eight in 1880, were rehung by Taylor, and have been a delight to ringers since. The reopening is still remembered.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District

The Canterbury District made history on January 11th when they visited Preston-next-Wingham for the first time ever. The five bells have only recently been restored by the White-chapel Foundry, having been silent since about 1905. Much pleasure was evinced by members at the progress made by the local band, both in change-ringing and in the reconditioning of the ringing chamber and belfry.

Over 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Sussex and Scotland, and ringing before and after the service ranged from rounds and call-changes to Erin and Spiced Doubles. The service was conducted by Mr. D. L. Cawley, with Mr. H. Homewood at the organ, and the Rector and Vicar (surely a unique appointment), the Rev. C. Terence Spurling, to whom the restoration of the bells is due, preached a forthright and inspiring sermon. An excellent tea, prepared by the local ringers and wives or friends, was served at the magnificent new village hall; the arrangements were splendidly carried through and were much appreciated.

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A lively meeting followed, with Mr. B. J. Luck in the chair. Mr. Eric Eades gave a comprehensive report on the shortest-ever general committee meeting; Mr. D. L. Cawley, competition secretary, proposed the adoption of new rules for the striking contests, which it is hoped will be entered by as many bands as possible, and also of a "tidy towers" competition, and these were carried with a few amendments.

Several new members were welcomed into the Association, and St. Alphege's, Whitstable, where there is to be a new ring of six, was brought into union. Ringing on tower- and handbells followed the meeting, which must have been one of the most successful held in the District for some time, and we hope it will be a good omen for 1969. Thank you, Preston!

N.B.—Next meeting, February 8th; PRAC-
TICE MEETING at Deal (6) in the afternoon
and Walmer (8) in the evening. D. L. C.

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John H. Bluff writes of 50 Glorious Years

It is now 50 years since I first started bell-ringing at All Saints' Church, Stamford. My father was a ringer here for 35 years and his brother 48 years, thus making a grand total of 133 years, a very remarkable record.

It was getting towards the end of the First World War when my father said to me one Sunday in the belfry at All Saints': "What about having a go at this?" I had been up to watch the other ringers many times and was fascinated by the performance. So I took off my coat and with expert guidance I soon learnt how to handle a bell.

In those days the bells at All Saints' were in an old wooden frame and did not go very well, so they were left up most of the time, all except the tenor. So one Sunday morning I left home just before my father, thinking "I will show them". I went into the belfry alone and started to raise the tenor. It was about half way up when my father arrived with another ringer. He immediately took off his coat and turned to help me, but my father stopped him and said: "He's got it so far, let him finish it." I did, but it took some doing. Then I got told off for trying to do such a stupid thing like that on my own.

In those days we were not a very expert band; all we could do was ring one 120 of Grandsire Doubles, P.B.P.B.P.S. repeated, which everyone knew off by heart on a certain bell, so I did the same, my bell being the 3rd. I rang my first 120 of Grandsire on New Year's Eve, 1918-1919, at the age of 13.

I soon found out that there were nine more 120s of Grandsire and had them trying these, although it took a few years of hard work and patience because they were not a young band. This, however, was the means of getting the bells rehung in a steel frame in 1924, and I conducted the first peal ever rung here in 1926, being 5.040 Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

Today we have a very efficient band of young ringers who enjoy their ringing and are capable of taking part in a number of methods from Plain to Surprise. Here I must pay tribute to our friends from Peterborough, Castor and Wansford for our combined weekly practices which we all enjoy.



JOHN H. BLUFF

Wherever one goes in the British Isles there is always a wonderful fellowship among bell-ringers, as one clergyman said to me. Bell-ringers' meetings always bring together a happy gathering of people.

Since I was elected Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in 1964 I have travelled between 4,000 and 5,000 miles a year to meetings, practices and on tours.

I have taken part in 202 peals, of which I have conducted 116. I have rung in 608 different cathedrals and churches in the British Isles.

What I like doing most is taking particular notice of the expressions on other ringers' faces while they are ringing. You would be surprised if you saw them all! To conclude, I would like to say thank you to all my friends for the help I have received to make these 50 glorious years.

LAMBETH DELIGHT MAJOR

The year 1968 marked the 60th anniversary of Len Stillwell's membership of the Middlesex Association, and the recent peal was arranged to mark the occasion. It had been hoped that it would be possible to arrange the peal rather earlier, in October, but lack of a suitable tower made this impossible. It was a great pleasure for Len and his friends.

The Rector of Lambeth was due to leave the parish at the end of December, and so this peal was also rung as a farewell to the Rev. Oliver T. W. Fiennes, who is being installed as Dean of Lincoln. The band are very grateful to the Rector and Mrs. Fiennes, who very kindly entertained them afterwards to mince pies and suitable liquid refreshment.

We wish Len many more years of peal ringing and look forward to celebrating future anniversaries.

Lambeth Delight Major

—58—14.58—58,36—14—18.34.16—58

i.e. 18 mx.

Composition: 5.120 Kilburn Surprise Major, published in "The Ringing World", February 6th, 1959.

50 YEARS A RINGER

A happy occasion took place in the belfry of St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on the evening of January 19th prior to ringing for evening service. On that day Mr. Albert Hodgson had completed 50 years as a ringer at this church and the Vicar presented to Albert, on behalf of the ringers, a travelling alarm clock. A bouquet of flowers was sent to Mrs. Hodgson. Well done, Albert!

K. H.

A.V. v. N.E.B.

Dear Sir,—In the January 10th issue of "The Ringing World" I noticed—not without some little perturbation—that the weekly scriptural message appearing in the personal column was taken from the New English Bible.

Whilst conceding that our journal has to be kept abreast with the times I also hope that, during 1969, the Authorised Version, with its beautiful literature and poetry will not often have to take a back seat to the modern version. Someone once wrote:

"Make new friends but keep the old.
For the one is silver, the other—gold."

Yours, etc.,

Burghill, Herefordshire. F. MORRIS.

SWAYING TOWERS — BY A STEEPLEJACK

Dear Sir.—With reference to the enquiry in Belfry Gossip, "Swaying Towers" (page 950), and Gerald Miller's "coat caught in a crack", the question asked as regards danger is still not answered. Perhaps some practical experience when I was working as a steeplejack may help to answer the queries.

First of all, is the wrong adjective being applied, i.e., swaying towers? I rather think that both writers mean vibrating towers, which would give quite a different motion to that of swaying. One might class swaying as a slow, dreamy waltz whereas vibrating would be a quick, jerky polka.

Now for a practical illustration of swaying, which at the time seemed to be alarming but which proved to be quite safe.

Working in a bo'sun's chair up under the heavy cap of a tall, round brick shaft on the lee side (March gales were on and well I knew it, because at every heavy gust of wind away that shaft (165 feet high) would literally rock or sway, how much I do not know), it seemed as if the earth was coming up to meet me. That was in 1910, and that shaft stood until a few years ago when it became redundant and was purposely felled, having swayed what seemed to me to an alarming degree. Dangerous? No fear!

A church spire, 145 feet, in white brick with the salient angles in stone rolls, which had become decayed in places and had to be replaced, I did off a small screw scaffold,

cutting out the bad stone with a handsaw. The effect of this was that whenever I stopped sawing I could feel the whole spire vibrating in quick, short jerks, the rate of which seemed to be twice that of my sawing, and so it kept repeating itself until all sawing was finished. I might add that the base of this spire had very large spire lights to each facet, which I rather thought might have added to the motion. But I never felt this spire "rock" in a high wind. This was in 1910, and that church spire stands as good as ever to this day.

Now for another church spire, this time in stone (190 feet high): the same treatment, removal of decayed stonework, only this time with a heavy ring of bells 120 feet lower down. When these bells were rung the small scaffold I was standing on fairly rocked in quick, short jerks or vibrations, but it certainly did not sway in long, smooth motions. That spire stands today as good as ever. Dangerous? Definitely no.

Why do I say no? Because in examining the whole spire there was definitely no sign of a vertical crack or fracture to be seen anywhere—and that brings me to the subject of vertical cracks, whether they are just what would appear to be hair cracks, more or less.

They generally point to either a settlement or more likely a definite fracture in the structure and should at once be filled with a suitable matrix under pressure, or cut out and fresh material bonded in; but, be it noted

well, often after cutting out a fracture or crack a far worse state of damage is made manifest. At the same time a steel tie rod should be fixed through the opposite walls with the familiar S or X end plates double-nutted and well screwed.

Most people are well acquainted with these wrought iron S and X end plates on old church towers and the familiar steel bands on chimney shafts.

In the case of "coat caught in a crack" this points to a fracture, which should be attended to, because there is no knowing without opening up what is going on inside, and if left to go its own way it could lead to who knows what, notwithstanding that the vertical crack may have been there for a long time.

I rather think that the writers may rest assured that, provided no fracture or crack becomes visible, there is no fear of a sudden calamity. Notwithstanding all the foregoing, there is the question of which way a ring of bells should be hung with reference to the position of the tower, i.e., north to south or east to west: this I leave to the experts.—Yours, etc.,

J. C. GORDON HAGGAR.

Sproughton, nr. Ipswich.

NOTE.—The writer, now nearly 80, was for many years a member of the famous St. Mary-le-Tower company, later joining the Debenham band, with which he rang several peals.

A SUFFOLK LANDMARK

THIS unusual modern tower at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, six miles south of Ipswich and on the banks of the River Stour, is 198 ft. 11 in. high. It is red brick faced up to about 60 feet and then of Portland stone to the copper ball which is the lightning conductor.

As well as being the centrepiece of this great layout, almost half a mile long, the tower was built as the water tank for the school, but after some years trouble developed and a separate conventional water tower had to be built, one of the unsightly things the architects went all out to avoid.

The school had been at Greenwich for over two centuries, housed in Wren's buildings, and Wren's influence can be seen all over the present buildings. There is a three-domed nave ceiling and an apse-ended lady chapel of the school chapel which is 230 feet long and houses a four-manual organ.

In the tower there are five bells by Gillett and Johnston, cast about 1930, with approximate weights of 7½ cwt., 9 cwt., 13 cwt., 17 cwt. and 21½ cwt. They sound as the front five of a six and the tenor is about note E. They are hung "dead" and give Norwich chimes.

Several years ago the boys began ringing at Sutton Parish Church (6, about 12 cwt.) which is less than half-a-mile from the school. The ringing Society has two teams of six who take it in turn to ring on Sunday mornings. The beginners train on Wednesday afternoons and are in the charge of Mr. Leslie Burbidge, a teacher of English.

The enthusiasm of the boys has spread to their teachers and in all five members of the staff have joined the Society and have been instructed by the senior boy ringers.



ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL, HOLBROOK

Holbrook Parish Church has six bells with a tenor about 8 cwt. and they, as those at Sutton, are classed as being in good going order.

CLAUDE RUSH.

NOTE.—During the building of the school Mr. Rush was a constable stationed at Holbrook—a most interesting experience.

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

Additions to names of variations No. 4 (No. 3 is on page 899, 1968).

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The Appendix can be found in "The Ringing World" for 1968 on pages 575, 595, 699, 719, 739, 839, 899, being the issues for July 19th and 26th, September 6th, 13th and 20th, October 25th and November 15th.

HORDLE'S TRIBUTE

From Hordle, Hants, we have received 1,320 Hordle Place Bob Doubles, rung on December 28th "to the glory of God and in memory of the people of Hordle who during the past 300 years have encouraged the ringing of the bells." This was the first quarter in the method, which is 5, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 5, 1; i.e. 4253, single 2453.

The ringers were Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Janet Blackburn 2, Faith Riley 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, W. W. Lewis (first quarter) 6.

ODDS & ENDS OF THE BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

THE Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers was described some little time ago by a ringer more renowned for his wit than his veracity as "the queerest collection of odds and ends of any known ringing Society". Whether this is true or not may be debatable, but it has certainly produced some individual personalities.

This year, 1969, the diamond jubilee of the Society, provides an opportunity for a brief review and one or two anecdotes, although a fairly lengthy account was given some ten years ago on the occasion of the 50th anniversary (mathematics has its uses!). Since that time some valuable members have passed on, but the present "father" of the Society, who was a founder member, is still going strong.

John Willie Moxon, of Sandal, who is 89, still continues to ring for Sunday services when weather permits and visits the District meetings if the travelling distance is not too great. He is not averse to doing a little shopping on his bicycle, although he recently confessed to me that he avoided the centre of Wakefield nowadays as "there was rather a lot of traffic"! I always thought it appropriate that he lives down an avenue called Duke of York, as this grand old method is one of his favourites.

Willie Green, of Wath-on-Dearne, now in his 80s, makes a valiant effort to keep the famous bells turning, but was in a reminiscent mood the last time I saw him, talking of the time on New Year's Day, 1930, when he (with five others) stood for six hours and ten minutes ringing Surprise Minor at Rotherham Parish Church. I wonder if he remembers the peal attempt at Crofton when the gaslight began to fail and as it grew darker and darker the team and ropes became mere shadows? Finally, when the light expired and the ringing continued with the last flicker of daylight filtering

through the windows, I wonder if he remembers as someone made a mistake Arthur Panther shouting out: "What's the matter, you're not frettened are you?"

One of the Society's greatest losses since the golden jubilee was, of course, Dan Smith, the "talented Yorkshireman" who hailed from Gloucestershire. In addition to his many other activities (he was a collier) he at one time tended a two-and-a-half-acre smallholding to which was attached a piggery (well stocked) and a miniature poultry farm. I remember he wanted a greenhouse erected so I went along to wield a trowel (which is among my few accomplishments). Sidney Briggs (of Rotherham fame) and Arthur Gill, from Wath-on-Dearne (who had recently lost an eye), came along to fetch and carry.

When the greenhouse was finished Dan, Sid and myself retired upstairs to Dan's bedroom to ring a peal of Bob Minor "in hand" whilst Arthur helped Dan's landlady to prepare late dinner, occasionally popping upstairs to see how the peal was progressing. I don't recollect much about the peal but the memory of the dinner lingers on!

When Dan died we screwed an engraved brass plate on the belfry door at Felkirk in his memory: we had a little ceremony when members of the Society attended to mark the occasion. One thoughtful person took me on one side afterwards and pointed out that there was room on the door by the side of Dan's brass plate for another of similar proportions and that he hoped in due course my name would be on it. This pleasant suggestion just about made my day!

At Shelley the name of Hoyle, father and son, is now but a memory in the belfry, and although it is difficult to realise that Andrew's voice will no longer make the rafters ring and the windows vibrate one can almost imagine

when ringing there hearing a ghostly Andrew grunt.

John Brearley, of Bolsterstone, has gone too. At one time he judged many contests in the area and often at the times we have waited with bated breath while he read out to a crowded room the results of his deliberations. Never afraid to criticise either teams or individuals, he was a good ringer and striker himself, both on six and eight (how he loved Double Norwich) and expected nothing less than the best from other ringers.

Things have not been easy the last few years and some towers are now without ringers that were formerly well supplied. Darfield tower, stricken by mining subsidence, has now been silent for many years; Ackworth bells pronounced unsafe; an accident deprived Charlie Moxon, of Hemsworth, of his mobility; the band at Royston collapsed when four or five members left the area.

But there are signs of revival. "Hope springs eternal!" Chris Moxon at Penistone, Harry Mann at Silkstone, Noel Moxon at Cawthorne are training young ringers. At South Kirkby the Rev. Peter Schofield and Kath. Hunt (who have recently shown signs of venturing into "spliced") keep a young band going; the indefatigable Wilfrid Moreton (assisted by Gail and Bob) is teaching a team at Wragby, while "fringe" towers like Thornhill, Meltham and Roughtown make valuable contributions.

I have mentioned a few people: I apologise to others whom I have not: all contribute, some quietly, some vociferously. With goodwill and resolution and a determination to hand on the torch to the younger generation. I see no reason why the Barnsley and District Society should not, in due course, celebrate its centenary, although I very much doubt whether I shall write to "The Ringing World" about it!

HAROLD CHANT.

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Andover District

The 41st annual general meeting of the Andover District was held at Kingsclere on January 11th. Ringing varying between rounds and Grandsire Triples preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Shearlock, the address being given by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, past Master of the Guild.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Kingsclere ladies, the main business of the meeting was the election of officers for the next three years, as follows: Chairman, P. Murdock; vice-chairman, Mr. Allison (re-elected); secretary, M. Goss; treasurer, Mrs. J. Tarrant (re-elected); Ringing Master, G. K. Dodd; deputy Ringing Master, F. Tonge.

Votes of thanks were extended to the retiring officers: Messrs. G. K. Dodd (chairman), J. Wimlett (secretary) and R. Crook (Ringing Master).

The next A.G.M. will be held at Highclere and the next quarterly meeting at Upper Clatford (which has a new ring of six) on April 15th.

With the election of new members the District's membership now exceeds 100. More ringing rounded off the meeting. Thanks are due to the Kingsclere band for a well-organised and enjoyable meeting. M. G.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley and District Society's A.G.M. was, as usual, held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, good use being made of the eight bells.

After a short service, conducted by Canon Brompton, a tea of pie and peas was consumed with great enjoyment, the cost being met by a gift of £5 donated by the late Godfrey Crompton's sons. "Goff", as he was known to us all, was one of the old Cawthorne band. May he find peace.

The business meeting, with Canon Brompton in the chair, made a fine start. Mr. H. Chant was re-elected president and Mr. P. Charlesworth, of Silkstone, replaces Mr. C. A. Moxon who expressed his wish to discontinue in office.

Later on a lot of hot air and irrelevant subjects, not to mention personal vendettas, were broached, which caused the secretary to retaliate and take to task those people who attend one or two meetings a year only and try to dictate to the Society. Some of these tried to enforce the ringing of Cartwheel 100%, saying: "Cartwheel ringing is on the decline." If it is on the decline the remedy is in the hands of the grumblers. Teach your own recruits and don't criticise people who are open lead ringers but teach bands to man silent towers in your area. After all, church bells should be used to call people to worship, and the Lord didn't stipulate closed or open, Surprises or call-changes.

Subject to confirmation, the February meeting will be at Cawthorne. Maybe this meeting could serve to draw an end to all hostilities as, in the words of the bard, "United we stand, divided we fall."

T. T.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Verity 1, P. W. West (first "inside") 2, J. P. Sale 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Budd (first quarter away from cover) 1, M. Bangham (cond.) 2, Caroline Madge 3, A. Bagworth 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. Bishop 7, D. Budd 8. Rung to welcome Richard Peter, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Boyder, born December 18th, 1968.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 42 From the Irish Association

David Galbraith, the first Irish up and coming youngster who featured in the last number of this series, has undoubtedly set the ball rolling among the Irish youngsters, for more news of their number has arrived. They are represented on this occasion by two members of their fair sex:—



CAROLINE HACK

Caroline was born on July 31st, 1952, in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, and at the age of 18 months came to England. After a year in London the family moved to Killybegs, Co. Donegal, where they renovated an old cottage. Caroline started her education at a primary school eight miles from her home, but is now at Drogheda Grammar School, in her sixth and final year.

She was 13 when she started to ring and was taught by Mr. Fred Dukes at St. Peter's, Drogheda. Fred gives a great deal of his time to teaching youngsters, not only in the belfry but also in the baths at the Grammar School in life saving. Caroline is a very keen ringer and hopes to ring her first quarter peal in the near future. In January of this year she was elected deputy Ringing Master of the school ringers.

She is now ringing Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples, and did her part in winning the Lindoff Cup in November, 1967, with just over 100 faults. In May, 1968, her team competed for the Murphy Cup at Bray and came third with 50 faults.

Caroline hopes to start in the nursing profession in Dublin when she leaves school, and intends to continue with her ringing.



PATRICIA MEREDITH

Patricia was born at Port Laoise on March 19th, 1953. Her home is at Mountmellick, Co. Leix. She started her education at the National School, Mountmellick, and won a scholarship which took her to Drogheda Grammar School, where she is now in her fifth year. Like Caroline she started ringing at the age of 13, also under the supervision of Mr. Fred Dukes.

In January, 1968, she was elected Ringing Master of the Drogheda Grammar School Bellingrings and took part in the Lindoff and Murphy Cup competitions with Caroline. Both girls went to Limerick last year to take part in the celebrations for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral, where they learned a great deal more about method ringing.

Patricia is hoping to go from the Grammar School to Trinity University and to continue her ringing as a member of the University Guild. She is one of a team being taught handbell ringing by Fred Dukes, which in-

Patricia can call Stoney, Plain Hunt, Plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and is very capable with 120s on handbells. Caroline is a call-change conductor and is very capable. Both do useful work in watching beginners.

NORVING.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held in St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 4th. The Master, Miss Muriel Reay, presided over a gathering of about 90 members.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary and was accepted as satisfactory, the balance in hand showing a substantial increase over the previous year. For the first time the Guild now has a fund from which grants to bell restoration appeals may be made, and at this meeting a promise was given to donate £100 to Perry Barr Church in the event of a recasting scheme being decided upon.

A proposal to reduce the subscription to the Guild was heavily defeated upon being put to the meeting.

The following new resident members were elected: Janet Blake (Saltley), Anne Deebank (Coleshill), David Flint (Harborne), Janet Bow-skill, Jane Cousins and Graham Foster (Perry Barr). The tower elections of the following as life members were ratified: Ian G. Campbell and Ronald Ducker (Hull), J. Barry Pickup (Lowestoft), John F. Thorne (Southam), Clare Dolphin (Warwick) and Margaret Thow (Newcastle upon Tyne).

The president and vice-presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the following officers were also re-elected to serve for 1969: Master,

Miss Muriel Reay; trustees, Sidney O'C. Holloway and Bryan D. A. Woolley; auditors, Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, J. Alan Ainsworth and George E. Fearn; librarian, W. George Chaplin.

Mr. Clifford Barron was elected Ringing Master by a unanimous vote, there being no other nominations for this important post. There were two nominations for the secretaryship, and by a very narrow majority of two votes Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth was elected.

By the retirement of the previous secretary a century has now been completed during which time there have been but five secretaries of the Guild, each having served for 20 years.

Tanworth-in-Arden was chosen as the venue of the next meeting, early in April.

The retiring secretary (Mr. G. E. Fearn) drew the attention of the members to the fact that the annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at Solihull on March 1st. By that time the new trebles, to make a ring of 12, will have been dedicated and should be an added attraction for more ringers to attend the function.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green, for the use of the bells and the room for the meeting.

Letters to the Editor

ARISING FROM CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Claude Rush's pleasant—if slightly controversial—piece on the Christmas bells broadcast prompts me to make this request. Can any reader well versed in recording and sound reproduction please tell us why nine out of ten of all bell recordings sound as though they had been done on a £5 dictating machine? I for one would have thought that, with all the equipment available to them, the B.B.C.—to whom one is, of course, profoundly grateful for providing occasional bell recordings—could have used a tape-recorder with a large enough frequency range (I think that is the term) for bells, which are by nature very demanding subjects.

For my money I would rather have Debenham than Preston: although I have not heard the latter "in the flesh" I would question whether they are really "rich in tone". Good "old style" tens and twelves are few and far between. I was shattered to be told lately by members of the local band at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, that their glorious bells (Taylor, 1914) were the last 12 to be tuned on the "old standard" and they refused to hear otherwise.

However, it is a great encouragement that more ringers seem to be taking more interest in, and becoming more critical of, the sound of bells. Inevitably one gets used to mediocre stuff and can even get to like it; but I feel that one should try to resist the temptation of thinking that it is good!

It is grand news to hear that the Dudley ten are to be restored, a scheme which deserves every encouragement; but what a pity that all ten bells cannot indeed be recast as they are surely one of the most miserable sounding tens in the country. I implore you to think again, people of Dudley: the effort of raising the extra money necessary to take full advantage of this opportunity would be repaid a hundredfold!—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rush makes some valuable points in his article on page 21. Of particular interest to me was his observation on the note of Hughenden tenor, which he claims is sharper than that officially recorded in "Dove". On hearing the broadcast we were surprised at the speed of the ringing, which seemed faster than that which we recorded. Is it possible that the recording could have been broadcast at a slightly greater speed? If so, would this have a noticeable effect on the notes of the bells?

On the remainder of the programme, I did not notice the shrillness observed by Mr. Rush in the Debenham recording, and fail to see the object of his reference to the speed of the ringing on this fine eight. Where striking of this excellence is achieved that the ringing is "a bit slow" is surely immaterial. That this was the case is largely a matter of conjecture, anyway.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. NEWTON.

Hughenden, Bucks.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—Re C. R. Jenkins' letter (page 42), I fully agree with his remarks about the ringing on "Blue Peter". I have written to the B.B.C. about this and also other programmes that include bells and have suggested they get their facts right before showing them to the public.—Yours faithfully,

ESME J. WEAVER.

Basingstoke.

YOUNG RINGERS AND INSURANCE

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office that: "The normal lower age limit under our scheme of group personal accident insurance which includes provision for the insurance of bell-ringers is 16 years. Below this age it is not usual for the individual to be gainfully employed, and a weekly disablement benefit would be clearly inappropriate, as also would any substantial payment in the event of death. We do however make provision for young bell-ringers between 12 and 16 years of age as you will know, but limiting the benefits for obvious reasons to very nominal amounts. When asked by the individual parish, and on being satisfied as to the degree of supervision, we are prepared to lower the age limit still further to 10 years. We know you will agree that the strict supervision of very young people in a church tower is most essential, and by looking individually at each of the cases where special cover is desirable we are able to satisfy ourselves that there is proper control of youngsters and that they are not allowed to attempt anything beyond their strength and capabilities.

"You may also have in mind the matter of legal liability for accidents. This is something which the parish would ordinarily have adequately covered under their public liability and employers' liability insurance arrangements, and there are of course no age limits on these particular types of contract."—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

BAD PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—I was recently given a cutting from a magazine which shows a picture of a girl being taken up by a bell rope while the instructor held the tail end; there was also a short article on bellringing written by the girl.

Although the article was informative and would give the layman an insight to our art, I fail to understand how the instructor, Robert Cooles, and presumably the learner, Clair Jolliffe, of All Saints', Tooting, could allow such a picture to be taken, let alone published.

This picture, I feel, would certainly make the parents of young recruits think twice before allowing them to learn our art.

I would be the first to agree that the more we can educate the layman on the intricacies of our art the better, but when I see this type of picture it seems to me that we should start by educating the so-called instructors and tower captains who allow this sort of adverse publicity.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD PENNEY.

St. Albans.

Note.—The picture was of a type that appeared to "Reveille" readers.—Ed.

MR. THEODORE ECCLESTONE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. G. E. Symonds I cannot give the dates he asked for, but I would state that in 1742 Mr. Ecclestone gave a bell (the sixth in the ring of 12) which Taylors recast in 1937. His name was also inscribed on a bell at St. Mary's, Mortlake, in 1746: both bells were cast by Thos. Lester.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ANOTHER SUFFOLK NONAGENARIAN

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter in your issue of November 22nd from Mr. E. Barnett.

I took part in 16 peals in the last century; six of these were rung prior to Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. In jubilee year I took part in a peal of 5,040 Bob Triples at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford (my birthplace).

Altogether I have taken part in 24 peals at various churches. My first was at the above church on November 30th, 1895. My last was on November 7th, 1931. The bells at Long Melford Church were silent for over 20 years owing to the tower being rebuilt. I wrote an article for the January 6th, 1897, issue of "Campanology", which shows a print of the original brick tower. (I have a few copies left of the above date.)

Owing to the silence of the bells and my being a member of the Old Volunteers and Territorials (for which I hold the long service medal and bar) and playing football for over 20 years (I hold a Suffolk Senior Cup medal), also being an organist at Borley (of ghost fame!) 16 years and Clare Church 22 years, I was not able to get time for much peal ringing. However, after retirement from full service (I am now 91 years of age) I am still able to deputise for organists in the district when necessary and still enjoy ringing. I was able to take part in ringing for morning service on the fine ring at Lavenham on January 12th last, where there is always a very kind welcome for everyone.

I would very much have liked to have joined the party at Aldeburgh. I have had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. C. Sedgley and G. Symonds at the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds. During my long life I have had many interesting experiences in my various occupations, both humorous and otherwise, and meeting other ringers like those who assembled at Aldeburgh would have been a very pleasant opportunity to exchange a few yarns.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST AMBROSE.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of these single change Delight Minor methods?

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| —34—16—12—1236—14—16 | l.e. 14 | 164235 |
| —34—16—12—1236—14—16 | l.e. 16 | 164523 |
| —34—16—12—1236—14—36 | l.e. 12 | 142563 |
| —34—16—12—1236—14—36 | l.e. 14 | 154263 |
| —34—16—12—1236—14—56 | l.e. 12 | 164523 |
| —34—16—12—1236—34—16 | l.e. 12 | 165324 |
| —34—16—12—1236—34—16 | l.e. 14 | 136524 |
| —36—16—12—1236—12—16 | l.e. 14 | 162534 |
| —36—16—12—1236—12—36 | l.e. 14 | 136524 |
| —36—16—12—1236—14—16 | l.e. 16 | 134625 |
| —36—16—12—1236—14—36 | l.e. 14 | 164235 |
| —36—16—12—1236—14—56 | l.e. 16 | 165243 |
| —36—16—12—1236—34—16 | l.e. 14 | 145362 |
| —36—16—12—1236—34—36 | l.e. 14 | 146325 |
| —36—16—12—1236—34—36 | l.e. 16 | 146532 |
| 34—34.16—12—1236—14—16 | l.e. 12 | 136245* |
| 34—34.16—12—1236—14—56 | l.e. 12 | 165324 |
| 34—34.16—12—1236—34—36 | l.e. 12 | 143562 |
| 36—34.16—12—1236—12—36 | l.e. 14 | 145362 |
| 36—34.16—12—1236—12—56 | l.e. 14 | 135642 |
| 36—34.16—12—1236—34—16 | l.e. 14 | 164235 |
| 36—34.16—12—1236—34—36 | l.e. 12 | 154632 |
| 36—34.16—12—1236—34—56 | l.e. 14 | 135642 |

* Could someone please state whether or not this method has been named King Charles Surprise Minor.

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—continued

PUBLICATION OF COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I must disagree with Mr. Rowson when he says, on page 22, "... it is accepted that some attribution of composition must be given in peal reports." Discounting those of Doubles and Minor there were seven peals with no attribution of composition in the "Ringing World" of January 10th.

However, his final paragraph is worth consideration. Compositions, like methods themselves, are really discoveries. Providing you define your parameters (e.g., length of peal and type of bob) there is a finite number of "compositions" for any given method. Perhaps we may see the footnote "Discovered by" in lieu of "Composed by" in peal reports of the future!

I should be surprised if anybody took the last suggestion seriously, but I think the following idea may be of merit: that the Central Council forms a committee to consider all compositions/arrangements before they are published in "The Ringing World" and decides if they are to be called compositions.

Compositions would be those peals that contain some notable new feature not previously published. Thus R. W. Pipe's peal of 40,320 Derwent S. Major and N. Smith's "all the work" peals, to quote two examples, would be compositions and the vast majority of peals of Plain Bob published in the last decade, for instance, would be deemed arrangements.

I would suggest that arrangements should not be published in "The Ringing World" and that the "R.W." endeavour to publish all compositions approved by the committee, including those of previous years.—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW G. CRADDOCK.

Ashford Middlesex

RANG WITH GABRIEL LINDOFF

Dear Sir,—Besides the 15,312 being Gabriel Lindoff's first peal of Cambridge Maximus and the 14,112 his first peal of London, it must not be forgotten that the famous "Five Ones" at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was also his first peal of Stedman Cinques. Gay Lindoff was indeed one of the truly great figures of our Art.

I rang several peals with him on tour when I had the honour and pleasure of joining the "Pye party" on their annual "holiday". The ill-fated 18,240 Kent Treble Bob Major mentioned by E. A. Barnett was rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale (1922) and occupied 11 hours and 13 minutes.

Of the before-mentioned 14,112 London S.M., an attempt had failed at Netherton a few weeks previously. Many years afterwards William Pye recalled the event to me, with these words: "We had rung the 9,000 with the tenors parted without a mistake. I called the 7th to make the bob. I called myself to make the bob, and immediately I struck my blow in fifths I knew they had shifted on the front, as clean as a whistle."

The 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough was one of the greatest feats in the annals of ringing. It was the first occasion that one set of men had rung "round the clock". William Pye conducted, and rang the 304 cwt. tenor for 12 hours and 18 minutes. He became a giant in the Exercise and a legend in his lifetime. Pleasant memories are retained of many peals rung in his illustrious company, most of them under his inspiring leadership.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, London, N.

TELLING THE PUBLIC ABOUT RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in your article reprinted from the pamphlet by Mr. T. G. Hawkins on telling the Edmonton public about bellringing, and would like to say that this is exactly what I have been doing for some time in our parish magazine.

Two years ago I offered to write a series of short articles on bells and ringing, with periodic news of our own ring of six and our ringers, for the new series of our church magazine then being planned. The offer was gladly accepted, and since then I have contributed 20 articles on bells and ringing, interspersed with our now permanent feature, Tower Topics, giving news of our own tower.

The subject matter of the general articles is very much the same as the latter part of Mr. Hawkins' article, although presented in different form. I had to limit each instalment to about 230 words, which was often difficult when the continuity of the information had to be maintained.

As a result of all this we have now progressed from a sadly-neglected tower to a belfry full of keen youngsters, mostly girls. We have had our troubles, chiefly of course several broken stays and a broken slider, and on one occasion the third bell came out of its bearings. But we have overcome these difficulties, the bells are going much better, and we do not anticipate any further trouble. Our neighbouring ringers from Birstall and Syston have given us a great deal of help with instructing learners and with bell maintenance, and we are very grateful for their assistance.

I am often annoyed by the appalling ignorance of the general public concerning ringing, and feel that ringers themselves are largely to blame. They are much too detached from the rest of the community in the exercise of their art. On the very day when your article appeared I had a vigorous argument with three of my office colleagues about bellringing. One said: "It isn't music, just a jangle of notes to us." Another said: "We wouldn't mind if we understood it, but no one ever explains it to us." And the third man said: "The church magazine comes through our letterbox every month—but there's never a word in it about the bells."

I am not a top-class change-ringer: I still have much to learn, but feel that I am rendering some service to the Exercise by writing about it and defending it whenever possible.—Your faithfully,

JOHN H. DURANCE.

Tower Captain, St. Michael's Church,
Thurmaston, Leicester.

FOURTHS PLACE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Wratten's letter on 4ths place Treble Bob Minor methods, the Longwood band can see no harm, in itself, in ringing a method which is the bob lead of another method. After all, there is as much difference (or as little difference, depending on your viewpoint) between Woodbine and Merchant's Return as there is between, say, Neasden and Old Oxford.

In late 1967 we rang a quarter comprising 720 Woodbine and 720 Merchant's and the quarter was published as two separate methods in "The Ringing World". The quarter took neither more nor less mental effort than a more recent quarter of 720 Neasden and 600 Sandal, but we had the pleasure of giving an old though much neglected method an airing.

The position becomes rather different when such methods are included in an extent of spliced, however. Let me give an example. In December last we attempted to ring a quarter of combined Oxford, Kent and Woodbine in which the bobs were called in the Woodbine leads. Had we been successful in the attempt we should have claimed a quarter in three methods, not four methods as might have been the case with some other West Riding bands. Whether the bobs were called as such or whether the conductor said "Ring Merchant's Return" is immaterial.

To sum up for the Longwood band. We should not like to see a complete official ban on the type of method under discussion. Their names should be allowed for extents in the one method. However, because of their special relationship to the parent method we would ask for restraint in their claimed use in extents of spliced Treble Bob.

The operative term, as they say in the Law of Contract, is "reasonable".—Yours, etc.,

IAN ROBERTS.

Longwood, Yorks.

OUR "SILVER SPOON" RINGERS

Dear Sir,—When people are praising young ringers for their outstanding records and achievements, do they ever stop to consider those ringers who are not so blessed with ability, who spend many hours poring over diagrams at home and try over and over again to ring something which seems extremely difficult?

The successes of many young ringers are frequently a result of an intuitive knack for ringing, a good teacher, joining a tower with a strong band, or being taken round to good towers as "someone's little protégé". Praise given to such ringers is undeserved, considering that seldom have they met, and subsequently overcome, any real difficulties. In fact more frequently the public recognition of such ringers is an expression of the pride of the ringer's teacher or band.

Spare a thought for those beginners who receive no encouragement and struggle on persistently in their own poor towers, or who travel long distances alone by bus to other towers, determined to become reasonable ringers, despite criticism and antagonism from impatient "experienced" ringers.

Just recently I heard one ringer telling another that if a recruit spends two years learning to ring without much success the ringer should be asked to leave because he is wasting the time of the Ringing Master. This, I feel most strongly, is a very bad attitude to take, for what is it but turning someone out of the House of God. Is it too much to ask that a band should put up with a few badly-struck rounds every Sunday for the sake of someone who is not so fortunate as they? Who knows but sooner or later one of their poor ringers might gradually see daylight and make quite a good ringer, for many there are these days who failed their 11+ yet managed to get reasonable results by the time they took "O" levels.

I myself know a lady who has rung regularly for nearly ten years and who is shouted at and scorned to her face by snobbish "competent" ringers. Nevertheless she continues to ring undaunted, always trying, and welcoming any help from kindly ringers. It is these ringers who deserve credit and not so much those who are pushed along by ambitious teachers.—Yours sincerely,

A Hard Road Traveller.

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QUARTER PEALS

DOWNE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Wesley (first quarter) 1, Val Hayward 2, Lucy Hopkin 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gilks 1, Mary Wells 2, R. Blond 3, D. Jordan (cond.) 4, H. Wells 5, L. Cox 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of A. E. Gee after his funeral.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, D. G. Boast (cond.) 3, A. W. Foreman 4, H. B. Fuller 5, S. Flaitan 6. A farewell to the Rev. Cyril Carrier on his departure to Ixworth.

HORSFATH, OXFORD.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. M. M. O'Reilly (first quarter) 1, E. E. Harnsworth (first quarter) 2, C. Hagger 3, R. Hazell 4, Brenda M. Arnott (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

HURSTPIERPONT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. E. Lambert (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, J. Kirkaldy 3, H. W. Brown 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5, R. Kirkaldy 6. For Evensong.

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary White 1, M. J. Mulvey 2, J. L. Humphreys 3, M. Allery 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. For midnight service.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, Judith Robinson 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to Canon P. C. Lee on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Gebbett 1, Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 4, R. A. Grant 5, G. A. Duke 6, D. Hollis 7, J. Pladdys 8. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, G. A. Duke 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, R. A. Grant 7, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Machell 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jennie Brown 3, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 4, P. W. Cave 5, D. Hollis 6, D. Gebbett 7, R. A. Grant 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, D. Gebbett 3, R. Colles 4, J. Ellams 5, G. A. Duke 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, D. Hollis (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jonathan Hollis 1, D. Hollis 2, Barbara Leigh 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, D. Gebbett 5, Alan Long 6, R. A. Grant 7, J. Pladdys 8. All for Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lawson 1, J. Nelson 2, L. Walmsley 3, Judy Baker (first quarter) 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6.

LONG EATON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss J. Allen 1, Miss V. Belfitt 2, A. Humphrey 3, F. J. Ward (first as cond.) 4, C. Stringer 5, C. Bestwick 6.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For early Communion. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Rev. Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, H. Button 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Wenceslas Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, A. J. Mason 6.

MARK, SOM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Creber (first quarter) 1, P. W. Ham 2, Kay Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris Burrough 5, J. Creber 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, J. Lee 8. After Evensong for the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to end the 700th anniversary year of Mark Church.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. First in six methods 2, 4. For carol service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. First in 11 methods 2, 4. A 2nd birthday compliment to Christopher Bower.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Targett 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. Wadman 3, R. G. Beck 4, F. Savage 5, P. Jones 6, A. P. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Mackay 8. For Evensong.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, J. B. Keeler 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Miss P. Winch 4, Mrs. E. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, M. Winch 8. For Confirmation service.

PEMBROKE.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. Rogers 1, A. Lingard 2, Prudence Pattison 3, S. P. Rogers 4, A. R. Trickett 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, P. F. Kraus 7. For the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, Prudence Pattison 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): P. Southon 1, Miss D. Pettis 2, C. Beeching (cond.) 3, L. Huckstep 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6. For Confirmation service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. S. Parratt (first Triples) 1, M. L. Northway 2, J. Colliss (first in method) 3, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, D. R. Fallick (first in method) 6, J. Hartless 7, C. T. Drew 8.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Garden 1, I. Whorlow 2, Miss J. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, G. Firman 5, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Louis Baycock.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Annette Goss (first quarter) 1, Karen Baker 2, D. Goss 3, Joan Ashton 4, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 5, M. Mander 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: M. Down 1, Karen Baker 2, Alison Mager 3, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 4, P. Jewell 5, A. H. Smith 6.

SCOTCHERN, Lincs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Greta Herring 1, Gillian Radley 2, H. J. Radley 3, A. C. A. Hopkins (first Doubles as cond.) 4, C. V. Cade 5, W. P. Sargeant 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. C. Hopkins, Rector of Sudbrooke and Vicar of Scotchern, whose funeral took place that afternoon.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pratt (first quarter) 1, W. T. Grice 2, W. Manser 3, J. Harden 4, A. Skinner (first as cond.) 5, A. Beach 6. For carol service.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): N. Brazier 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, D. A. Eddy 3, T. R. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Susan Catlin 6. For Midnight Communion.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: P. Goaling (first Major) 1, Leona Roper 2, Susan Gay 3, Felicity Ashford 4, C. J. Morey 5, J. A. Tandy 6, M. J. Robinson 7, P. W. Gay (cond.) 8. By the University of Keele Society, for Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent T.B., tenor covering): G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6, J. E. Clarke 7. For carol service.

SLOUGH, BEDS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Scott 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund Brown (first Triples) 3, W. R. Hare 4, D. C. Brown 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, R. J. Foster 8. Rung for the Festival of Carols and Lessons.

SOMERTON, SOM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Miss S. M. Allen 2, F. Priddle 3, A. Dyer 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6. Rung following the wedding of Peter Exon and Rita Jones. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, A. J. Callow 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell (150th quarter) 6. A compliment to Miss E. E. Frankham on her 90th birthday.

STAINES, MIDDY.—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Norman 1, C. Wiggins 2, Fiona Walters 3, T. G. Williams 4, R. Wiggins 5, M. S. Loveday (first quarter as cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3. For carol service.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, L. Cooper 5, S. Gullick 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. For mid-night service.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, a quarter peal of five Doubles methods: Miss W. Austin 1, Mrs. P. Bushell 2, G. Wood 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Bushell.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Joan Gray 1, Alison Brown 2, Susan Carter 3, A. Crofts 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Christmas.

STONE, WORCS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, D. J. G. Bates (cond.) 2, J. A. Molinoll 3, C. J. Bennett 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, R. B. Dorrington 6. Rung prior to the annual children's carol service; also a compliment to Gill Smith and David Bates who became engaged on Christmas Eve.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, T. Pritchard 2, Sara Cornock 3, T. Willis (cond.) 4, R. Watts 5, M. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Garland 8. A farewell compliment to Father John Tilleu upon acceptance of an appointment in the Oxford Diocese.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, R. Hill 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, F. Pearce 8. A wedding compliment to Kathleen C. Crossby and John H. Ridler, married at York this day.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Stanley 1, Miss A. O'Brien (first Caters) 2, Miss V. Ballard (first "inside" G. Caters) 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, A. R. Peake 5, R. Hulme 6, D. Carr 7, M. New 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfeld 2, W. Sear (first Grandsire "inside") 3, R. Rowley 4, R. J. Scott 5, P. Aslett 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, B. Maunders (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering; five methods): C. Sillman 1, Kay Whittiker 2, J. H. Thompson 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, Hilary Jacobs (most methods) 5, Caroline Sutton (first attempt) 6, M. J. Hawkins 7, S. Duckett 8.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDY.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Lovell 1, Anne Horsford 2, P. W. Bevington 3, N. F. Edwards 4, A. J. Hampton 5, E. A. Morris 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, C. F. Low 8. First quarter on the rehung bells. A tribute to all who made possible the rehousing of the bells and the restoration of the tower.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDY.—At All Hallows' Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Seagrave 1, N. F. Edwards 2, Lesley Warwick 3, Mary Knight 4, A. J. Hampton 5, D. Brown 6, Anne Horsford (first as cond.) 7, C. R. Harris 8.

TWYVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Green (first quarter) 1, G. Green (first "inside") 2, E. Hall 3, V. Hall (first of Doubles) 4, D. Atley (cond.) 5. Most methods by all the band, each ringer being under 16.

UPTON GREY, HANTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lynn 1, A. Hoare 2, C. L. Mew (first "inside") 3, J. Lewis 4, M. Lynn (cond.) 5, S. Waite (first quarter) 6.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Whitaker 1, Helen Williams 2, Gail Cater 3, Janet Hunt (first "inside") 4, Anne Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Cater 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung to congratulate Margaret and Geoffrey Townend on the birth of a daughter (Dec. 15th), and Gail Cater on her 25th birthday, also Dec. 15th.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss K. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. Turner 2, Mrs. J. A. Smith 3, Mrs. I. Marshall 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Marshall 6. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Ramsey (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Mullins 2, Miss J. E. Turner 3, Mrs. I. Marshall 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Marshall 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. D. Smith 1, Miss J. E. Turner (first "inside" of Minor) 2, Mrs. J. A. Smith (first "inside" of Minor) 3, N. Carter 4, I. Wickens 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. E. Turner (first Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. J. A. Smith (first Surprise) 2, N. Carter 3, R. Oshon 4, G. Francis 5, D. D. Smith (cond.) 6.

WEARE, SOM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Gwen Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, R. Jones 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, S. Bendle 5, F. A. Hooper 6. For carol service.

MRS. FRANCES MARY CARTER

The death occurred at Manor Hospital, Bath, on January 10th, of Frances Mary Carter, at the early age of 22 years, after a long illness. Frances was the wife of R. W. G. (Bill) Carter, of Portishead, and only daughter of George and Hilda Massey, of Frome.

Frances was born at Esher, Surrey, in November, 1946, and moved to Frome with her parents in 1951. As both her parents and her paternal grandparents were ringers it was inevitable that Frances should learn to ring at an early age, and she rang her first peal when ten years old. She had for many years been a member of the local band at St. John's, Frome.

On leaving school Frances read economics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, graduating in July, 1968. Despite her illness, which had troubled her for the past three years, 1968 proved to be a particularly happy year for her. In addition to graduating she was able to enjoy a ringing tour of Derbyshire with friends from Somerset. Then there was the joyous day in September when she was married to Bill Carter, a fellow graduate from Aberystwyth.

The happy couple went to live in Northern Ireland, where they were both research students at the New University of Ulster, Coleraine. During the Christmas vacation, however, Frances' health deteriorated seriously and she re-entered hospital for the last time.

The funeral service took place at Bath Crematorium on January 14th, conducted by the Vicar of Frome, the Rev. P. R. Mitchell. That evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's, Frome, by members of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, conducted by Frances' brother, David Massey.

Frances was a very capable ringer and she had rung in over 600 towers. Her peal total was 13, rung for the Bath and Wells Association and the Salisbury and Truro Guilds. Her last peal was of Pudsey Surprise Major at Wincanton in March, 1966, after which she gave up peal ringing on medical advice. An analysis of her peals is as follows: Cambridge S. Maj. 1, Pudsey S. Maj. 1, Yorkshire S. Maj. 1, Plain Bob Maj. 3, Stedman Triples 2, Cambridge S. Minor 2, Beverley S. Minor 1, Doubles in 2 and 3 methods 2.

MISS DOROTHY WEST

Porthkerry (Glam) tower has suffered a sad loss through the death of one of its young members, Dorothy West, who died on January 9th following a road accident the previous day. She was 16 and will be much missed. Dorothy and her two sisters learned to ring two years ago when they came to the neighbourhood and continued to attend after a recent move to Barry.

The bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral service at Porthkerry on January 16th, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob) was rung on January 17th by R. C. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, Mrs. G. Horne 3, W. E. Pearce 4, C. Cook 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6.

We express our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. West and the family. L. J. M.

Mr. F. B. Ditcher, of Fargo, Church Road, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall, died on Jan. 17th.

CORRECTION

In the quarter peal rung at Hillingdon on December 29th (page 45) the ringer of the sixth was C. J. Venn and not as printed.

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir,—I withdraw the peal of Worthington Surprise Major rung at Stevenage on November 16th, 1968, as it is false. When originally checking the method for falseness I extracted the inverted incidence for each member, making it similar to Worcestershire, for which I had a true composition by Mr. Ivins. I apologise to the band concerned and to any others who will have been inconvenienced by the withdrawal.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD L. UNDERWOOD.

Peterhouse, Cambridge.

OBITUARY**MR. J. T. RANN**

Mr. James Thomas (Jim) Rann, longest standing member of the St. John's, Loughton, band, died quite suddenly on January 6th at the age of 78. He was the son of a St. John's ringer and a member of the same band for 63 years. His regular presence in the tower, continuing up to a few months ago, was exemplary.

Jim acted as tower captain for many years after the Second World War and was a life member of the Essex Association. He rang many quarters from his favourite bell, the seventh, and a single peal of Grandsire Triples in 1953 when he rang the tenor. Always interested in handbell ringing, he generously donated a fine set of handbells to the tower some years ago. These are regularly used, particularly carolling before Christmas.

Jim was buried to the half-muffled sound of the eight which were large in his life, and now lies within the sound of those beloved bells. Ringers over a wide area have lost a much-respected and well-loved friend. K. S. G.

MR. M. SAUNDERS

Ringers who knew Mr. "Mont" Saunders, of Helmdon, Northants, will be saddened to hear of his untimely death. Mont had been ill for over a year, but in failing health had not neglected his duty to his church choir or bell-ringing. Those who have been with him week in and week out will always be indebted to him for his great example of tolerance, kindness and thoughtfulness, especially towards younger ringers.

Helmdon belfry has a good band of young people, all of whom owe their ability to ring through the encouragement and help given them by Mont. R.I.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the year of the Ashford District was held at Lydd, often called "the Cathedral of the Marsh", on January 18th.

The afternoon ringing started badly, a stay breaking on the treble. Ringing continued with the bell in the hands of the more expert ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. J. Wilmshurst, and about 60 members and friends enjoyed the excellent tea arranged by the Lydd ringers in the Hardy Hall.

After a rather lengthy business meeting ringers returned to the tower and were joined by more ringing friends. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. A. P. S. B

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Eric N. Harrison has rung 50 peals at the Morpeth Watch Tower, Northumberland.

Mr. A. Edward Reeves completed his 50 years as a ringer by taking part in a peal of Royal at Worsley, Lancs, on December 27th.

Our front page picture of Chittlehampton Parish Church is by courtesy of "The Devon Times".

During recent gales a piece of louvre fell from the top of Saffron Walden's spire and has cut through the tenor's wheel. Ringing will continue on the other bells.

We are sorry to learn that one of our old and esteemed readers, Mr. B. D. Costar, of Glebe Farm, Standlake, Witney, Oxon, is very ill. Our good wishes are extended to him and his wife.

Two local ringers at Perth, W.A., are engaged. They are Miss Jenny Lees, of Applecross, and Mr. Tim Gregory, of Crawley, Sussex. Both are planning to come to England this year.

A peal in 129 different Plain methods of Spliced Doubles was rung at Shelford, Notts, on December 28th, conducted by George A. Dawson. This is the greatest number of methods ever rung to a peal of Doubles.

HARRY AND LEONARD RODMELL

The East Riding of Yorkshire, particularly oldest stalwarts with the passing of the Rodmell brothers, Harry (89) and Len (86). Harry passed peacefully away on December 19th after a year of enforced retirement following a stroke. Len following shortly afterwards on January 8th.

They learned to ring at St. James, Sutton-in-Holderness, during 1898, and were instrumental in introducing change-ringing at Sutton, with the help of Charles Jackson, of Holy Trinity, Hull. They joined the Yorkshire Association in 1904. Len served on the general committee on behalf of the Eastern District for 11 years, from 1953 to 1963. They were founder members of the Beverley and District Society, Leonard being its second Ringing Master for 11 years, 1947-58, following Clement Glenn, its first.

When Len left to take a farm at Patrington during the early part of the Second World War, Harry stayed on to manage their farm at Sutton. Thus Harry was able to complete 69 years' ringing at Sutton, broken only by service in the First World War. Throughout all these years he maintained almost a 100% attendance for morning and evening service ringing and rarely missed a practice. He would often turn up dressed in Wellington boots and farming attire, ready to return to work among his cows afterwards.

Len became tower captain at Patrington and continued ringing there, in spite of the awkward approach to the ringing chamber—and doctor's orders—until he was turned 80.

They recalled ringing for the relief of Lady-smith and Mafeking during the Boer War, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and both rang in the first peal on the bells at Sutton in 1907. Harry stood in unsuccessful peal attempts to celebrate the 50th and 60th anniversary of this peal. Len went on to top the hundred mark for peals, while Harry's total was 57. Many of their peals were called by G. F. Williams, of Hull. T. H. Taftender, of London (who took a regular holiday at Scarborough), and Clement Glenn. The writer, among many others, is indebted to both of them for encouragement and provision of transport to District meetings and peals during his early years of ringing.

The funeral service for Harry was held at Sutton, while the service for Len was held at Patrington, each being preceded by half-muffled ringing before interment at Sutton. A course of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the graveside of each, followed by open ringing on the tower bells.

We thank God for their lives and their example of long and faithful service. May they rest in peace. R. D.

The cover picture of Newark Parish Church in the issue of January 17th was published through the courtesy of "The Newark Advertiser".

A reader asks for a story on the Barron Bell Trust. Would any of our correspondents submit an article telling how the Trust came about, its resources, rules, number of grants, with maximum and minimum grants and present trustees?

Because of the attack by thugs on Miss Brenda Harris, when she had ammonia thrown in her eyes, difficulty was experienced in completing the Benington, Herts, band for a quarter peal that day. F. Judkins, however, scored his first quarter.

The Editor acknowledges with sincere thanks a pocket calendar from Jim Reynolds, conductor in John's Lane, Dublin. Practices for visitors are held here on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.30, and at the January practice 20 ringers attended.

Eight peals and 19 quarters were rung at Llandaff Cathedral during 1968. Both totals were records for a single year. At the Guild's A.G.M. on January 7th the following officers were elected: Captain, N. A. James; vice-captain, N. W. H. Simon; secretary, Miss Felicity Cooke, 13, Rockwood Avenue, Llandaff.

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DERBY PLAN SPONSORED WALK FOR CATHEDRAL

About two centuries ago a band of bell-ringers walked from London to Oxford, a distance of 57 miles, and after ringing walked back to London. Imbued by the spirit of the past, the Derbyshire Association is planning a sponsored walk involving ringing bells at Derby, Breadsall, Horsley and Duffield on March 15th. The distance is 16 miles and it is proposed to set off from Derby Cathedral at 10 a.m. and return about 6 p.m.

Members and friends are asked to find as many sponsors (at so much a mile and a bonus for ringing at the towers) as possible, as the objective is to raise money towards the Derby Cathedral appeal, for which the ringers have promised to raise £1,000.

Liquid refreshment will be provided at Horsley and a substantial meal at St. Michael's House on completion of the walk.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD AT DINNER

The annual dinner of the Guild at Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on January 11th, was a very happy gathering. The president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, replied to the toast of "The Church" submitted by Ray Large. "The Guild" was toasted on the call of Mr. B. Collison, and the chairman, Brian Jeffery, in reply mentioned that attendances had been slightly down on 1967, but he thought that a better spirit prevailed in the Guild. Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed "The Visitors" and Mr. F. E. Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, replied. He congratulated the Guild on its spirit and recalled some of the peals he had rung with members.

An entertainment followed, with sketches by Peter, Andrew and Chris Bassett and by John Warner and Tim Green. Poems were recited by Colin Osborn, songs sung by Ray Large and Tim Green delighted with his ukelele. It was 11.30 p.m. before the last left for home.

TO GET A HAMPSHIRE SIX GOING AGAIN

An appeal has been launched to get the six bells of St. Nicholas', Wickham, near Fareham, Hants, ringing again. An exhibition is being planned at the 700th anniversary of Wickham to help forward the appeal for £950 and also for recruiting ringers for when the bells are ready. This will be held in the last week in May.

FOR TOWER GRABBERS

Mr. Robin J. Collis, of Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, has offered to compile a list of tower grabbers for 1968 similar to that he compiled the previous year. He requests all ringers who have rung in over 100 new towers in 1968 to send him their 1968 total, their overall total and the number of years they have been ringing.

FOR 8-BELL CHIMES

Mr. Barry Couzens is on the list of chimers at Nairobi Cathedral and is anxious for good compositions suitable for eight bells. He would like adaptations of well-known hymn tunes or original compositions. Contributions sent to Miss J. Sanderson, Vervan, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, will be forwarded.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

There's something gone wrong with our Stedman, I fear:

Wherever I go, it's a crunch that I hear.

Please, where am I going?

I'm just to-and-fro-ing:

For what has gone wrong is at present not clear.

The chap on the treble is nodding at me:

That means I'm to dodge with him—that I can see.

I cannot deny it.

I'll just have to try it—

Oh, is there a gap for the second left free?

Yes, that was the dodging—the treble was right.

How nice that some ringers are always polite!

My nerve tends to soften,

I'm yelled at so often—

But most ringers' bark is far worse than their bite.

"Come on, in quick now, Two!" I run down to lead

Two blows, and then out to the back with all speed:

The dodging behind

Is soon over, I find:

And after the slow work, I've finished indeed!

E. M. B.

"BEDFORDSHIRE YOUTHS"

On January 4th 22 "Bedfordshire Youths" (with two interlopers from Huntingdonshire and London) set off for a ringing tour in Leicestershire and Rutland. Only one ringer was over 21 and considering this the standard of ringing was very good. The towers visited were: Market Harborough (8), Oadby (6), Knighton (5), Syston (8), Barkby (6), Melton Mowbray (10), Oakham (8), Langham (6) and Uppingham (8). Grandshire and Plain Bob were rung at all towers: Reverse Canterbury, Kent, Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples were also rung. Our final tower was to have been Empingham but the coach driver misheard his instructions and took us to Uppingham. Fortunately there was a practice in progress here so those of us who weren't too tired or weren't involved in other activities (!) joined the local ringers.

S. M. T.

ST. DAVID'S DAY PEAL ATTEMPT

Permission has again been given for a peal attempt at St. David's, Bangor, North Wales, on Saturday morning, March 1st. Beaumaris bells are also available for a peal the same day. David ringers interested write: Vincent, 8, Deanway, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2JT.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Both District Ringing Masters—Messrs. C. D. Mann and A. H. Smith—did an excellent job at the Biggleswade District meeting on December 14th in providing something to please everybody during the afternoon at Blunham and in the evening at Northill. May the District extend its thanks to both of the above for performing good-humouredly and efficiently the most difficult task in any ringing Association. Let's hope the coming year will show even greater enthusiasm.

E.

DOVE'S GUIDE

Mr. Donald Dove, the compiler of "A Bell-ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain", writes that he is unable to accede to the request of six ringers to publish corrections to the Guide at regular intervals. This would be most difficult in regard to practice night changes which could well be published in "The Ringing World" independently.

As to the suggestions of inaccuracies, he writes:—

"I have now had the new book checked thoroughly by an independent authority, whose findings reveal that in the main sections, viz., the alphabetical and county sections, there was ONE error, a 5 shown as 6 in the MSS., although printers' errors arising from last-minute alterations to the final proofs resulted in two omissions and two duplicated lines in the alphabetical section only, apart from minor misspellings in the appendices, which while disappointing to me are of small consequence."

Those engaged in compiling records know only too well how errors unexpectedly arise. We have yet to produce an unblemished "Ringing World", and we congratulate the author on his endeavours to maintain accuracy. Readers' corrections are in no sense an attempt to discredit this useful publication but to help in his records.

TALES OF A TOWER

Heard recently of a tower where the bells have since been rehung:—

A bumping was heard one Sunday morning, and on stopping the fifth was proved to be the cause. Next Sunday, steeplekeeper says: "Carry on; I've fixed the bumping." All is well.

Three weeks later, bumpings once again. Same remedy. All is well. Again it reappears: two other ringers decide to investigate, unknown to steeplekeeper.

What do they find? The gudgeon, having worn through the bearing, is now on its way through the frame; the bell had a decided lean and it was much in evidence that our friend had taken an axe to the frame to allow the bell to pass!

Also of the same tower in preparation for a peal:—

Ringer: "I've put a good pint of oil into them bells. I know most of it's run out, but we'll be all right tomorrow." Good man.

Next day, peal band gathered for the rise: the bells won't move.

Well, I suppose clear varnish does have rather a strong resemblance to oil in a poor E. C.

INTEREST—IN WHAT?

One of the Chester Guild veterans, "Oad Bat-er", tenor behind (he is 80), sent out 50 copies of the Chester Cathedral appeal issue and 110 of the Nantwich issue to, amongst others, Ernest Weatherby (97), California. Mary Wallace, of Wistaston, in South Africa. Drs. Harry and Margery Whipple, New Mexico, and Canon Ward, Copenhagen.

WHY—"THE RINGING WORLD"

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CROYDON Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

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| Donald E. Cobb Treble | Brian D. Threlfall 7 |
| Robert E. J. Dennis 2 | S. Clarke Walters 8 |
| Richard A. G. Inglis 3 | Robert J. Chapman 9 |
| Christopher H. Rogers 4 | Rodney B. Meadows 10 |
| *William T. Cook 5 | Philip A. Corby 11 |
| Alan J. Frost 6 | Alan F. Scholfield Tenor |

Arranged by Robert E. J. Dennis.

Rung silent and unconduted.

Umpires: David E. Parsons (Ancient Society of College Youths) and James A. D. Woolford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

* 300th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 76 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents; in 16 methods: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse St. Julian, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Minster Bob, Reverse St. Sebastian, Plain Bob and Grandsire; in 44 variations and 16 spliced compositions.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb.

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| Adrian F. Arscott Treble | Raymond F. Arscott 4 |
| Mervyn A. Arscott 2 | Keith E. Beale 5 |
| John Cornelius 3 | Leslie H. Arscott Tenor |

Conducted by John Cornelius.

Most methods, etc., by all the band, and for the Association. Quickest on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

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| Avril Ivin Treble | Rodney H. French 6 |
| Linda Ellison 2 | Robert L. Piron 7 |
| Anthony H. Smith 3 | Stephen Ivin 8 |
| Arthur Gibbs 4 | Alfred E. Rushton 9 |
| C. Michael Orme 5 | Keith H. Fleming Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Linda Ellison and Keith Fleming on their engagement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

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| Sidney Hough Treble | Raymond Ballard 6 |
| Geoffrey R. Gardner 2 | Denis Mottershead 7 |
| Brian Schofield 3 | David Danby 8 |
| Timothy Wylie 4 | F. John Nelson 9 |
| John Hall 5 | Neil D. Lomas Tenor |

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner. Rung to mark the birth of a son (Matthew) to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitticase and nephew to ringer of the ninth.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOLVEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Wells, London, Durham, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

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| John K. Foot Treble | Anthony J. Cox 4 |
| *Hugh J. Baker 2 | Peter C. Randall 5 |
| †Peter H. Mackie 3 | Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor |

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, Elswick.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| Enid Lawson Treble | George S. Deas 5 |
| Ann Lawson 2 | Eric N. Harrison 6 |
| John E. Anderson 3 | James Crowther 7 |
| Malcolm E. Johnson 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christine H. Telfer Treble | Malcolm E. Johnson 5 |
| Enid Lawson 2 | James Crowther 6 |
| Ann Lawson 3 | George S. Deas 7 |
| Rodney A. Yeates 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor |

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

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| Julia A. Fellows Treble | Christopher D. Corby 5 |
| George E. Thoday 2 | Robert D. Bellamy 6 |
| Ian Sawford 3 | George E. Bonham 7 |
| Philip George 4 | Jack S. Dear Tenor |

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| Josephine A. Quilter Treble | Keith W. Brown 5 |
| Kenneth J. Hesketh 2 | David E. Rothera 6 |
| Yvonne A. Murray 3 | Joe E. G. Roast 7 |
| James L. Towler 4 | Philip J. Rothera Tenor |

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Single Court and Rev. Canterbury, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

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| *E. Charles Biggs Treble | James Ward 4 |
| C. William Nutt 2 | Austin T. Wingate 5 |
| *Leonard J. Walters 3 | John Clements Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements.

* 25th peal together † First in five Minor methods.

MUCH COWARNE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 Morris' and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

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| Leslie Evans Treble | Leonard J. Walters 3 |
| James Ranford 2 | E. Charles Biggs 4 |
| John Clements 3 | John Clements Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung on the front five.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being one 240 and ten extents of Grandsire, six of Rev. St. Bartholomew, eight of Rev. Canterbury and 16 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

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| James Randford Treble | James Ward 4 |
| Leonard J. Walters 2 | E. Charles Biggs 5 |
| John Clements 3 | George Gwynne Tenor |

Conducted by Leonard J. Walters.

First peal as conductor.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., College Single, Single Court, Rev. Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| *E. Charles Biggs Treble | †Thomas Cooper 4 |
| †C. William Nutt 2 | James Ward 5 |
| *Leonard J. Walters 3 | John Clements Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 60th for the Guild. ‡ 50th peal.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Peter T. Dale Treble | Anthony R. Carter 6 |
| Kenneth J. Darvall 2 | John E. Ewer 7 |
| *Frances Dodds 3 | Frederick W. Ellis 8 |
| Gillian M. Brearley 4 | Harold V. Frost 9 |
| *Roy K. Williams 5 | Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor |

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvall.

* First peal of Surprise "inside".

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELWYN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,152 Bristol, 1,152 Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge, 960 Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland; with 74 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Brian J. Woodruffe .. Treble | Kenneth J. Darvill .. 5 |
| *Katharine S. Hardy .. 2 | Robert E. Hardy .. 6 |
| *Roger D. R. Brown .. 3 | *Peter T. Dale .. 7 |
| Julia A. Fellows .. 4 | *Andrew W. R. Wilby .. Tenor |

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of 5-Spliced Surprise Major.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Beverley, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

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| *Jill Gordon .. Treble | Barry R. M. Johnson .. 4 |
| *C. Barrie Dove .. 2 | Michael J. Eastman .. 5 |
| Robert A. Beresford .. 3 | Philip M. Cuckson .. Tenor |

Conducted by Philip M. Cuckson.

* Most Minor methods. † First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs. Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: One extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise and five different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

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| D. Paul Smith .. Treble | Richard Hayes .. 4 |
| *Jennifer L. Quaife .. 2 | John A. Howard .. 5 |
| *Christine Webb .. 3 | Tony Lewis .. Tenor |

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal in more than one method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

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| Peter Watson .. Treble | Christine Andrew .. 5 |
| *Patricia A. Etchells .. 2 | *Frank Reynolds .. 6 |
| †Jane Reynolds .. 3 | Peter G. Bellamy-Knights .. 7 |
| *Alan Ward .. 4 | Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

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

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev. W. R. Hartley, M.A.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 FOURGATES SURPRISE MAJOR

No. 391, H. and M. Collection Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* 50th peal. † 25th together. ‡ 25th together. First in the method.

Rung by seven present and one past member of the Sunday service band.

FOURGATES SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

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| Valerie E. Watts .. Treble | John Watkins .. 5 |
| Peter J. Staniforth .. 2 | *Robin A. Gilliver .. 6 |
| Tony R. Natt .. 3 | K. Paul Gilliver .. 7 |
| Brian L. Burrows .. 4 | A. James Poynor .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* 50th peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival

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

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

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| Martin Green .. Treble | David F. Moore .. 5 |
| W. Ernest Rawson .. 2 | Howard C. Palmer .. 6 |
| John K. Smith .. 3 | Roland H. Cook .. 7 |
| Roger I. Kendrick .. 4 | R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor |

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 9).

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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| Hazel J. Nichols .. Treble | Philip Bosworth .. 5 |
| Richard Chantler .. 2 | Raymond H. Martin .. 6 |
| *John Hunt .. 3 | Guy Slater .. 7 |
| Stephen Bell .. 4 | Edward W. Martin .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* 25th peal.

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

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| Martin Green .. Treble | David F. Moore .. 5 |
| W. Ernest Rawson .. 2 | K. Paul Gilliver .. 6 |
| Stephen C. Wells .. 3 | Roland H. Cook .. 7 |
| Tony R. Natt .. 4 | R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| R. Brian Mills .. Treble | *Roger I. Kendrick .. 5 |
| David F. Moore .. 2 | Tony R. Natt .. 6 |
| Martin Green .. 3 | K. Paul Gilliver .. 7 |
| Robin A. Gilliver .. 4 | R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor |

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5152 BUSHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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| Roger I. Kendrick .. Treble | W. Ernest Rawson .. 5 |
| Monica M. Jelley .. 2 | David F. Moore .. 6 |
| John M. Jelley .. 3 | Roland H. Cook .. 7 |
| *Martin Green .. 4 | R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor |

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 125th peal. First of Bushey Surprise Major on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringer of the fifth.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G sharp.

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| John Hunt .. Treble | Edward C. Cowd .. 4 |
| Hazel J. Nichols .. 2 | Edward W. Martin .. 5 |
| Guy Slater .. 3 | Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor |

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe return of the three astronauts, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

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| *Ian M. Minns .. Treble | Jack L. Millhouse .. 5 |
| *Gillian Radley .. 2 | *Christopher J. Sharp .. 6 |
| *Melvyn A. Rose .. 3 | *David Phillipson .. 7 |
| *Aidan C. A. Hopkins .. 4 | Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor |

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LAMBETH DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

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| Leonard Stillwell .. Treble | William S. Deason .. 5 |
| Joan Beresford .. 2 | Derek E. Sibson .. 6 |
| Edgar R. Rapley .. 3 | Frank T. Blagrove .. 7 |
| Thomas J. Lock .. 4 | Dennis Beresford .. Tenor |

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method.

Rung to mark 60 years of membership of the Association by the treble ringer, and as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. O. T. W. Fiennes, who is leaving to be Dean of Lincoln.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

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| Sam Flatman .. Treble | Anthony H. Roberts .. 4 |
| Thomas G. Boast .. 2 | Owen P. Claxton .. 5 |
| Albert G. Harrison .. 3 | Harry B. Fuller .. Tenor |

Conducted by Harry B. Fuller.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Dennis Boast, a ringer at this church.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Pye Treble | Arthur Newton 5 |
| Joyce I. Cornwall 2 | Robert H. Newton 6 |
| Ernest Pye 3 | Peter H. Mackie 7 |
| *R. Ian West 4 | David A. Cornwall Tenor |

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal in the method

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 GRANDPONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Wratton Collection, No. 30. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| William Birmingham .. Treble | Peter J. Heritage 5 |
| David C. Brown 2 | Ronald K. Russ.. .. 6 |
| Alan R. Pink 3 | Michael Hatchett 7 |
| Charles Coles 4 | Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor |

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method.

A 74th birthday compliment to Charles Coles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

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| Cynthia E. Barnett .. Treble | Christopher N. Stephenson .. 5 |
| Richard J. Chantler .. 2 | Geoffrey E. Watson 6 |
| *Lionel Atton 3 | Richard J. Cowley 7 |
| Roger N. Scholes 4 | Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor |

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

* First peal on eight bells.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Frank T. Boyall Treble | Richard J. Cowley 5 |
| *Mary R. Coleman 2 | John H. Bluff 6 |
| *J. Malcolm Tyler 3 | Murray A. Coleman 7 |
| Stephen B. Bell 4 | Raymond H. Daw Tenor |

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

Oundle, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

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

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kilby R. Holtom Treble | Stanley M. Ruddlesden 5 |
| Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2 | Graham C. Paul 6 |
| *Bridget Bates 3 | Alan A. Paul 7 |
| A. Patrick Cannon 4 | Barrie Hendry Tenor |

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

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

Rung in memory of the late Herbert Parker, a much-respected member of St. Peter's, Oundle.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Trevor E. Marks Treble | Derek S. Beaufoy 5 |
| Mary E. Elmes 2 | John N. Longridge 6 |
| Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3 | Graham W. Elmes 7 |
| Roderick A. Bryant 4 | Timothy F. Collins Tenor |

Composed by E. Barnett. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

MELKSHAM Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble | Edgar C. Shepherd 5 |
| George W. Massey 2 | Charles P. Quartley 6 |
| Norman G. N. Knee 3 | Charles F. Andrews 7 |
| David Massey 4 | Eric J. Hitchins Tenor |

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CORFE MULLEN, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Hubert.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Frederick E. Collins .. Treble | David Wilson 4 |
| *Flora M. Stocker 2 | William T. Perrins 5 |
| *Faith Riley 3 | Anthony A. Nunn Tenor |

Conducted by Anthony A. Nunn.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Janet Blackburn and John Hardcastle on their engagement.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Graham J. N. Colborne Treble | George E. Dawson 6 |
| Sheila M. Anthony 2 | Peter A. Sharp 7 |
| *Jack L. Millhouse 3 | John R. Pratchett 8 |
| Denis A. Frith 4 | Simon Humphrey 9 |
| R. Brian Mills 5 | Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor |

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* 50th peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Horace E. Seagrave .. Treble | Geoffrey Cooper 5 |
| Rupert L. Caporn 2 | David Stainsby 6 |
| *Jonathan Blacktop 3 | Philip E. Jones 7 |
| †John R. Seagrave 4 | William L. Exton Tenor |

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal "inside" and on eight. † First "inside" of Major.

First on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

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

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, three Plain Bob (var.), two each of Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston three each of St. Columb, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Ola.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

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| Joyce M. Marsh Treble | W. Gordon Marsh 3 |
| Pamela J. Clifton 2 | Ruth Blackshaw 4 |

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Ethel Bloodworth, faithful member of this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stanley W. Illidge Treble | Philip R. Johnson 5 |
| Gillian Bosworth-Smith .. 2 | Reginald H. Newton 6 |
| Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 3 | Edward R. Fairbrother .. 7 |
| Ernest F. Willcox 4 | Ian Friend Tenor |

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian Friend.

Rung to mark the achievement of the Apollo 8 mission, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

TETTENHALL, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Richard C. Stevens .. Treble | Eric E. Speake 5 |
| Hilary F. Pardoe 2 | Nigel Thomson 6 |
| *Philip J. Day 3 | J. Dennis Holden 7 |
| Christine Slater 4 | Elizabeth Timmins Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by Nigel Thomson.

* First peal of Major and first "inside"

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gilbert R. Goodship .. Treble | Vernon Bedford .. 5 |
| *Stephen Bedford .. 2 | Ernest G. Pearce .. 6 |
| †Dorothy Durrant .. 3 | Cecil W. Pipe .. 7 |
| Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev .. 4 | Leslie G. Brett .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal "inside". † First attempt for Yorkshire.

A birthday compliment to the conductor; also to celebrate the engagement of Susan M. Goodship, grand-daughter of the treble ringer, to Hamish, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Lacham Porter, of Woodbridge.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

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| *Jeffrey Knipe .. Treble | Terence T. Jones .. 5 |
| Christopher W. Daws .. 2 | Geoffrey W. Stevens .. 6 |
| Carol Martin .. 3 | Norman G. T. Steere .. 7 |
| Keith G. Game .. 4 | †Andrew J. C. Brown .. Tenor |

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Keith G. Game.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method "inside". First in the method as conductor.

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

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas of Myra.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

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| George Francis .. Treble | *Roger Osbon .. 6 |
| Reginald V. Johnson .. 2 | David D. Smith .. 7 |
| R. Jean Osbon .. 3 | †Ian Wickens .. 8 |
| John A. Howard .. 4 | John W. Smith .. 9 |
| Herbert Audsley .. 5 | James T. Stevens .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by John W. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Caters.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. F. Cullum for a speedy return to peal ringing

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

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OKEFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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| James M. Hills .. Treble | Ian Wickens .. 5 |
| Derek E. Sibson .. 2 | Stanley G. Ponting .. 6 |
| Edgar R. Rapley .. 3 | Tom Page .. 7 |
| David D. Smith .. 4 | George Francis .. Tenor |

Composed by Stanley Jenner

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

OKEFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Method 21D C.C.C. Surprise Methods.

Composition: 5,184 Ealing, by Stanley Jenner, published in "The Ringing World" of December 25th, 1964.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. ERME, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Hermes.

On Tues., Dec. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 84 methods/variations in 42 extents: St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Newark Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire: 74 variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

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| Timothy J. Bell .. Treble | Anthony P. Smith .. 4 |
| *Robert Peel Pearce .. 2 | F. Malcolm Bowers .. 5 |
| Anthony J. Davidson .. 3 | †T. Roy Hart .. Tenor |

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* Most methods/variations "inside" † Most methods/variations to a peal.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINTERBOURNE WHITCHURCH, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of St. Simon, 11 of Grandsire and 15 of Spliced Reverse St Bartholomew and Plain Bob, and 15 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| Peter Furness .. Treble | Richard Jones .. 3 |
| Robert Crocker .. 2 | Christopher J. N. Dalton .. 4 |

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

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| Harold B. Scholfield .. Treble | Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5 |
| *Christopher Hims .. 2 | Ian Lloyd .. 6 |
| Arthur C. Berry .. 3 | Peter S. Robertson .. 7 |
| Walter H. Raxter .. 4 | Geoffrey R. Drew .. Tenor |

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major and Major "inside".

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| Harold B. Schofield .. Treble | *Gerald W. Edwards .. 5 |
| R. George Morris .. 2 | Roderick W. Pipe .. 6 |
| Arthur C. Berry .. 3 | Peter L. Wood .. 7 |
| S. Barry Schofield .. 4 | †Geoffrey R. Drew .. Tenor |

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of London Major

SUCKLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

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| Being seven different extents. | |
| James Ranford .. Treble | *Leslie F. Smith .. 4 |
| Leonard J. Walters .. 2 | E. Charles Biggs .. 5 |
| Jack Cale .. 3 | John Clements .. Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal

HANLEY SWAN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Gabriel.

On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| John Mead .. Treble | Bernard Spiers .. 4 |
| *Susan P. Price .. 2 | Jack Cale .. 5 |
| James Ranford .. 3 | †John Clements .. Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal. † 50th for the Association.

Western Branch quarterly peal.

EARLS CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

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| *Prudence M. Judd .. Treble | Geoffrey C. Bagley .. 4 |
| Bernard Spiers .. 2 | John Clements .. 5 |
| †Raymond C. Sayers .. 3 | R. George Morris .. Tenor |

Conducted by John Clements

* First peal. † First in the method

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Thurs. Dec. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

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| Rev. Albert Webb .. Treble | David G. Franklin .. 4 |
| Ian Lloyd .. 2 | Peter S. Robertson .. 5 |
| Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3 | Arthur C. Berry .. Tenor |

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry

Rung after meeting short for Major.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

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| Patricia Lockwood .. Treble | Rev. Nicholas Webb .. 6 |
| R. Ann Johnson .. 2 | Ian North .. 7 |
| *Elizabeth Johnson .. 3 | Robin Brown .. 8 |
| Alan Clifton .. 4 | David S. Lockwood .. 9 |
| David S. Johnson .. 5 | Trevor Tarbatt .. Tenor |

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal on ten bells.

KILDWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

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| A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble | †John J. Durham .. 5 |
| *Gillian R. Cleaver .. 2 | †John P. Ottaway .. 6 |
| †Christopher Forster .. 3 | †Robert A. Beresford .. 7 |
| †Robert H. Jordan .. 4 | C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor |

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise "inside". † First of Cambridge Major.

Rung by the St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXENHOPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

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| Robert A. Beresford .. Treble | Peter H. Carder 5 |
| Christopher Forster 2 | John J. Durham 6 |
| Robert H. Jordan 3 | John P. Ottaway 7 |
| David Featherstone 4 | C. Barrie Dove Tenor |

Composed by R J Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Mon., Dec. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. in B flat.

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| Robert H. Jordan .. Treble | David Featherstone 5 |
| Linda D. Shaw 2 | John P. Ottaway 6 |
| Robert A. Beresford .. 3 | Ronald R. Warford 7 |
| John J. Durham 4 | C. Barrie Dove Tenor |

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

(Beverley District Society.)

SUTTON-ON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, Beverley, London, Surfleet, Primrose, Norwich and Cambridge

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

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| Ron Ducker Treble | Maris C. Stephenson .. 4 |
| C. L. Digby Munday .. 2 | John N. D. Chaddock .. 5 |
| Linda S. Sherwood .. 3 | Ian G. Campbell Tenor |

Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.

First peal of Surprise on the bells
For the visit of the Archbishop of York at the ordination of Rev. M. Exley at this church

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

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 THANET SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

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| Ronald H. Dove .. Treble | Ronald R. Warford 5 |
| Iris M. E. Lemare 2 | Roger A. Smith 6 |
| Robert H. Jordan 3 | C. Barrie Dove 7 |
| David Featherstone .. 4 | Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor |

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alan McFall 1-2 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6 |
| Robert B. Smith 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7-8 |

J. David Atkinson 9-10

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

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| Alan A. Potts 1-2 | Gerald Moorhouse 5-6 |
| C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4 | *Neil D. Lomas 7-8 |

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.
* First peal on handbells.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINORBeing seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sun., Dec. 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being two extents of All Saints and six each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and two each of ten variations and two each of four spliced variations. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

25th peal of Doubles "in hand" by all the band.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REAL DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

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| Frances Fairbank 1-2 | Hugh N. Evans 5-6 |
| Valerie Willard 3-4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7-8 |

Composed by George Gross Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Believed to be the first peal of Real Double Bob Major on handbells. The composition was that used for the first peal of Real Double Bob at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, in 1769.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.

On Wed., Dec. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| Kenneth J. Darvill 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 5-6 |
| Julia A. Fellows 3-4 | Roger D. R. Brown 7-8 |

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods, in the following extents: (1) London and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Hereward, (3) College and Reverse, (4) Double and St. Clement's College, (5) Plain, (6) Single Court, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At Northampton Hall, Bunhill Row.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with six different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

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| Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 1-2 | Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3-4 |
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Peter G. Holden 5-6

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.

On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

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| *Susanne Sargeant 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4 |
| *Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5-6 | |

* First handbell peal of Treble Bob.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

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| Susanne Sargeant 1-2 | *Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4 |
| Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5-6 | |

* 350th peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLOOMSBURY, London, W.C.—At the Institute of Computer Science

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with four different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

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| Eric Nixon 1-2 | *John R. Southey 3-4 |
| Timothy G. Pett (cond.) .. 5-6 | |

* First peal on handbells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.

On Wed., Dec. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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| Fred Hodgson 1-2 | *Kenneth Lawson 5-6 |
| *Margaret Lawson 3-4 | *†Enid Lawson 7-8 |
| *Ann Lawson 9-10 | |

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Ann Lawson.
* First peal of Royal on handbells. † 50th peal. First of Royal as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to James W. Belshaw.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Margaret Lawson 1-2 | Enid Lawson 5-6 |
| Kenneth Lawson 3-4 | Ann Lawson 7-8 |

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ann Lawson.

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HINDE.—To Bob and Hilary, on January 3rd, 1969, at Dartford, a daughter, Joanna Frances, a sister for Patrick. 6509

DEATH

BRAGG.—Suddenly on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1969, Nancie Elizabeth Bragg, eldest child of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, aged 30 years. 6511

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MULLER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. A. Muller have moved to 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berks. Telephone number: Bourne End 23306. 6504

WRIGHT.—The address of Angela M. Wright is now 43, Linzee Road, Hornsey, London, N.8. No telephone, but work number unchanged: Welwyn Garden 23400 ext. 3369. 6493

TELEPHONE NUMBER

THE RANDALL FAMILY, 32, Coventry Road, Warwick, are now on the telephone: Warwick 44282. 6473

PERSONAL

C.I.R. Darling, we can't go on meeting like this.—R. D. B.

Will the lady who ordered quarter peal cards for Pangbourne, Berks, kindly send her address to "The Ringing World" as the cards have been returned marked "Not known".

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

At Church House, Westminster
Please note ringing rearrangement
Hampstead (10), 10.30-11.30

Holloway (8), 11.45-12.45

Dalston (8), 12.45-1.45.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Please contact Miss P. Copas,
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(UX 37748), before February 5th. 6451

ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S CHURCH ROUGHTOWN, LANCASHIRE

Dedication Service
for the rehanging of the bells

Sunday, February 9th, at 6.30 p.m.
The Bishop of Hulme, Rt. Rev. K. V. Ramsey, will preach and administer Holy Communion.

Ringing 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 6488

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

February 22nd, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

The George, 213, Strand, London, W.C. (opposite the Law Courts)

Tickets (30/-) from Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6.

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The 81st

"HENRY JOHNSON DINNER"

will be held at the Civic Hall, Solihull, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

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Tickets at 35/- from, and peal applications to, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs. Recommended hotel: "George", High Street, Solihull.

The Guild's chief officers for 1969 are:
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Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs. 6424

LADIES' GUILD—Central District—Annual District meeting and ringing week-end. Isle of Wight, March 15th and 16th. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate in the above outing but preference will, of course, have to be given to Ladies' Guild (Central District) members. Any enquiries should be sent to me at 14, Ranmoor Gardens, Harrow, Middx. Definite names required by Feb. 15th at the latest.—Mrs. Joan Hooton, Dis. Sec 6433

LUTON, Beds.—The tower secretary is now Mrs. Mary Garrard, 40a, Bradgers Hill Road, Luton, Beds., to whom all future communications should be sent. 6476

ST. ALKELDA'S, Giggleswick-in-Craven, Yorkshire.—Please send all correspondence to Mr. W. S. Walker, Lower Wham, Giggleswick, Settle, Yorkshire. Visitors and visiting bands welcome 6503

SOUND COLOUR FILM of Washington Cathedral and its bells; 20 minutes: 16 m.m. Details from Norman Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, near York. 6489

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—17th Annual Dinner, Station Hotel, Chesterfield, Feb. 1st, 6.30 p.m. Chesterfield bells available 4.30-6 p.m. 6510

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY CENTENARY

A letter has been sent to all known members of the Society in an attempt to bring the Society's records up to date in preparation for the Centenary in 1971.

Will any member who has not received a letter, or who knows of any other member who has not received one, please write to J. E. Camp, 15, North Drive, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6485

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

Owing to the pressure of academic work the Master, Miss A. K. Sadowska, has deemed it necessary to hand in her resignation. At their recent meeting, on Thursday, January 16th, Mr. J. R. Leary was elected unopposed to the post. 6469

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD.—The second Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 15th. Towers available. Details will be published as soon as possible. 6484

MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

Monthly practice meeting to be held on Friday, Jan. 31st, at the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton (8). Ringing 7.30 to 9.30. All welcome.—R. Edwards, Sec. 6456

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Elstow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss M. Pettitt, 64, Gloucester Road, Bedford. 6465

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Wootton Waven, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by more ringing. Also Aston Cantlow (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea to me.—H. A. Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon (Snitterfield 296). 6430

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above at Cockermouth, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Gibson, Sec. 6486

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Littleport, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob. 6447

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Tilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—J. P. O. 6393

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Hinxworth (6), 5.30-6.15. Wallington (6), 6.30-8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6460

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford, WD1 4PF (Tel.: 27936).—L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6442

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Dore (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st, 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.15 to 9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please provide own sandwiches. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 6455

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Evening meeting, Beeston, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 6 p.m. 6463

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Youth Centre, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, PO3 6HN, please. 6423

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Feb. 3rd, at 7 p.m. 6501

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice, Belgrave, Tuesday, Feb. 4th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Aspirants to this type of ringing welcome. Plenty of experts to help.—Ron Hughes. 6350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, Standlake (6), 7.30 p.m.—E. R. Venn, Branch Sec. 6444

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Handsworth (8), Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Basic Surprise methods.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Waltham, on Thursday, Feb. 6th, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 6459

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Ardsley, on the second Saturday in February (8th). Cups of tea only. All welcome.—T. Tarbutt, Sec. 6519

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Timberscombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 7 p.m., and at Stogumber (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 6440

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—February meeting to be held at Meppershall (5) and Campton (5) on Saturday, 8th. Ringing from 3 to 4.45 p.m. at Meppershall, then tea at Shefford Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing at Campton after the business meeting. 6518

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A.G.M., Cottingham (8), Feb. 8th. Bells 3.30-5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Service 7.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Booth, 15, Hallgate, Cottingham, by previous Thursday. Don't forget open practice, Holy Trinity, Hull, Feb. 10th, 7.30-9 p.m. 6496

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. A. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield (tel. 51175).—D. A. D. for M. P. P., Sec. 6467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Consett, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett, Co. Durham. 6500

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Ticehurst (6), 2.30-4 p.m., and Wadhurst (8), 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Wadhurst 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 5, Pendril Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, by Feb. 7th, please. 6466

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Melbourn and Meldreth, Feb. 8th. Melbourn (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Meldreth (8) for rest of evening.—Miss J. Sanderson, Dis. Sec. 6499

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Annual General Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C., 2.30-3.30. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 3.45-4.45. St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., 4-5. Service 5.15. Tea and business after at The George, 213, Strand, W.C. (opposite the church) 6. Names for tea, please, to Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 6438

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Blaisdon (6), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, GL19 3RE, by Feb. 3rd. 6495

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, at St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney (6), Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 4th. 6464

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Honiton, Saturday, Feb. 8th, at St. Michael's (6), 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service at St. Paul's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul's (8) available after tea.—R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel.: 2795. 6520

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster Branch.—Annual meeting, Leominster (10), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 6482

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 8th, Cheshunt (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newnham, 214, Church Gate Road, Cheshunt.—Peter Searles, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Flookburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 6462

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Higher Walton, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Mansley, 286, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, Preston, by Wednesday, 5th.—R. Barnes. 6461

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Todmorden, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Wednesday, 5th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs. 6480

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Feb. 8th. Bells: Rothley, 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Swithland and Cossington, 2.30 to 3.15; Thurstaston and Syston, 3 to 3.45; Wanlip, 3.15 to 4; Birstall, 3 to service at 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th. All nominations for Guild officers and alterations to rules by this meeting.—A. J. Poynor. 6480

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting at Aberavon (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glam. 6480

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, Feb. 8th, when a film of the rehanging of St. Mary's Church bells will be shown. Ringing 3.30 to 8 p.m., with tea interval 5 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6502

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 6479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Reading, Feb. 8th. Afternoon ringing at St. Giles' (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Laurence's (12). Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Lewis, 162, Caversham Road, Reading, by Feb. 3rd. 6514

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting, Braunston (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 5-8 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Your full support, please.—I. Webb. 6507

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Feb. 8th at St. Chad's (12), Shrewsbury, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Admiral Benbow 5.15 p.m. Ringing continues in the evening until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Markmoor, Shrewsbury, by Friday, Feb. 7th. 6481

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. "Dialogue on the bells" 6.30-7.30. Ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea to B. Buswell, 5, Meadow Drive, by Wednesday previous. 6506

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Benhall, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Archer, 56, Saxon Road, Saxmundham, Suffolk, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Guild executive committee meeting at Benhall Club, 7 p.m. Saxmundham bells (6) 6.30-8.45 p.m.—T. N. J. B. 6513

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual Divisional meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30. Tea at Millhouse Restaurant at 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 6515

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M. at Romsey on Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30-4 p.m. Service in Romsey Abbey 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. J. Page, Fairacre, Woodley Lane, Romsey, Hants, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. 6458

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Thirsk (8), Feb. 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Elsdon Metcalfe, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by Thursday, Feb. 6th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6522

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Almondsbury (8), near Bristol. Monday, Feb. 10th, 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 6477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening practice meeting for beginners at Stretton on Tuesday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 7.30-9 p.m. 6484

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 6472

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Ledbury, on Feb. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6497

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Radlett (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names essential to R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett (Tel.: 6286).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Great Chart, Feb. 15th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. K. Hobden, Lodge Place Cottages, Spicers Hill, Great Chart, Ashford, by Thursday, Feb. 13th. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B. 6490

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llanelli, Feb. 15th. Bells (new 8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli. Gentlemen welcome. Gorseinon (8) during afternoon.—J. S. King. 6470

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. Silby, 53, High Street, Epworth (Tel. 238), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Cambridge Surprise Major and Bob Major. 6517

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Tamworth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6491

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 15th. Ringing, Sprotborough, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Sprotborough, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Doncaster after business till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Short, Cathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, by Feb. 13th. No names no tea.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 6512

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Cleckheaton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 6 to 9 p.m. Methods, rounds, plain hunting and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6428

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Brant Broughton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m.—G. R. P. 6527

LATE NOTICES

EDENBRIDGE. Kent, bells have now been dismantled prior to rehanging and silence will reign for approximately six weeks. A further announcement will be made when the bells are again available.—B. E. J. 6526

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Western Deaneries, Hethersett (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Loft, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th. 6525

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear of the sudden death on Wednesday week of Mr. R. G. Blackman, of the Chichester Cathedral band. He was a former treasurer of the Sussex County Association and a member of the Central Council.

Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, have had a second bereavement. Their daughter, Miss Nancie Bragg, collapsed while waiting in a car outside a chemist's shop and was dead when the car arrived at Aldershot Hospital.

Dr. D. E. Sibson is the new Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in succession to Mr. D. Beresford, who has held the office for nine years.

Mr. Basil Potts, one of Perth's most promising ringers, has completed his work in New Guinea and is settling in the Perth area for good.

QUARTER PEALS

WIGGENHALL ST. MARY MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob: N. Grey (first quarter) 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, P. Gagen 4, R. Newson 5, D. Gagen 6.

WILLINGHAM, Lincs.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith Arsand 1, J. F. Underwood 2, Janet Bull 3, S. A. Selby 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. A thanksgiving for the safe return of the first three men to orbit the moon.

WINTERSLOW, Wilts.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. M. Hartless (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan V. Banks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The cost of producing "The Ringing World" has been greatly increased by badly-written copy which seriously delays the work of the typesetters. Our printers have requested that all copy should be typed, and to this the Editor has agreed. This means that where correspondents are unable to help he will have to type the report (double spacing).

For peals, special forms are available on application, and we hope that eventually all peal copy will be on these forms, with names in block letters.

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WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Robinson 1, L. Toseland 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, W. Lewis 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Pl.): D. Esrott (first quarter) 1, E. H. Langley 2, T. R. Hart 3, Miss A. H. Ince 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, C. Wearne 6. For the 44th wedding anniversary of the Vicar and Mrs. Griffin.

WESTBURY, SALOP.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bessie A. Carter 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, P. J. Evan 3, F. G. Beddow 4, R. H. Newton 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Verity (first quarter) 1, D. Robinson (cond.) 2, J. P. Sale 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For St. James' Day. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Robinson 1, P. W. West 2, A. F. Leleux 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Margaret Edmonds 1, D. Robinson 2, J. P. Sale 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): F. Bull 1, F. Gibbard 2, P. Haslett 3, H. France 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, H. Wood 6, S. Marriott 7.

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