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The Priory Church of Holy Trinity, Christchurch, Hants

retains the dignity of its Norman builders and attracts thousands of visitors each year. Augmented to 12 in 1932, by the Barron Bell Trust, the bells, with a tenor of 27 cwt., are held in veneration by ringers. It owes its position as a change-ringing tower largely to the late George Preston, who for 70 years gave faithful service as a ringer here.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Priory Church of Holy Trinity, Christchurch

By C. H. STICKLAND, Head Verger

CHRIStCHURCH Priory Church stands at the head of the harbour, where the Rivers Avon and Stour meet. It contains work of every period from Norman and Tudor.

The church stands on the site of a Saxon monastery, probably founded about A.D. 650 by St. Birinus, "The Apostle of Wessex", who landed on the Hants coast in A.D. 634. Little is known of this tiny church, the only record of it being in the Domesday Book where it is called the Monastery of the Holy Trinity at Tionham (or Twynham, a/s "Betweox Thaem Eam"), meaning "between the waters", and it is referred to as a Minster with nine surrounding cells or chapels.

The present church was commenced by Ralph Flambard, later Bishop of Durham, who had the religious zeal of the Normans and an urge to build churches "more worthy of the Saints"—both Durham Cathedral and Christchurch Priory are known as Flambard's Churches.

By tradition the new church was to have been built on St. Catherine's Hill, a mile up the valley, but every night the materials were, by mysterious means, transported back down the hill to the old sacred site. This the builders took to be Divine guidance. Work proceeded and soon an extra workman joined them, labouring daily without meals or pay. One evening a roof timber was found to be a foot short; it was left overnight and in the morning it was found to be long enough and in its place, the extra workman not being seen again.

Having recovered from their astonishment, the labourers said that the extra worker must have been "The Carpenter of Nazareth", hence the name "Christ's Church, Twynham". The old name was eventually dropped; the legend had changed the name of the town.

Henry I next granted the patronage of the Priory to Richard de Redvers, Earl of Devon, and by the middle of the 12th century it was a cruciform structure with nave, transepts and quire.

In 1150, under the influence of Henry de Blois, Bishop of Winchester, it became a house of Canons Regular of the Order of St. Augustine of Hippo. He began to erect the conventual buildings—a complete monastery with everything needed for a self-supporting community leading a secluded life.

The Augustinian or Black Canons were small in numbers in their priories but they had many houses in this country, second only to the Benedictines. Their dress was "a white coat and a linen surplis under a Black Cloak, with a hood covering their head and neck which reacheth unto the shoulders . . . doublet, breeches, white stockings and shoes . . . and when they walk out, a black cornered cap . . . their crowns being shaven".

The glory of the church is the reredos, c. 1320, depicting Isaiah's prophecy "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse . . .". In mediæval days the now empty niches held figures. By tradition these were hidden by the last Prior in order to preserve them, together with much plate and other valuables, which has given rise to the story of the lost treasure of the

Priory—always regarded as rich. The tower was the last part of the church to be built; from the top can be obtained lovely views over Hengistbury Head, the Isle of Wight, away to the low hills of the New Forest area and over Bournemouth.

BELLS "A MIXED LOT"

The tower contains a ring of 12 bells and they are known among campanologists as a "mixed lot". They date from the end of the 14th century to the present day and are capable of producing excellent bell music. Two bells were cast in 1370 and are two of the oldest in England still in use.

At the time of the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 there were seven bells. Henry VIII issued letters patent in 1540 giving the church to the people of Christchurch Twynham, provided that it should be used as a parish church. This document refers to " . . . 7 bells in the belfry aforesaid now hanging". The fate of the other five is a mystery.

There is evidence of a central tower over the crossing; this collapsed after the erection of a spire on it. There is a room over the porch which also bears evidence of once being a belfry and this may have been the home of the bells between the fall of the central tower and the building of the present one.

The first reference to eight bells is in a vestry minute book of 1640 which says that "the 4th and 8th bells shall be rung all the year long". There is also an item referring to "casting of bells".

By 1776 the ring of eight bells consisted of No. 4 (1663, cast by William Purdue), five others by Rudhall Bros., of Gloucester, and the two 14th century bells mentioned before, which were cast by Thomas Rufford, believed to have had a foundry at Toddington, Beds, and who was known as the Royal Bellfounder, with permission to use a model of the head of Edward III on his casting. The head can be clearly seen in the crown band of each bell.

When the floor of the ringing chamber was replaced in 1965 rope holes were discovered in the lowest of the four floors removed, indicating that the bells had been rung from a lower level than the present ringing room.

FIRST PEAL

In 1885 much work was carried out by John Taylor, of Loughborough, including recasting No. 3 and rehanging the whole octave, and shortly afterwards the first peal of 5,000 changes was rung.

In 1904 two treble bells were added, through the generosity of Francis Chicheley Stevens, who also fitted the Westminster chimes and hour striking apparatus to the clock.

In 1931 it was found necessary to replace the 1663 No. 6 bell; this is still preserved in the bell chamber, badly cracked and showing signs of many attempts to weld it.

Then in 1932, through the generosity of the Emma Barron Bell Trust, the bells and frame were completely overhauled and the ring augmented to 12 bells, making Christchurch Priory one of the few parish churches to possess a full ring of 12 bells.

The rapidly-growing town of Christchurch lies to the north of the church, and

it is rather wonderful to think that two of the bells which called the people of the village to church 600 years ago still ring out their message in 1969.

The inscriptions of the 14th century bells reveal the ancient belief that the bells had power to repel pestilence and the "Evil One". Here are translations furnished by the Rev. Dr. Towers, at present hon. assistant priest at the Priory:

No. 9. — May it be a good omen to us since your name is 'All Saints'; May the power of the bell make us live in good health."

No. 10. — "Even now, O Augustine, be present before the 'Great Preacher' [the bell] resounds, so that the Lamb may banish loathsome and most evil pests."

Some of the Ringers (by A. V. D.)

The first peal on the bells was rung in April, 1888, being Holt's Original Grandshire Triples, called by George Williams; but it is another George—George Preston—who is so closely connected with Christchurch Priory ringing. It can be said, with truth, that he introduced change-ringing into this corner of Hampshire, travelling many laborious miles to the district towers to give instruction, week in, week out, for many of the 70 years he was a ringer at the Priory. He taught his pupils Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and later had the satisfaction of knowing that change-ringing was taking place regularly at the neighbouring towers, with many of his former pupils in charge. There was E. C. Elliot (Lymington), W. E. Cheater (Ringwood), W. Tucker (Brockenhurst), E. Waters (Bournemouth) and J. G. Bennett, also of Bournemouth. The last-named, "Jimmy Bennett of the deep bass voice", sang in St. Peter's, Bournemouth, choir for over 50 years. It was said that he could reach a bottom B, but some of his colleagues alleged he used to scrape the floorboards of the choir stall with his boot to "give it more resonance". Anyway, one can recall today how his big voice rumbled round the ringing room on practice nights.

Another character in George Preston's band in the early 1900s was tenor man Percy Osman—a man of great size, weighing nearly 18 stones, who used to declare that when George "hollered it frightened him". Percy was succeeded by Harry Gildard, who was scarcely above half his weight. Today the band misses Harry's immaculate beat when covering, which they enjoyed until a few years ago.

The present Priory captain, Gerald Scragg, and his immediate predecessor, Len Stone, were also George Preston's pupils. George may have had his critics—a leader of his calibre is almost bound to have them—but it should be remembered that in the early stages of his teaching George would be "ringing the lot". He was a happy man when the augmentation to 12 bells took place in 1932 and had the satisfaction of calling the first peals of Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus on them with his own Sunday service band.

The good work continues; the bells continue to be rung Sunday by Sunday by a loyal band, the youngest of which is a young lady just entering her teens.

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

Essex Association Halt Membership Decline

The Essex Association, which passed through an uneasy period in 1968, is now on the road to recovery with an increase in membership, a stronger financial position and the division of the South-Western District by the formation of an additional District.

The 90th annual meeting of the Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford. A service in the Cathedral preceded the meeting which was held in the Chapter House.

The same team of officers was elected, viz.: Master, F. B. Lufkin, deputy Master, Miss H. G. Snowden; hon. general secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; hon. general treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross, G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P. J. Crane, D. A. S. Symonds.

The Master (Mr. F. B. Lufkin) in his report stated that one of the most important things that happened in 1968 was the decision to split the South-Western District into two Districts—a South-Western District and a Southern District. Those responsible did a fine job in having the matter well ventilated. They wished every success and happiness to the new officers.

"With the passing of the old South-Western District I recall men of that District that I knew but who have now passed on, men who made a very rich contribution to the work of the Association—Bill Judd, George Joyce, Alf Prior and Ernie Butler. Those still with us are John Crampion, Charles Willmington, Bob Heazel and Frank Gant. The new officers have a good precedent to follow."

In a tribute to the Southend and District Guild, which has been operating since 1950, the Master wrote: "They had over the years done a good job, but when hearing that the two new Districts were being formed they quite freely decided to end their activities and to put all their weight and experience behind the new Southern District. I consider this action is very commendable."

"ALL NOT WELL"

"Another important thing which has happened in 1968 is an awareness by the committee that all is not well, and that more effort is required by all to maintain the objects of the Association. It is a fact that there has been a decrease of membership from the maximum of 1,006 in 1961 down to 837 in 1957. The number of towers affiliated happily remains high at 119. I am anxious about the number of remote towers where the enthusiast passes on and is not replaced by a person of the same calibre. I feel that we require more people who are committed to the cause of the Church and to the maintenance of our art, which we prize so much and which gives us so much happiness."

MEMBERSHIP RISE

The secretary (Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh) in the membership report for 1968 gave a more encouraging figure. The table of paid-up members for 1968 showed: Ringing 924 (837 previous year), honorary 138 (147).

The treasurer (Mr. Peter J. Eves) reported that the effect of the increased subscription rates and peal fees became apparent, and an increase in income of approximately £56 from subscriptions and £21 from peal fees had resulted in the balance of the General Account rising to £57 0s. 6d.

The Bell Restoration Fund was again well supported. Grants totalled £50 and the final balance was increased to £376 7s. 7d. The total assets of the Association now stood at £433 8s. 1d.

PEAL REPORT

Mr. Peter G. Brown, the peal secretary, reports: A number of interesting observations can be made about the 111 peals rung

during 1968. Although a total of 235 ringers took part only 32 members rang more than five peals, a fact which indicates that the bulk of the Association's peals are rung by only a small proportion of the membership. Twenty-three members rang their first peal, and although slightly down on last year the number is still very encouraging.

A sure indication of the progress being made on the higher number of bells is that 16 peals have been rung on 10 and 12 bells—a number which has probably never been achieved before.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin is congratulated on steering seven ringers through their first peal of Maximus in a peal of Plain Bob at Saffron Walden. Also congratulated are Jonathan S. N. Porter, on conducting R. G. Crosland's unusual peal of 4-Spliced Surprise at Great Dunmow, in which calls are made at every position, and Joe E. G. Roast, who conducted two of A. J. Pitman's "all the work" compositions.

A long length of 6,000 Plain Bob Major was rung at Ardleigh, and for the second consecutive year the ladies of Mid-Essex rang another peal—Minor in three methods.

A total of 286 quarter peals has been recorded, rung mainly by regular Sunday service bands. Langdon Hills rang 29, with Rayleigh following closely behind with 26.

Leading peal conductors were F. B. Lufkin 22, G. E. Thoday 16, J. E. G. Roast 12; leading peal ringers for the Association: J. L. Towler 51, Miss J. A. Quilter 37, Miss Y. A. Murray 34, P. G. Brown 33, K. W. Brown 32, G. E. Thoday 29, F. B. Lufkin 25.

The following are congratulated on personal achievements during the year: F. B. Lufkin, 750th peal; G. E. Thoday, 550th peal and 100th for the Association; J. L. Towler, 300th peal and 200th for the Association; Susan Rothera, 250th peal; P. G. Brown, 150th peal; P. G. Pitt and J. S. N. Porter, 100th peal; J. E. G. Roast, 300th peal as conductor.

Making things hum in the Leicester Guild

In her presidential message in the annual report of the Leicester Diocesan Guild Mrs. Jill Staniforth has something very topical to say:—

"As we sound our bells out over the city, towns and villages, we are left with the 'hum' in our ears. I would commend to you three more 'Hums'—

HUManity
HUMility
HUMour.

"If we bear these three thoughts in our minds, and attempt to carry them out in our lives, I am sure we cannot fail to make an improvement in our work for the Church and the Guild, however large or small our contribution may be."

MEMBERSHIP

The general report gave the membership at December 31st, 1968, as 608 (last year 590). During the year there had been 99 new or rejoined members and 46 non-resident life members elected. It was very pleasing to note that 18 new members were elected from Quorn and ten from Syston.

Under the new Bell Repair Fund rule £125 was available for grants: £80 to Stoney Stanton, £30 to Newtown Linford and £15 to Avlestone.

Mr. John Bramley had been appointed caretaker-librarian and the St. Margaret's, Leicester, ringers raised funds to have a bookcase made in which the "Bell News" and the "Ringing Worlds" were to be kept. About 40 volumes had now been bound.

The annual dinner held at the Stanford Hall, Leicester University, was one of the

best, and with slight alterations should make 1969's exceptionally good. During the year Messrs. C. Lowe (Queniborough), H. L. Wykes (Thornby) and J. H. Cook (Asfordby) were transferred to the list of hon. life members in recognition of their services to the art of ringing in the diocese.

SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION

The balance sheet at December 31st, 1968, showed a balance on the General Fund of £246 15s. 11d., the surplus for the year being £103 7s. 2d. The Bell Repair Fund had a surplus of £622 16s. 8d., an increase of £9 12s. 9d. In the Life Ringing Membership Fund there was a balance of £58 7s. 9d. and in the "Bell News" Binding Account a balance of £8 0s. 6d.

Peals rung during 1968 totalled 186 (tower 155, handbells 31). Individual performances were: First peals, 17; different conductors, resident 22, non-resident 14; residents who rang peals, 141; non-residents ditto, 114.

Personal milestones were: 25th peal—John Hunt; 50th peal—Monica M. Jelley, Christopher M. Sturgess, Robin A. Gilliver; 75th peal—K. Paul Gilliver, John Watkins; 100th peal—Martin Green, K. Paul Gilliver; 125th peal—Martin Green; 375th peal—R. Kingsley Mason; 400th peal

—Herrick B. Bowley; 500th peal—B. Stedman Payne; 700th peal—John M. Jelley; 100th peal for the Guild—Maurice R. A. Kirk; 200th peal for the Guild—Roland Beniston; 300th peal for the Guild—G. Ronald Edwards; 700th peal for the Guild—Peter J. Staniforth, Alfred Ballard; 100th peal of Surprise on handbells—Alfred Ballard; 100th peal of Surprise—B. Stedman Payne.

Leading peal ringers of 1968: R. Kingsley Mason 43 (cond. 30), Martin Green 41, K. Paul Gilliver 41, Robin A. Gilliver 38, Donald F. Moore 38, Alfred Ballard 37, John M. Jelley 35 (13), W. Ernest Rawson 31, Roland H. Cook 28, P. J. Staniforth 28 (16).

The peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook) in his report mentions that the total was boosted by the peal tour of Leicestershire by Mr. Tom Lock and his band, who together rang 16 peals for the Guild. During this tour Mr. George Fearn rang his 2,250th peal and the 4,000th peal was rung for the Guild—Rutland S. Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Of the methods rung to peals Yorkshire Surprise Major was the most popular, with 12 peals on tower bells and two on handbells. London Surprise Major was next with nine, all on tower bells. Cambridge Surprise Major was way down on the list with only one peal on tower bells and three on handbells.

This report covers two years, 1967 and 1968. It has a very valuable list of compositions, occupying 15 pages.

POINTS ABOUT INSTRUCTING — By MICHAEL V. WHITE

I HAVE read "A Tutor's Handbook—Part I—Bell Control to Plain Hunting" and I feel I must write to commend it to all towers as an excellent publication. I have long been interested in teaching learners—and have the following observations to make on some of the ideas in the handbook, for I do not altogether agree with every single point. But then, the authors state there are other ways of teaching, and so readers may like to know of some other possible hints.

I strongly commend the introduction of the handbook, and how true to say that there should be a regular intake of learners who should be trained for Sunday Service ringing. I am sure that the best learners are boys and girls in their early teens, most of my learners over the past seven years being in this age group. They are then "caught" before homework and examinations occupy them, and although there will be a break for these later on, they will most likely return to ringing if the "bug has bitten them" in time. Tower captains must realise that school homework and examinations are far more important than ringing practices and they should be sympathetic in this respect.

From my experience, it is little use only having one young learner because companionship and competition are important. I know of several cases where there has been only one teenager in a band and he or she has left in due course. It is a pity the authors were not more realistic when they say that ideally the first practices should be for 20 to 30 minutes every day for the first 6 days, or even three times in the first week. How many tutors and/or pupils can afford this sort of time and frequency?

I have always adopted slightly different approaches to teaching boys and girls to

handle a bell. I am sure it is a good thing for a boy to get a bell up once **and once only**—before he is taught the hand and backstrokes separately. I always look after the sally in this operation and therefore the handstroke, and set the bell at handstroke as soon as the bell is up. This does enable the boy to feel the weight and swing of the bell. Before he commences to do this I make sure that the rope is the correct length (an essential point in all teaching). I do not use this approach with girls, for not having such strong arm muscles they tend to use their stomach muscles which should never be allowed for obvious reasons.

I would most certainly agree that it is essential for the pupil to see a belfry, have the mechanism of the bells explained, and to see a bell raised and set at both handstroke and backstroke. Likewise, it is essential to have a correct demonstration in the ringing chamber of the different strokes, the correct stance, etc., etc. I was a little amused about the full-length mirror. Many people do not possess one of these in their homes, and how long would it stay in one piece? I have never seen such a mirror in any ringing chamber. (Of course, it is not a bad idea, but in some ways a little impracticable from space, cost, maintenance, etc.)

I do not agree with the five stages outlined in the handbook. I always teach my learners as follows: (1) Backstroke alone—holding the tail end. (2) Pulling off at handstroke. (3) Catching the sally and therefore the complete handstroke with a dummy tail end in the left hand. (4) Combination of the hand and backstrokes—i.e., everything.

I have found that a very common fault after 4 is that after the backstroke pull

the tail is not tight between the index finger and thumb of the left hand, and therefore all the left hand fingers are not round the sally at handstroke. One way to overcome this is to instruct the pupil to push the rope into the correct holding position in the left hand with the right hand as the hands come down from backstroke—i.e., push both hands towards the vertical rope as the hands are pulling the rope downwards. This will then place the tail end in its correct holding position in the left hand, thus leaving all the left hand fingers free to catch the sally correctly at handstroke.

I always teach my pupils to raise a bell and then to lower it before they attempt open-bell ringing. I find this useful, for they then know what to do if the bell starts to come down when they are ringing it and attempting to hold it on the balance at each stroke.

Also, before open ringing is commenced, I always make sure the pupil can competently follow me both at a steady rate and with some quick and slow ringing as if I am hunting up and down to a plain method. I then insist they practise tied-bell dodging—both up and down dodges. All this adds confidence and better bell control. Then, when open ringing is commenced the pupil finds it relatively easy. This is followed by open-ringing rounds, leading, call changes, dodging, plain hunting on 3, 4 and then 5 bells. All this latter work would probably take more than six months—depending on the number of learners, the proficiency of the rest of the band, etc.

To conclude, I must say once again that I thoroughly enjoyed reading the handbook and do commend it to every Tower Captain as a MUST. I look forward to the publication of Part II.

The Birmingham University Tour

THE area chosen for this year's tour was Norfolk, and so on the Tuesday following Easter we could be found converging on Norwich, which was to be our headquarters until the end of the week. Having experienced such a wonderful Easter weekend, we were hoping that the weather would continue to treat us favourably, but unfortunately it was to fall short of our expectations before the end of the week.

Wednesday's ringing started at Hethersett, where we successfully rang Cambridge before going on to Wymondham, where we rang Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters and were allowed to look at the bells. The last tower before lunch was Yaxham. In view of the continued good weather lunch took the form of a picnic. Ringing continued on the fine eight at Dereham, the best ringing here being Stedman, before moving on to Honingham. On returning to Norwich we rang at St. Peter Mancroft, but the last-minute reduction in numbers of our party did not improve our chances of doing justice to these fine bells, and we thank the local ringers who rang with us and strengthened our band.

Thursday morning saw the start of the deterioration in the weather as we set off for Long Stretton. Pulham Market was the next call, where we managed to ring Superlative. Unfortunately the striking

could not be described similarly! At Pulham St. Mary we found seven ropes and an eight-bell tower! Investigation revealed one rope and two stays missing, and as time was rapidly overtaking us by now we rang some Cambridge on the remaining six—fortunately a reasonably musical six. Then on to Redenhall, where we found the heavier bells extremely finely set, and we apologise to the inhabitants for several unintentional solos! On the delightful little six at Scole we achieved some of our best six-bell ringing of the tour. The day's programme was concluded at Diss, where the ringing suffered from the sudden change in weight, and finally at Dickleburgh.

Friday morning started with a wet walk to St. Michael's, Norwich, where we rang Cambridge before going on to Horsham St. Faith and Marsham. Whilst most methods were successful at Marsham, Pudsey was most elusive. At Aylsham we rang our only course of Erin Caters of the tour. The afternoon's programme ended with three six-bell towers, which allowed us to practise our Surprise Minor and Doubles methods. The day's ringing was concluded at Coltishall, except for some of us who made the journey to the Surprise Major practice at Dereham.

Saturday found us rather depleted in numbers, but we managed to ring London at Norton Subcourse before venturing into

Suffolk. At Beccles the wind was so strong that we were almost blown up to the ringing chamber. The last tower before lunch was Pakefield, where we got our only glimpse of the sea. The afternoon's programme consisted of Somerleyton, Gorleston and Great Yarmouth, and we were sorry that we were not strong enough in numbers to hear the lovely bells at Great Yarmouth at their best.

For those who so desired, service ringing was at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Giles on Sunday morning, and this brought our tour to an end. Our thanks go to all ringers who helped us with our arrangements and made us so welcome, but most of all to our secretary, Stephen Gullick, for his excellent arrangements.—J. R. W.

ULSTER RINGER HONOURED

Mr. John M. Benn, M.A., of St. Mark's, Belfast, was awarded the C.B.E. in H.M. Birthday Honours List. Irish ringers are proud of the fact that one of their number should be included in the Honours List. Mr. Benn is the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland, and was mainly responsible for seeing that a ring of ten bells was installed in St. Mark's, Belfast, in 1954. Mr. Benn finds time in his busy life to "take a rope" in St. Mark's.

COUNSEL AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

By W. T. COOK, librarian to the College Youths

BY one of those odd coincidences which happily occur from time to time, I lighted by chance the other week on a newspaper cutting which sets the "Counsel and College Youth" controversy beyond all reasonable doubt (to use a legalistic phrase).

It appears that it is quite correct that, as Mr. Barnett said in his letter on page 222, the College Youth in question was George Stockham. I must apologise, however, to those who have been searching in vain through the reports of Stainbank v. Beckett (1881) for the original of the anecdote. I freely confess to "artistic licence"; when I wrote my article on Ringing for Lord Mayor's Day, I quoted the anecdote from a several-years-old memory of a talk told to me by an old College Youth, and decided that Stainbank v. Beckett was as good a case to foster it on as any other!

The newspaper cutting to which I have referred is preserved in an extremely interesting MS notebook compiled by the late James Robert Haworth, which has on its title-page the words, "Change Ringing on Church Bells in Various Methods, By James Robert Haworth, London, 1850." (I hope to write a fuller account of this book in the near future.)

The cutting is from a newspaper (possibly "The Times") of February 4th, 1862, and gives an account of the action heard in the Court of Exchequer (After Term Nisi Prius Sittings, at Westminster, before Mr. Baron Martin and Common Juries), between George Stockham and John Friend.

Both these gentlemen were members of the College Youths. George Stockham, who was a handbell founder and occupied premises in Old Boswell Court, joined the Society in 1838. His first peal with the Society was one of Grandsire Caters, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 26th, 1838, and during the next ten years he took part in nearly every peal rung by the Society, many of which he conducted. After that his peal-ringing with the Society was less frequent. His last College Youths' peal was the famous 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861, in which he rang the sixth. James Dwight wrote of him that he was

"... A man of wide renown

For the many peals he'd rung

Both in country and in town.

He was always willing to call peals

For any young rising band,

And for many years was steeple-keeper

At St. Clement's in the Strand."

Besides his connection with St. Clement's, he was also a member of the Westminster Abbey band.

John Friend, of Hythe, Kent, joined the College Youths in 1844. In the following year the College Youths rang a peal of Kent Major at Hythe, which Friend conducted from the tenor. He only rang two other peals with the Society, in one of which George Stockham took part; but he rang in many peals in and around Hythe with local ringers, including one of 13,440 Bob Major. At the time of the action he was High Constable of Hythe.

The newspaper report tells us that the case of Stockham v. Friend was "an action to recover the value of two church bells" to which Mr. Friend entered a plea of "never indebted."

The report goes on to tell that at Hythe there was a ring of eight bells, "one of them being a recusant, ill-conditioned tenor." John Friend was anxious to have it recast, and the ring augmented to ten. He tried to raise money for this work to be carried out, but only collected enough subscriptions to pay for the two new trebles. He negotiated for these through George Stockham and, after some correspondence, Stockham agreed to supply the bells for £95. In his last letter, Friend said that he looked forward with pleasure to the opening of the ten "with the plaintiff and the other collegians."

Stockham made arrangements with Messrs. Mears for the new bells, and Mears sent Mr. Oliver down to Hythe with several tuning-forks, to take the note of the existing treble. The new trebles were cast to harmonise with this note (surely a somewhat haphazard way of proceeding!), and were hung, and Saturday, July 6th (presumably 1861), was appointed for the opening day.

The entertainments on the opening day included "a dinner at the Town Hall, presided over by the minister, and supported by the churchwardens. A programme of the proceedings was drawn up and published, in which it was stated that a select band from the Old College Youths would attend, and give 'a touch of Grandsire Royals, a touch of Stedman Caters, and a touch of Kent Triple Bob Royals'—(laughter)—with a final touch by the select band of College Youths. (Laughter.)"

Before the dinner "there was ringing from twelve o'clock till six, and it appeared that the presence at Hythe of the College Youths gave great offence to the old bell-ringers of the place, who had been bell-tollers from their youth upwards." Unfortunately, however, opinions were very divided about the new bells. At the dinner the clergyman, the churchwarden and Mr. Friend "eulogised the bells, and the churchwarden offered to head a subscription with 10s. to recast the recusant tenor." The clergyman, however, seems to have changed his mind quite suddenly, for later on in the report we read that Mr. Hawkins (counsel for the defence) "said he should be glad to have the matter settled, for the sake of the people of Hythe. Half the inhabitants had been driven mad by the discord of these bells—(laughter)—and there was such a commotion in consequence on the opening day that the clergyman could not go on with his dinner. (Renewed laughter.)"

"Mr. Baron Martin: What! Did it turn the stomach of the clergy?"

"Mr. Hawkins: It did. There is no mistake about it. He gave orders—'Silence those dreadful bells.'—(Laughter.)"

When Stockham was being cross-examined, however, he said, "The clergyman left the table suddenly, but it was not because he was disgusted with the Kent Triple Bob Royals that were being played upon the bells. (Laughter.) It was being played at the time upon some musical hand-bells."

It was earlier on, when George Stockham was being examined by his own counsel as to the main facts of the case, that the famous exchange took place.

"The plaintiff . . . said that the 'Old College Youths' Society' was established 200 years ago.

"Mr. Baron Martin: Do you remember it?—Plaintiff: Yes, my lord, perfectly well. (Loud laughter.)"

Stockham maintained that the ringers of Hythe said this was an excellent splice, but on being cross-examined by Mr. Hawkins he said that "he heard late at night on July 6th that some persons were so disgusted with the bells that they could not attend the dinner. (Laughter.)"

Incidentally, just before that, Mr. Hawkins had asked Stockham, "Are you one of the men who ring every night 'Away with melancholy,' at St. Clement's Danes? (Laughter.)"

The object of George Stockham in bringing this action was, of course, to obtain payment for the bells, as Friend had refused to pay for them owing to all the complaints, "though they were in constant use up to within a few months." But although the case provided such rich entertainment for the legal gentry, it settled nothing, for eventually, "Mr. Baron Martin said that he thought this case ought to be arranged between the parties. He should think it was very easy to make the bells harmonise. . . ."

"Mr. Hawkins: I am told they never will harmonise.

"Plaintiff: Yes, they will, but the defendant won't have it done.

"Ultimately his lordship's suggestion was adopted, and the case was referred to Mr. Maunsell, a gentleman of the bar conversant with bells and bell-ringing."

The "Mr. Maunsell" referred to was also a College Youth. His name appears in the list of members as "William T. Maunsell Esqre, Barrister at Law—Thorpe Manor, Kettering, and Recorder of Stamford, Lincolnshire." I have not found his name in any of the Society's peals. It would be interesting if some reader could tell us what eventually happened to the bells at Hythe: I see that there are only eight bells there now. Was the "recusant tenor" recast?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Taylor Shield

On June 7th the Sixth Annual Striking Competition of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Andrew's Church, Sempringham. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mills of Shelford, and their marking for the five teams taking part was as follows: 1 St. Wulfram's, Grantham, "A" team, 49½ faults; 2 All Saints', Stamford, 52; 3 St. Wulfram's, Grantham, "B" team, 54; 4 St. Andrew's, Billingborough, 89½; 5 St. Denys', Silk Willoughby, 102.

The teams in first and second place will represent the Branch in the Guild competition to be held at Brunston on September 6th.

Members of the winning team were: H. L. Squires 1, Mrs. H. E. Ketteringham 2, P. A. Hill 3, V. P. Evans 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight (cond.) 6s.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, Valerie Parritt 2, B. Angell 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of the church.

Letters to the Editor

CHESTER GUILD'S HANDBELL POLICY

Dear Sir,—I do wish that Mr. Woolley and others would read letters more carefully before taking up pen and paper to reply to them. He seems to be surprised that John Mayne's letter upset people: Mr. Woolley appears to have become more upset at the replies which, in my opinion, were less offensive than the original! I was not surprised that John Mayne's letter provoked a reply from Leslie Coventry, as a number of people, including a number of non-handbell ringers, had suggested to me that it was particularly directed at two of our Chester Guild handbell bands. They thought that the letter was completely unnecessary and very offensive.

Several people who spoke to me about the matter before I decided to write to "The Ringing World" said that the implication of the letter was that John Mayne was saying: "We are good: we don't need to ring peals of Royal and Maximus with coursing pairs." To each of these people I said that I did not think that that had been the intention of the letter, but it had unfortunately been worded rather badly.

In my letter I tried to make the following points:—

(a) That John Mayne did not intend to upset handbell bands in the way he had obviously done.

(b) That compositions of Plain Bob and Treble Bob (Maximus in particular) are more musical with coursing pairs when ringing handbells. The effect of coursing pairs on tower bells is not so noticeable because of the differences in speed and acoustics. In addition, when one reaches the stage of ringing Surprise Maximus on handbells the coursing order is broken up by the place making and therefore there is no point in calling compositions with coursing pairs.

While it is very nice to ring peals in difficult methods, we in Cheshire are more interested at present in giving as many people as are interested an opportunity to ring handbell peals. Less than 12 years ago most of us had not rung a handbell peal and we were struggling with Plain Bob Minor: we could not raise a band for a peal of Plain Bob Major from the whole of the Guild. Our first aim is to hand on to the next generation of ringers in the Guild a better state of affairs than this. It is true that the compositions which we have generally used were designed for their simplicity, but we are all agreed that they are better to listen to as well. What we have found by experience (and we have considerably more than anybody else at this point in time) to be the best way of teaching a band to ring Maximus on handbells we would like to commend to those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves; hence the notes "Suitable for handbells".

Finally, I believe that John Mayne was trying to suggest that by commending these simple compositions to people as being "suitable for handbells" we were lowering the standard of handbell ringing. We have found the exact opposite of this state of

affairs to be true, mainly due to the fact that we have many more people interested. Some 30 people have rung peals of Maximus on handbells for the Chester Guild during the past five years, 25 ringing their first on 12 handbells. We now choose a method and composition to suit the varying abilities of different ringers taking part each week. We admire the performances of John Mayne's band and would like to emulate them when we have set our house in order.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—As a former ringer at St. Chad's I was interested in the article by Mr. Willcox in your issue of May 30th, but feel he is probably unaware of the opposition to peal ringing there in the 1920s, which had a bearing on the number of peals rung during that period. He mentions a peal of Stedman Cinques, with James George ringing the tenor. This was not the first attempt by this "tenor king" of former years to ring St. Chad's tenor. One attempt was foiled when objectors to the ringing smashed the tower door and invaded the ringing room.

However, a number of peals were rung by mixed bands and between 1922 and 1924 the local Sunday service band rang peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Grandsire Caters. The following, which I think is of interest, appeared in "The Ringing World" relating to the peal of Caters which was rung on December 6th, 1924.

"The peal rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday was the first local peal of Caters at this church for 116 years, the previous peal having been a 10,097 rung in 6 hours 50 minutes on 5th April 1808. It is a coincidence that in both these peals there took part a butcher, a saddler and a schoolmaster while a Lee also rang in each peal."

Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts.

SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The quarterly meeting and striking competition of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Enford on May 31st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. N. H. Lawrence, and a splendid tea arranged in the village hall by the local ringers was followed by the business meeting.

A return was made to the church for the draw, where five teams entered for the competition. The result was a win for the home tower Enford with 4½ points, followed by Fittleton 10½, Wilton 11, Sarum St. Thomas 19, and Broadchalke. We are most grateful to Messrs. N. Knee and E. Hitchins of the Devizes branch for their ready help and advice as judges.—G.A.T.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Eisel's letter requesting information about the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, and W. J. Sevier.

With regard to the Society, I will leave this to the historians, except to say that I am probably a surviving member, having about 1904 rung the treble in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Caters for the Society with a band which included the Rev. E. Banks James (then curate to his father, Canon James, Rector of St. Michael's), John Austin who was conducting, W. J. Sevier and Adolphus Roberts, of whom more later.

My first recollection of W. J. Sevier is when I was a small boy about 1891. He called one evening to see my father, having apparently left Gloucester to work for a few months in Woolwich Arsenal. He was an eccentric type of person, and afterwards whenever I saw him (I hadn't started to ring then) I used to think of him as "that funny man from Woolwich". I do not remember meeting him after he left Woolwich and returned to Gloucester until the peal attempt some 13 years later.

I had until quite recently four bound volumes of the "Bell News", 1889-1892, which were my father's. I have now passed them on to another ringer, but browsing through them over the years I saw that W. J. Sevier called a great many of the St. Michael's Juniors' early peals, which included the first peal of Major in Monmouthshire in 1892.

His eccentricity must have increased because about 50 or 60 years ago, from time to time, he would write to the "Bell News", calling himself "The Prophet Sevier", and Harvey Reeves, who would apparently print anything, used to publish his "prophecies".

Regarding the peal book Mr. Eisel has acquired, Adolphus Roberts left Gloucester for the Midlands many years ago, where he died a few years ago, and as Mr. Eisel lives at Dudley I wonder if it belonged to Mr. Roberts.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

P.S.—It was the St. Michael's Juniors who rang what for a long time was thought to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal until it was discovered a peal of it had been rung at Wakefield in 1822, conducted by (I think) Benjamin Thackrah.—E. B.

DATE TOUCH STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—On page 476 Mr. James Topp has published a date touch of Stedman Triples.

May I respectfully suggest that (for the benefit of young and less experienced conductors) he should have made it clear that the touch does not start in the normal Stedman Triples manner?—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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CENTRAL COUNCIL

Records Committee

APPENDIX E

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1968.

1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

(a) Surprise Major Methods

1E. Reigate	(k) 34.58.14-58-36-14-58-14-1.
2E. Ugley	(f) 38-14-12-16-34-1238-34-5.
3E. Horncastle	(c) 38-14-12-38-12-38-56-1.
4E. Honiton	(e) 38-14-12.58.16.34-14.58-14-1.
5E. Badsey	(b) 38-14-1258-1236-12-1238-16-7.
6E. Mortlake	(b) 38-14-1258-1236-12-1458-16-7.
7E. Burford	(b) 38-14-1258-1236-34-38-16-7.
8E. Rothwell	(b) 38-14-1258-16-12-38.14.36.12.7.
9E. Kinver	(b) 38-14-1258-16-14-1238-12-7.
10E. Vectis	(b) 38-14-1258-16-14-1238-56-7.
11E. Yass	(b) 38-14-1258-16-14-38-56.34.7.
12E. Ulceby	(b) 38-14-1258-16-14-38.12-12.7.
13E. Grandpont	(b) 38-14-1258-16-14-38.56-56.7.
14E. Welford	(b) 38-14-1258-16-34-3458-16-7.
15E. Morley	(b) 38-14-1258-16-34-58.14.36.14.7.
16E. Osmaston	(f) 38-14-1258-16-34-58.36.14.36.1.
17E. Zebedee	(b) 38-14-1258-36-12-38-16.34.7.
18E. Greasley	(b) 38-14-1258-36-14-14.38.56-7.
19E. Westhoughton	(f) 38-14-56-38-14-1238-56-3.
20E. Fourgates	(f) 38-14-56-38-14-38-56-3.
21E. Yorktown	(b) 38-14-58-16-14-1258.36.12-7.
22E. Rockingham	(b) 38-14-58-16-34-1458-36.14.7.
23E. Nettleden	(b) 38-14-58-36-14-1458-36-7.
24E. Plumstead	(b) 38-14-58-36.14-14.38.56-36.7.
25E. Colegate	(b) 38-14-58-36.14-14.58-36-7.
26E. Dougal	(b) 38-14-58.12.36-12-38-16-7.
27E. Barnes	(b) 38-14-58.12.36-34-1458-16-7.
28E. Holbeach	(b) 38-1456-56-16-12-58-16-5.
29E. Isis	(b) 38-1458-12-36-12-38-16-7.
30E. Hillmorton	(g) 56-14-56-38-14-38-14-3.
31E. Moulton	(d) 58-14-12-16-12-58.16-16.7.
32E. Ingleswood	(b) 58-14-56-36-34-1458-36-1.
33E. Belmont	(g) 58-14-58-16-34-58-34-1.
34E. Petworth	(mx) 58-14.58-58.1236-14-1458-14-3.
35E. Zanzibar	(d) 58-1456-56-36-12-1238-14-7.
36E. Basing	(b) 58-16-12-1238-14-58-14.36.7.
37E. Stour	(d) 58-16-12-1238-14-58.14-14.5.
38E. Quainton	(d) 58-16-12-16-34-1458-14-7.
39E. Southam	(f) 58-16-12-36-12-58-1236-3.
40E. Thamesmead	(b) 34-34.16-58-36.14-14.38-34-7.
41E. Wollaton	(mx) 36-34.16.58-12.38.14-12.58-14.56.1.
42E. Ulpha	(e) 38-58.16-56-36-14-58-16-3.
43E. Vanderplanck	(c) 38-58.16-56-36-14-58.14-14.7.

(b) Surprise Royal Methods

53E. Stapleton	(mx) 30-14-12-30-14-30-16-50-14-3.
44E. Harpole	(b) 30-14-50-1236-1470-58-16-70-18.56.9.
45E. Putney	(f) 30-14-50-16-1270-18-16-30.14.38-3.
46E. Wrington	(f) 30-14-50-16-1470-38-16-70.18.56.18.7.
47E. Chepstow	(f) 30-14-50-16-70-18-36-70-18-7.
48E. Evercreech	(f) 30-14-50-36-1470-38-16-30.14.38-3.
49E. Fishponds	(f) 30-14-50-36-70-18-16-30.14.38-3.
50E. Merrywood	(f) 30-16-50-18-14-50-16-50.78.16.78.5.
51E. Appleton	(e) 30-16-50-38-1270-18-16-50-18-3.
52E. Poole	(f) 50-14.50-12.30-14-50-14-50-12-5.
54E. Horfield	(f) 50-14.50-12.30-14-50-14-50-34-5.
55E. Faxton	(b) 50-16-12-30-14-30-14-70-18-9.
56E. Bishopsworth	(f) 50-16-50-36-1470-58-36-1450-38-3.
57E. Cork	(f) 30-30.14-12-30.14-14.50.14-36.70.18-78.9.
58E. Everdon	(mx) 56-50.14-50-36.14-70.58-16-70.16-56.1.

(c) Little Surprise Royal Method

59E. Littleport	(mx) 50-14.50-50.36.14-14.50-14-18.
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(d) Triple Hunt Surprise Royal Method

60E. Shorth Heath	(1236485079) 30-30.14-12-30.14-14.50.16-16.70.14-58.9.
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(e) Surprise Maximus Methods

61E. Quex	(b) 38-147T-1250-369T-147T-58-169T-70-18-9T-10-E.
62E. Kidderminster	(b) 38-147T-50-169T-7T-18-129T-30-14-5T-16-E.
63E. Conisbrough	(f) 3T-14-12-36-12-3T-16-3T-16-3T-16-3.

2. TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

(a) Surprise Major Methods

Badsey	24- 7-68	Badsey	5E.
Barnes	28- 9-68	Barnes	27E.
Basing	20- 4-68	Kingsclere	36E.
Belmont	1- 2-68	Harrow Weald	33E.
Benson	9- 7-68	Guiseley	63C.
Burford	3- 2-68	Burford	7E.
Colegate	27- 9-68	Gressenhall	25E.
Dougal	4- 5-68	Mickleton	26E.
Fourgates	26-12-68	Westhoughton	20E.
Grandpont	23-12-68	St. Ebbe's, Oxford	13E.
Greasley	20- 1-68	Greasley	18E.
Hillmorton	4-10-68	Daventry	30E.
Holbeach	2-11-68	Woolwich	28E.
Honiton	8- 2-68	Willesden	4E.
Horncastle	15-8-68	Willesden	3E.
Hungerford	28- 8-68	Llanfagan	64C.
Ingleswood	12-12-68	Willesden	32E.
Ipplepen	15- 8-68	Lower Beeding	37C.
Isis	23- 5-68	Islip	29E.
Kinver	28- 9-68	St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester	9E.
Morley	30- 5-68	West Hallam	15E.
Mortlake	16-11-68	Chiswick	6E.
Moulton	17- 8-68	Moulton	31E.
Nettleden	27- 9-68	Watford (on handbells)	23E.
Okeford	27-12-68	Slaughton	21D.
Osmaston	2- 3-68	Bottesford	16E.
Petworth	31- 8-68	Petworth	34E.
Plumstead		Rung in Spliced	24E.
Quainton	15- 6-68	Stewkley	38E.
Reigate	28-11-68	Willesden	1E.
Rockingham	7-12-68	Desborough	22E.
Rothwell	27- 4-68	Rothwell	8E.
Southam	14-10-68	Southam	39E.
Stour	24- 5-68	Netherton	37E.
Thamesmead		Rung in Spliced	40E.
Thanet	15-12-68	Helmshore	60.
Ugley	9- 3-68	Felstead	2E.
Ulceby	24-10-68	All Hallows', Tottenham	12E.
Ulpha	2- 3-68	Weedon Bec	42E.
Vanderplanck	3- 5-68	Daventry	43E.
Vectis	29- 6-68	Deddington	10E.
Welford	19-10-68	Welford	14E.
Westhoughton	22- 6-68	Westhoughton	19E.
Whalley	3- 4-68	Bushey	86C.
Wollaton	13- 2-68	Bushey	41E.
Yass	3-12-68	Overseale	11E.
Yorktown	23-11-68	Yorktown	21E.
Zanzibar	6-12-68	Islip	35E.
Zebedee	4- 4-68	Hinton-on-the-Green	17E.

(b) Surprise Royal Methods

Appleton		Rung in Spliced	51E.
Banbury	8- 9-68	Daventry	68E.
Bishopsworth		Rung in Spliced	56E.
Chepstow		Rung in Spliced	47E.
Cork	14- 3-68	Daventry	57E.
Evercreech		Rung in Spliced	48E.
Everdon	10-11-68	Daventry	58E.
Faxton	2-11-68	Swindon	55E.
Fishponds		Rung in Spliced	49E.
Harpole	8-12-68	Daventry	44E.
Horfield		Rung in Spliced	54E.
Littleport Little	19- 1-68	Daventry	59E.
Merrywood		Rung in Spliced	50E.
Poole		Rung in Spliced	52E.
Putney	2- 3-68	St. Nicolas', Guildford	45E.
Shorth Heath	12- 5-68	Daventry	60E.
Stapleton		Rung in Spliced	53E.
Wrington		Rung in Spliced	46E.

(c) Surprise Maximus Methods

Conisbrough		Rung in Spliced	63E.
Kidderminster		Rung in Spliced	62E.
Quex		Rung in Spliced	61E.

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HALF PEAL

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Whit Sunday, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles (on middle six): Miss J. Page 1, Miss G. Richardson 2, Miss S. Perry 3, Miss S. Dennis 4, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 5, Miss S. Cornock 6. First half peal by all For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, J. J. Hill 3, Rev. Kenneth C. Davis 4, D. L. Wilcox 5, M. S. Holbrook 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (nine m/v): J. J. Hill 1, D. Livingston (first "inside") 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, P. Corderoy 6. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, Mary Wells 3, J. J. Hill 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, M. S. Holbrook 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, G. T. Collins 3, C. J. Bell 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6. Rung for the Severn Vale British Legion's Commonwealth Day service.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Wolfe (first quarter) 1, Gillian Laver 2, Elizabeth Gibbs (25th quarter) 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, J. A. Laver 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. 50th together 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Anne Ringham (first away from cover) 1, Hilary Jacobs 2, Valerie Thompson (first "inside") 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, P. J. Devrell 5, K. Weeks 6. First in method by all except 4.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carole A. Fosbury (first quarter) 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, E. E. Dodds 4, F. A. Benn 5, G. W. Shanks 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, R. Jean Henderson 8. For evening service.

BEDFORD.—On June 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Piron (first on ten, aged 10) 1, Charlotte M. Harris 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, Avril Ivin 4, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5, M. J. Marriott 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, C. M. Orme 9, R. H. French 10.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss C. Hardy 3, Miss S. Bird 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For evening service of Confirmation by the Bishop of Bradwell.

BICKER, Lincs.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 2, M. J. Belcher (first Grandsire) 3, R. Reynolds 4, H. Bartsley 5, P. Reynolds 6, R. Stephenson 7, R. Howard 8. To celebrate W. B. Dawson's 23rd wedding anniversary.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Collinge 1, P. Kift 2, Julia Collinge (first as cond.) 3, B. Stocker 4, D. Stocker 5, R. Kift 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss J. E. Band (first quarter) 1, Miss R. P. Waits 2, H. F. Wood 3, T. D. Banner 4, R. A. Banner (cond.) 5, G. C. Rix 6. First in two methods 2 and 4.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first in method) 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes 4, D. Fox (first in method) 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hunt 1, K. Westwood 2, R. Prime 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. Rung at a meeting of the "Friends of St. Michael's".

BOURNMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mabel Mitchell 1, Susan A. Mayell 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, R. L. Boyce 6, D. G. Mayell 7, W. C. Shute 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell and Susan A. Mayell, of Somerton, Somerset.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, Miss A. Simkins 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, P. G. Brown 7, R. J. Lindell (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul E. Wells 1, E. J. Whiting 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, R. F. Baker (cond.) 4, H. S. Peacock 5, C. Higgins 6. Rung for the wedding of James Robert Maurice Dale and Susan Olive Ard.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,440 Doubles (12 meth/var.): G. K. Green 1, R. W. Morant 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. R. Morton (50th quarter, cond.) 4, G. A. Edwards 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On May 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Joyce Barton 1, Molly Barron 2, R. G. Pearce 3, D. Gay (first in the method) 4, B. Groves (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6, S. Barton 7, C. A. Barron 8.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On June 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betsy A. Mountford (first Minor) 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, B. Elliott 3, D. W. Mountford 4, J. Evans 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. A welcome to Evelyn Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Judd.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne P. Lloyd 1, C. R. Squires (first "inside") 2, Susan M. Merrett 3, M. J. D. Thompson (first "inside") 4, D. S. Anderson (first as cond.) 5, W. E. Hubbard 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and service of Harry Gravett, ringer at this church since 1904.

BURTON HANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherly 2, K. Tipper (first Stedman Doubles) 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, D. Fox 6. A birthday compliment to Andrew Tremer on his first birthday. 200th quarter for the St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Petersfield.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On May 25th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles (three methods): Miss M. Hill 1, C. Banks 2, K. Oliver 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Simesy (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, K. Oliver 2, A. Foster 3, C. Banks 4, F. Simesy (cond.) 5, G. Oliver 6. Wedding compliments to Mr. M. Glendinning and Miss C. Tinkler, married earlier at All Saints', Paston.

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Trevor 1, A. H. Beamish 2, J. Evans 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish (cond.) 4, J. Gibbons 5, J. Draycott 6, G. A. Bell 7, J. E. Lloyd 8. Rung prior to the service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the novelist: George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), who was born in the parish and worshipped at this church. The conductor is a vice-president of the George Eliot Fellowship.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Thexton 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Irene Shanks 3, N. Thomson 4, R. Cooles 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6, G. Shanks 7, P. Munday 8.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6. Rung half-muffled for the life and work of Donald Marlyn Stephens, former churchwarden and ringer. R.I.P.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, G. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong, and for the christening of Richard James Bolland, tenor ringer's nephew.

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LONG LENGTH

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. L. Exton 4, 2,160 Spliced T.B. Minor (81 methods): P. A. Slight D. A. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Helen Walker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Tubbs 2, M. J. Novell 3, R. Gee 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5, Carolyn Williams (first quarter) 6.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,296 Evening Star Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, S. B. Bell 5, J. Clements 6.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 3, P. Screen 4, R. Page 5, R. Screen 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss G. Richardson 3, Miss J. Pillinger 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, P. Screen 6. First Minor: 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Ascension Day.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Pillinger 2, Miss G. Richardson 3, J. E. Taylor 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, D. Tomlins 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong. Also on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Buckland 3, P. Screen 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) 5, J. H. Taylor 6. For the wedding of Miss P. Richardson and Mr. D. Ingram.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hope (first quarter) 1, G. P. Horton 2, A. Hessey (first "inside") 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman (first as cond.) 5, R. R. Horton 6. For the United Churches service.

HONILEY, WARKS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Sweeney 1, Sandra P. Nettleship (first quarter) 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. D. Baker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

KERESLEY, WARKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Bowcutt 1, H. Folwell 2, N. Stowe (cond.) 3, C. Stowe 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann V. Salvage 1, R. B. Dorrington (congl., first Royal) 2, Lesley A. Hawes (50th quarter) 3, Bryony P. H. Moorthy 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. D. Collin 6, J. J. Bailey 7, A. H. Long 8, B. J. P. Stone 9, R. A. Grant 10. For Trinity Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Skidmore 1, C. F. Jukes 2, C. Peakman 3, J. Dudley (first "inside") 4, S. Mallen 5, B. Lawton 6, R. A. Peakman (first as cond.) 7, N. Whitehouse 8. Rung for the institution of Rev. F. N. Lewis as Vicar.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: C. Meakes 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Confirmation by Bishop of Oxford.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: P. Ford 1, Christine Harbott 2, Pauline Smith 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, T. Skilton (first C.S.R.) 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, A. H. Smith 7, J. Robinson 8, A. J. Smith 9, D. W. James 10. First Surprise Royal by 1, 2, 3, 4. The conductor has now called a quarter peal from each of the ten bells. By the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild. Also on June 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. C. Davidge 1, Pauline Smith 2, Gillian Laver (first on ten) 3, Christine Harbott 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. B. Helder 6, T. Skilton (first on ten as cond.) 7, N. D. Robinson 8, A. P. Cannon 9, P. Ford 10. A compliment to David and Margaret James on the birth of a daughter.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. F. Allen 1, E. J. Whiting 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, R. Chapman 4, C. Higgins 5.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On June 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung (first Triples) 1, Helen Haines 2, R. Haines 3, I. Calvert (first Triples) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, M. J. Hiller (first Triples as cond.) 6, I. L. Andrews (first "inside" on eight) 7, A. D. Cae 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 3.

LOCKING, SOM.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, H. Button (first "inside") 5, G. Kingdon 6.

OBITUARY

MR. CLARENCE F. BRIGGS

Newark Parish Church suffered a great loss on June 11th by the sudden death of Clarence Frank Briggs at the age of 65. Clarence was present at the weekly practice and after a short touch of Stedman Caters sat down and, as is common among ringers when the ringing has been good, was discussing it with a fellow ringer. Suddenly, without warning and without sound or struggle, he slumped on to the floor unconscious. An ambulance crew were on the scene within seven or eight minutes, and despite attempts at resuscitation it was obvious that "Stand" had been called for Clarence.

His end was peaceful and gentle and without fuss. This was typical of him: a loyal companion and an excellent ringer, quiet and unassuming. We shall miss him very much and will find it difficult to fill his place.

He learned to ring at Staunton, in the Vale of Belvoir, graduated to Bottesford and joined the band at Newark Parish Church during the war after moving to Newark. He is believed to have rung 99 peals on all numbers up to ten, 85 of which were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Besides being a ringer Clarence served on the Parochial Church Council as a sidesman and was a regular communicant. A painter and decorator by trade, he was a conscientious workman and a perfectionist. During a severe wintry spell some years ago he and a friend redecorated the ringing chamber at Newark Parish Church and refused any payment, though he had been out of work for weeks.

His funeral service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. J. Kingsnorth, and was followed by cremation at Grantham. The Vicar spoke of Clarence's life and work and ended by saying that he was a truly good man.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung half-muffled on the Parish Church bells by Margaret E. Snyder, Messrs. A. E. Chilton, Paul Raithby, F. G. Hooper (cond.), F. W. Midwinter, H. Stevenson, J. W. Raithby and D. Simpson.

Clarence is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter, to whom much sympathy is extended. In the words of the Vicar, Clarence was a good man, his end was peaceful and we who are left are enriched by having been numbered among his friends. J. W. R.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. W. E. Turner withdraws the footnote to the peal at West Pennard, Somerset, that it was the first peal there since 1956 (see page 447).

Mr. David Robinson writes correcting the number of changes in the quarter peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire rung at West-ton Favell on April 12th (page 354) to 1,260.

CAMBRIDGE "FAMILY" IN A DAY

Five ringers rang Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus in a day on hand-bells at Leicester on June 21st. They were Alfred Ballard (who has also done a similar feat on tower bells), Peter J. Staniforth (the conductor), David F. Moore, Bernard F. L. Groves and Robert B. Smith.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Litton Cheney, Dorset, on June 10th, was the first by a Bradpole, Dorset, Sunday service band since the 1930s.

Congratulations to Miss Peta Ollen, the third successive member of the Sussex Guild to obtain a First Class Honours Degree in Physics.

The peal at Ashwick, Somerset, on May 31st, was rung as a wedding compliment to Graham Targett and Lorraine Maberly, who were married at St. Peter's Church, Westfield, on this day.

Durham University Society has appointed the following officers for next year: Master, N. J. Webber (St. John's College); secretary, Helen Campbell (St. Hild's); treasurer, John Wallbridge (University College).

Mr. Anthony R. Peake's band rang at Overton, Hants, on June 21st, a peal of 7,168 Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal.

Taking part in a quarter peal at Silverdale, Lancs, was Frances Pellatt, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. It is believed that this was the first quarter by a Rhodesian-trained ringer outside of Rhodesia.

Reporting on a peal at Coalbrookdale on June 7th, Mr. R. C. Stevens, formerly of Croydon, writes: "A good effort for a mixed band, and we had some excellent ringing in places with little to worry about."

Zeal, Dorset, bells have unfortunately been out of commission for some time owing to the heavy burden of repairs needed to the church, including the tower. It is a gratifying sign of loyalty that the entire band maintains its membership of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. George Mitchell, a regular member of the Middleton, Lancs, Parish Church company, celebrates his 50th year as a ringer this year. He came to Lancashire from Lincolnshire, where he learned to ring. A supporter of Branch meetings, he cycles quite a few miles each week visiting towers.

A former Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Douglas Burnett, was ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday to serve in the parish of Flixton, Lancs. Four officials of the Truro Guild—the president, general secretary, assistant Ringing Master and a C.C. representative—were present at the ordination service and took part in a quarter peal at Flixton in the evening.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH

Considerable correspondence has appeared in the Ipswich press about the restoration of the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower. Mr. George Pipe raised £700 towards the sum required and feels that it is not beyond the resources of the inhabitants to find the rest. Seven bells would have to be recast, all need retuning and all would have to be rehung.

The Vicar, Canon B. L. Spurgin, has suggested that silent bells, which lie in some Suffolk churches as lumber, could be made use of.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow writes supporting the appeal. He states: "All the rings of 12 bells around Ipswich—those of Great Yarmouth, Mancroft (Norwich), Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Saffron Walden, Waltham Abbey and Chelmsford Cathedral—have been restored since the war and today proclaim the joys of life to all around. When will dead St. Mary's bells do the same again?"

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NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT

Spring Bank Holiday Monday is traditionally the date set aside by the Newington ringers for their annual outing. This year was no exception and at 8 a.m. a 52-seater coach set off for Sussex loaded with ringers from the neighbouring towers. Good time was made on the journey to the first tower, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, where we were met by Mr. Bernard Collison. We reached our next tower via the beautiful scenery of the Ashdown Forest, but upon arrival at Newick we were met by the Vicar who had the news that the clapper of the 5th had broken the night before. We had to be content therefore with admiring the floral arrangements which were truly magnificent.

After lunch at Lewes several had their baptism of 10 bell ringing at St. John's, Southover. More grand scenery along the Sussex downs was enjoyed en route for Henfield where some of the best ringing of the day took place. Cowfold (6) preceded tea at Ringles Cross.

Heading for home, calls were made at Rotherfield and Frant. At a stop to quench thirsts at Beltring, thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazel Mitchell for her organisation and to Keith Holliday, the driver.—L. M.

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UNUSUAL CHURCH FOR MONMOUTH MEETING

Despite a cold wet day on May 10th. the Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Nash with some 50 ringers and friends attending.

The unusual little church, set in almost "fenlike" surroundings, holds much of interest. The ground floor ringing chamber has a fine, wide window but a little low door, as many heads discovered! Here are rung the six light bells, the treble by Taylors and the other five by John Kingston of Bridgwater, cast in about 1819.

The long, narrow church is filled with "horsebox pews" and a three-decker pulpit. As Canon Oliver Davies said in his most humorous address: "Strangers to this church never know what to do in the pews—they know not whether to sit down, stand up or turn full circle!"

The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson and Mrs. Dent played the organ for a very encouraging service. Afterwards a most welcome tea was waiting in Nash school, provided by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. Colin Coombes thanked these kind ladies for their most appreciated efforts and Mr. Gordon Wilkinson thanked Mrs. Dent for playing the organ.

Interesting items mentioned were the bells at Bedwellty and "a newly discovered" three at Trellech. New members were elected from Caerleon, St. Woolos, Trevethin and Mitcheldean.

The Branch Master, Mr. Reuben Clench, thanked Canon Oliver Davies for his very warm welcome, and wished him every happiness in his eventual retirement.

Next meeting, Bassaleg, July 12th.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES SOCIETY

U.C.W.'s biennial visitors' book grabbing A44 tour took place on May 31st. The tour was based on towers within close proximity to the A44 between Rhayader and Llanbadarn Fawr. This very pleasant ring of five in Radnorshire is in a village of the same name as our "home tower" in Cardiganshire. It therefore provided a visitors' book we were particularly keen to inscribe!

Though we were few in number, as exams had begun, there was some enjoyable ringing, especially on the six at St. Mary's, New Radnor.

This last meeting of term, and the last as students of U.C.W. for some of our members, finished in Hereford—with a quick burst of handbells in the main street!

E. I. S.

CAN WALK AS WELL AS RING

Thirteen ringers of Middleton Parish Church, Lancs, joined many other parishioners in a 15-mile sponsored walk on Easter Monday, which raised £1,500 in aid of the proposed Church Day School. All the ringers finished the course, and their contribution amounted to £86. Ringers in other towers are thanked for sponsoring their Middleton colleagues.

A CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!

The first ladies' peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association began, as do so many good peal attempts, in the pub when rehydrating after a true and compleat peal, when three of the ladies present accepted a challenge to ring an all-ladies peal.

The tower and the ladies selected were all available on the appointed date and the intervening weeks were profitably used for training the conductor: any Thursday or Sunday, when six ringers were gathered together awaiting the remainder of the band, she was encouraged to practise some "wrong-home-wrongs" or some "in-out-ins".

Came the day, came the six ladies to North Cerney, came the inevitable fire-out at the beginning of the second 720; the conductor had heaved a sigh of relief over the safe conclusion of the Cambridge, called for Oxford T.B. a whole pull too soon, dodged for the Oxford but omitted the final dodge of the Cambridge and tried to put everybody "right" according to her own wrongness.

Another date was fixed, another tower chosen, but this attempt was snowed-off by a blizzard the preceding night. Saturdays over the next few months were taken up with other people's peals, striking competitions, Irish tours and even some non-ringing commitments. By a happy chance June 14th was selected, and the Vicar of Randwick welcomed the opportunity for six ladies to ring a peal for the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

There was a fear that this would be heat-waved off but the church was relatively cool and a local ringer had thoughtfully provided the west window with some protection from the afternoon sun. After 2 hours 25 minutes the cast-iron band had proved that the bob-caller's lot can be both happy and successful, save for the odd handful of blisters. Luckily a husband and a fiancé were available to assist with the lower.

The Vicar arrived with his congratulations and a very welcome invitation to tea at the Vicarage, where a garden fête had been in progress, with the bells providing background music.

We are grateful to all who made this attempt a reality by provision of bells and encouragement, not least to our trainer (he gave us a fifty-fifty chance!). We are now looking for a suitable eight within the Association limits!

SISTERS RING 400 PEALS TOGETHER

We offer congratulations to the Misses Grace and Katharine Burchall, of Sutton-on-Trent, who on June 14th rang their 400th peal. All of these have been rung together and this one was rung for the wedding of two of their local ringers, Miss Eleanor Rose and Mr. Leslie Hall. Also taking part was Mr. Harold Denman, who with this peal has now rung 200 peals with the twins.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

Lancashire Association: Spliced Surprise Maximus, July 12th, St. Peter's, Nottingham, 5 p.m.

By the St. Martin's Guild: Exeter Cathedral, July 12th, 3.30 p.m.; Beverley Minster, July 26th, 2 p.m.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL ITEMS

The band at Manchester Cathedral intended to ring a quarter peal on the Cathedral bells to mark the opening of the Arts Festival. With a service at 2.15 and afternoon Evensong at 3.30 and the City Police Band playing in the Cathedral before the opening service at 7, it was not possible to attempt the quarter on the Cathedral bells.

Permission was, however, given to ring it at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme. Through the columns of "The Ringing World" the Cathedral band would like to thank the Birch ringers and the Rector, Rev. W. R. Hartley, for allowing the Cathedral ringers the use of the bells.

On June 14th the Cathedral band attempted a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to mark the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the Atlantic by Alcock and Brown, as both men were educated in Manchester. The attempt was lost 20 changes from the end when the tenor rope broke.

ANSWER TO THE MAIDEN'S PRAYER

Miss Maureen Colley was determined to ring her first peal before her marriage to Mr. Ian Panton. And it was to be a peal to defy superstition. Thus on Friday, June 13th, she stood in for a peal of Yorkshire at Knebworth. All went well for the first two courses and then a gentleman carrying binoculars sauntered into the ringing chamber, which was on the ground floor. The band, however, kept their minds on the job and despite this and other distractions arising from ladies decorating the church, Maureen rang her first peal from the third. She will go to the altar a happy bride. Maureen and Ian are making their home near Hitchin.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS CONGRATULATIONS

The Society of Sherwood Youths visited West Hallam on May 31st. Dr. G. Futer and his ringers are to be congratulated on their efforts in installing a ringing chamber floor some 12 feet above the former ground floor chamber. Ringing was under the direction of the Master, Mr. G. A. Dawson, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Ilkeston was visited in the evening and methods on this splendid eight included the Ilkeston variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Numbers present were not large but all enjoyed the ringing. Copies of the second draft of the proposed change in Society rules are now available from the secretary.

D. S.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN NORFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Norman V. Harding Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	David Nichols 6
Ian North 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Alan Clifton 4	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Peter Warren Treble	Alan Clifton 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ian North 6
Geoffrey R. Drew 3	Adrian G. Semken 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Chris. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas a Becket.

On Sun., May 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

David Nichols Treble	Andrew Slade 6
Patricia Lockwood 2	Ian Campbell 7
Ian North 3	Ronald Ducker 8
Alan Clifton 4	Stuart Armeson 9
Neil Donovan 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Stuart Armeson Treble	Alan Clifton 5
Andrew Slade 2	David Nichols 6
Ian Campbell 3	Ronald Ducker 7
Neil Donovan 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

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

On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5376 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,344 changes each of Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise, with 150 changes of method. Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.	
Ronald Ducker Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Andrew Slade 6
Ian North 3	Ian Campbell 7
David Nichols 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by Christopher Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Brian Bladen Treble	Alan J. Frost 7
*David Brown 2	Christopher H. Rogers 8
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	James R. Taylor 9
Robert C. Kippin 4	D. John Hunt 10
William T. Cook 5	David P. Hilling 11
Roger F. Overington 6	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Cinques. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Alan F. Scholfield Treble	John G. Gipson 7
Keith W. Brown 2	John H. Fielden 8
Rev. Giles C. Galley 3	Philip J. Rothera 9
David E. Rothera 4	David E. House 10
Kenneth J. Hesketh 5	Tudor P. Edwards 11
Richard H. Youdale 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

David E. House Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	John G. Gipson 8
Philip J. Rothera 3	Ralph G. Edwards 9
Keith W. Brown 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh 10
Richard H. Youdale 5	John H. Fielden 11
David E. Rothera 6	Alan F. Scholfield Tenor

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

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5011 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 21 cwt. 76 lb. in E flat.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	†Walter S. Rice 7
Heather A. Kippin 2	†John Brain 8
Janet House 3	*Peter Bridle 9
*Diana M. Bridle 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
*Peter J. England 5	David E. House 11
†Roy W. Rice 6	†Bruce Martin Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 13.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal.

First 12-bell peal by the Association since 1936.

BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Nigel A. B. Dawson .. Treble	Denis A. Chapman 5
Michael J. Hobbs 2	James R. Taylor 6
*Bruce Martin 3	D. John Hunt 7
*Trevor Newlands 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Pudsey. 250th peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.	
Jeremy D. Tarrant .. Treble	David Adnett 4
Ronald G. Beck 2	Robert E. Beck 5
Philip H. D. Jones 3	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	George E. Thoday 6
G. William Critchley .. 2	Christopher H. Rogers 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Wilfred Williams 8
Alan J. Frost 4	Andrew J. Corby 9
David E. Rothera 5	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Victor Nash Treble	David Baker 5
Mark Robottom 2	Derek Walters 6
Hazel Mackenzie 3	Maurice C. Hughes 7
John Thorne 4	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Valerie Meadows Treble	Clive A. Thrower 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	Dennis R. Carlisle 6
Timothy Wylie 3	Rev. Frederick Ross 7
Brian A. Tomlinson 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

Timothy Wylie Treble	David W. Friend 5
Dennis R. Carlisle 2	Gerald J. Fellows 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	Margery A. Wratten 7
Morley P. Tobin 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

First peal of London on the bells.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(The Exeter Colleges Guild.)

THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury

On Mon., June 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*Tom Griffith-Jones Treble	Jim M. Clarke 5
Gordon H. Baldam 2	Malcolm S. Turner 6
David T. Atkins 3	†Frank D. Mack 7
Kevin A. Hughes 4	John N. Longridge Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by John N. Longridge.

* First peal. † First of Little Bob Major. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*Bernard F. L. Groves Treble	Stephen W. Barton 4
*Gillian R. Cleaver 2	Robert B. Smith 5
†David J. Gay 3	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor in five methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Barry J. Couzens Treble	John G. Gipson 5
Brian D. Threlfall 2	Alan F. Scholfield 6
Donald F. Mufet 3	Frank E. Haynes 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

MELDRETH, Cambs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., June 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank Harper Treble	John G. Gipson 5
Geoffrey Pearson 2	Barry J. Couzens 6
*Marion Kemp 3	Allen Twyman 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	Alan F. Scholfield Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*Peter Sloman Treble	*Stephen G. Halliwell 6
Frank B. Lufkin 2	*Hubert H. Furminger 7
*Josephine A. Quilter 3	*Bernard C. Sadler 8
Alfred J. House 4	*David Sloman 9
*Kenneth Warner 5	*Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David Sloman.

* First peal of Kent Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung to congratulate the Rev. Samuel Erskine, Vicar of this church, on completing 25 years as a priest.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Bernard C. Mann Treble	Yvonne A. Murray 5
*Sandra J. Turner 2	Patrick J. Cross 6
Harry R. Appleton 3	Ian V. Foster 7
Neil V. Avis 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by James L. Towler.

* First peal "inside" and first of Major.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AMBLECOTE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Valerie Willard 5
Michael J. Mulvey 2	Leonard C. Edwards 6
Margery A. Wratten 3	Patrick H. Allen 7
Frances Fairbank 4	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4 on their engagement.

RANDWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

E. Mary Bliss Treble	Angela M. Newing 4
Margery A. Wratten 2	Frances Fairbank 5
Shirley M. Drew 3	Valerie Willard Tenor

Conducted by Valerie Willard.

First peal as conductor. First of Minor on the bells. First ladies' peal by the Association. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Rung in honour of the Queen's official birthday this day.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*Peter J. Munday Treble	†Stanley G. Ponting 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	W. John Couperthwaite 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	†Michael J. Church 7
Rowan S. Bradley 4	††Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* 25th peal. † 75th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

Rung by a resident Guild band and as birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. David Nevitt.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

William Birmingham Treble	*David L. Wilcox 5
Rowan S. Bradley 2	Peter J. Munday 6
Beryl R. Simpson 3	Michael J. Church 7
Graham J. N. Colborne 4	W. John Couperthwaite Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal in the method "inside." First in the method by all the band (except ringer of fifth), on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung for the Queen's official birthday.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Beryl R. Simpson Treble	W. John Couperthwaite 5
Graham J. N. Colborne 2	*Peter J. Munday 6
Rowan S. Bradley 3	Michael J. Church 7
*Alan D. Elsmore 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Michael J. Church.

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

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

On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Beverley and Surfleet and two each of Norwich and Cambridge.

John A. Collier Treble	†John F. M. Maybrey 4
*Jill M. May 2	†Peter Henry 5
†Christopher D. J. Webb 3	Douglas A. R. May Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal of Surprise in five methods. † First of Surprise Minor.

Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Salop.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

Elizabeth Timmins Treble	† Alan M. Jones 6
Ian Friend 2	† Philip R. Johnson 7
Richard C. Stevens 3	Reginald H. Newton 8
S. Geoffrey Pick 4	Ernest F. Willcox 9
* Peter Wycherley 5	Ronald T. Winwood Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal on the bells. ‡ First of Caters and 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Walter Crawford, a member of the local band.

BRIDGNORTH, Salop.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in D.
Alan M. Jones Treble	Barnabas G. Key 5
E. Marion Key 2	David Hawksworth 6
Ian Friend 3	Richard C. Stevens 7
Elizabeth Timmins 4	Ronald T. Winwood Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

Rung on the day of the Queen's official birthday; also as a compliment to Barnabas and Marion Key, marking their 20th wedding anniversary, and a compliment to Ian Friend, marking his birthday.

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

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.
Reginald G. Powell Treble	Peter L. Hughes 4
Austin T. Wingate 2	Peter D. Sell 5
E. Charles Biggs 3	Adrian G. Semken Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.	
Robert E. Hardy Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	Roger Baldwin 6
* Katherine S. Hardy 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
John R. Mayne 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* 50th peal

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket.

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
John R. Leeming Treble	A. Rex Agg 5
Margaret M. Roden 2	Geoffrey T. Horritt 6
* Maureen P. Colley 3	Michael R. Worthington .. 7
Jack S. Dear 4	Ian R. Pantom Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John R. Leeming.
* First peal.

Rung, in spite of the date, as a farewell to the maiden name of Maureen Colley, shortly to marry Ian Pantom, and with the band's best wishes for their forthcoming marriage.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
Ian H. Oram Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Ann Jenner 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Margaret E. Oram 3	Tony Lewis 7
Doris E. Colgate 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a first birthday compliment to Susan Jenner.

MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—16—12—16—12—1258—14—18 C. f.c.h. b.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.	
Alan Ward Treble	† David G. Manby 5
* Paul Boucher 2	Geoffrey O. Sanders 6
* Stewart M. Barnett 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
* Peter Dyson 4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.

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

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the Atlantic by Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten Brown. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Joyce and Geoff Sanders, a 90th birthday compliment to the grandmother of the treble ringer and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Joan Ward and Miss Claudia A. Sherwood.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Martin Green 5
John M. Jelley 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Roland H. Cook 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
Richard A. G. Inglis .. Treble	† Christopher J. Sharp .. 7
Sheila M. Anthony 2	Peter A. Sharp 8
Harold F. Gibson 3	Jack L. Millhouse 9
Gillian Radley 4	Geoffrey R. Parker 10
M. Ian Minns 5	Geoffrey Paul 11
* Geoffrey Bridges 6	† David Phillipson Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First 12-bell peal. † 25th peal together.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald

On Thurs., May 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
Mrs. Millicent Short Treble	Walter Weston 4
Richard A. Hunt 2	Clive W. Brook 5
Trevor N. J. Bailey 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	
Patricia James Treble	Margaret L. Ellwood .. 5
Maris C. Stephenson .. 2	* Hamish M. McNaughton .. 6
Lynda M. Deebank 3	† Peter G. Bellamy-Knights .. 7
William M. Taylor 4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 5, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 TAUNTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.	
Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Frank Reed 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan .. 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	John Hill Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method. (Corrigan's, No. 309.)

TAUNTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

B. Stedman Payne Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Richard J. Clifton 2	Frank Chambers 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Martyn J. Marriott 8
Ronald D. Hughes 4	G. Ronald Edwards 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Walter Ayre. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Ronald D. Hughes 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	*B. Stedman Payne 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Modwen.

On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joseph W. Cotton .. Treble	Derek P. Jones 5
George L. Roobottom .. 2	B. Stedman Payne 6
John K. Smith 3	Roland Beniston 7
Arthur E. Rowley 4	Percival W. Grice Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Arranged and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, vice-president of the Guild, on his departure to Little Aston, Staffs. Also to Mr. T. Pryce on his retirement to Sussex after 53 years as a ringer at this tower.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

John Hall Treble	Harold Dowler 6
Stephen Yates 2	David J. Danby 7
Norman Sherratt 3	Raymond J. Ballard 8
Elizabeth Timmins 4	Charles A. S. Webb 9
Clive M. Smith 5	Phillip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pat Mills and Phillip Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.	
Katharine M. Thorley .. Treble	*Gordon D. Elvin 4
Owen P. Claxton 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Most methods to a peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Barry E. Saunders .. Treble	Christopher C. Stokes .. 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Charles E. Truman 7
Patrick I. Chapman 3	David J. Marshall 8
William J. Chester 4	Alan A. Paul 9
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal in the tower, this being the 125th

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

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 FALCUTT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D

Kilby R. Holtom .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
Raymond A. Vickers .. 3	Graham C. Paul 7
Christopher C. Stokes .. 4	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Denise Joan Hoy, daughter of the tower secretary, and Brian Lewis.

FALCUTT SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—,14,—12—,38,—14—,58,14—14.58. l.h. 12. 8674523.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Our Lady St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WAREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Frances J. N. Brown .. Treble	David Wilson 5
Graham W. Elmes 2	William T. Perrins 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
Ross G. W. Robertson .. 4	Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Clare Judith, a daughter born to Ross and Judith Robertson on June 11th.

WAREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—14—38.14—14.78. l.h. B. f.c.h. b. d. o.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
*David Lazzarini .. Treble	*Donald J. Beech 5
Brian M. Buswell 2	R. Brian Mills 6
*Peter A. Slight 3	Denis A. Frith 7
Christine L. J. Mills .. 4	*William L. Exton .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Guild.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
*Grace Burchall .. Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft 5
William L. Exton 2	†Harold Denman 6
*Katharine Burchall .. 3	F. William Midwinter .. 7
Margaret E. Snyder .. 4	W. Allan Wilson .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 400th peal and together. † 200th peal with the ringers of 1 and 3.
Rung as a compliment to Eleanor M. Rose and Leslie Hall, who were married earlier this day in this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Sat., June 14, 1969 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Howard Howell .. Treble	Lawrence T. Mainwaring .. 5
Christine J. Turner 2	James S. Eastwood 6
Frederick R. Harris 3	Peter J. Barker 7
William Brotherton 4	*Maurice G. Turner .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* 300th peal

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Nigel Patrick Jenney and Miss Prisca Faith Nourse, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. Peter Nourse.

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

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.	
Philip G. K. Davies .. Treble	Ian Friend 5
Richard J. Warrilow .. 2	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 6
*Richard C. Stevens 3	Clive M. Smith 7
David J. G. Bates 4	Robert A. Partridge .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal of spliced.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Ruth Woodman .. Treble	Rev. Lawrence Pizzey .. 5
Vernon Bedford 2	Adrian Knights 6
Stephen Bedford 3	Peter Bedford 7
Rev. Brian Redgers .. 4	Howard Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Howard Egglestone.
Rung for the opening of the 22nd Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts at The Maltings the same day.

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

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge, Ipswich, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Charles R. Stannard .. Treble	Brian R. Coley 4
Dorothy M. Durrant .. 2	Alan G. Feaver 5
Richard Rose 3	Maurice J. Rose .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Durham, York, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich, Annable's London and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt, 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Eric G. H. Godfrey Treble	*Carol E. Rodgers 4
*Wendy J. Wallace 2	†Ian Wiltshire 5
†Amanda S. Powell 3	Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric G. H. Godfrey.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in 17 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner Treble	E. Winifred Keys 4
Patrick M. Wills 2	Philip Stevens 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

First peal in 17 methods by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

GULVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gulval.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Timothy J. Bell Treble	Anthony Locke 5
Geoffrey W. Taysom 2	*†T. Roy Hart 6
*Robert Peel Pearce 3	F. Malcolm Bowers .. 7
Canon A. S. Roberts 4	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.

* First peal of Major. † First on eight "inside." First on eight as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. J. M. Jasper, son of the Vicar, on the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood.

ST. FRME, Truro, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Hermes.

On Wed., June 11, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alan Carveth Treble	Michael W. Fairey 4
Anthea C. Fairey 2	*Michael J. Thomas .. 5
Timothy J. Bell 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* 200th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt, 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

David J. Forder Treble	*Richard Green 5
*Mary E. Elmes 2	*Timothy F. Collins .. 6
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 3	George E. Evenden .. 7
Robert W. Elmes 4	Thomas H. Francis .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal of Bristol

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KINGSWINFOR, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Parker's One-part Treble	Stephen Mallen 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Bernard Lawton 6
C. Frederick Jukes 3	Arthur Peakman 7
Charles Peakman 4	†Norman Whitehouse .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frederick Jukes.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. N. F. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis and their family.

BRETFORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows Treble	*Margaret A. Swain .. 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	*Reginald H. Newton .. 6
Morley P. Tobin 3	Michael J. Fellows .. 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Frank D. Mack Treble	Leslie E. Smith 5
John L. Anderson 2	Malcolm S. Turner .. 6
Tom W. Senior 3	John N. Longridge .. 7
Geoffrey Pilkington .. 4	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Marie.

On Sun., June 1, 1969 in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Malcolm S. Turner Treble	John N. Longridge .. 5
D. Roy Bould 2	Frank D. Mack 6
John L. Anderson 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Elizabeth Timmins .. 4	*Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* 600th peal. Tenor 25 cwt, 4 lb. in D.

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

On Mon., June 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt, 4 lb. in F.

Ronald Crabtree Treble	C. Barrie Dove 5
Ronald H. Dove 2	Robert H. Jordan .. 6
Christopher J. Easton .. 3	Peter H. Gardner .. 7
Graham Jones 4	David Featherstone .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Patricia Lockwood Treble	David S. Lockwood .. 5
*Gail Cater 2	Alan Clifton 6
*Robert Cater 3	Ian North 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 4	Trevor Tarbatt Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 lb. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Alan Clifton 6
Ian North 3	David Nichols 7
*Iris Lemare 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 9.) Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* 200th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., May 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Containing 3,360 of Rutland and 1,680 of Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise "inside" "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand." First of Spliced Surprise Royal "in hand" as conductor.

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

On Tues., April 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts 1-2	Ian M. Holland 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.

On Wed., June 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Geoffrey Bridges 1-2	†David J. Marshall .. 5-6
*A. Colin Banton 3-4	*Michael J. Fellows .. 7-8

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal "in hand." ‡ First on eight handbells. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 6, Vernon Street.

On Wed., May 21, 1969, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) London, (2) Beverley, (3) and 4) York, (5 and 6) Surfleet, and (7) Cambridge, with 5-6 right way throughout.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges 1-2	Michael J. Fellows .. 3-4
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A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6
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SMITH.—On June 16th, 1969, at 17, Hurst Farm Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, to Louise (nee Gallini) and Lawrence Smith, a daughter (Margaret Eva Frances), sister for Joanna and Sarah. 7533

DEATH

BRIGGS.—On June 11th, 1969, Clarence Frank, of 11, Century Street, Newark, passed away suddenly and peacefully in the belfry of Newark Parish Church. Called to higher service. 7506

PERSONAL

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—St. Matthew vii 14.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

BRAIN.—I am now on the telephone at home: Flax Bourton 3132.—John Brain. 7494

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Danbury (8), 3-4.30.

Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage Room, Great Baddow, followed by meeting.
Great Baddow (8), 6.30-8.
Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

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Saturday and Sunday, July 5th and 6th

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9.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m., Sunday.
Light refreshments available.

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RINGERS' SERVICE

Evensong, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, July 13th.
Ringing from 5.30. Ringing and refreshments after service. Preacher, Rev. H. D. Anderson M.V.O., M.A., B.D.
Visitors welcome 7437

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Final of striking competition, Saturday, July 5th, Stanford-le-Hope. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. Further ringing after tea. 7508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.—Ringing Day, July 12th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided by the Abbey ringers, their wives and friends. Names, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Date for your diaries.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER
New date: Saturday, November 22nd.
General meeting to be held same day. 7509

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—All members should have received a circular giving details of future activities including the Ringing Week in August based on York. Further copies from M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 7491

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting, Minehead (10), Saturday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. and at Luccombe (6) on Saturday, July 19th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 7520

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening practice. Brasted (6), Friday, July 4th, 7-9 p.m. 7455

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Practice meeting at Cleckheaton, Wednesday, July 9th, 7 p.m. Rounds to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton as Ringing Master.—R. Cater, Hon. Sec. 7513

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise practice at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Tuesday, July 8th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 7480

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, July 7th at 7 p.m. 7516

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting on Thursday, July 10th; Aston (6), 7.30 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint Northern and Southern Divisions—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, July 7th, at Holy Trinity (8), Cuckfield, evening, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors are most welcome.—Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division 7467

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Snitterfield, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., following by more ringing. Also Sherbourne bells (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Woodward Court, Snitterfield Vicarage, Stratford-upon-Avon, please.—H. A. M. 7472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Monthly meeting at Doddington on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 7490

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kentisbeare, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, please. 7356

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m.—Mrs C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 7477

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 5th, Manchester. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Service in Cathedral 11.30 a.m. Annual General Meeting 1.30 p.m. in Cathedral Refectory. Tea (5/-) 5.45 p.m. Names for tea, with cash and s.a.e., please, to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells available: Birch-in-Rusholme, 9.45-10.30; Salford Sacred Trinity, 10-10.45; Miles Platting, 10.30-11.15; Hyde St. George, 2-3; Mottram St. Michael, 2.30-3.30; Ashton St. Peter, 3-4; Ashton St. Michael, 3.30-4.30; Manchester Cathedral, 4.30-5.30. Town Hall after tea.

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LINCOLN GUILD—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Willoughby, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 7426

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Cranford, Saturday, July 5th. Ringing at Norwood Green, 3-5; Cranford, 7-8.30. Tea at Cranford 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. —M. J. Palmer. 7499

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Packwood (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Business meeting 17.45. Please bring your own picnic tea. Bells till 21.00.—R. J. Tibbetts, Hon. Sec. 7442

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead, Saturday, July 5th. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea 5 p.m. Drink provided but please bring own cups and food. Service 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Everyone welcome.—Jean Osborn, Div. Sec. 7483

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, July 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7502

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1969

The A.G.M. of the Guild will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 5th. The arrangements are as follows:—
Annual General Meeting in the Priory Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Service in the Priory, 4.30 p.m.

Tea in the Priory Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. M. Young, Gina, Sopley, Christchurch, Hants.

Ringling:—

10.00–11.00, Lyndhurst (8) and Brockenhurst (6)

10.30–11.30, Lymington (8).

11.00–12.00, Hordle (6).

12.00–2.00, Christchurch (12).

7.00–8.45, Fordingbridge (8).

It is hoped to announce further evening ringing at the meeting.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7496

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wroughton (6), Wednesday, July 9th, 7 p.m. 7528

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—An evening meeting will be held at Hoar Cross on Friday, July 11th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

—Monthly meeting, striking competition, at Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), July 12th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, by previous Wednesday Ringing after tea till 9 p.m. Don't forget open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, July 14th, 7.30–9 p.m. 7514

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30 and tea in the School at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Burton Hastings, 10–10.45 a.m.; Wolvey, 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Bulkington, 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Shilton, 2–3 p.m.; Brinklow, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Monk's Kirby, 3–4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea by July 9th, please. —H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 7531

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Staveley, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield. —M. Phipps, R. Fletcher, Hon. Secs. 7525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, July 12th. Whittlesford (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting only if necessary, then Duxford (6) until 8 p.m.—J. S. 7512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Wanstead, July 12th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenheys Drive, South Woodford, E.18. 7503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey, by previous Wednesday. 7526

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenharn (6), July 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. R. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett, Tel.: Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7484

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Flamstead (6) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Thursday, July 10th. 7532

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to C. A. Tester, 18, Maxwell Drive, Maidstone. 7529

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 12th, Langdale. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 7523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Out-of-the-Branch meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Sowerby (8) in the afternoon, from 3 p.m., and Heptonstall (8) in the evening, from 6.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 7517

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting July 12th: Higham-on-the-Hill, 9.30–10.30; Stoke Golding, 10.30–11.30; Hinckley, 11.30–12.30; Stoney Stanton, 2–3; Barwell, 3.15–4.15; Earl Shilton, 3 to service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, not later than July 9th. Room available in the evening. Annual dinner, September 20th. Striking competition October 5th.—A. J. Poyner. 7471

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 12th at Bassaleg. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by July 7th. 7456

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 12th: St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park, 2.30–3.30; Our Lady of Victories (R.C.), Clapham Common, 3.30–4.30, tea and service to follow. All Saints', Tooting Graveney, 6.30–7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. W. Shanks, 86, Macauley Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday. No name no tea.—M. R. W., Sec. 7406

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton (6), on Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Townley, Whilton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—I. Webb. 7511

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton, on July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cox, 26, Dorchester Road, Frampton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7497

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and **DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Staveley on July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eckington (8) 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16, Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield.—R. Fletcher, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 7524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Horringer (8), Saturday, July 12th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mrs. F. Potter, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, by Wednesday, July 9th. 7518

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Striking contest at Thakeham, Saturday, July 12th, starting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. Bells (6) available for other ringing after competition. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 7534

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan summer festival, St. Erme (6), July 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Other towers available: Ladock, Probus, Newlyn East, all 2.30–4 and 6–8 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 7504

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Warnford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Old School. Bells in the evening. Numbers for tea, please, by July 6th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 7521

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ACKLAM, Middlesbrough, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive.
On Sun., May 18, 1969, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob
Margaret Lawson 1-2 | Enid Lawson 3-4
Kenneth Lawson (cond.) .. 5-6

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 2,048 Plain Bob, 1,088 Double Bob, 384 Reverse Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford L.C. 144 each of Wellington and Gainsborough Little, and 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 277 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.
Frances Fairbank 1-2 | Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Mon., May 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
Julia A. Fellows 3-4 | John R. Mayne 7-8
Christopher W. Woolley .. 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Rung with the best wishes of the band on the occasion of the engagement of Gerald Penney and Janet Pearson. Tenor size 19

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., June 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor size 19 in F.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne 3-4 | *Frank C. Price 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Tues., May 27, 1969, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Peter S. Muchlinski 1-2 | *Frank J. Matthews 3-4
Trevor A. Cross (cond.) .. 5-6
* Has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand."

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Applications would be welcome from complete, competent bands to attempt quarter peals (8 and 10 bells only) on Saturday, September 13th, commencing promptly at the following times:—

10.30 a.m. 4.15 p.m.
2.30 p.m. 6.0 p.m.

7.45 p.m.

On application please state choice of three times in order of preference, number of bells and method proposed to ring. Each band will be allowed up to 1½ hours to ring the quarter peal.
Closing date for application August 2nd. Application to Miss W. E. Marriott, 51, Corby Avenue, Swindon, Wilt. 7542

YEOVIL PARISH CHURCH.—Sunday ringing, 10.15–11 a.m. for Matins. Evensong ringing by arrangement. Practice, Mondays, 7.30 p.m. (except August).—T. J. Setter. 7536

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KILLARNEY BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Fri., May 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
Mrs. J. Bray 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Feirn.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LIVERPOOL.—At 256A, Smithdown Road.

On Thurs., May 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 12 in F.
Geoffrey C. Sparling 1-2 | Bruce Wakefield 3-4
H. Lyndon Hatfield (cond.) 5-6
First peal in two Minor methods "in hand" by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Joseph Ridyard on his election as honorary life member of the Society.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants.—At Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue.

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of Union, St. Faith, St. Julian, Original, Stedman, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Shipway, Rugby, Slapton, Merton, Longford, Thornborough, Hascombe, Chesham, Broughton, Ockham, Itchingfield, Oakley, Chipstead, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Westminster, Blackburn, St. Hilary, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.
Arthur V. Davis 1-2 | *William T. Perrins (cond.) 3-4
†Rosemary J. Shearing .. 5-6
* First peal on handbells and of Doubles. † First peal.
First in 42 methods for all.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

GUILD—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Village Hall. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 8th, please. 7463

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts meeting at Tuxford, July 12th. Usual arrangements; names for tea to Rev. T. W. Swift, The Vicarage, Tuxford, not later than the evening of Thursday, 10th. **Oswy Street cup** will be rung for on Saturday, October 18th. Closed method contest to be on Saturday, November 29th. Both these events are "open" to non-resident bands. Details from District Secretary. 7543

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Meeting, July 19th, Castle Hedingham (6). Names for tea (essential) to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, by Friday, 18th. Service 4 p.m. 7540

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (West Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Lines Branch).—Meeting at Stow, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. Special methods the Ockley Group and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and Mrs. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7469

The first News Letter of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association has been received. The Editor is Mr. J. Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, who appeals for articles relating to ringing and ringers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Chiswick. Wednesday, July 9th, 7.45. Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon on July 14th.—M. J. Palmer, Dis. Sec. 7544

SUFFOLK GUILD—South East District.—

A District practice meeting will be held at Hintlesham Church (6) on Tuesday, July 8th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Dis. Sec. 7538

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Big-

gleswade District.—Meeting, Ampthill (6), 3–4.45, and Maulden (8), 6–8.30 p.m. Saturday, July 12th. Tea and business at Maulden Church Hall, 5 p.m. 7539

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central

Branch.—Meeting, Walesby, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by picnic tea and business meeting.—G. R. P. 7538

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—

Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Martin's, Stamford, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6–7.30. Service 4.15. Also Easton-on-the-Hill (4) 3–4: All Saints', Stamford, 7–9 p.m. Names non-essential.—R. Daw, Sec. 7537

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWER CAPTAIN AND BRIDE



Captain of All Saints', Loughborough, since 1967 and a former secretary of the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Richard M. Wilson, of Loughborough, was married to Miss Jill Howitt at All Saints', Newtown Linford, on May 31st. Both are keen ringers, and the present band at Newtown Linford owes much of its progress to the bride's unfailing efforts and enthusiasm.

For her wedding the bride wore a full-length dress and train of guipure lace over duchess satin.

The bridegroom graduated from Oxford with a degree in physics and while at the University he gained much of his early ringing experience.

In celebration of the occasion a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Newtown Linford simultaneously with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Parish Church, Loughborough. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was also rung at the latter on June 7th by a band essentially composed of local ringers.

Many will wish to join with us in wishing Richard and Jill every happiness in the future.

QUARTER PEALS

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Broom (cond.) 1, Miss M. Barnard 2, J. Thorne 3, A. Sage 4, Miss M. Sage 5, W. Broom 6. For evening service.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Wood 1, E. C. Barber 2, E. F. Rose 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, P. L. Wood 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, J. E. Lawrence 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. E. A. Cooke. Also on June 15th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, P. L. Wood 7, D. Franklin 8. For Evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, T. V. Barnard 2, J. Jarvis (first "inside") 3, Mrs. R. Thompson 4, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 5, K. Bartle 6. For evening service.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Platten 1, M. Soper 2, Valerie Maynard 3, P. Harris (first "inside") 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Strong.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.—On June 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Redden (first quarter) 1, G. R. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 5, L. Lawrence 6. For Evensong.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Peacock 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, D. Smith 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On April 4th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (60 methods): P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. L. Exton (100th quarter) 4, D. A. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Griffin (cond.) 1, Susan E. Unsworth (first quarter) 2, Jennifer A. Unsworth 3, J. J. Strange 4, R. Bennion 5, R. Allsworth 6. First "inside" for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH.—On June 1st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. F. Cowlin 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Parker 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 (seven variants) Doubles: A. York-Bramble 1, Mrs. E. Jones 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (75th quarter, cond.) 5, F. G. Edwards 6. With best wishes to Anne Hatton and Paul Hawkins on their engagement.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Simpson 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, Miss S. Perry 3, J. E. Taylor 4, P. Screen (cond.) 5, E. Barnett 6. For Rogation Sunday Evensong.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Griffiths 1, Rev. R. U. Thomas 2, A. F. Walters 3, Pamela Turner 4, D. H. Walters (cond.) 5, A. Griffiths 6. Rung after a peal attempt.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): H. L. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott (comp. and cond.) 5, M. R. Arscott 6. A family quarter to celebrate the silver wedding of Mrs. J. B. Marshall ("Ciss"), daughter of 1st ringer and Mr. Jack Marshall; sister, cousin and niece to the others. One time she was a ringer at All Saints' tower.

SHAFESBURY, DORSET.—At St. James' Church, on June 10th, 1,296 Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss H. M. Julius 3, Miss R. M. Julius 4, F. Priddle (cond. 576 Cambridge Surprise) 5, C. W. Tidwell (cond. 720 Kent T.B., first 720 as cond.) 6. In honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On March 2nd, 1,279 Dragon Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 9th, 1,320 Chevasse Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini and F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Maltby Doubles: Same band. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Callender Doubles: Same band. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Montgomeryshire Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on April 13th, 1,280 Rev. Callender Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on April 20th, 1,280 Rev. Maltby Doubles: Same band. Also on April 27th, 1,320 Rev. Dragon Doubles: Same band. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Chase Doubles: Same band. Also on May 11th, 1,280 Rev. Eynesbury Doubles: Same band. Also on May 18th, 1,280 Rev. Blaisden Doubles: Same band. Also on June 7th, 1,280 Rev. Huntley Doubles: Same band. All rung for Evensong.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,440 Beverley and Double Court: Rev. P. N. Bond 1, Anne Corney 2, T. J. Brock 3, W. S. Girling 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, M. J. Parker 6.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Calvert (first Minor) 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Angela R. Quick 3, R. Williamson 4, M. J. Hiller (first Minor as cond.) 5, I. L. Andrews (first Minor) 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen on her official birthday.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Laurence 1, W. Brown 2, A. Jackson 3, L. H. Cooper 4, P. T. Rumley 5, G. T. Horritt 6, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. A. Smith, for many years a friend and patron of the Stevenage ringers and member of the Hertford County Association, and 5-year-old Lyndon Scott, tragically killed in a road accident. The band would like to associate the names of W. Munson and Dr. D. L. Gullick with this quarter.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Bushell 1, E. Kennett 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, M. Lacey 5. For Sunday service.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. K. Whittell 1, F. Joan Muxlow 2, H. D. Lister 3, D. Barber 4, L. J. Nice 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 7, A. J. Munnings 8. First in method 2 and 4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, D. W. Jack 3, M. F. D. Burton 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. Rung in memory of George Pearce, father of the 2nd ringer, who was interred on June 11th.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine Smith 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, J. Howard 3, Isabel Tomlinson 4, Anne Rickaby 5, M. Finney 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. A birthday compliment to Isabel Tomlinson and Anne Rickaby, and to congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. Wall on the birth of a daughter.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Andrew J. Goodyer 1, Philip R. Goodyer (13, first as cond.) 2, Beverley Watts 3, Margaret Goodyer 4, Tom W. Goodyer 5, John B. Watts 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 25th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Surfleet): Janet House 1, Kay Whittiker 2, A. F. Lee 3, R. L. Coles 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Minor (London Surprise, Plain Bob): Erica J. Pankhurst 1, Kay Whittiker 2, D. A. Burt 3, D. J. Barnett 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: Rosemary J. E. Roden 1, Margaret M. Roden 2, R. Petit 3, G. T. Horrit 4, J. S. Dear 5, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three variations): Miss S. Moxham 1, M. R. Brain 2, K. G. Weeks 3, D. M. Smith 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, B. W. Metcalfe 6. Congratulations to Elizabeth Webb on her 21st birthday and also on her engagement to Bernard Clarke.

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53246	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
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56423	—	X	—	—
23645	—	2	—	—

24365	—	X	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
34625	—	X	—	—
45623	—	X	—	—
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56423	—	X	—	2
62534	—	X	—	—
64235	2	—	—	—
43265	—	—	2	—
23564	—	—	—	—

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PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janet Bowskill (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Janet Aston 3, D. J. Purnell 4, J. G. Perry 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6.

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