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The Church of St. Andrew, Stratton, Cornwall

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall

By B. G. D. VINCE

STRATTON lies a mile-and-a-half inland from the Atlantic coast holiday resort of Bude. It derives its name from the old Cornish word that means a stream—hence the name of the small river that runs through the town, the Strat. At one time the sea came a lot closer to the town and quite large vessels could anchor. It was one of the most important manors in Cornwall at the time of the Conquest, with its good harbour and salt pans. It was held by the Blanchminster family and later passed into the hands of Sir Richard Grenville in the reign of Elizabeth I.

During the Civil War a battle was fought on the nearby Stamford Hill in 1643. Cromwell's men were soundly beaten, and it is said that they fled from the field when they saw Stratton's legendary giant, Anthony Payne (reputed to have been 7ft. 4in. tall and 25 stones!) coming towards them. Sir John Grenville was partly responsible for the restoration of Charles II in 1660 and was created Earl of Bath for his loyal support for the Crown.

The town itself grew and prospered through the following years. A market was held regularly each week and only ceased through lack of trade about three years ago. Since the advent of the railways and the building of the G.W.R. line to Bude, Stratton has been in decline, and the old saying that "Stratton was a thriving town, whilst Bude was still a fuzzy down" has been reversed. Stratton is now mainly residential and only a handful of shops, three pubs (at one time there were 26!), a school, a chapel and a magnificent parish church serve to remind us of the past importance of this ancient port and market town.

THE CHURCH

The present building dates from Norman times, although little can be seen of the original work today. A door, now concealed, bears the date 1151 and there is a good Norman font just inside the main south door. In 1348 the north aisle was built and the 90-foot pinnacled tower was raised in 1400 with the south aisle coming 50 years later.

The original screen and rood can be accurately dated to 1534 from church accounts but, alas, nothing of it remains. (The present screen was erected in 1900.) The religious upheavals of Tudor times caused considerable trouble in the town, especially when the Bishop of Exeter ordered the screen to be removed in 1563. Men were sent to Exeter and Honiton to plead for its retention but the Bishop remained adamant and in 1580 ordered men to go to the church to "beat down the screen with axes and hammers". The Norman chancel was rebuilt in 1544, the last major building work before the Reformation.

By 1888 the fabric was in need of drastic repair and renovation and £2,000 was set

aside for the work. Considerable damage was done, historically speaking, by the Victorian workmen, for almost all the Norman and Tudor work disappeared and only the 16th century carved bench ends were entirely retained. Today the external appearance of the church is a mixture of the Decorated and Perpendicular styles.

Inside there is a fine brass of the Arundel family, depicting Sir John Arundel, his two wives, Mary and Julianna, and 12 children (dated 1561). The tower screen was erected in memory of the men of Stratton who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914–18, but it was glazed in 1963.

In the north aisle a few relics of the Battle of Stamford Hill are displayed, along with the Charles I letter of thanks to his Cornish supporters, and the old town stocks are preserved here. An effigy of Sir Ralph de Blanchminster can also be seen. He died towards the end of the 13th century whilst fighting in one of the Crusades.

In the Lady Chapel is a fine royal coat-of-arms, which has been altered from the original Stuart to the House of Hanover, and the pulpit is Jacobean.

THE BELLS

At one time the tower boasted five bells, for between 1558–1598 considerable sums of money were being spent on their renovation and later a sixth bell was added. The clock was placed in the tower as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII). In 1878 the six were recast and two trebles added to complete the octave. The ring was not satisfactory and in 1911 John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, recast and rehung the bells in a metal frame. When this work had been completed the clock was coupled to the bells and the "Guildford Chimes" were installed as a memorial to a local resident and they are still in perfect working order. In 1946 the bells were hung on ball bearings and today they make one of the finest rings in the south-west. For the past 15 years, if not more, they have rung out in full peal twice every Sunday—a proud record for the local band.

Although the vast majority of towers in the locality practise call-change ringing, Stratton branched into "method" many years ago, the most popular being Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major. To date 20 peals have been rung on the bells, including those of the College and Cumberland Youths.

The first peal rung on the bells was Stedman Triples on October 11th, 1901. There have been two other peals of Stedman Triples, 11 of Grandsire Triples, five of Plain Bob Major and one of London Surprise Major.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY COMPETITION

In 1966 it was decided to hold a ringing competition in Stratton, in conjunction with the church gift day, and six teams took part. Such was the success of the day that the local band thought it a good idea to make this an annual event, and the following year ten teams entered and in 1968 there were 16. The fine spirit of the ringing fraternity prevails all the time. Call-change bands and method bands come from all parts of Devon and Cornwall to join in. This year two shields will be presented to winning teams and also certificates of merit.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DINNER

THE Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, was again chosen as the venue for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association dinner on October 25th, when about 80 members and their guests attended. The Association was delighted to welcome on this occasion its president, the Rt. Rev. Basil Guy, Bishop of Gloucester. Unfortunately the Bishop of Bristol was unable to attend.

The "top table" was rung in to dinner by handbell ringers from Cheltenham, conducted by Mr. Cyril Wratten. Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman) presided and was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Gloucester and Mrs. Guy, the Archdeacon of Swindon and Mrs. Bowles. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. W. F. Scudamore and Mr. C. Rouse.

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the chairman, the Association general secretary, Mr. C. Rouse, introduced the guests. He offered congratulations to the Ven. C. W. J. Bowles on his preferment to the Bishopric of Derby and said how honoured they were to have him at a time when he must be extremely busy. He then introduced Mr. E. A. Barnett, Vice-President of the Central Council and chairman of the Kent County Association, who proposed the toast of "The Gloucester and Bristol Association".

Mr. Barnett said how glad he was to be in Gloucestershire. Although he had never actually rung in the county he had always been interested in it, and there were connections between Kent and Gloucestershire. After all, Kent had exported Cyril Wratten! He was particularly interested in the recent correspondence in "The Ringing World" on W. J. Sevier, and read an extract from a "Gloucester Citizen" of April, 1900, in which "the prophet" was interviewed by a reporter.

REFRESHMENT ROOM MEETING

Mr. Barnett then went on to speak of the Association's relationship with the Central Council, mentioning the dispute of 1929, when the G. and B. representatives withdrew from the Council. He wondered if the Central Council was in favour as far back as 1898 as a meeting then was arranged at Temple Meads Station in the 2nd class refreshment room on the up platform. Turning to the present, Mr. Barnett spoke of the peal ringing talent within the G. and B., mentioning especially Tony Peake's peals of Spliced Surprise. He went on to say that peals were, however, no guide to the Sunday service ringing which was the true object of all ringing. In this respect he was pleased to learn of the Croomie trophy, which was on display that evening.

He sat down amid applause and the Association's Ringing Master rose to reply. He thanked Mr. Barnett for his kind remarks about the Gloucester and Bristol and went on to outline the way in which the Association was striving to keep abreast of changing times. He spoke of the recent review of the rules and boundaries, the increased emphasis on training and mutual aid, the Association's role as guardians of our unique heritage and the ringing competition to improve Sunday service ringing. He then spoke of the necessity of loyalty both to the band and to the Church, stating: "It is our aim for every tower in the two dioceses to be served by a loyal Sunday service company." Turning to the Church's responsibilities towards the ringers, he pointed out that often the bells and ringing chamber were the last things to receive the attention of the parochial church council.

WORST BELFRY!

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by Major R. T. Ashby, the Stroud branch representative on the management committee. The Bishop of Gloucester replied in a humorous vein. He thanked the Association for its hospitality, remarking that a good dinner was particularly welcome to one used to a diet of "refreshments". He welcomed the opportunity to speak to the ringers of the two dioceses and reminded the members of the fact that the two dioceses were in one Association because at the time of its foundation the Bishop of Gloucester had been called upon to look after Bristol. Some time earlier Bristolians, not appreciating a Bishop of their own, had attacked his palace.

The Bishop took the Ringing Master's point that ringing chambers were neglected parts of churches—there was a ripple of assent when he remarked that he had just learned from the chairman and Ringing Master that Gloucester Cathedral possessed the worst ringing chamber in the West of England, but he felt that vestries often surpassed ringing chambers in becoming general dumping places. He knew that ringers did not seek thanks, but he was glad to be able to thank them for all they did, Sunday by Sunday, in calling congregations to worship.

Miss Bliss concluded the formal part of the evening by thanking Mrs. Wratten for the excellent arrangements she had made for the dinner.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The 15th annual meeting of the Guild was held in London on November 15th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at three towers—on the light eight of St. George's-in-the-East, the ten of St. Clement Danes' and the 12 of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Although the Guild's membership now tops 80 the attendance was considerably less, though members and friends who were there enjoyed the programme, even if fortunes were a little mixed.

After the customary annual dinner at the George in the borough the A.G.M. took place. Despite their various protestations, the three officers were re-elected unopposed for a further year, indicating a reasonable measure of content amongst the membership with the affairs of the Guild. They are: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary, D. L. Gullick.

The president marked his return to office by presenting the Guild with a gavel and block of his own making—the gavel being in the form of a bell with a clapper for a handle. This gift was much admired and gratefully received with acclamation.

After the election of three new members it was decided that the programme for 1970 should follow the usual pattern: a country meeting in May and annual meeting in London in November—with peal attempts ad hoc as six or eight may be gathered together. The evening concluded with touches "in hand" on both the Isle of Wight micro-six and a fine Whitechapel set of normal dimensions. D. L. G.

RECORDINGS

AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in forwarding details of recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, from the papers of the late Mr. W. Hewett:—

On November 9th, 1926 (for H.M.V.), for four records, with the organ played by Mr. W. Stanley Roper (King's Organist). Ringers: Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, G. Kilby, J. Trollope, A. W. Coles, R. Sanders and H. Ellis (reserve). Only Frank Hairs survives.

Also on November 24th, 1926, the same company (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record, D.2398.

On January 30th, 1929 (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record of bells, choir and organ, "Easter Impression". Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, G. Kilby, H. Belcher, A. W. Coles, R. Bullen, C. Roberts, R. Sanders.

On July 17th, 1929 (for H.M.V.), wedding record and for Christmas. Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.), J. Davis, H. Belcher, H. Mance, G. Kilby, C. Roberts, R. Deal, R. Sanders.

On September 30th, 1930 (for H.M.V.), a D.S. record: one course of Stedman Caters, four leads Grandsire Caters, 84 Stedman Caters. Ringers: W. Hewett (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, G. Kilby 3, W. Williams 4, C. Roberts 5, J. Davis 6, C. Grimwood 7, R. Bullen 8, A. W. Coles 9, R. Sanders 10. Pleased to say that Messrs. Roberts, Williams and Bullen are still alive.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN EUSTON.

Streatham.

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A HOODOO ON LANCASHIRE DINNER

Has ever an Association dinner had more troubles to contend with than the Lancashire Association's at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on October 26th?

Trouble started when the hotel people curtailed facilities for diners. They were persuaded by Cyril Crossthwaite to fulfil obligations, but due to the shortage of staff and other difficulties that arose the meal and the service were not up to standard.

The guest speaker was to have been Canon Gilbert Thurlow, but as previously announced he had to cancel his engagement through illness. The Rev. Douglas Burnett, of Flixton, formerly an officer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, nobly deputised and removed trouble No. 2.

Another disappointment was the absence of the president due to a minor operation. His place was filled in good style by the vice-president, Dennis Jones, who extended a warm welcome to the guests, at the same time expressing regret at the absence of Canon Thurlow and hoping that he would soon be fully recovered.

Rev. D. Burnett was entrusted with the toast of "The Church and the Association" and in his speech discussed ringing as a means of bringing out the best in people by teamwork and also as a means of carrying the Church's message.

Neil Bennett and his handbell team provided some lively interlude music and the evening continued with dancing, which appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed.

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MARLBOROUGH BRANCH A.G.M.

The Marlborough branch held its A.G.M. at Marlborough on November 15th, with a good attendance of members, the accent being on youth. Visitors were welcomed from Swindon, Netheravon, etc. Ringing on the octave of St. Mary's was under the direction of Mr. A. Keen and the Guild service was conducted by Rev. J. Hamblen, with Mr. A. Keen as organist. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed in the nearby Church Hall, prepared and served by Mesdames Lee, Nicholson, Hamblen, Mashiter and Sister Haig.

Mr. George Newman presided at the business meeting and the report on the year's activities by the hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Rouse) showed that 11 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 20, an increase on 1968. Financially the branch had paid its way. Due to increased membership income had gone up by nearly £3 and expenses had decreased, so that the year's working had shown a small profit.

Mr. A. Keen, in his report as Ringing Master, favourably commented on the number of young people of both sexes now coming forward, which augured well for the future of the branch. Twenty-three quarter peals had been rung and there were many firsts.

Mr. Keen mentioned towers in the area not belonging to the Guild which were seldom visited, and thought the branch had a duty to try and encourage an interest in ringing in these places. Proficiency certificates were presented to Frances Craig, C. Barnes and Stuart Hale (Aldbourne), A. Watts (Ramsbury) and C. Purser (Chisledon).

To the meeting's profound regret, Mr. Newman announced that he did not wish to stand again as chairman, a post he had held for 15 years with courtesy and firmness. Mr. Colin Wilkins was unanimously elected his successor, with Mr. D. Lee as vice-chairman. The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Keen), hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Rouse), committee (Dr. Craig and Mr. C. Barnes), deputy Ringing Master (Mr. F. Cook) were all re-elected. Eight new members were also elected, viz.: Collingbourne Kingston (3), Marlborough (2), Aldbourne (2) and Chisledon (1). W. A. E.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

The October meeting was held at Welwyn on the 18th and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening. At the business meeting the members stood in memory of Canon Douglas Harper, late Vicar of St. Michael's. The secretary gave details of the 1970 ringing course and announced tickets were available for the dinner on December 6th.

An assisted practice scheme to be held at Sandridge, starting on November 26th, was also noted. Mrs. Talbot-Ponsonby thanked the District for the help received at Radlett and Mrs. Coburn stated that Harpenden bells would be rededicated on November 16th. A collection taken for the V.B.F. realised £2 2s. 9d., and the profit of £1 3s. from tea was also added to the fund.

A buffet tea prepared by Mrs. Coburn and her helpers was enjoyed before returning to church for the service and evening ringing. K. S. H.

JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting of the Barnsley and District Society and Yorkshire Association (Southern District), held at Ranmoor and Walkley, Sheffield, marked the beginning of a new era in South Yorkshire ringing, with the closer working relationship of the four Societies, all striving to promote good relations and ringing for everyone.

The day began at Walkley (6), 2.30-4 p.m.; Ranmoor (10), 4-5 p.m.; and again after tea. A short service was conducted by the curate; tea was served in the Church Hall, with the unique choice of tea or home-brewed beer, the latter being in great demand!

At a short business meeting it was decided that all meetings of the Southern District would be held with one of the District Societies on that Society's own meeting day and its choice of tower, and the annual general meeting as a Yorkshire Association meeting. Proposed practice meetings were also announced, notice of which will be advertised in "The Ringing World".

Later in the evening the Ranmoor ringers entertained the visitors with free beer and good food.

M.U.G.'s FRESHERS' TOUR

Several months ago the suggestion was put forward that an old Manchester University Guild tradition should be revived—to have a "freshers" week-end tour in the Lake District, hiking from tower to tower. The aim of these "safaris" into the wilds of Northern England was, reputedly, to help "freshers" to get to know established members of the Guild, and vice versa.

On the evening of October 24th ringers in four cars set off from Manchester for the Lakes. At the first stop, Morecambe (8), we joined the local ringers for their practice, and then made for our stop for the night in Ambleside.

On Saturday we rang the eight at Ambleside with the glorious 32 cwt. tenor and then moved on to Great Langdale (6), a delightful church, tucked away in the hills. After a quick lunch in Conistone we travelled on to a most commendable ring of eight at Broughton-in-Furness. The final tower of the day was Kirkby-in-Furness (6).

Sunday's activities were not so hectic, with ringing at Hawkhead (8). Lunch was taken at Ambleside and the return was made to Manchester, where a quarter of Double Norwich was attempted. Thanks were extended to Pat James, the organiser. W. M. T.

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Investigation revealed the bells some 40 feet high in an open steel scaffolding showing over the top of the shops on the other side of one of the main streets, but it proved difficult to get sufficiently close to take a satisfactory photograph. I found that they were the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church; but although I explored the church I was unable to find a way to the bells.

Fortunately, on calling at the priest's house, I met Mr. Kelly, who told me that he was the bellringer, and being a true bellringer he kindly dropped whatever he may have been doing and rallied to the cause. He took me through the church with its striking modern altar and windows, round to the back of the church where the bells are, and told me their history.

The bells, an octave, were cast by Matthew O'Byrne, of Dublin, in 1932, when they were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Muldoon. They were erected and consecrated the following year.

In 1965 they were sent to the Whitechapel Foundry for tuning, being transported from Westport to Liverpool by boat and from thence to London. The Whitechapel Foundry also cast a flat 2nd and provided clappers and staples and supporting bolts for them.

I am indebted to Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for the following details:—

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Tenor	4' 1½"	20 1 21	E flat
7th	3' 8½"	15 0 3	F
6th	3' 4½"	11 2 5	G
5th	3' 2"	9 1 15	A flat
4th	2' 11½"	8 0 21	B flat
3rd	2' 9½"	7 0 27	C
2nd	2' 7½"	6 1 21	D
Treble	2' 5½"	6 0 1	E flat
Flat 2nd	2' 7½"	6 2 18	D flat

Mr. Kelly then took me back into the church and gave me a demonstration. I gathered that the burgesses of Westport would raise no objection. The chimes which were formerly worked manually are now electrically controlled from a small key-

board looking rather like a piece of piano. This means that there are notes for which there are no bells, and I found it rather confusing when I tapped out what may have been the first plain course of Grand-sire Doubles in County Mayo. Mr. Kelly told me that I was the first change-ringer to visit him, and his welcome was most cordial and friendly.

Leaving the bells, we adjourned to the organ, Mr. Kelly being also the deputy organist to the church. Not being much of an organist, I endeavoured to leave most of the demonstration to my friend who is a real organist and treated me to Bach. The tone of both the bells and the organ is delightful.

When we parted Mr. Kelly gave me directions for climbing Croagh Patrick (2,500 feet). This is the mountain on which St. Patrick fasted for 40 days and 40 nights and then preached his famous sermon which banished all snakes and other reptiles from Ireland. Each year about 8,000 people take part in a pilgrimage up the mountain, when 40 priests celebrate Mass and another 40 take confessions in the small church built at the summit.

The climb on the way up gives superb views of Clew Bay with its 365 islands, and finishes with 500 feet of hard going on scree. The top, as is not unusual when I climb mountains, was covered in mist.

An eventful and enjoyable day.

A. W.

LEICESTER OUTING

The "Ted Rochester-1969 Tour" held recently started at Wigston Magna (8) and was followed by the ten at Derby Cathedral and where music of the mechanical chiming apparatus was much appreciated after the changes had finished. At St. Alkmund's, Duffield, the ten were kept going for the limited period available, but at Belper there were delays because of weddings.

Difficulty was experienced in finding the next church, Darley Dale (8), but it enabled some to see the most impressive war memorial—a living yew tree, 2,000 years old, and at its foot were plain stone blocks each cut with a single name, such as ALAMEIN, CAEN, YPRES. Here too we met the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, ex-president of the Lancashire Association, who joined us in the tower.

Tideswell Church (8) is looked upon as the "Cathedral of the Peak", and it is remarkable for its approach of closely stone-walled fields, and Fairfield, Buxton (8), outside the town, is not too easy to find, but here was the best ring of the outing.

On Sunday, through the mist, we found Leek (10) and joined the locals for service ringing before proceeding to Cannock (8, a good ring), and where the locals stayed after service to join with us.

We continued to Rugby and rang in the south-east tower (8) and also the west tower (5), the touches being kept within the limits of the party and consequently were good throughout. Generally it was considered a fine outing—friendly, active and interesting.

PRINCIPLES OF INSTRUCTION Bell Handling and Control

By "The College"
(Collated by A. York-Bramble)

(Continued from page 899)

On the average 12 lessons, each of about 1½ hours' duration with some theory included, are sufficient to cover the course of four sections of work, as follows:—

(a) Bell familiarisation and handling. (See new features above, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; also list of exercises and faults below.)

(b) Bell Control, including "balancing" and "following", at instructor's varying rate of pull. (See features 4 and 5 above, also exercises and faults below.)

(c) Exercises in Elements of Change Ringing. (See features 6, 7 and 9 above and exercises and faults below.)

(d) Ear training, etc., as in new feature 8, also exercises and faults below. This is followed by "open" rounds and by "following", in call-changes and "dodging rounds".

(B) Logical order. To assist in maintaining interest, theory and practice must keep in step and in logical order. Using a blackboard if possible, introduce, at the opening of Section C of the course—"Change production", i.e. plain hunting on, say, 3 bells and 4 bells. Show how continuous "transits" produce plain hunting, with the number of change-rows equal to twice the number of bells employed. Explain why the "extent" equals "factorial n", or numbers of all bells multiplied together. Illustrate "place-making" and its consequential "dodging". Introduce the concept of hunting through "covering" and through rhythmic beating, e.g. hand-clapping. As soon as tower bells are rung open, emphasise full use of ear in aiming at good striking. Point out the ½-second (average) striking interval. The foregoing gives briefly some idea of what is involved in the first

"must", but not all, as the detail of the next "must" shows.

2. FAULT-FREE HANDLING AND CONTROL. (a) The instruction having followed the lines laid down in the previous "must", especially at paragraph (b), the tutor will, from the outset, watch very carefully that the pupil does not introduce faults uncorrected. In Part I of the "Manual", i.e. "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing" (both editions now, alas, out of print), there is given a list of over 30 faults liable to be introduced by the pupil. These are set out as—"Error in"—"Due to"—"Resultant Fault" and "Remedy", this being, in effect, the analysis of each fault and its consequence. But the pupil is not entirely to blame. The book sets out a list of some 15 basic faults on the part of the tutor. So the tutor must set a watch on himself! (A copy of this book is deposited in the library of the Central Council.)

(b) Practice in the elements of Change-ringing before attempting Method-ringing. This principle was introduced by the College as one which, found in the analogous study of music, might prove equally effective in the learning of Change-ringing. For it is the principle, of course, that scales and exercises must be practised solo, to some extent, before playing with the whole band. So, just as the student musician must attain a degree of efficiency solo before taking his place in the orchestra, likewise the student ringer must have the opportunity of acquiring bell handling and control, with the resultant good striking, in the elements of change-ringing (i.e. "following", plain hunting, place-making and dodging) before standing in for attempts at an actual method. Adherence to this principle in actual practice has been found to accelerate progress in method-ringing.

(To be concluded)

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Letters to the Editor

MORE ABOUT MELBOURNE PEAL

Dear Sir.—In view of Mr. Blewer's letter in the "Ringing World" of November 14th, there are one or two further points to be made. I should like to emphasise that I made my feelings known more than once during the peal, as well as immediately afterwards. Indeed, even the organiser of the peal, the widely-respected Mr. Ketteringham, joined me in suggesting that the peal should be stopped.

As far as standing a bell in a peal is concerned, I know that a number of people would recommend this course, but it is my belief that a conductor is completely in charge of the ringing—certainly if someone stood his bell in a peal attempt which I was calling I should consider it an extreme presumption. Admittedly I have not always kept to this principle, but in this case it was fresh in my mind from a previous occasion.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Maidenhead.

FROM RHODESIA

Dear Sir.—From this far corner of the continent of Africa may I congratulate the Somerset ringers on their "Peal Week".

But why "Somerset Yokels"? I know and rang with most of them during my six years' residence amongst them. It would indeed be hard to find a person more unlike a "yokel" than Arthur Reed, of Taunton, and the Arscott brothers, even though they were born and brought up in the "wilds" of West Somerset, are very "towny". I suppose John Cornelius could fit the bill; but may I say to him that he has gone some way from the small village to civilisation!

Why not—if they must have a name—"Somerset Peal Grabbers" or "Taunton Vale Pealers"?

I read all their exploits with great interest.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD H. LANGLEY.

Rhodesia.

A CHRISTMAS DAY BELL BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—I think that you may be interested to know that we at B.B.C. Radio Durham are broadcasting a ten-minute programme of bellringing at ten past eight on Christmas morning, which I shall be introducing.

The title of the programme is "Christmas Bells Across the County", and amongst the towers that will be heard are those of Holy Trinity, Darlington; All Saints', Lanchester; the parish churches of Chester-le-Street and Stockton, and Durham Cathedral. In addition I hope to record the new bells of St. Mary's, Shincliffe, which are to be dedicated on December 20th and which, I am told, are the first to be installed in the county since 1948, when there was a dedication at St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland. St. Andrew's will also be included in the programme.—Yours faithfully,

NIGEL HOLMES.

Durham.

RINGING AT QUEEN CAMEL

Dear Sir.—A few months ago, when arranging a ringing week-end in the West Country, I wrote to enquire whether it might be possible to ring at Queen Camel on October 3rd and received a reply that this would not be possible owing to the treble being out of action. I now read ("R.W.", page 848) that a quarter peal was rung on all six bells on October 5th, just two days after our proposed visit.

While respecting the right of a local band to refuse visitors if they so wish, I feel that some further comment might clarify the situation.—Yours faithfully,

N. V. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir.—I wish to give notice of an attempt for 20.160 Little Bob Major on Saturday, December 6th, 1969, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, starting at 9 a.m. If successful the peal will be credited to the Oxford University Society.

The holders of the existing record have been informed.—Yours faithfully,

JEREMY R. PRATT.

Oxford.

POLITENESS COSTS NOTHING

The enquiry we had had from one architect did not make sense; it was for such a small set of bells that would have been out of proportion to the tower they were intended for. By comparison it was like an organ builder being asked to put an harmonium in the church of cathedral-like proportions.

An appointment was made to call on the architect, and his reception was far from cordial. The interview was not a long one but rough whilst it lasted. Finesse was out of the question so plain speaking was the order of the day. I had to tell him outright that his proposal was plain daft and that no reputable firm of bellfounders would consider it. To this he replied that he had prepared the scheme on the advice of a good firm of bellfounders. I could only say: "You might think them good but I do not." With this he, like "Albert's mother," got proper blazing then, picking up my briefcase, data sheets that I had prepared and photographs, he opened the door of his office and threw them out, telling me to follow them, unless I wanted throwing out.

As I went out he slammed the door. I collected my material and placed it in the briefcase, then knocked on the architect's office door. He called "Come in" and when I entered his face was a picture for he certainly did not expect me, and before he could speak I just said "Thank you, sir, for the interview; good morning", then walked out, closing the door softly behind me. On my account of the interview I wrote: "This architect is N.B.G."

The sequel came about six months later when I was asked to meet the trustees of a church, its architect and builder. The first

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- Dec. 5. St. John's, Devizes.
 " 12. Ashdon, Essex.
 " 19. St. Bartholomew's, Penn.
 " 26. Vacant (offers invited).

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- Jan. 9. St. Peter's, Coggeshall, Essex.
 " 16. St. John-the-Baptist's, Halesowen, Worcs.
 " 23. St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey.
 " 30. St. Kyneburgha's, Castor, Peterborough.
 Feb. 6. Christ Church, Bristol.
 " 13. Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
 " 20. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.
 " 27. Sidcup, Kent.
 Mar. 6. Benhillon, Surrey.
 " 13. Watford Parish Church.

Because of the four days' holiday at Christmas there will be no issue on January 2nd, 1970. The issue of December 26th will be a cover number. There will be no 16-page issues this holiday.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

A successful joint meeting between the Selby and District Society and the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thorne on November 1st. Ringing throughout the day covered everything from rounds and call-changes to Spliced Surprise Major, and it was encouraging to see so many young people attending. The encouragement and opportunity afforded was a real enjoyment.

Nearly 50 were seated at tea, and the business meetings ran smoothly under the chairmanship of Mr. A. B. Cooper. New members elected to the Yorkshire Association were the Misses Felicity Ashford, Christine G. E. McCann, Elaine Foster and Susan J. Parker and David Potter, Mr. L. M. Woodhead announced the Selby Society's meeting at Goole in December and the annual general meeting at Selby in January.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. T. Leask and the ladies for providing tea.

R. D.

person I met on the site was the architect, who was none other than the one who had ordered me out of his office; but his reception this time was totally different and he greeted me with: "I have wanted to see you since our last meeting, for you taught me a lesson; you were not the first representative I have ordered out but you were the first one so treated who returned to thank me for the interview. I have since discovered that you were right and that your proposal was the only one suitable for this church; furthermore the bellfounders I mentioned only cast ships' bells, hence the reason why they recommended such small bells." A year or so later he sent me a very nice sketch of Dunster Parish Church that he had done whilst on holiday in Somerset, accompanied by a brief note: "For services rendered".

J. P. F.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WHEELER

Tower captain at Harlow Common for many years, Mr. William (Bill) Wheeler passed peacefully away on October 28th at the age of 81. With his death the last remaining link with the original band at Harlow Common is severed.

Bill Wheeler commenced ringing in 1903 on handbells, under the guidance of Mr. George Dent, and when the present ring of eight bells was installed in 1905 he was already fairly proficient in the art of change-ringing. As the band progressed Bill was one of the mainstays, being always found on the tenor, and his placing and striking were as always a delight to listen to.

His peals numbered around 50-60, which included the first peal of Kent Surprise to be rung, and when the band was at its peak in the late 1920s Ipswich, Norfolk, Cambridge and Superlative were regularly rung for practice and Sundays.

His health began to fail about two years ago but he kept his interest to the end. When a peal was rung to celebrate the centenary of the parish, although he declined to take part he was there at the start and spent practically the whole of the time walking up and down outside the tower, listening to it. At the end his face had the broadest of smiles as he opened the door with a "Well done, me lads!"

Bill was secretary of the North West Division of Essex from 1938-1945 and was made a life member of the Association in 1960.

Many friends and ringers attended the funeral service on November 1st, and after cremation his ashes were interred just outside the belfry, only a few feet away from where he used to ring for so many years. His devotion to his church and his ringing are an example; his memory will live with those who were associated with him at Harlow Common. A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung by his fellow ringers, all of whom had been ringers with him for 40 years and more. W. H. A.

MR. J. B. HALLIFAX

Many ringers were among the mourners at the funeral of Mr. John Barham Hallifax on November 6th at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Fleet, Lincs. Aged 95, and the only remaining founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he had been proud to receive a letter of congratulations and good wishes from the Guild secretary on the occasion of the Guild's 70th anniversary dinner in September this year.

Born at Fleet in 1874, he began work in the Rectory gardens in 1896 and gave a lifetime of devoted service to the rectors and the church. He began ringing in 1897 and became a member of the Eastern Counties Association and later of the Peterborough Association and Midland Counties Association. He kept no record of his peals, thinking it more important to assist others in the art and striving at all times for a high standard of service ringing. He cycled many miles to attend meetings and practices and to call peals of Minor. In 1949

he was presented with a gold medal from the members of his church to commemorate 50 years of service in the belfry, but continued for 17 years more before giving up active ringing. His interest in Guild affairs remained as strong as ever and he attended the last branch meeting at Moulton in September.

In 1966 he was appointed churchwarden emeritus after 35 years as vicar's warden.

A representative gathering rang the tower bells, half-muffled, before and after the service. At the graveside, in the shadow of the tower that he had served so long, a course of Plain Bob Minor was rung by R. C. Noon 1-2, J. Bray (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 3-4, J. Millhouse (Guild secretary) 5-6. In the evening Mr. F. Taylor (branch ringing master) conducted a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor on half-muffled bells, the band being representative of the Elloe Deaneries Branch. B. B. T.

MRS. DORA EVANS

The death of Mrs. Dora Evans on October 26th, at the age of 75 years, deprives Bath of a popular and devoted senior ringer. A native of Bath, it was while working at Burnham-on-Sea that she met and married the late Alexander Evans, who taught her to ring, and she rang her first peal, Stedman Triples, in 1932 at Burnham-on-Sea. Altogether she rang 41 peals and conducted one for the Bath and Wells Association. When her husband retired in 1932 they went to live in Bath and joined the Abbey band.

Mrs. Evans was a capable and conscientious ringer, and when time permitted she regularly supported St. Mary's, Bathwick, and St. Mark's, Lyncombe. She served faithfully until heart trouble a few months ago ended her ringing career.

She will be remembered for her punctilious attendance for service and practice ringing. She was notably unselfish and would sit out rather than see anyone disappointed. She was a pleasant companion and will not soon be forgotten.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on October 31st by the band with whom she rang regularly.

MR. W. R. MARSH

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has suffered a severe loss with the passing of William R. Marsh on October 27th, aged 58.

"Bill", a member of the Southern Branch, was a regular service ringer at Rippingale and Bourne, and was in great demand at countless local towers to make up a band for special events.

He was also responsible for organising the ringers' outings from Bourne and district, giving local people the opportunity to visit scores of churches in the Midlands, Yorkshire and the Eastern Counties. For the enjoyment of these outings he will be remembered with admiration.

Interested in peal ringing, he had rung 41, the first being at Rippingale in 1953. His last peal in May this year was his 18th at Rippingale, and incidentally the 50th peal on Rippingale bells.

SOMERSET STRIKING COMPETITION

The first striking competition in Somerset was organised by the Chew branch of the Bath and Wells Association in 1963, and since then several other branches have followed suit. In 1968 a play-off was arranged "unofficially" between branches in the north of the county (Bath, Chew and Frome), following which a similar play-off was suggested for 1969 embracing as many of the Association branches as wished to participate. Because of the problem of arranging a mutually convenient date a suggestion was put to this year's A.G.M. that the Association officially sponsor an inter-branch competition, but this was not agreed although it was thought permissible to arrange something similar as a "Non-Association" event.

It was therefore very pleasing to the optimistic organiser that 11 teams, representing six branches, took part in the Somerset play-off on November 8th at Dinder, and by November 5th 97 people had booked tea!

Unfortunately the weather on November 8th was not very favourable for striking competitions, but Dinder has a particularly large lych gate which accommodated many churchyard critics. Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and ended just two hours later. All the ringing was of a good standard, with only three small errors of method throughout the afternoon. Bath St. Michael (A), Pilton, Ash Priors and Long Ashton rang 120s of Grandsire Doubles; Cannington, Baskwell and Puriton rang Bob Doubles; Bath St. Michael (B) rang Stedman; and Taunton (Wilton), Chilcompton and Midsomer Norton rang Cambridge. A scratch band (a substitute for Wells St. Cuthbert, who had to withdraw at the last moment) rang London.

Messrs. Charles and Chris Kippin, concealed in a house near the church, did excellent work as judges, despite finding it draughty with the window open. Well over 100 people enjoyed a first-class tea in the Village Hall at the conclusion of the ringing, and then Chris Kippin delivered the judges' verdicts together with some constructive criticisms. The top team was Chilcompton (47), with Midsomer Norton as runners-up (63). Faults incurred by other bands were Wilton (66), Bath St. Michael (A) (73), Puriton (77), Bath St. Michael (B) (83), Pilton (94), Cannington (98), Long Ashton (101), Backwell (116), Ash Priors (123). The scratch team, comprising Mrs. Charles Kippin, Mrs. Chris Kippin and one ringer each from the Bath, Bridgwater, Chew and Frome branches, had 43 faults, M. H.

The funeral was at Rippingale on October 30th, where representatives from Grantham, Ancaster, Silk Willoughby, Stamford, Billingborough, Baston, Bourne, Thurlby and the Deepings gathered to bid a last farewell. The six half-muffled bells were rung after the service, and this was followed by quarter peals at many towers in tribute to a faithful colleague. L. B.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1969

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: S. White (first quarter) 1, B. R. White 2, F. C. White 3, V. J. White 4, D. C. Woodward 5, F. White 6, N. H. Leslie 7, D. A. Leslie (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, R. C. Kersey 2, Miss M. E. Newby 3, D. J. H. Barber 4, P. W. A. Muxlow 5, St. J. Perry 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrea North 1, B. S. Payne 2, J. R. Perkins (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5.

BATHAMPTON, Bath, SOM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Bruford (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Gouly 2, Miss P. D. Freeland (first quarter "inside") 3, C. G. Jones (cond.) 4, K. Weeks (first quarter "inside") 5, P. Powell (first quarter) 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: G. Cane 1, A. W. Beaworth 2, M. Cass 3, A. Gill 4, D. Cooper (cond.) 5, Mary Sutcliffe 6.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: L. Boyce 1, Mabel Mitchell 2, Christine Boyce 3, W. C. Shute 4, M. J. Dew (first as cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6.

BRADING, I.O.W.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, A. Russell 2, K. Squibb 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. D. Moore 1, Jo Mount 2, M. Squires (first quarter) 3, P. R. Denton 4, N. J. Webber 5, P. Rogers (cond.) 6. By Durham University Society.

CHALPONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Carol Edwards (first quarter) 1, B. Edwards 2, Jean Kelly 3, Margaret Penson (first "inside") 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. Hawkins 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Chappell (first Minor) 1, Marion A. Case 2, Lesley C. Tibbitts (25th quarter) 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Purser (first Minor) 1, Miss M. Boyman (first "inside" Minor) 2, Miss J. Purser (first "inside" Minor) 3, Miss A. Toomer 4, C. Wilkins 5, F. Cook (first as cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Wheat 1, D. Marun 2, A. Wright 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. Gibbons 5, C. Coulson 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. V. Copleston 1, D. Potter 2, P. Bloomfield 3, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 4, G. C. King 5, Janet Pullen 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of Bristol by all except conductor.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne Murray 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, T. Sargeon 7, J. L. Towler 8.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Betta 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, Ruth Richardson 4, J. M. Ineson 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First in method 6 and 7.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, H. Fuller 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Pine 1, S. Petman 2, J. Bennett 3, E. G. Pearce 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, G. R. Goodship 6, M. J. Howes (cond.) 7, S. E. Pipe 8.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: Patricia M. Clarke (first quarter) 1, D. J. Kelly 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, J. E. Turley 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, D. Williams 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, C. Rusby 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, B. L. J. Toms (first quarter) 3, Mrs. E. Struckett 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, D. Struckett 6, H. Gauntlett (comp and cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Cranfield 1, Elizabeth Cranfield 2, Cecille Forgan 3, J. N. McCutcheon (first Major "inside") 4, R. H. Vigor 5, A. J. Boyd 6, P. J. Cranfield 7, A. R. Arr (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Whitear 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. Also in memoriam David Hull.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, Miss S. Trucan 2, Miss M. Cass 3, G. Walker 4, C. Willmington 5, D. Wright 6, J. Hills (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8.

LISS, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Celia Down 1, Gillian Read 2, B. S. Gambrell (cond.) 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. Fox 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

LUTTON, Lincs.—1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Campling 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, Mrs. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, A. W. Townsend 6. Also in memory of Mr. J. B. Hallifax, of Fleet, founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie Duffell (first quarter) 1, R. East (first "inside") 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nicola Paton (11) 1, R. Smith (13, first "inside") 2, Susan Paton (14, first as cond.) 3, Mrs. B. M. Paton 4, A. A. Paton 5, R. F. Davies 6.

NEW MILL, YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hoyland (first quarter) 1, C. Moxon 2, Gail Cater 3, Patricia North 4, R. Cater 5, I. North (cond.) 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Thomas 1, A. E. Flint 2, L. Mackreth 3, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 4, R. Dorling 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7, T. Randall 8.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, WORCS.—1,272 Plain Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. P. Tobin 3, M. Irene Brown 4, P. J. Brown 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. Roden 8.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dilworth 1, John Dilworth 2, W. G. Ellison 3, J. Richardson 4, E. Ashcroft 5, J. M. Brown (cond.) 6, G. K. Austin 7, H. Robinson 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—1,260 Erin Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, A. F. W. Burbidge 3, W. Willans 4, E. Treagus 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Fry 1, Edna Jones 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, Jean Berriman 4, W. Willans 5, C. Bryant 6, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Bourn Surprise Minor: D. M. Brown 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. P. Morris 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (tenor covering): Gillian Page (first quarter) 1, Vivienne I. Blackaby 2, V. E. T. Holland 3, G. R. Ball (first "inside") 4, D. R. Starkey (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. E. Ball 6. Half-muffled. Also for evening prayer, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (tenor covering): Pamela J. Cole (first quarter) 1, Vivienne I. Blackaby 2, Audrey F. Birch 3, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 4, D. R. Starkey 5, V. E. T. Holland 6.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Connell 1, Miss J. R. Simmonds 2, Mrs. C. Bartlett 3, J. A. Mayle 4, J. G. Brett 5, P. Mayle 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Brown 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,280 Spiced Yorkshire and Cambridge S. Major: S. Hare 1, L. Stilwell 2, F. R. Scott 3, G. R. Shedden 4, L. Pearson 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: James S. Croft (first quarter) 1, J. S. Croft 2, Diane I. Butler 3, B. Brophy 4, P. Harris 5, Joy F. Butler 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, C. J. Butler 8.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. W. Foreman 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. Boast 6.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tuckey 1, R. Gardener 2, H. Adams (cond.) 3, J. Elmer 4, D. Tuckey 5, E. Franks 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—1,320 London Surprise Minor: Mary Crofts 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Joan Gray 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First quarter of London by a local band.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Minor (three methods): K. Edwards 1, T. Randall 2, J. Birdsall 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Heyes 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. J. Laud 1, W. J. Arnold 2, R. G. Smith 3, W. G. Paul 4, D. Laud 5, A. R. Ling 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8.

WEST OVERTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. D. Lee (first quarter, aged 12) 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, M. H. Jackson 6. Average age 14 years. Rung by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School, Wilts.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): J. A. G. Hopkins 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, S. H. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, M. A. Gay 6.

DATE TOUCH

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,969 Stedman Triples: F. D. Jennings 1, Juliet Stoy 2, A. G. Clark 3, S. F. Kimber 4, N. Thomson 5, D. J. Spittle 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, R. J. Talbot 8. For Missionary Sunday.

LONG LENGTH

NEWTOWN, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,944 Plain Bob Minimus: R. Coxhead 1, Miss A. Randall 2, R. H. Jones 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4.

QUARTER PEALS AT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

At St. Paul's Cathedral

Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. English 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, Barbara Beeson 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rosell (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, E. Seymour (first in Australia) 8. To welcome Amanda Jane Heyes, born September 6th, 1969.

Oct. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner 4, J. Roper 5, J. Bills (cond.) 6.

Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Joyce Bills 1, J. Bills 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, A. Fisher 4, M. Scowen (cond.) 5, G. Stewart 6. For the consecration of Robert William Dann as Bishop.

Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, Monica Martin 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Lawrence (cond.) 4, J. Martin 5, D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, F. English 8.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

STEEP, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Gladys D. Northway 1, G. Hartless 2, J. Hartless 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Susan Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, G. Hartless 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, T. Matcham (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: G. Hartless 1, Susan Hartless (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 3, L. D. Smith 4, J. Hartless 5, T. Matcham 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): J. Hartless (cond.) 1, L. D. Smith 2, T. Matcham 3, Gladys D. Northway 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, Susan Hartless 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Neitherseale Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Wendy Wallace 5, I. Wiltshire (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Georgina Cousins and Trevor Robins.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Bro W. H. Coles 1, Bro. W. A. Theobald 2, Bro. A. T. Mason 3, Bro. H. P. Reed 4, Bro. E. R. Gotham 5, W. Bro. F. Price 6, W. Bro. F. E. Collins 7, Bro. F. C. Price (cond.) 8. For W. Bro. C. W. Denyer's installation.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): F. W. Durrant 1, G. F. Durrant 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, C. Renyard (first as cond.) 4.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Finsom 1, M. J. Bekker 2, W. B. Dawson 3, R. Stephenson 4, P. Reynolds 5, S. Johnson 6. First in three methods 1, 2. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. Johnson 1, G. H. Campling 2, G. A. Flatters (first quarter) 3, M. J. Bekker 4. Rung by pupils of Spalding Grammar School (average age 14). First of Minimus by all.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, H. S. Glover 3, R. G. Alchison 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6. To commemorate the centenary of St. John's Church.

Winsford Peal.—Regarding this peal (letter page 906), we are informed by the secretary of the Bath and Wells Association that it is under active investigation and is therefore *sub judice*.

Coming-of-Age Peals for Prince Charles. Canterbury Cathedral, Bedford, Bromley Common, Duffield, Erith, Knebworth, Irchester, Malvern Link, St. Stephen's-by-Launceston (for the Duke of Cornwall), Thryburgh, Yorks, Checkendon, Oxon, Guildford Cathedral, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, Sampford Arundel, Somerset, Reading.

A Record.—A peal in 75 methods of Spliced Surprise Maximus was rung at Manchester Town Hall on November 8th for the Chester Diocesan Guild. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on 12 bells. It was conducted by Neil Bennett and composed by John H. Fielden and the conductor, Congratulations!

That well-known "tenor-king" Mr. A. Patrick Cannon added another personal record to his list when he turned in his 700th different tenor at Yatton, Somerset, on October 25th.

Besides burning cakes. King Alfred was responsible for the church at Lyng (Som.) being built, and a peal marking the 1,070th anniversary of the King's death was rung on October 25th at that church.

All towers in the Llandaff branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association have been circularised by Nevil James, captain of the Llandaff Cathedral Guild. With the support of the Dean he hopes that one tower a month will provide a team to ring a quarter peal on the Cathedral bells for Saturday evensong. This is certainly an imaginative scheme and deserves support; a cathedral belongs to its diocese and this is an opportunity for the ringers of the Llandaff branch to demonstrate this unity.

A contributor to columns of this journal for many years. Maj. J. H. R. Freeborn recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, and a complimentary peal of Lincolnshire was rung by the Cambridge University Guild.

A peal rung before a wedding is unusual, but no doubt the team were able to join in the festivities with other guests after the marriage of David Hogg and Patricia Wallace at Bowdon, Cheshire, on October 25th.

Eight of the St. Albans District ringers were the team which rang a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples for Canon D. G. D. Harper, the Vicar of St. Michael's Church, who was buried on October 16th.

Congratulations to Robin S. Bridge, a 14-year-old who rang his first peal on October 25th at Crosthwaite.

Three-in-one was Mr. J. H. Musson's record—his 150th peal on the bells, 400th peal and 300th as conductor.

New Methods this week: Ewerby S. Royal at Isleworth, Rushden S. Major at Rushden and Hoar Cross Delight at Hoar Cross.

50 years a ringer. This week it is Mr. R. V. Johnson who is honoured, by a peal of Spliced at Cuckfield, Sussex.

At the age of 11 N. Sheard rang the treble for a quarter of P. Bob Major at Bradford on October 26th, and J. P. Loveless, who is 14, conducted the same method at Foxearth, Essex, on November 2nd. Congratulations to both youngsters.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oxford versus Cambridge—but this time on bells! A striking competition between resident members of the two Universities will take place at Bletchley, Bucks, on November 29th at 2 p.m. The "Varsity Match" will be reported in due course.

The peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques rung on the bells of Wakefield Cathedral marked the West Riding Cathedrals Festival, which was held on October 31st and November 1st. The festival, revived last year at Sheffield after a lapse of some 40 years, will be followed next year at Bradford Cathedral, completing the "circle" of the three cathedrals concerned.

Congratulations to Pauline Bridges (13), of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, who has passed her Girl Guide Ringer's Badge, particularly as there have been no practice nights there since she started ringing three years ago.

Susan Paton (14), of Mitcheldean, Glos, has scored two firsts in two weeks—her first peal, treble to Grandsire Triples, on October 25th, and first quarter as conductor, Plain Bob Doubles, on November 9th. As the senior ringing member of a band of 11 young people it is hoped to see her name in the quarter peal columns again, and possibly in an under-16's quarter peal for Christmas.

The local company at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, accomplished a quarter of London Surprise Minor for Remembrance Sunday, believed to be the first for many years—if ever before.

Demolition is rife wherever one looks, and St. Andrew's Church, Derby, has suffered the same fate. A "final" peal was rung on the ten bells on November 2nd, and one wonders whether "All Souls" also mourned the event.

Seven Whites rang in the Remembrance Sunday quarter of Caters at Appleton, Berks.

Messrs. Christopher Dalton and Geoffrey K. Dodd are trying to revise Colchester's "Church Bells of Hampshire", with special reference to 3- and 4-bell towers.

Fifty different Surprise Royal methods rung to peals is the achievement of Mr. J. M. Jelley, of Leicester.

The four bells at Eastham, Worcs, were rehung in 1949 as a memorial to those who died in the last war, and a peal of 5,400 Plain Bob Minimus was rung on November 8th. It is believed by the conductor to be the longest length of Minimus ever rung.

Eight Ladies of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are to be congratulated on their peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on November 8th. Miss Valerie Willard scored her first of Major as conductor and is now searching for a light ring of ten (or 12) nearby to enable the ladies to add to their laurels.

ANOTHER THEFT OF BELLS

News has reached us that two of the three bells of the church at Caistor-by-Norwich have been stolen, the thieves throwing them from a window nearby to the ground. The bells were rung regularly and one bell is dated 1591 and the other is pre-Reformation. Together they weighed about 8½ cwt.

THE BELL TOLLS . . .

Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him, and perchance I may think myself so much better than I am, as that they who are about me, and see my state, may have caused it to toll for me, and I know not that. The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions. All that she does belongs to all. When she baptises a child that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that head which is my head too, and engrafted into that body, whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man that action concerns me. . . . As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come; so this bell calls us all; but how much more me, who am brought too near the door by this sickness. . . . The bell doth toll for him that thinks it doth; and though it intermit again yet from that minute, that that occasion wrought upon him, he is united to God. Who casts not up his eye to the sun when it rises? but who takes off his eye from a comet when that breaks out? Who bends not his ear to any bell, which upon any occasion rings? but who can remove it from that bell, which is passing a piece of himself out of this world? No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.—(John Donne, 1624)

HARTLEBURY

The Church of St. James-the-Great, Hartlebury (see front cover, "R.W.", Nov. 14th), has just celebrated the 700th anniversary of its dedication. Festivities started with a festival supper, to which all the parishioners were invited and many came!

On November 15th a good peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. Robert Pardy ringing an "inside" bell in his first attempt. The members of the band were sorry Jack Hicks was unable to take part owing to illness, as all would then have been Sunday service ringers. His place was taken at short notice by Gerald Bowen, who practises regularly with the band and is considered a "local".

All the bells were fully manned before the festival services on Sunday morning and evening. The preacher in the morning was the Bishop of Worcester and he complimented the ringers on an excellent peal the previous day, having listened to the whole of it. After the service the Bishop invited members of the congregation to refreshments in the Great Hall at Hartlebury Castle. The "Bell Anthem", by Purcell, was sung at both services, two of the singers of the trio being ringers.

The bellringers are happy to have had a share in making this a memorable occasion. B. G. K.

CORRECTION

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLean, former ringers at Hailsham, Sussex, have a son, Michael, and not a daughter, as printed as a footnote to a quarter peal rung there recently in honour of the event!

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AN OCTOGENARIAN HONOURED

A much-loved personality among ringers in the Central Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is Mr. F. J. Orchard, of Nether Winchendon, who is vice-president of the branch churchwarden and belfry foreman. His 80th birthday was an occasion of congratulation, and five friends from the Central Bucks and Chiltern branches met at Nether Winchendon and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. Taking part were G. J. Tyler 1, D. G. Wheeler 2, A. D. Tyler 3, E. J. Brunger 4, L. R. Woodruff (cond.) 5.

Afterwards the ringers, with many friends and relatives, gathered in the school for refreshments. There was a birthday cake, decorated with a bell, to mark the happy occasion, and the last quarter peal at Nether Winchendon in 1940, in which Mr. Orchard took part, was recalled. More than 25 cards and telegrams had been received and Mr. D. G. Wheeler read them to the assembly.

Mr. Orchard expressed deep appreciation of his friends for ringing and thanked all who had helped in making his birthday such a memorable occasion. The company then dispersed but not before the ringers had been invited to Blenheim Cottage to sample a glass of home-made wine.

HANDBELLS AT EASTBOURNE

As part of the Eastbourne Festival of Remembrance on November 9th, in the Congress Theatre, St. Mary's handbell ringers filled a 15-minute "spot" before the appearance of the band of the Royal Marines, fresh from the Albert Hall. The capacity audience numbered 1,700, the largest ever faced by the team, who are all of school age. Acoustics in this theatre are excellent and it was possible to give the performance without the aid of a microphone. Four items were played, in costume, and all were very well received.

MEETING AT BECCLES

A joint meeting of the North East District and the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Association was held on October 25th at Beccles. The ten bells were rung during the afternoon and evening by ringers from several areas of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, was followed by tea in the Conservative Club, and Mr. R. W. Bickers thanked Mr. Pizzey, the organist, the verger and the ladies who had prepared the tea. He also welcomed Norfolk ringers to Beccles and thanked the ringers of Norton Subcourse and Kessingland for the help that they have given to Beccles. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Bickers for the arrangements concerning the meeting. An apology was received from the Rev. Peter N. Bond, who was unable to attend due to a fall on the previous Thursday. M.K.

WANT BELLS HUNG "DEAD"

A Consistory Court convened for November 19th regarding the proposal to rehang Stinchcombe, Glos. bells "dead" (electrically chimed) had Mr. W. B. Cartwright, hon. legal adviser to the Central Council, acting on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Following the hearing the Chancellor adjourned the case *sine die* to allow both sides to "get together" and try to resolve their differences. Whilst he had sympathy for the parishioners the Chancellor said he had more sympathy for the Association. A full report will appear in our next issue.

FENLAND WEDDING

A gusty wind was blowing across the Fens on November 8th when Mr. Hadley Hunter, a member of the Cambridge University Guild, well known for his compositions of Stedman, and Miss Norma Hartley were married at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, Norfolk.

The church, which commands a fine view over the town and the surrounding flat countryside, was nearly full for the service, and the eight bells were rung by members of the local band and a few of the guests. After the reception in the Town Hall the couple set out for an unknown destination. On return they will make their home in Hendon, London.

In honour of the occasion a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the following day by the Cambridge University Guild at St. Andrew's, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The Central District's A.G.M. at Stonham Aspal on October 25th was well attended, with 36 sitting down to tea. The Rev. Brian Redgers conducted the service, with Dr. Franks as organist.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, H. W. M. Leather; secretary, Mrs. Muriel R. Page; Ringing Master, R. E. Lester. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. in a variety of methods.

ADDINGTON, KENT, BELLS AT FOUNDRY

The four bells of Addington Church, near Maidstone, are being restored at Whitechapel. The treble is being recast and the rest tuned, and all rehung for full-swing ringing in a frame whose base members can carry sides for six bells. Details of the bells now are: Treble recast Whitechapel, 1969; Second, Third and Tenor John Wilmar, Borden, 1635, 1620 and undated respectively. The tenor is in B. weight 5-1-11, some 7 lbs. lighter than the third! Congratulations to those who made this work possible.

FAMILY ACHIEVEMENT

Writing from Cheltenham, Mr. Eric J. Taylor, who is connected with Leckhampton, sends two family quarter peals for publication. The information contained in his letter we feel will be of interest to many, particularly other families of ringers. He writes:—

"While these quarter peals do not represent anything very remarkable in themselves from the point of view of achieving a high standard of method ringing, we feel very much that they are of great value to us as a family. Their real achievement is what they do for the youngsters. It is not hard to get a quarter when the band is experienced, but none of the family has ever rung a peal and I have never called one. The youngest member, Malcolm, has only been ringing for 14 months and in this time he has managed seven quarters. His brother, Bernard, has rung nine since he learned to ring less than two years ago, and of the two girls Clare has rung 13 quarters and Hilda 16. My wife learned to ring in 1944, but had to give it up while nursing and again while the children were young. There cannot be a great many ringing mums who join in so wholeheartedly with their family, even to the extent of learning new methods. We do not come from a tower with a resident Surprise band and a high peal ringing tradition. In fact, we are now working hard to raise £1,500 to rehang the bells before they fall silent. All the family are church members and regular twice-a-Sunday service ringers.

"This is not intended as a piece of self-publicity, but is meant to give a bit of background to the quarter peals and the current attempts to go for a peal. Dad will be 75 in 18 months' time and it is hoped to put on a bit of a ringing celebration. We can manage rounds on 12 and Grandsire Triples already, and hope for something worth publishing.

"P.S.—They were all rather tired after the two quarters below! My wife informs me that she has actually rung 22 quarters, nearly all of them in the last three years, and that I ought to say that the family have managed six since April, when we rang our first."

The quarter peals were:—

LONGHOPE, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. P. Taylor (12) 1, Hilda Taylor (17) 2, Mrs. Helen Taylor 3, Clare Taylor (15) 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. H. Taylor (13) 6. First in seven methods for the family.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. H. Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Clare Taylor 3, Mrs. Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

Those evening bells! those evening bells!
 How many a tale their music tells!
 Of youth and home, and that sweet time
 When last I heard their soothing chime.

THOMAS MOORE

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb.

Andrew N. Stubbs Treble	Philip A. Corby 7
William T. Cook 2	Alan R. Patterson 8
John Armstrong 3	John S. Mason 9
Harold N. Pittsow 4	Alan J. Frost 10
Michael V. Chilcott 5	Michael P. Moreton 11
John Phillips 6	James G. A. Prior Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of John D. Rock (born April 25th, 1929—died October 21st, 1969), a past Master of the Society.

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

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Andrew J. Corby Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Robert N. Harris 2	John A. Howard 6
Frank I. Hairs 3	Richard Hayes 7
Dennis G. Brown 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung in memory of Mrs. Elsie L. Hairs, as nearly as possible to her birthday (October 22nd), last lady member of the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd Treble	Laurence E. Hitchins 5
Frank L. Harris 2	Philip N. Tubbs 6
Ronald G. Beck 3	Edward J. Chivers 7
Gwilym Salmon 4	John Hartless Tenor

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	James R. Taylor 5
*Heather A. Kippin 2	D. John Hunt 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Richard J. Bowden 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

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

* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor's 700th different tenor "turned-in" to a peal.

LYNG, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*Gordon H. Baldam Treble	*John R. Medway 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	Raymond F. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Baldam.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. First on the recently-augmented ring.

Rung to mark the 1,070th anniversary of the death of King Alfred, who was responsible for this church being built.

CHURCHSTANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, one each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Brenda M. Bindon Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	Leslie H. Arscott 5
Adrian F. Arscott 3	Raymond F. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. J. Hemmons (Rector).

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (seven callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Royston Shepperd 4
Keith E. Beale 2	*Albert W. Knight 5
Arthur H. Reed 3	Raymond F. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal of Minor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Jill K. Orme Treble	Anthony H. Smith 6
Avril Ivin 2	Robert L. Piron 7
Audrey R. Alexander 3	C. Michael Orme 8
Kathleen A. Marriott 4	Keith H. Fleming 9
Martin Major 5	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

EATON SOCON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Stephen Ivin Treble	Anthony H. Smith 5
Linda Fleming 2	*Martin Major 6
Charlotte M. Harris 3	David Redfearn 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Keith H. Fleming Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin

* First peal in the method.

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

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Down Treble	Christopher R. Hardy 5
David A. Hope 2	Martyn J. Marriott 6
*Alison J. Mager 3	Martin Major 7
Kathleen A. Marriott 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Martin Major.

* First peal of Major.

ASPLEY GUISE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, comprising one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Avril Ivin Treble	Anthony H. Smith 4
Martin Major 2	C. Michael Orme 5
Charlotte M. Harris 3	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.



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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*J. L. Humphreys (Jesus) .. Treble	M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 5
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 2	†W. T. Perrins (Selwyn) .. 6
M. Susan Jackson (Girton) .. 3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) .. 7
D. Barton (Selwyn) .. 4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden.

* First peal for the Guild. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn on his 82nd birthday.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Michael Thomson Treble	Peter Broadbent 5
Peter Hawcock 2	Gerald Moorhouse 6
Alan J. Brown 3	John Moore 7
John O. Freeman 4	Michael Foulds Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael Foulds.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David Hogg, a local ringer, and Patricia Wallace, who were married at this church immediately after the peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 960 London, 864 Watford, 832 Pudsey and Superlative, 800 Cambridge and 736 Bristol, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Ian F. Garvie Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Clare F. Dolphin 2	L. Michael Callow .. 6
Ian C. Maycock 3	Ernest J. Gower .. 7
Ian D. Thompson 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

Kevin A. Hughes Treble	John C. Mitchelmore .. 5
Peter L. Bill 2	Alan N. Frost 6
D. Roy Bould 3	*John F. Steere 7
Angela C. Hughes 4	Frank D. Mack Tenor

Composed by George Hughes.

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Claire Hudson Treble	Andrew S. Hudson .. 5
Josephine A. Brown .. 2	Yvonne A. Murray .. 6
Keith W. Brown 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7
Richard J. Harrison .. 4	Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

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

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MITCHELDEAN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Susan M. Paton Treble	Reuben S. Clench 5
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	David J. Hughes 6
Allan A. Paton 3	David J. King 7
Austin T. Wingate .. 4	Richard W. Owen Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST CLANDON, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Felicity S. Hamilton .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Jill M. May 2	*Douglas A. R. May .. 6
William S. Deason .. 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Peter J. Munday 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

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

On Tue., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Carolyn Tubbs Treble	John A. Collier 4
Jill M. May 2	Martin J. Kirk 5
*Robert Gee 3	David J. Tubbs Tenor

Conducted by David J. Tubbs.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the retirement of Mr. Tom White as Editor of "The Ringing World."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. Albans District.)

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

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Arranged from Thurstans'.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Thomas J. Lock (North Mymms) .. Treble	
Francis Kirk (St. Michael's, St. Albans) .. 2	
Andrew W. R. Wilby, District Ringing Master (Harpenden) .. 3	
Katharine S. Hardy (St. Albans Abbey) .. 4	
Kenneth J. Darvill (St. Peter's, St. Albans) .. 5	
Robert E. Hardy, District Secretary (St. Albans Abbey) .. 6	
Gerald Penney (St. Albans Abbey) .. 7	
Eric Edmondson (Hatfield) Tenor	

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon D. G. D. Harper, M.A., B.D., Vicar since 1954, buried this day.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 St. Simon, 480 Plain Bob, 4,080 Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Douglas Hutley Treble	Peter Warboys 3
Walter Hunt 2	Leonard Luck 4
Albert Richardson Tenor	

Conducted by Peter Warboys.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Cray, Bristol, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

David W. Howarth .. Treble	Neil Bennett 5
Michael Fishwick .. 2	Derek Butterworth .. 6
Margaret P. Booth .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. 7
Basil Jones 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Everton.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

Thomas W. Hesketh .. Treble	David E. Rothera 5
*Susan J. Rothera .. 2	John G. Gipson 6
Peter S. Bennett .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
Frank D. Mack 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." First in the method on the bells.

(Preston Branch.)

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's six-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Lawrence Walmsley .. Treble	Richard Palmer 5
John Ascroft 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 6
Rev. Kingsley C. Jones .. 3	Alan Gardner 7
Frank Stead 4	Frank Anderton Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

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

St. John the Evangelist.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Joseph Thornley Treble Dennis H. McCormick .. 5 |

David Vincent 2	John Ashcroft 6
*Roy Jolley 3	Michael Fishwick .. 7
*John Illingworth .. 4	Geoffrey Fothergill .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

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

Rung half-muffled for All Souls Day.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 extents (10 callings) and 11 240's, all different. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 *Robin S. Bridge Treble Alan Capstick 4
 Kevin M. Price 2 Thomas F. Metcalfe 5
 Kenneth J. Foster 3 Lawrence D. Clement .. Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal (aged 14).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.**—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

Ronald G. Edwards Treble Joseph W. Cotton 6
 Ronald D. Hughes 2 *Alec R. Jones 7
 B Stedman Payne 3 †John W. Rawson 8
 Frank Chambers 4 Roland Beniston 9
 Arthur E. Rowley 5 †Horace Moulton Tenor
 Composed by E. C. Shepherd Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal "inside." † First of Grandsire Caters.

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

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Alison Butterfield Treble Brian L. Burrows 4
 *Neil W. Harvey 2 John Watkins 5
 Laurence Watkins 3 Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.**—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently.

Walter Weston Treble Harry Barnes 4
 *Susan Fitton 2 Clive Brook 5
 Richard A. Webster 3 James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 400th peal, 300th as conductor and 150th on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

BRIGG, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Court, London Bob, Lytham, College Bob, Wavertree, Rev. Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

Mary Atkinson Treble Roger Hippisley 4
 William Bains 2 Harold Judd 5
 John G. Hall 3 Richard Hall Tenor
 Conducted by John G. Hall. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**LLANDAFF, Glam.**—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Anne C. Cooke Treble Nicholas W. H. Simon 6
 Donald G. Clift 2 Christopher Hughes 7
 Thomas Yeomans 3 Paul A. Williams 8
 †Stephen Fenwick 4 John Chilcott 9
 Trevor M. Roderick 5 John W. Bull Tenor

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Stedman. † Has "circled the tower" to peals

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 EWERBY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 6
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Anthony R. Carter .. 7
Eric Edmondson .. 3	Gerald Penney .. 8
William Birmingham .. 4	Frederick W. Ellis .. 9
*Graham A. Duke .. 5	Harold W. Rogers .. Tenor

Arranged by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
 * First peal of Royal "inside." First peal in the method.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**HILLINGDON, Middlesex.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	*John Hill .. 6
Joan Beresford .. 2	Roger Baldwin .. 7
G. William Critchley .. 3	John R. Mayne .. 8
Brian Bladon .. 4	*David P. Hilling .. 9
*William S. Deason .. 5	*Frank C. Price .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
 * First peal in the method.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**FLINT, Flintshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*E. Malcolm Jones .. Treble	George H. Randles .. 5
Norah M. Randles .. 2	John R. Capper .. 6
Frederick R. Evans .. 3	William Cathall .. 7
Dennis H. B. Millward .. 4	John W. Griffiths .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
 * First peal on eight bells. First on the augmented ring of eight bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon H. J. Williams on his retirement after 30 years as Rector.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SCOLE, Norfolk.**—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Being 12 120's of Grandsire. 10 of St. Simon and 20 of Plain Bob.
 Jack Mowle Treble *Cyril Pease 4
 *Owen P. Claxton 2 Harry B. Fuller 5
 Charles R. Catchpole .. 3 Dennis G. Boast Tenor

Conducted by Harry B. Fuller.

* First peal of Doubles.

A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Harrison.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**EDINGTON, Wilts.**—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katharine and All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

William Birmingham .. Treble	*David C. Brown .. 6
Alan R. Pink .. 2	Michael Hatchett .. 7
Beryl R. Simpson .. 3	Michael J. Church .. 8
Reginald W. Rex .. 4	D. Kay Adkins .. 9
Christopher C. Clarke .. 5	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * 50th peal. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 10-part Treble	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.
Mary Wells 2	Leonard Cox 5
Douglas Jordan 3	Robert Blond 6
William Gilks 4	William Corderoy 7
Harry Wells 5	Douglas Bosley Tenor

Conducted by Robert Blond.

Rung on eve of Patronal Festival. 37th anniversary of first peal on the eight.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's one-part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
Ronald C. Christopher .. Treble	*Anita D. O'Brien .. 5
Reginald W. Rex .. 2	David L. Wilcox .. 6
William Butler .. 3	Anthony R. Peake .. 7
.. 4	Harry E. Wells .. Tenor

Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal of Triples. 100th as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. A. Steer, inducted as Vicar

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Percy Newton .. Treble	Robert H. Newton .. 5
Arthur Newton .. 2	Ernest E. Gosling .. 6
Roland Biggs .. 3	Sydney M. Bailey .. 7
A. Reginald Blaby .. 4	David A. Cornwall .. Tenor

Composed by G. Williams.

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung to welcome Louise Margaret, daughter of David and Joyce Cornwall.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Oct. 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Cyril H. Kinch .. Treble	Brian W. Hall .. 5
Alan R. Pink .. 2	Timothy G. Pett .. 6
Peter J. Heritage .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. Blanchett, retiring after 18 years in the parish.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FARINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 NENE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Michael A. Sutton .. Treble	*William Birmingham .. 5
*Ronald K. Russ .. 2	*Timothy G. Pett .. 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	*Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 7
Alan R. Pink .. 4	*Eric Sutton .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

NETTLEBED, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.
Mary Wells .. Treble	Anita D. O'Brien .. 4
.. 2	Harry E. Wells .. 5
*Anthony R. Peake .. 3	Michael Bishop .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First double-handed tower bell peal. First of Minor as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan J. Marks .. Treble	*John G. Mitchell .. 5
J. Malcolm Tyler .. 2	Raymond H. Daw .. 6
Barry R. Care .. 3	Richard J. Cowley .. 7
Edward C. Buckley .. 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* 50th peal. First in the method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—1238—12—1258—16—78. Group B. f.c.h. b. d.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Titmus position.	Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.
Enid Lawson .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton .. 6
Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 2	Donald T. Finemore .. 7
Janet E. Blake .. 3	Robert Edwards .. 8
John G. Perry .. 4	Maurice F. Edwards .. 9
Vernon Green .. 5	James W. Belshaw .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2.160's and one 720.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Raymond Haines .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes .. 4
*Helen A. Haines .. 2	Timothy F. Collins .. 5
Melvyn J. Hillier .. 3	Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Haines.

* First peal of Surprise.

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary, St. Cuthberga and All Saints

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods in the following extents: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Munden and Chester, (3) Carlisle, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

Katharine J. Maundrell Treble	*John W. Blackwood .. 4
*Mary E. Elmes .. 2	*Graham W. Elmes .. 5
*David Wilson .. 3	*Timothy F. Collins .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* Most methods to a peal. † 50th peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Edwina Dixon .. Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells .. 4
Pamela J. Clifton .. 2	W. Gordon Marsh .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw .. 3	Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

WHATTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Grandsire, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southpears, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasures, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, and 14 variations.

Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Philip Wild .. Treble	W. Gordon Marsh .. 4
Pamela J. Clifton .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw .. 3	H. Geoffrey Wells .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.

Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, 10 different callings.

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

*Susan M. Heath .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
*Elaine M. Rolfe .. 2	*J. Edward Brown .. 5
Derick E. Kirton .. 3	*Frederick Derry .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall .. Treble	John A. Coates .. 4
Katherine Burchall .. 2	David W. Jack .. 5
Grace Burchall .. 3	Harold Denman .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung in memoriam Mr. W. Brett, of Tuxford, who died on October 16th, 1969, aged 81.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six extents of Plain Bob.

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

Elizabeth J. Dawson .. Treble	Roger Day .. 4
Susan O'Neill .. 2	J. Martin Rice .. 5
John T. Burnup .. 3	*George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 200th tower bell peal.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three and a half extents of Oxford Bob and three and a half of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Harold Archer .. Treble	Stephen W. Knights .. 4
Bryan Birkett .. 2	Harold Denman .. 5
Mary C. Poyner .. 3	Paul N. Mounsey .. Tenor

Conducted by Paul D. Mounsey.

HOAR CROSS, Staffs.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 HOAR CROSS DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents based on C.C.C. Nos. 91, 92, 94 and 97.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Susanna Poppleston .. Treble	Peter R. Humphrey .. 4
C. Richard Daft .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 5
*Reginald Pye .. 3	Simon Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* First peal for 38 years. First peal in the method.

HOAR CROSS DELIGHT

—34—16—12—1236—12—16. I.e. 6ths. 52364.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Audrey R. Alexander .. Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 7
Jean F. Woolford 2	Kenneth J. Darvill 8
Janet House 3	James L. Towler 9
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 5	Philip Mehew 11
†James M. Hills 6	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall and Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 145 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

James M. Hills Treble	Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 5
M. Louise Slater 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
Douglas A. R. May 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor.

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

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 135 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Janet House Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*†Katharine J. Maundrell 2	*Frank T. Blagrove 6
James M. Hills 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*David J. Forder 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 384 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol and 192 each of Ashted, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Ospringe, Radcliffe and Yorkshire, with 151 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
David D. Smith 3	John S. Barnes 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Most Surprise methods to a peal by all (except the ringer of the 2nd) and for the Society.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

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

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

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

EARL SOHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb.

Walter W. Miller Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 4
Muriel R. Page 2	Ernest G. Pearce 5
Leslie G. Brett 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Henry R. V. Foster, M.A., Rector of Earl Soham 1956-1968.

THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Alan R. Andrews Treble	Neville F. Whittell 4
David W. Barber 2	Robert Southgate 5
Jennifer M. Whittell .. 3	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 Cambridge and 1,216 London, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Christine M. Baldock .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	*Alan R. Baldock 6
David D. Smith 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Reginald V. Johnson .. 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. V. Johnson, who has completed 50 years as a ringer.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 14 methods. (1) College Bob, Wavertree College and Rodbourne. (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinchurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) 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
Anne M. Stevens 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

First peal in 14 methods by all except the conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Maddern

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (11 callings)	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.
F. Malcolm Bowers .. Treble	*Canon A. S. Roberts .. 4
Robert Peel Pearce 2	Anthony J. Davidson .. 5
Marion L. Lidgey 3	Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor

Rung as a compliment to Margaret Weston, of Crantock, and Stanley Pryor, of Helston, on their engagement.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY, Hants.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelstreda.

On Sat. Nov. 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Richard Green Treble	David J. Forder 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	Gordon Benfield 6
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3	Timothy F. Collins .. 7
David Wilson 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

First peal in the method as conductor.

(Andover District.)

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON & CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 1,440 London Surprise and 3,600 Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Peter Watts Treble	Peter L. Furness 4
David Goss 2	Robert J. Crocker 5
Michael J. Goss 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Surprise by all except the conductor and first of Surprise by a resident band in the Andover District.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Nov. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 10 methods in the following extents: (1) Munden and Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) London, (4) Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 3½ cwt. in C sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller .. Treble	Mary E. Elmes 4
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	Graham W. Elmes 5
David Wilson 3	*Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* 50th peal together. The most Surprise Minor methods on tower bells for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Burton's Tenor	27 cwt. in D.
Shirley M. Drew .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
*Arthur C. Berry 2	David G. Franklin 6
†Roger H. Hunt 3	Geoffrey R. Drew 7
Rev. Albert Webb 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals twice. † First peal of Major. Rung on the Association's 32nd annual dinner day.

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DEATH

BARNETT.—Suddenly on November 19th, 1969, Minnie, wife of Edwin Barnett, of 10, King's Close, Crayford, Kent, aged 83 years; mother of Edwin A. Barnett and grandmother of Jean F. Woolford. 8216

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHANDLER.—The address of Wally and Doris Chandler is now 41, Grove Park, Tring, Herts. Telephone 3137. 8183

PERSONAL

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour for we are members one with another."—Ephesians iv, 25.

Will Mr J. D. Chamberlain, Post Restante, Kasupe, Malawi, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Dinner tickets (27/6) available at the December meeting or on application to E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. —M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8210

PRACTICE MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Evening practice meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on Thursday, Dec. 11th. Bells available 7-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, London and Bristol S.M. only. Please do your homework before you come.—H.A.M. 8203

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise practice at Leicester Cathedral, Monday, Dec. 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8151

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice on Friday, Nov. 28th, at Llangibby, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire only.—J. S. King. 8155

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7 p.m. 8212

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Practice, Banbury (10), Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 7.15 p.m.—C. F. Herbert, Hon. Sec. 8198

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Debenham (8), on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6-8.30 p.m. 8160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice at Uckfield, Holy Cross (8), Monday, Dec. 1st, 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8067

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Hawley, Saturday, Nov. 29th, Bells from 5.30-7 p.m. 8180

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, Monday, Dec. 8th, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Major and Erin Triples. Please note change of date. 8181

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 p.m., at Almondsbury (8). Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 8137

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Marple, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. R. B. Smith, 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple. All welcome. 8178

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Yorktown, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. Perry, 11, Silverglades, Durgells Lane, Yateley (Tel.: Cricket Hill 4862).—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at St. Margaret's, Rochester, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Rochester Cathedral bells are available from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Partington, 21, Watts Avenue, Rochester, please.—D. P. Leworthy 8097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Penn (6), 3-4 p.m., followed by tea at Beaconsfield Cups of tea provided but please bring own food. Evening ringing, Beaconsfield (8). Please note date of Ringwood week-end is March 21st/22nd, 1970. 8161

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Ringing 4-5 and 6.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Kirkealdy, 29, Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint.—R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 8172

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8174

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting to discuss proposed new rules. Names for tea to Mr. D. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham. 8143

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Old Swinford, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Cups of tea available. Stourbridge (10) available from 6-7 p.m.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec. 8162

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 2nd, 8.15 p.m. (Election of officers.) Practices: Dec. 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; Dec. 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Dec. 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Dec. 23rd, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Branch annual general meeting, St. Andrew's Clevedon (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 8077

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Dec. 6th, St. Martin's, West Coker (8, 12 cwt.), 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Guppy, 12, East Street, West Coker, or ring West Coker 208.—M. M. L. 8120

BEDEFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Milton Ernest. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 8207

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Whitnash, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—H. A. M. 8204

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8113

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. St. John's, 3-5 p.m.; St. James', Benwell, 6-8 p.m. (Service 6.30 p.m.) Own tea arrangements. 8199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Ely and Hunts Districts at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing until 8.30. 8102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M., Gloucester, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Cathedral (10), 2.15-4 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Lode (6), 4.10-4.55 p.m. Service (Lode) 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow at St. Mary-de-Crypt School Room. Crypt (8) available after business. Numbers (essential) for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0DT, by Thursday, Dec. 4th.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 8214

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Stevenage (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th, from 5.30-8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 8106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting follows. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill Branch Sec. 8148

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 8200

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 2.30-7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Wootton, 7, The Twinewalk, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth. 8185

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Wilfrid's, Standish (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Special methods: Superlative and Grandire. Names for tea, please, to H. Grounds, 25, Bradley Lane, Standish. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8196

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 16, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8152

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Alkirk, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Alkirk, Boston, Lincs, by Dec. 1st. 8109

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Deeping St. James and West Deeping, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells: Deeping St. James, 6-6.45 p.m.; West Deeping, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8205

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Lightoaks, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 7LW, by previous Wednesday. 7956

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Toone, 11, Nelson Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. C. 8179

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanslope (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please send me names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 8201

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Culworth Branches.—Joint meeting, Upper Boddington (5), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea most important to Mr. M. L. Baughan, Poplars Farm, Upper Boddington (phone Bvfield 362), by Wednesday previous.—I. Webb. 8206

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea to P. Turner, 26, Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8211

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, Canford Magna (6). Bells 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 8011

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8182

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Shoreditch (12), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Shoreditch Church Hall. St. Giles; Cripplegate (12), 6-7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB 8134

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly and nomination meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Wimbledon. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Lancaster Road. Names for tea to A. Bagworth, 12, Pendarves Road, S.W.20, by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 8202

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Southern Division, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Ardingly (6) Ringing 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Cuckfield, 6-8.30. Southern Division quarterly business meeting will be held at Cuckfield at 6 p.m. Names for tea to John Hooton, The Pink House, High Street, Ardingly, Sussex, as early as possible, please.—Jean Osborn. 8173

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3-4 p.m. and again from 7-8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names or tea by Nov. 29th please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea 8175

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Fordingbridge. Bells 2.30-4 p.m. Service at Ringwood 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Conway Hall. Ringwood bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. O. Collins, 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood, by previous Wednesday.—Gillian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8193

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Link (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern Link tower will close at 7 p.m. Malvern Priory bells from 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Morris, 31, Westward Road, Malvern Link, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8166

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting with the Doncaster and District and Sheffield and District Societies to be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 15.00. Tea (cost approx. 3/6) at 17.00 in the Church Hall, which will be followed by a very short business meeting and further ringing until 21.00. Please send names for tea to John Laughton, 6, Pamela Drive, Warmsworth, Doncaster, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. All ringers most welcome!—J. Laughton, R. Fletcher, A. C. Banton (Joint Secs). 8190

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—A.G. meeting, Aylesbeare, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. T. Perry, White Gate, Lymington, EX8 5HW, by Dec. 10th. 8213

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Cuckfield (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Dec. 10th.—M. A. Large, Hon. Sec. 8209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church (10), Dec. 13th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. New, 93, Tydeman Street, Swindon, Wilts, by Dec. 9th. 8168

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Barrow-in-Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8215

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X, by the 10th.—C. Bird, Sec. 8168

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting. Note alteration of date: Saturday, Dec. 13th, at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn. 8165

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northwram, Halifax, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marlton Terrace, Northwram, Halifax, by previous Tuesday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 8171

TERLING, ESSEX DEDICATION

Sunday, December 7th, at 11 a.m.

General ringing at 2 p.m.

Collection in aid of spire restoration.

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LADIES' GUILD (Eastern Branch)
December 6th, a social evening at Needham Market Church Hall, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Varied programme, refreshments. Admission 5/-. Names to Mrs. J. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. All ringers welcome, gentlemen included. Please bring small glass 8140

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In three methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Roger H. Hunt Treble	Michael J. Uphill 4
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Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal on six bells. † First in three methods, 100th as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to the treble ringer on his 21st birthday.

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A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

W. Eric Critchley Treble	Roger A. Smith 7
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Felicity Ashford 4	Alan E. Hartley 10
Bert Sutton 5	James A. D. Woolford 11
Fred Hodgson 6	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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On Sun., Oct. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire and 448 Bristol, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

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*Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	*John P. Ottaway 7
David Featherstone .. 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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* First peal of nine-spiced.

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A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

C.C.C. 134, 135 and 136. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher J. Groome .. Treble	†Christine Broadley 4
†Susan E. Banton 2	Ronald R. Warford 5
Margaret Warford 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* Has "circled the tower" to peals twice. † First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past members of the Yorkshire Association.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

*Edward D. Patching .. Treble	Raymond W. Balls 5
Ian J. Quinney 2	Alec W. Ivings 6
†William L. Exton 3	Patrick H. Allen 7
Kevin S. Hohl 4	Denis A. Frith Tenor

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Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

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Rung as a farewell to Bernard Groves, moving to Reading.

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On Mon., Oct. 27, 1969, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB SIXTEEN

Tenor size 19 in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 9-10
Julia A. Fellows 3-4	Roger Baldwin 11-12
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Tenor size 13 in E.

John S. Croft 1-2	William S. Croft 5-6
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ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. A. C. Cross (cond.) 1, F. J. Morris 2, L. T. Hancock 3, Miss F. M. Gadd 4, A. W. Knight 5, W. Tucker (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment for Kenneth Knight, son of the captain, Mr. A. W. Knight.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,288 Pl. Bob Triples: Mavis Hawking 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, J. L. Read 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (50th as cond.) 7, W. Wayman 8. A farewell to ringer of 6, leaving to join the police.

BATH, SOM.—On Oct. 31st, at the Abbey Church 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Read 1, A. Wrigley 2, W. H. Hurford 3, W. H. Brown 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. W. Owen 6, E. Naylor 7, E. Williams 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Dora Evans, a ringer at this church for 37 years.

BATH, SOM.—At St. Mark's, Lyncombe, on Oct. 29th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: P. J. Hardwick 1, Mrs. R. Ball 2, D. J. Orledge 3, J. Ball 4, R. Coles 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, R. A. Birch 2, Margaret Jenner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, B. Butler 6, A. Leves 7, A. Burner 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen Fletcher 1, Sue Lee (first in method) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, D. Francis 5, R. Lee (first in method) 6, D. Wood (first Stedman as cond.) 7, H. James Wingrove 8. Rung by the local band for the Patronal Festival, and for the centenary of the restoration of St. Mary and All Saints' Parish Church.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (7 cover): R. Howard 1, W. B. Dawson 2, M. J. Belcher 3, D. Finsom 4, R. Stephenson 5, H. Barsley 6, S. Johnson 7.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Nov. 1st, 1,296 Minor (720 S. Court, 576 Cambridge): W. Fayers 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, W. Holmes 3, F. Hubbard 4, R. Paddison 5, L. Blanchard 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William R. Marsh.

BLYTH, NOTTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosalie Watkins 1, Mary Trent 2, Diane Hatfield 3, D. E. P. Watkins 4, L. H. Hatfield (cond.) 5, A. Watson 6. University of Wales summer tour.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sue E. Davis 1, M. Tompsett 2, Margaret Twigg 3, Marilyn Astridge 4, P. Else 5, C. Bainham 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, R. W. Winstanley 8. University of Wales summer tour.

BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Pearson (first Major) 1, Mrs. K. Horne 2, G. Lister 3, G. Gibba 4, D. Young 5, Mrs. D. Young 6, E. E. Gosling 7, L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Sheard (first quarter, aged 11) 1, E. Anne Williams 2, Jane Thurmott 3, J. Faulkner (first quarter) 4, S. Green 5, D. Farrar 6, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 7, F. A. Munday 8. By the local band.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. T. Petty 1, N. V. Hill (first Triples) 2, P. Thomas 3, T. Yeomans 4, R. J. Mayle 5, M. J. Pryor 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, W. H. Harford 8.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Philippa Garrard 1, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 2, B. Elliott 3, D. W. Mountford 4, R. Joy Pluckrose 5, Jane Pointon 6. For Guy Fawkes Night (old village custom).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Susan E. M. Davis 1, D. R. Cox (first Royal) 2, M. S. Loveday 3, Caroline Mackie 4, Peggy Taylor 5, B. J. Read (first Royal and Kent as cond.) 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, P. D. Hepburn 8, A. W. Bond 9, A. P. Fester 10. First Kent Royal 8, 10.

BRISTOL.—At 19, Cavendish Road, on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. C. Randall (cond.) 1-2, R. H. Youdale 3-4, M. J. Platt 5-6, A. J. Cox 7-8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, at 8, Gerald Road, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. G. Mayell 1-2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3-4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (first "in hand") 5-6. 125th quarter together for 1-2 and 5-6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave 1, Jenny Quaith 2, Christine Webb 3, Mrs. E. Deal 4, W. Williams 5, M. Hansford 6, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 7, P. Spice 8. First Stedman 3, 5, 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. W. R. Quinney 1, V. Nutton 2, H. Muncey 3, W. Arnold 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, W. T. Perrins 6, C. Muncey 7, H. Foster 8, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 9, A. Twyman 10. For Harvest Festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Linda Biscoe 1, Anne D. J. Dawson 2, Jacqueline M. Cullwick 3, P. S. Philpott 4, M. C. Haigh 5, J. X. Hedgcock 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. B. Keeler 8. First quarter 1, 2. First on eight 4, 5. By members and friends of Christ Church College Society.

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COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,344 Lindum Surprise Major: I. H. Oram 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Margaret E. Oram 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. C. Brookes 5, E. J. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For Church Flower Festival.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. M. Warnes 1, J. E. Burles 2, K. M. Price 3, W. Wall (cond.) 4, F. H. Crawley 5, J. Bagnall 6, A. Capstick 7, N. M. Newby, sen. 8, S. Walmsley 9, T. F. Metcalke 10. For Confirmation.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, T. Spurgeon 2, Mary Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, E. W. Roast 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mary Roast.

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FRITWELL, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: R. Coxhead 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, R. Crocker 4. For All Saints' Day.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Preston 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, T. J. Winderam (cond.) 3, M. Peterson 4, M. J. Pink 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, T. C. Winderam 7, J. Preston 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Halliday and Miss F. Winderam on their wedding.

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314265	S	3	
412365	—	2	
213465978	—	2	
213465879	(b)	—	
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