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**St. Michael and All Angels, Lilleshall, Shropshire**



## Cover Picture

St. Michael and All Angels,  
Lilleshall, Shropshire

"Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truths."

("Henry VIII," Act 3, Scene 2.)

THESE WORDS are inscribed on the fine obelisk erected on Lilleshall Hill to the memory of the first Duke of Sutherland in 1839. It stands as a landmark for many miles around and leads casual visitors, including teams of ringers from all parts of the Midlands and regular worshippers alike, to the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels—"the Church by the Hill."

Tradition has it that the hill and the surrounding countryside were named after Lilla, a devoted servant of Edwyn, King of Northumbria, who had the land given to him for "services rendered" to King Edwyn. The settlement dates back to the sixth century, and the church almost that far back. St. Chad, who was first Bishop of Lichfield, brought the Gospel to this place on one of his preaching tours, and a small Saxon church was established in A.D. 670 though only the font still remains.

A second church was built in 1200 and the present building is this second church, though now much enlarged and extensively restored in 1500, 1600, 1856 and again in 1970.

## CURIOUS CARVINGS

For the ringer, the main interest in any church is in the tower. That at Lilleshall was not added to the church until, at the earliest, 1500. Its style is a mixture of the Decorated and Perpendicular styles of architecture. There is no mark on it to give much idea of its exact date or of who built it, but there is a curious device on the south side which if it could be deciphered might give some clue.

About 12 feet up on the south wall there is carved a stonemason's saw, no doubt some ancient craftsman's trade mark, and on the left of it the head of a bearded goat—though some have taken it to be a cockerel. Good reason may be made out for it being either.

If it were a goat, it would have been placed there by James Leveson or his son, Sir Richard Leveson, between 1539 and 1661. The bearded goat often surmounts the Leveson-Gower family crest, which later became that of the Dukes of Sutherland, who were landowners in Lilleshall for almost 400 years until 1920. This would date the tower earlier than 1660.

An equally good case can be made out for its being a cockerel. From 1148 until the dissolution in 1538, there was at Lilleshall the Benedictine monastery of St. Mary the Virgin less than a mile from the parish church. The ruins, now cared for by the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, are well worth a visit. For many years the monks of Lilleshall were responsible for providing a priest for the parish church. Between 1518 and 1521 a man named James Cockerel was Abbot of Lilleshall, who may have built the tower. If this carving be a cockerel it could be that in this odd way there is recorded for ever the close link between church and abbey in Lilleshall.

The tower was originally provided with a single "calling or tolling" bell, and this seems to have been used until 1830, when the present ring of six bells was cast and installed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

A year earlier, in 1829, the first clock was erected in the tower by a local clockmaker, a Mr. Davies, of Shifnal. The original wooden dial, over seven feet in diameter, lasted until 1966, when the old clock was overhauled. The clockwork mechanism was replaced by electric, and a new four feet diameter fibreglass dial fitted on the south wall. This work was carried out by Smith's of Derby. The second dial, erected on the west front, was made in Lilleshall by a local craftsman, Mr. Bill Reynolds, our present head ringer. Bill has been a member of the Lilleshall tower for over 25 years.

So the bells are still rung regularly and appear to have been for many years now. The six bells, varying in weight from four to nine cwt, were originally cast in 1830 by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel, and appear to have lasted with very little maintenance until 1963. In that year the mechanisms were overhauled and the bells recast, again by Mears and Stainbank, the weights of each bell remaining as before. The length of the ropes is 60 feet.

Mention should also be made of a set of eight handbells cast in 1968. A few years earlier a number of "odd" handbells had been found in the tower—obviously the remains of a much larger set. All attempts either to sell them or complete the full set failed, so the present set was made up, but is as yet very little used.

## THIRTEENTH CENTENARY

St. Michael's is a fine country church, serving a population of 5,000 people right on the edge of the new town of Telford, with a history going back to A.D. 670. The year 1970 is for us an important milestone in the history of the church. Many special services have been arranged to mark this rare and important anniversary, beginning on St. Chad's Day (March 2) with a civic service and carrying on right through to Michaelmas, when the Bishop of Lichfield will preach at a special service of thanksgiving, the highlights perhaps come during June. On Saturday, the 6th, a big village fair, to be opened by Tom Coyne of B.B.C. TV, is to be held on the lovely lawns surrounding the church. Later, on 27th/28th, a festival of flowers with the great theme of Jerusalem, City of God, based on Blake's famous poem "Jerusalem." During these two days the bells will be rung as people visit this lovely part of Shropshire and are reminded once more of the wonderful Christian heritage that is ours.

"Whene'er the sweet church bell  
Peals over hill and dell,

May Jesus Christ be praised.

O hark to what it sings

As joyously it rings,

May Jesus Christ be praised."

G. K. SMITH.

## FOR DEMOLITION?

Dear Sir,—You will have heard that St. John the Divine Church, Leicester, is once more faced with disaster—demolition! I am hoping to organise another petition like that in 1953, when a similar proposal was made. In the meantime we would welcome any individual protest that readers may care to give!—Yours faithfully,

S. HARRISON.

Leicester.

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## HOLSWORTHY BELLS

Dear Sir,—During the last century Dr. Samuel Sebastian Wesley wrote a piece of music entitled "Holsworthy Church Bells." Can anyone tell if it refers to Holsworthy in Devon and how it came to be written?—Yours faithfully,

NOEL F. MOXON.

Barnsley, Yorks.

They built in stone; they built as they  
Who hoped those stones should see the  
day

When Christ should come;  
And that these walls should stand o'er  
them—

'Til judgment calls.

Quoted by Frederick Sharpe at Hereford.



**FOURTEENTH YEAR AS MASTER****MR. R. V. JOHNSON RE-ELECTED**

At the 85th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association, held at Brighton on May 9, Mr. R. V. Johnson was elected master for the 14th successive year. The service was in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the vicar (Canon J. N. Keeling), who is a vice-president, and the organist was Mr. Malcolm Kemp. Prior to the service ringing had taken place in some 23 towers in the area.

Tea in the church hall was followed by the business meeting, attended by 130. The master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) thanked Canon Keeling for permitting the meeting and for taking the service and the vicar replied. The master extended a welcome to all visitors and the other vice-presidents (L. Stilwell, S. E. Armstrong and R. W. R. Percy). A presentation was made to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell by the master for her work in organising the tea.

Mr. Johnson reported 1969 as a year of quiet progress in all divisions, membership being well maintained, and congratulated young members and conductors. He thanked those who had been responsible for the success of events which had taken place, particularly the dinner committee and Mr. Wake and Mr. Challen for the gift of "Form of Service," duplicated and inserted in stiff printed covers.

The treasurer's report showed the balance in hand had increased by £57, as had membership fees, sale of badges, reports, certificates and meeting cards; £141 paid for new badges was a non-recurring item. It was agreed to place £50 on deposit and to transfer £50 to a new bell restoration fund. Further donations to the fund amounting to £19 made the total £69.

**FIRST SINCE 1890**

The peal secretary reported 63 peals against 79 the year before, the most popular methods being Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. A peal by Hurstpierpoint local band was the first since 1890. Leading peal ringers were F. H. Hicks (25) and E. W. Keys (8) and leading conductors F. H. Hicks and A. R. Baldock (13 each).

Mr. J. R. Norris retired as peal secretary and Mr. I. V. J. Smith was elected to the post. All other officers were re-elected. Mr. Johnson as master for his 14th successive year. He informed the meeting that he was meeting the Duke of Edinburgh at Chichester on May 14 as representative of the Association in connection with the Duke's award scheme.

The Association dinner is to be held at Forest Row on October 17 and the arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. R. J. Osborn.

For the appeal for Stinchcombe bells (from Gloucester and Bristol Association) it was decided to take a retiring collection, which realised £8. A grant to Christ Church, Eastbourne, of £25 was approved.

An invitation to attend the Croydon centenary in September was supported.

Mr. G. P. Elphick introduced his new book, "Sussex Bells and Belfries," which would shortly be published, and the master said they were proud to have a man of Mr. Elphick's calibre in the Association. It was decided to obtain an autographed first copy for the library.

The meeting was informed that the Association did not have a badge of office for the master, and it was agreed that designs be submitted to the next meeting of the committee.

The annual report was not available at the meeting because of printing difficulties, but it was hoped to distribute the copies shortly.

**MR. R. V. JOHNSON****St. David's Guild****JOINT WINNERS**

The 23rd annual striking competition of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, on May 9. Five teams competed for the shield, which was won jointly by Llanbadarn Fawr and Pembroke "A" (18 faults), with St. David's third (34). Other teams competing were Cardigan and Pembroke "B". This was the first time in the history of the competition that the result had been a tie.

Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, Oxon, was as always the adjudicator, and after an excellent tea in St. Mary's Hall he and his handbell ringers gave a most enjoyable recital.

That this annual recital is the highlight of the year for the guild is made evident by the fact that the competition meeting is always so well attended, some travelling many miles for the purpose of hearing the Launton ringers.

**RINGERS' DAY'S OUTING**

On May 9 the Axbridge Branch ringers of the Bath and Wells Association set out for Oxford, making a break at Faringdon for coffee and an hour's ringing. Arriving in Oxford at noon, an enjoyable time was spent ringing on St. Giles's bells before lunch, and during the afternoon the light ring of eight at All Saints' was rung to various methods. Sufficient time was available for tea and Bladon was the next stop, where everybody rang before visiting Home Farm, Balscot. Our time was limited owing to the new driving restrictions and we were not able to spend as much time as we would have liked at some towers. The party of 48 (which consisted of only one non-ringer!) extend grateful thanks to all who helped, incumbents, secretaries and those who met us. M. L.

**A.G.M. AT ORMESBY**

The A.G.M. of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ormesby on May 2. The attendance was disappointing in view of the large numbers at recent meetings. At the business meeting the president (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) deplored the fact that a number of ringing activities in the county that day ran counter to the association's interests and he called for greater loyalty from members.

The annual report, incorporating a number of changes, including new Ringing World lay-out of peals, was received with mixed feelings. An appeal for the Stinchcombe bell fund raised £4 10s. following a collection. However, as the association was to make a donation, absent members should also contribute and the amount was accordingly increased to £10, made up from the association's funds.

Following a recommendation by a sub-committee, it was agreed that the association should organise a striking competition and that this should take place on the day of the Snowdon Dinner. Messrs. Chris Moxon and Ron Ducker were re-elected as treasurer and report editor respectively.

Eight towers were available during the day and the ringing was generally enjoyed. The service, held at Ormesby, was conducted by the Rev. David Moore (Northallerton) and the lessons were read by Mr. Ted Hudson. The singing (without accompaniment) was voluble and not untuneful, well calculated to yield an appetite for the buffet tea laid on at a low price by the local company. R. B.

**Durham University Society****UNIVERSITY RINGERS IN LONDON**

On May 1 past and present members of the Durham University Society converged on Kensington (their headquarters) for a ringing and social weekend in London.

After the initial chaos involved in packing about 30 people into a flat designed to take half-a-dozen comfortably, the company settled down to handbell ringing and bridge.

A peal attempt next day at St. Mary's, Lambeth, for Rutland was stopped after about an hour, and others rang at two towers in North London.

An hour was spent at the Science Museum, where a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine interested the party: perfect Glasgow Little Surprise Maximus and Bristol Major were heard, but the machine had some difficulty with Stedman Cinques.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, there was plenty of interest in the historic peal boards, recording among other things the first time Holt's Original was rung and conducted by one man. At St. Clement Danes' our old friend Bill Theobald arrived in time to close the shutters, and our "subdued" performance included Cambridge Royal.

The final tower was at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and later our South London friends advised us to go south of the river next time.

Sunday was rather flat, but some rang at St. Olave's. Farewells were said to our London friends and the journey back to the North East was made via the president's local tower, Burbage (Leicestershire).

Our thanks to all who helped in any way, especially Colin (general secretary), and Ruth for her important part. P. R.

If you want to avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.



## Obituary

### MRS. DIANA M. FROST

The death occurred on May 7 of Diana M. Frost, wife of Alan J. Frost, a former master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Diana, who was 29, leaves two infant daughters, Rachel and Carol.

This tragically early death was not entirely unexpected, as tests made as long ago as 1965 had indicated the possible existence of a brain tumour, too deep for treatment, and both Diana and Alan were well aware that her life was always in the balance. Under the circumstances it was remarkable that she was able to lead such a full and active life, but her faith and strength of character were such that she was able to keep her cheerful smile and come to terms with her secret shadow.



MRS. DIANA M. FROST

Diana learned to ring at Corby, in Northamptonshire, while still at Kettering High School. Opportunities of progress, however, entailed travelling by bicycle to other towers in the Kettering area and demanded a great deal of effort and determination on her part. Her first peal was only achieved at the 13th attempt, and this early perseverance was typical of her attitude throughout her ringing career. She rang 168 peals in all, conducting two, and became an extremely competent ringer on all numbers. It is thought that she may have been the first lady to have rung over 10,000 changes—in a peal of Rutland Major at Quex Park.

During her time at London University Diana served as secretary and as treasurer of the University Society. Long before this, of course, she had met Alan at Kettering, and they were now to ring many peals together with the University Society.

After their marriage they went to live at Leighton Buzzard and became faithful members of that church and belfry. There it was that the two children were christened and, though it was to be for so short a time, Diana knew great happiness and endeared herself to everyone.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on May 12 at the ancient Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Corby, Northants, in the presence of a large gathering which included many ringing friends.

The master of the Peterborough Diocesan

## A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

"It is on an occasion like this that we are brought face to face with one of man's greatest problems—that of suffering. So many times we hear people say 'Why does God allow an innocent young child to be foully done to death by some lustful brute of a man? Why does God allow some good Christian soul to have a long, painful, lingering death?'; and today, perhaps, 'Why should two such nice, popular, good people meet a sudden tragic death through, it would seem, no fault of their own?'"

These observations were the subject of the address given by Canon K. W. H. Felstead (St. Michael's, Southampton) at a service of thanksgiving for Tom and Margaret Francis, who were killed in a road accident on March 8, and held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, on May 16. A representative congregation of some 200 ringers and friends and some relatives attended to remember with gratitude and affection two people who, during their lifetime, in an unspectacular way, had contributed so much to the life and work of bellringing in general.

Canon Felstead continued: "I am not going to talk about the friendliness, the hospitality, the characters of Tom and Margaret, and their achievements. That has been most excellently done already in the columns of *The Ringing World* and we are all aware of these things. Neither can I tell you why such tragedies happen. If I could I would have solved, partly, this great problem of suffering. But I can offer some thoughts to try to put things in a proper perspective."

### MAN'S FAILURE

He then explained the forces of evil, of the Devil at work and suffering being the result of that work. God, he said, had created all things good, and had no part in suffering. He had made man in His own image and man had let Him down and suffering was one of the results of man's failure.

Various passages from the Book of Job were then quoted by Canon Felstead to

emphasise the points he had made, and he concluded: "Job found the Peace of God which passeth all understanding—in which the things of this life pass into the shadows, and are not worthy to be compared with the joy that shall be revealed. This surely is the right perspective to try to see at such times as this . . ."

### THEY ARE AT PEACE

" . . . And it is in this light that we can truly give thanks today for the lives and examples of Tom and Margaret, rejoicing in the knowledge that they are at peace and enjoying the vision of the Blessed One, to Whom be glory and dominion, honour, majesty and power, now and always."

During the service, which was conducted by the curate of St. Martin's (Rev. Hugh Maddox), the hymns "Jesu, lover of my soul," "Jesus lives!" and "Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer" were sung and Psalm 121 was chanted. Canon Felstead read the lesson (the New English version of Romans 8) and the prayers were led by the curate. The organ duties were shared by the local organist, Mr. Robert Vincent, and Mr. Michael Addison, Margaret's brother, who was at one time assistant organist at Durham Cathedral.

The bells were rung before the service (four courses of Stedman Cinques by ringers of different societies) and tea was served afterwards. All the arrangements were made by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Tom Francis was a former master.

### "They shall grow not old . . ."

Those who assembled in London on May 16 for the memorial service for Tom and Margaret Francis will remember the brightness of the singing, an atmosphere of peace inside the church, contrasting so much with the noise and bustle of the London streets around; they will remember the typical bellringers' gathering afterwards—young and attractive ladies, old and revered gentlemen, leading ringers, C. Council officials—all attending as individuals, all as friends and ringing acquaintances, all with the feelings of solemnity and emotion which arise on such occasions. Tom and Margaret certainly were there amongst them as they had been on so many occasions in the past—on the warm and sunny spring afternoon at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Guild, Mr. J. Malcolm Tyler, was present, together with Mr. Eric Billings (gen. sec.), Messrs. B. Hendry, P. I. Chapman, F. Ginns, H. Bell, R. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. James, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall, Mr. J. G. A. Prior and Mr. Andrew Stubbs (representing the College Youths), Mr. David Martin (representing the University of London Society) and many others, unfortunately unidentified.

The service was conducted by the rector of Corby, Rev. John Lashbrooke, assisted by Rev. Ernest Orland, guild president. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Barrie Hendry 1-2, David W. James 3-4, Francis Threlfall 5-6, James G. A. Prior 7-8. The six bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by representative bands. Cremation followed at Kettering Crematorium. P. I. C.

### DIANA'S PEALS

Maximus.—Yorkshire 4, Cambridge 3, Kent T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3, Grandsire 1.  
Royal.—Yorkshire 3, Cambridge 8, London (No. 1) 1, (No. 2) 1, (No. 3) 2, one each of Clyde, Jugsholme, Pudsey, Belgrave, D.N.C.B., Kent and four of Plain Bob.

Caters.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 3.  
Surprise Major.—Yorkshire 12 (cond. 1), Cambridge 10, London 5, Bristol 4, Rutland 4, Lincolnshire 7, Dorchester 2, one each of Superlative, Stratford, Glasgow, Aldenham, Cornwall, Droitwich, Hersham, New Cambridge, Pudsey, Quedgeley, Quornden, Wembley, Winchester.

Spliced Surprise Major.—12 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 6 methods 5, 5 methods 1, 4 methods 3, 3 methods 1.

Major.—Double Norwich C.B. 8, Kent T.B. 1, Plain Bob 6 (1).

Triples.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 3.  
Surprise Minor.—16 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 3 methods 1, London 1, Cambridge 3, Cuneastre 1.

Mixed Minor.—7 methods 3, 6 methods 2, 4 methods 1, 3 methods 6, Double Oxford 1, Plain Bob 7.

Doubles.—6 methods 1, 3 methods 1, Grandsire 1.

Grand total: 168 (cond. 2).



## ST. GEORGE'S DAY

For the third successive year Mr. D. Jackson, of Totton, Hants, celebrated St. George's Day with two special Doubles methods—St. George of England and Dragon Doubles—to a quarter.

Previous attempts have been made at St. George's, Damerham, the only church with this dedication in the county, but with mileage involved this year's attempt was at Baughurst, where a local inn is named St. George and the Dragon, with a marvellous painting depicting the conflict between the two.

Both methods proved rather tricky to the inexperienced band and after two false starts a quarter peal was attempted and successfully rung, with six extents of St. George and five of the Dragon, by the following: P. Taylor 1, Catherine Roberts 2, Lyn Holbrook 3, D. Jackson (cond.) 4, G. K. Dodd 5, H. Smith 6.

Afterwards we visited the George and the Dragon, admired the painting and talked of ringing next year the Minor version of these methods. G. D.

## "DYING OUT?"

In the radio programme "This is East Anglia" from Norwich, just after Rogation Sunday this year, a lady was interviewed regarding the recent Rogationtide perambulatory festivities in the Suffolk parishes of Wissett and Spexhall, near Halesworth, and the interviewer asked whether she regarded it as folklore, religion or fun. She said: "I think it is one of those old country things which is dying out—like bellringing!"

C. R.

## BENHILTON (SURREY) RESTORATION

Whilst their bells are away at White-chapel the "locals" are saving money by doing necessary work in the tower. Mrs. Ann Murrells, the tower secretary, writes:—

"Work on the bells is going well—Les (my husband) comes home every night looking like a coalman! Our bell fund has reached about £2,000, so we're hopeful of raising the rest before the bills are due to be paid."

## VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Visiting England once more are Mr. and Mrs. George Armitage, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and we were delighted to welcome them to the R.W. office recently. They left their home on February 21 and travelled via South America and Portugal, arriving in Guildford on April 25, and will make this their headquarters for the next six months or so.

Mr. Armitage is a retired sheep farmer and whilst at Guildford in 1966 and 1967 he learned to ring at Stoke-next-Guildford and is very grateful to Mr. Savile and his team for their patience.

In New Zealand he rings at Christchurch Cathedral and at St. Paul's, Papanui. During their stay Mr. Armitage hopes to visit many meetings and join in the ringing at various churches. Rachel Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Armitage's daughter, was for a period furthering her nursing career in England (she is a hospital sister) and on her return home became interested in ringing, although her duties prevent her from a very active participation.

Both George and Mrs. Armitage can be assured of a warm welcome.

## IN HIS NINETIETH YEAR



Photograph taken by Wills and Gros Standard at the recent A.G.M. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Cirencester.

Left to right: Canon Eric Evans, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Gloucester; F. W. Scudamore, ringing master, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Miss E. M. Bliss, chairman, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Canon Roland Hill (vicar); F. J. Lewis, sen., Councillor J. W. Scantlebury, chairman, Cirencester U.D.C.

Mr. Francis J. Lewis has been a member of the Cirencester band for well over 70 years, tower captain for more than 40 years and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1898. He learned to ring in Cirencester in 1896 and, except for war service, was a regular ringer at Cirencester until failing health prevented him from climbing the steps a few years ago. When weather permits he attends the Tuesday evening practices at Watermoor and sometimes rings the treble for a short touch of his favourite method, Stedman. Now in his 90th year, Frank continues to take an active interest in all ringing news and regularly reads *The Ringing World* from cover to cover.

## FIRST PEAL IN 1898

He rang his first peal (the treble to Grandsire Caters) at Cirencester in 1898, and has rung 119 peals (he regrets that he did not manage 120) and conducted 58. His peal book makes interesting reading. Most of his peals were rung in the Cirencester area for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, but a number were rung for the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester. He is especially proud to have taken part in the

7325 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in March, 1913. Among those with whom he rang peals were well-known ringers such as Fred May, John Austin, Rev. F. E. Robinson, William Sevier, William Pye and George Daltry.

## PROFESSIONAL GARDENER

Before retirement Frank was employed by Messrs. John Jefferies, the Cirencester seedsmen, and his knowledge and advice were sought by countless Cotswold and other gardeners. Both he and Mrs. Lewis are very fond of flowers and their garden is a delight.

On April 11 fellow ringers rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Watermoor as an 89th birthday compliment and it was appropriate that it should be conducted by the present ringing master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, for Frank was himself master in 1923–25. The attempt was a secret until the last moment, and at 3 o'clock on that particular Saturday afternoon he was torn between his two loves—listening to the ringing or watching the Cup Final.

## LEICESTER CHURCHES AND REDUNDANCY

The commission, set up by Dr. R. R. Williams two years ago, recommends that the number of parishes in Leicester should be reduced from 12 to four. The new parishes are St. Mary-de-Castro (8 bells), to be called St. Mary's, St. Margaret's (12), Holy Trinity and St. Matthew's.

St. Mary's would unite the parishes of St. Nicholas (to be offered to the city as a museum), St. Andrew's (to be demolished) and All Souls' (to be retained) with a team ministry.

St. Margaret's, All Saints' (8) and St. Leonard's are already united with a team ministry. All Saints' is recommended to be declared redundant and used for other purposes and St. Leonard's to be demolished.

Holy Trinity and St. John the Divine (10) are to be united and St. John the Divine recommended for demolition.

St. Matthew's is felt to be over large and should be demolished and replaced by a smaller modern building for use as a parish church and additionally as a centre for ecumenical, pastoral and liturgical experiment.



[R.W. photo.]

MR. and MRS. GEORGE ARMITAGE



## Letters

### WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—Well said and well done, Mr. Millward! I could wish that a few more towers followed Buckley's example and got their priorities right.—Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs.) B. I. WILKINSON.  
Northfleet, Kent.

Dear Sir,—May I have a little space to answer Mr. Millward's letter?

Let me make it clear that I am not setting myself up as judge and jury to pass a verdict on Mr. Millward, his tower members or their rules. He asks: "Was I wrong in letting him go?" and I feel that he is asking for opinions, so here goes.

Of course he was wrong in letting him go; we may have lost a ringer who would, when he had learnt, have attended his tower regularly every Sunday. No matter which tower he eventually joined he could have been a great asset to them and ringing in general. I think Mr. Millward went about this matter in entirely the wrong way.

I feel that he was wrong to think of holding up a practice to allow a complete newcomer to ring on a tied bell. The prospective ringer should have been asked to sit and watch a complete practice session in order to get some idea of what change-ringing is all about. If he was still keen he should have been asked to attend a special practice, when he would be there on his own with the tower captain or tutor and they could then have chatted to him in a friendly way, explaining what is expected of the beginner when he has learnt to ring. When his interest had been aroused he could no doubt have been persuaded to take a more active part in the life of the church, and I have no doubt that once the ringing bug had got embedded he would have been only too pleased to be confirmed in order that he would be able to continue this very satisfying hobby, this form of recreation, this duty—call it what you will!

Just one question for Mr. Millward. Supposing he had a ringer, with the ability and knowledge to ring and conduct any method, move into Buckley, would he send him away to Manchester because he had not been confirmed, or would he try to talk him into the ways of the church and eventual Confirmation? Surely he would take the latter course, even if it took him two years to do it.

I feel that if a ringer is prepared to attend regularly for practice and Sunday ringing he should be given every encouragement, regardless of his religious belief. With a little persuasion, together with the example set by the rest of the band, this man could well have turned into a good churchgoing bellringer. As it is he has probably gone from the Exercise for good.

In answer to "Why do we ring?" I can only answer: We ring because we get immense pleasure and satisfaction from ringing and listening to bells, and as the church authorities supply us with the necessary equipment and premises, **free of charge**, we feel we have a duty to perform for our church in ringing twice every Sunday for services, and on other special occasions.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. FINDON.  
Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.

The best way to kill time is to work it to death.

### CARTWHEEL FASHION

Dear Sir,—I am interested in the striking competition held recently at Cuxton when the fifth band, Cuxton, were faulted for ringing their test piece "cartwheel fashion." Cuxton had 153 faults and although the length of the test piece is not given I assume it was 240 changes; therefore, did Cuxton receive 120 faults for ignoring the open lead, leaving 33 faults accumulated during the changes? This seems hardly fair. In the North of England both cartwheel and open lead teams join competitions and receive impartial judging; surely Rochester District could do likewise. To Cuxton I send greetings and beseech you **STAND FIRM!**

On page 367, R.W. "25 Years Ago," there is a comment by me on competitive ringing when we in South Yorkshire were being castigated for promoting contests, and today they are being held all over the country.

I see Mr. H. Brotherton, of Ashbourne, has taken up his quill to deplore "cartwheel ringing," but I think he should establish which is the traditional method of leading before he begins to lay down the law.—Yours faithfully,

NOEL F. MOXON.

Barnsley, Yorks.

### EARLY BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Freeman (R.W., p. 373) is quite right: the peal of "Bob Major Trebles" at Mortlake in November, 1761, could not have been the third peal of Bob Triples.

Although the story of a peal of Bob Triples at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, by the College Youths in January, 1689, is now generally dismissed as legendary, 5040 Bob Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2, 1715. This was the first true peal ever rung and is recorded on a board in the belfry.

The Gloucester Journal of Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1730-1, contains the following report of two further peals in this method:

"On Tuesday laft the Society of College Youths rang a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes, call'd Plain Bob Trebles, on the 8 Bells of St. Mary le Blow (sic) in Cheapfide, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes: The faid Society rung the fame Peal on the 8 Bells of St. Mary Over's in Southwark, the 19th of Dec. laft, being the first true Peals of that Length that ever were rung in thofe Steeples, and reckon'd by all Judges of the Exercife to be extraordinary Performances, they being the heaviest Peals of Bells in London, each of the Tenors weighing upwards of 52 Hundred Weights."

Doubtless Canon Felstead can furnish details of other early peals.

Although the College Youths of 1731 had a close approximation to the modern name of Bob Triples, it was by no means unusual to find ringers of the 18th and 19th centuries in difficulty when it came to finding the proper name for a method when they came to extend it. The records of the Painswick Youths in the early 1800s contain the account of a peal of "Bob Major Royal," for example. And in 1817 the ringers at Wickwar, Glos, proudly announced their ringing "on six bells, a peal of Royal Grandsire Triples, consisting of 9960 changes." Subsequent correspondence elicited the fact that this was actually a long length of Grandsire Doubles!—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.  
Cheltenham, Glos.

### EASTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am sure ringers will be interested to know of the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Easton, Hants.

It is about seven years since we began thinking of this project, but there was so much other church restoration work to be done that the bells' restoration had to be deferred.

Now, at last, the money has been raised and the work is due to be completed by the end of the month, the bells dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Arch-deacon of Winchester on Sunday, June 7, 1970.

The work entailed tuning, quarter turning and refitting our ancient three bells (one is dated 1614), housing them in a steel frame, erecting them in the former ringing chamber so that they will be rung from the ground floor. In addition to our ancient three bells a further three bells have been given, one in memory of Canon Molony, my predecessor, another in memory of the parents of Miss Mary Galbraith, who were married in this church.

During the last 12 months we have been busy getting our ringers trained. We are most grateful to the rector of Old Alresford and Mr. Huggins, the captain of Old Alresford tower.—Yours faithfully,

PERCY DODWELL,  
Rector.

Easton, Hants.

### DUPLICATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Dear Sir,—In your edition of the R.W. for April 17 you report on the dedication of a tower and its bells at St. Mary's, Hayes. On looking up "Dove" one discovers that there are two such towers at Hayes, both with the same dedication, but one being in Bromley and the other in Hillingdon. It would be appreciated if someone would clarify as to which tower was dedicated.

Whilst looking through "Dove" I find that there are many other places of the same names in the County of London, and that unless the whole title is given when sending in dedications, quarter peals, etc., confusion can arise as to which place it refers.

Of the Bromleys I find: Bromley, SS. Peter and Paul (8) (p. 19); Chelsfield, St. Martin (p. 25); Cudham, SS. Peter and Paul (10) (p. 35); Beckenham, St. George (p. 9); Biggin Hill, St. Mark (p. 11); West Wickham, St. John Baptist (p. 119).

Then there are the Hillingdons: Hillingdon, St. John Baptist (p. 55); Uxbridge, St. Andrew (8) (p. 113); Uxbridge, St. Margaret (8) (p. 113); Harefield, St. Mary the Virgin (6) (p. 51); Harlington, SS. Peter and Paul (p. 51); Harmondsworth, St. Mary (p. 51).

Similarly, confusion can arise from the following: Barnet, St. John Baptist (p. 8), and Monken Hadley (Barnet), St. Mary the Virgin (p. 76); Bexley, St. Mary the Virgin (p. 11), Erith (Bexley), St. John Baptist; Erith (Bexley), Christ Church (p. 42); Foot's Cray (Bexley), All Saints (p. 45).

Then we have Hounslow, St. Paul (p. 57); East Bedfont (p. 9), Feltham (p. 43) and Isleworth (p. 59).

Finally, Waltham Forest can be referred to as Leyton and Leytonstone (p. 66).

There are others I know and some I have not found, but I am sure that after reading this your correspondents will make sure where their tower is exactly.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.  
Denmead, Hants.



# Quarter Peals

## DATE TOUCH

**Bath, Som.**—At SS. Michael with Paul, May 3, 1970 Stedman Triples (by P. H. D. Jones): D. C. Hawkins 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, Mrs. R. J. Ball 3, P. W. J. Hardwick 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, P. J. Devrell 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8.

**Aldbourn, Wilts.**—May 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Craig (first Triples) 1, T. R. Jones 2, Jean Minchin 3, P. Minchin 4, M. Sutton 5, T. A. Palmer 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, G. A. Newman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Newman (parents of the tenor ringer), of Baydon, for their golden wedding.

**Aldridge, Staffs.**—March 25, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Langford 1, Gwyneth Dorrell (first inside) 2, Daphne Appleby 3, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 4, Cynthia Humphreys 5, R. Riley 6. Also April 12, 1440 St. Clement's Minor: Sharon McGonigle 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, J. L. Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's by a local band. Also April 19, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Sylvia J. Langford 1, N. White 2, Daphne Appleby 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton (cond.) 5, M. J. Tyas 6. First in five m/vs 1 and 3.

**Balcombe, Sussex.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, Mrs. Hilda Oatway 2, E. Knapp 3, R. V. Johnson 4, S. Allen 5, W. Oatway (cond.) 6, A. E. Laker 7, R. Stone (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and birthday compliment to Hilda Oatway.

**Barcombe, Sussex.**—April 23, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): S. J. Osborne 1, Rosemary Lelliott (first in more than one method) 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. J. Dudman (first quarter) 6. On St. George's Day. Also April 27, 1260 Doubles (ten m/v): Pauline M. Kennard (first quarter) 1, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For the birth of Jonathan Spray and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Chappell. Also May 7, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): A. Turner 1, Rosemary Lelliott 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, R. R. Kennard 5, S. J. Osborne 6. On Ascension Day.

**Biddenden, Kent.**—May 7, 1280 P.B. Major: R. Birch 1, A. Leves 2, R. Lucas 3, H. Deacon 4, P. Richardson 5, J. Hemsley 6, B. Johnson 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam H. G. (Bert) Payne, many years local captain.

**Brading, I.O.W.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Russell 1, Jill Reed 2, K. Squibb 3, L. Jameson 4, P. Miller (first as cond.) 5, Ann Duff 6, T. F. East 7, E. Duff 8. For Parish Eucharist and a birthday compliment to ringer of 8.

**Buckley, Flints.**—May 6, 1264 P. Bob Major: Mrs. Sheila Williams (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Rachel Collins 2, B. R. Millward 3, Mrs. Norah Randles 4, G. Morral 5, G. H. Randles 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, G. Parting (cond.) 8. Rung for Ascensiontide.

**Bunney, Notts.**—April 26, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. A. Metcalf (cond.) 5, V. Harrison 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mrs. Wheatley.

**Buriton, Hants.**—May 2, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper (first inside, two methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, Rev. P. Gallup 6.

**Canford Magna, Dorset.**—May 10, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Janet A. Fawcett 1, L. H. Pink 2, W. J. Foot 3, R. Boyce 4, M. W. C. Lawson (first as cond.) 5, T. Hiscock 6. To welcome link missionary Ena Burke back to the parish.

**Carlton Colville, Suffolk.**—April 25, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. J. Gorrod (first as cond.) 1, Christine Gorrod (first quarter) 2, P. G. Tovell 3, M. Seuneke 4, J. B. Gorrod 5. Birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

**Christchurch, N.Z.**—May 3, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. T. Summerell 1, N. F. E. Reeve 2, R. J. Stevens (first Surprise) 3, P. J. Perry 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6. A graduation compliment to David Tennant, B.A.

**Claines, Worcs.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Chester 1, R. Woodyatt 2, H. Homans 3, J. Whittall 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5.

**Croome D'Abitot, Worcs.**—May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. J. Richings 1, Shirley M. Drew 2, C. J. Pickford 3, R. H. Hunt 4, C. Hims (first Minor as cond.) 5, G. R. Drew 6.

**Dewsbury, Yorks.**—May 3, 1264 P.B. Major: Esther Sharp (first quarter) 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, V. Bottomley 4, J. M. Ineson 5, K. Ineson 6, E. Betts 7, D. Carruthers 8. For Evensong.

**Easthampstead, Berks.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Scott 1, Susan Rance 2, Joan Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, G. N. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, K. R. Davenport (first in method as cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Evensong.

**Edgbaston, Works.**—May 3, 1260 P.B. Triples: J. S. Hopwood 1, Janet E. Blake 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, A. Kingscote 4, B. Dye 5, T. H. O. Lewis 6, P. W. Dickinson (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

**Eynesbury, Hunts.**—April 9, 1260 P.B. Minor: M. Prescott 1, A. Peck 2, R. Bellamy (cond.) 3, J. Walker 4, G. Bonham 5, D. Prescott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Elsie Baxter.

**Gloucester.**—May 3, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1264 P.B. Major: L. Barry 1, R. Dale 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, C. Burridge 4, I. Goulter 5, R. Hazell 6, P. Gould 7, E. Fairbrother (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**Handsworth, Yorks.**—April 25, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, P. J. Hollis (first quarter) 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, I. P. Bell 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, C. Rusby 6, D. J. Kelly (first as cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. On conductor's birthday.

**Hawkhurst, Kent.**—April 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Marion Kemp 1, Jacqueline F. Collins 2, Caroline F. West 3, S. G. Waters 4, M. A. Legg 5, L. T. Pope 6, E. R. G. West (first as cond.) 7, S. P. Piper 8.

**Hessle, E. Yorks.**—April 26, 1440 P.B. Minor: A. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hope 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks.**—May 6, 1320 P.B. Doubles: J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, D. E. Potter 2, Lyz Ewan 3, J. Blacktop 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5. By York Colleges Guild.

**Hook Norton, Oxon.**—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth 1, I. Harris 2, E. Wigg 3, J. Bolton (cond.) 4, O. Hemming 5, Joyce Tildesley 6, C. Sole 7, A. Charles 8. For marriage of David and Paula Clarke.

**Horsham, Sussex.**—May 4, 1260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: E. Fosberry 1, H. Burton 2, Judy Weekes 3, Sonia Hales 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham 6, F. Hicks (cond.) 7, M. Tudor (first quarter) 8.

**Killamarsh, Derbys.**—May 8, 1260 P.B. Minor: Margaret Whitehouse 1, J. Crocker 2, R. A. Fry (first inside) 3, R. Fletcher 4, J. D. Cooper 5, P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 6.

**Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.**—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, I. J. Whitear 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, I. J. Whitear 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

**Lamberhurst, Kent.**—April 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. Everest 1, P. R. Everest 2, Doris E. Colgate 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, P. J. Simmonds 5, R. J. Everest (cond.) 6.

**Leckhampton, Glos.**—May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. Ewins 1, Ann Herbert (first Minor) 2, Helen Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, Hilda Taylor 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also May 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Helen Taylor 3, B. H. Taylor 4, I. Margaret Manby 5, E. J. Taylor 6, Hilda Taylor (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Ewins 8. For Ascension Day.

**Lichfield, Staffs.**—May 3, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. W. Townsend 1, J. H. Allen 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, Miss P. Sedgwick 4, J. Dolman 5, A. P. Sheldon (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, J. B. Webb (cond.) 7, C. T. Collins 8. For Rogation Sunday.

**Lincoln.**—April 19, at St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1272 Minimus (three methods): I. M. Minns 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Birthday compliment to A. Froggatt.

**Little Aston, Staffs.**—May 5, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Jackie J. Hagan (first quarter) 1, C. Duckett (first inside) 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. Duckett 4, J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. A farewell to treble ringer, shortly leaving for Lisbon, Portugal.

**Little Chart, Kent.**—April 16, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy Kibling (first quarter) 1, J. R. Cooper 2, Frances Ruffe (first inside) 3, Irene Ruffe 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 5, B. Haley 6.

**Long Ashton, Som.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bridle 1, Jennifer M. Taylor 2, Diana Bridle 3, P. Bridle 4, N. H. Yeo 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, R. C. Kippin 7, R. G. Edwards 8. For Evensong and for the baptism of Antony John Charles Gilbert.

**Loughborough, Leics.**—April 26, at the Parish Church, 1264 Plain Bob Major: W. A. Thow 1, Shelagh Dennis 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, J. Sadlington 4, H. Frances Watson-Walker 5, D. J. Smith 6, C. F. Mobbs 7, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 8. For choral Evensong.

**Ludgvan, Cornwall.**—April 25, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Stephens 1, Janet S. Evans (first Minor inside) 2, Kathryn R. Pearce (first Minor inside) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt called round. To welcome the new Vicar of Ludgvan, Rev. Urien Evans.

**Luppitt, Devon.**—April 25, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): K. Thorne 1, C. E. Webber 2, I. G. Hughes 3, A. Kingscote 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Durbin 6.

**Market Weighton, Yorks.**—May 2, 1260 Mixed Doubles (four methods): Shirley Waddingham 1, Joan Gray (cond.) 2, Vicky Bond 3, Eileen Waddingham 4, P. Carey (first Mixed Doubles) 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Rogation flower service. Also 1300 Plain and Little Bob Minor: J. C. Hope 1, G. P. Horton 2, K. Gatman 3, A. Hessey 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Rogationtide.

**Marston, Oxon.**—April 19, 1260 Doubles (four methods): H. Page 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

**Martin, Hants.**—March 22, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Kerly 1, Helen Baverstock 2, J. Baverstock 3, M. Baverstock 4, P. Waterman 5, R. Jones (cond.) 6. For Matins.

**Nailsea, Som.**—April 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 2, Mrs. R. Short 3, L. Childs 4, R. Boultee 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. For the induction of the vicar of the daughter church of Holy Trinity. Also April 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, R. Boultee 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

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**Nazeing, Essex.**—April 24, 1260 Doubles (two methods): B. Burton 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, C. Sams (cond.) 3, G. Blake 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Jim Terry, a ringer and chorister at Roydon.

**North Mymsms, Herts.**—April 19, 1260 P. Bob Minor: Linda Saunders 1, Julia E. Indge 2, Jennifer M. Indge 3, T. J. Lock (cond.) 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, D. J. Smith 6. For Evensong; also to congratulate Rev. J. Abdy (curate) and Sheila Bruin, and S. Armeson and Jennifer Indge on their recent engagements.

**Norton Disney, Lincs.**—On May 2, 1440 P.B. Minor: J. Draycott 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath (first Minor inside) 3, F. G. Hooper 4, P. C. Pitchford 5, D. E. Kirtan (cond.) 6.

**Old Portsmouth, Hants.**—April 26, 59 High Street, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Jean M. Berriman (completes Grandsire family) 1-2, W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, B. J. Fry 5-6.

**Orsett, Essex.**—May 10, 1264 Kent T.B. Minor: T. G. Hull 1, Miss J. Hills 2, S. C. Wood (first inside) 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. E. Brown 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3. Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Hull, wife of treble ringer.

**Oxford.**—May 3, at St. Cross, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maureen A. Long 1, A. W. Kay (first inside) 2, S. R. Smith 3, D. Cooper 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies 6.

**Paul, Cornwall.**—May 4, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Diane Carter (first T.B.) 1, T. E. Howarth 2, J. J. George 3, G. W. Taysom 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. For Rogationtide.

**Penhow, Mon.**—April 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hughes 1, V. Jones 2, L. James 3, F. Reade 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, R. J. Bale 6. Rung on St. George's Day. Ringers 1, 2 and 5, Machen; ringers 3, 4 and 6, Bassaleg.

**Petersfield, Hants.**—May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Karin Hatherly 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. For Evensong.

**Polesworth, Warks.**—April 26, 1320 Winchendon Place B. Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also April 26, 1320 April Day: S. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1320 St. Nicholas B. Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, R. Knight (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

**Portsmouth, Hants.**—April 26, at the Cathedral, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Edna H. Jones 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6, R. B. Walton 7, M. S. Bruce 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. For Evensong; also birthday compliments to Mrs. E. H. Jones and Surg./Capt. (D) A. Lawrey, R.N. (ret'd.), O.B.E. Also May 2, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. A. J. Buswell 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, L. D. Duguid 3, A. F. W. Burbridge 4, M. S. Bruce 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoodless 8. For the annual summer festival of the Guild of Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral.

**Puttenham, Surrey.**—May 3, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.): Judith Collins 1, M. Kirk 2, P. Rowe 3, A. Elsmore 4, R. Collins 5, E. Fletcher (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**Queen Camel, Som.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Reeves 1, P. A. Reeves 2, F. J. Reeves (cond.) 3, T. J. Setter 4, R. J. Fox 5, C. Atkins 6. First quarter 1, 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones.

**Radstock, Som.**—April 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Susan A. Moore (first as cond.) 1, H. Hawkins 2, R. J. Moore 3, B. Pike 4, A. Comer 5, R. Weaver 6.

**Rolvenden, Kent.**—March 23, 1260 Oxford B. Triples: E. Clifton 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. Bourner 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. Manger 5, J. Hemslley 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

**St. Eval, Cornwall.**—May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, P. G. Jeans 3, L. W. Allen 4, T. E. Howarth (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. By the weekenders as a wedding compliment to Stanley and Margaret Pryor.

**Shirley, Warks.**—May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: G. D. Rushton 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

**Sittingbourne, Kent.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson 4, J. E. Clark 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, L. Mitchell 7, L. B. Dobbie 8. Half-muffled by Sunday service band in memoriam George Kenward, a local ringer for many years.

**Solihull, Warks.**—May 3, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. H. Walters 5, K. J. Hesketh 6, V. Green 7, R. J. Cann 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Stewardship Sunday.

**South Petherton, Som.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Rice 1, R. Beale 2, R. C. Beale 3, H. W. Pearce 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. Cornelius (cond.) 7, R. Chedzoy 8. A birthday compliment to Stevan Beale, and to mark the 80th anniversary of the Association.

**Southport, Lancs.**—April 26, at Emmanuel, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Lynn Brownlow (first quarter) 1, Jacky Holmes 2, Marion Glover 3, Elizabeth Guv 4, A. R. Guv 5, J. Elliott 6, Celia D'Aeth (first Surprise as cond.) 7, R. Kenrick 8.

**Steep, Hants.**—April 14, 1260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, Carol Stacey (first as cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Waller 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. Also April 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Hall 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. deCombe 3, R. Tipper 4, H. deCombe 5, K. Tipper 6.

**Stoke Lacy, Herefords.**—April 23, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Ranford 1, R. L. Price 2, L. J. Walters 3, F. Davies 4, E. C. Biggs (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. Half-muffled in memoriam H. W. Preece (aged 90), 50 years local Sunday service ringer.

**Stowmarket, Suffolk.**—May 9, 1280 Double Norwich: F. Joan Muxlow 1, M. T. Symons 2, R. Rose 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, W. Jarvis 5, Rev. A. A. Muxlow (first in method) 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

**Stratton, Cornwall.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, Miss B. M. Boyle 2, Miss C. Worth 3, Mrs. A. Davison 4, W. J. V. Conduet (cond.) 5, J. Sangwin 6, H. Trewin 7, H. Stacey 8. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacey, also for 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bissett.

**Sutton, Lincs.**—April 28, 1280 P.B. Major: D. Fensom 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, M. J. Belcher 3, W. B. Dawson 4, W. E. Clarke 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Cathrine Kent, mother of the tenor ringer.

**Swindon, Wilts.**—May 7, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wilson (first G.T.) 1, J. Minchin 2, P. Wilton 3, R. Everall 4, P. Minchin 5, M. Sutton 6, M. Stanley (first G.T. as cond.) 7, A. Rogerson (first G.T.) 8.

**Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.**—May 3, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. Goodyer 1, Enid Roberts 2, Julie Armstrong 3, J. Cummins 4, R. Walters 5, R. Bampton 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, P. Doyle 8.

**Sutton-in-Holderness, Yorks.**—May 3, 720 Oxford T.B.: 576 Cambridge S.M.: Maris Stephenson 1, Laura Higginson 2, Gwynneth Ducker 3, Linda Sherwood 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a compliment to the vicar on being made a Canon of York Minster.

**Titchfield, Hants.**—May 3, 1440 Durham Surprise Minor: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, C. G. Bryant 6. First in method by all.

**Tonbridge, Kent.**—April 4, 1280 P.B. Major: Coral D. S. Fry 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, V. J. Benning 4, W. H. Dobbie 5, E. J. Jenner 6, G. Fry 7, D. Featherstone 8.

**Totternhoe, Beds.**—April 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, R. Stripp 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, J. G. Newman 5, R. J. Scott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Eric Instance, sidesman for many years. Also May 3, 1256 Little Bob Major: June Sinfield 1, Anne Stephenson 2, F. J. Cook 3, R. J. Scott 4, P. J. Aslett 5, W. F. Sear 6, J. G. Newman 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**Walkington, Yorks.**—March 27, 1260 mixed Doubles (four methods): Shirley Waddingham 1, Joan Gray (cond.) 2, Vicky Bond 3, Eileen Waddingham 4, G. Drew 5, N. W. Castle 6. First half-muffled quarter for all.

**Westbourne, Sussex.**—April 23, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Eileen Jayne 3, E. Treagus 4, N. George 5, C. J. Alder (first quarter) 6, N. Vollar 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowley.

**Westham, Sussex.**—March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss V. J. Murray 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, R. Funnell 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Tapp 6. For Easter. Also April 29, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D. Wooler (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock (50th Doubles as cond.) 2, Gillian Eldridge 3, D. Ramsay (first P.B. Doubles) 4, J. M. Swift 5, N. Chapman (first quarter) 6. Prior to a musical recital.

**Weston Favell, Northants.**—April 25, 1280 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. K. M. Drabble 1, C. J. Smith 2, P. J. Verity 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of St. Mark. Also May 1, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss G. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. J. Edmonds 2, J. C. Parker 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. Robinson 5. Conducted in turn by each inside ringer. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

**Wiveliscombe, Som.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, G. Maben 2, K. Lee 3, V. Gunter 4, H. G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, H. V. Young 7, F. Casley 8. A 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorcas Sparks, mother of 5.

**Wrexham, Denbighs.**—May 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, F. R. Evans 2, Norah M. Randles 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathall (cond.) 7, E. Edwards 8. On the occasion of granting the Freedom of the Borough of Wrexham to Mr. P. J. Walters, town clerk for 33 years.



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# ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C., Cripplegate, St. Giles.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (34 cwt.)

## 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 7.)

- 1 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)
- 2 William Hibbert
- 3 Raymond G. Cousins
- 4 John W. T. Hibbert
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Roger F. Overington
- 7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 8 James Phillips
- 9 Brian R. White
- 10 David E. House
- 11 Philip A. F. Chalk
- 12 Dennis Randall

Wedding compliment to Antony Kench (master of the society) and Gail Buxton.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

CURRY MALLET, Somerset, All Saints.

Fri., April 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (240 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 2400 Rev. Canterbury, 1200 Plain Bob, 1200 Grandsire).

- 1 Jane Shepherd
- 2 Mervyn R. Arscott
- 3 Adrian F. Arscott
- 4 John Medway
- 5 John Cornelius (Conductor)
- 6 John Shepherd

## BROADWAY, Som, SS. Aldhelm and Eadburga

Thur., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (13 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Faith, All Saints, Plain Bob, Grandsire; 16 var., 11 spliced).

- 1 Arthur H. Reed
- 2 Adrian F. Arscott
- 3 John Cornelius
- 4 Royston Shepherd
- 5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

For the 80th anniversary of the association.

## LYNCOMBE, BATH, Som, St. Mark.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet).

- 1 George W. Massey
- \*2 George J. Hawkins
- \*3 Robin L. Coles
- 4 David C. Hawkins
- 5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

\*First in 7 Surprise methods inside. Wedding compliment to David J. Orledge and Glenda M. Beckett, married at East Grinstead, Sussex, on April 25, 1970.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GOOSTREY, Cheshire, St. Luke.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 extent Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- \*†1 Brian F. Trueman
- †2 Peter Broadbent
- †3 Ronald F. Andrew
- †4 Brian S. B. Kear
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 6 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

\*First away from cover. †First in four methods. With best wishes to Bob and May Smith, gone to live in Leicester.

## Peals

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WOODBURY, Devon, St. Swithin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (23 cwt.)

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

- 1 Kevin A. Hughes
- 2 Stephen G. Peirce
- 3 Alan N. Frost
- 4 Colin L. Barr
- 5 John L. Anderson
- 6 D. Roy Bould
- 7 John N. Longridge (Conductor)
- 8 Frank D. Mack

## BUCKFAST, Devon, Abbey Church of St. Mary.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (41 cwt.)

## 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
- 3 Susan Rothera
- 4 Albert M. Tyler
- 5 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 6 David J. Llewellyn
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 David E. Rothera
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Philip J. Rothera
- 11 Tudor P. Edwards
- 12 Peter Border

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. (13½ cwt.)

## 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 George E. Bonham
- 3 Martin Major
- \*4 Phillip S. George
- 5 David R. Saunderson
- 6 Alan M. Barber
- 7 George E. Thoday (Conductor)
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon

\*First of Surprise Major inside.

## ICKLETON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3 hr. (18½ cwt.)

## 5088 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. D. Bailey.

- \*1 Gordon Lilley
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 4 George E. Bonham
- 5 Donald F. Murfet
- 6 David R. Saunderson
- 7 A. Patrick Cannon
- 8 George E. Thoday

\*Circled the tower. First in the method by all and for the Association.

## LONGSTANTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)

## 5120 OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. L. Morris.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Robert D. Bellamy
- 4 Alan T. Winter
- 5 Richard L. Underwood
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 George E. Bonham
- 8 George E. Thoday

First in the method by all and for the association.

## WILBURTON, Cambs, St. Peter.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7 cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (11 methods: London, Wells; Beverley, Surfleet; York, Durham; Netherseale; Bourne; Norwich; Ipswich, Cambridge).

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Donald F. Murfet
- 4 Brian B. Hullah
- 5 Roger J. Palmer
- 6 George E. Thoday

## MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (11 cwt.)

## 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Dennis E. Pepper
- \*2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 John G. Gipson
- \*4 Martin Major
- 5 Alan M. Barber
- 6 David R. Saunderson
- 7 George E. Thoday
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, The Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (39 cwt.)

## 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

- 1 Donald E. Cobb (Conductor)
- 2 Yvonne A. Towler
- 3 Josephine A. Brown
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 Robert J. Chapman
- 7 James L. Towler
- \*8 Robert J. Lindsell
- 9 Andrew J. Slade
- 10 John E. Murfitt
- 11 John C. Slater
- \*12 David A. Tovell

\*First on 12. For the 910th anniversary of the consecration of Waltham Abbey.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (19 methods: Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet; London and Wells; Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall and Buxton; Plain Bob).

- 1 John W. Collard
- 2 Peter J. Kingscote
- 3 Michael J. Platt
- 4 Stephen F. Royal
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

## CIRENCESTER, Glos, Holy Trinity, Watermoor.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3 hr. (19 cwt.)

## 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

A. B. Carpenter's 6-part (1897).

- \*1 William A. Godwin
- †2 Judith Harris
- 3 E. Mary Bliss
- \*4 Keith W. Scudamore
- 5 William F. Scudamore (Conductor)
- \*6 Francis J. Lewis, jun.
- \*7 Michael R. Rose
- †8 Alan R. Strickland

\*First of Oxford Bob Triples. †First of Triples. A compliment to Francis J. Lewis, sen., on the occasion of his 89th birthday.



**NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset,  
St. Mary the Virgin.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (6 methods: London Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Buxton, Plain Bob).

- \*1 Richard Gray
- \*2 Rosemary Myers
- \*3 Alison M. Brown
- \*4 Rosemary Snawdon
- 5 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
- 6 Anthony J. Cox

\*Most methods.

**BUTCOMBE, Som, St. Michael.**

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 36 min. (6 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (London S., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clements and Buxton).

- \*1 Shelagh P. Plumb
- \*2 Alison M. Brown
- \*3 Rosemary Snawdon
- 4 Heather A. Kippin
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

\*Most methods.

**BRISTOL, St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 48min. (50½ cwt.)

**5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Christine Andrew
- 2 J. Edward Cawser
- 3 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 5 Rupert Clarke
- 6 John N. Longridge
- 7 Barry E. Saunders
- 8 Alan A. Paul
- 9 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 10 Graham C. Paul
- 11 Frank C. Price
- 12 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****EGHAM, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.**

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17 cwt.)

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Joyce A. Parsons
- \*2 Catherine A. Elliott
- \*3 David E. Parsons (Conductor)
- \*4 Stephen R. Elliott
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- \*6 David H. Stone
- \*7 Christopher M. White
- 8 Alan D. Flood

\*First of London Major. First of Surprise by an all local band. For the 150th anniversary of the present church.

**CRANLEIGH, Surrey, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. 8min. (17 cwt.)

**5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (16 methods: 448 Ashted, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 224 Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey and Superlative, with 153 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Alan D. Elsmore
- \*2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Stanley G. Ponting
- \*4 Rowan S. Bradley
- 5 W. John Couperthwaite
- †6 Tom Page
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Peter J. Munday

\*50th together. †50th together. Greatest number of methods rung to an "all the work" peal for the guild.

**OTTERSHAW, Surrey, Christ Church.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 cwt.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR**

- \*1 Roger Pashley
- 2 Jeffrey P. Ladd
- 3 Catherine A. Elliott
- 4 David H. Stone
- 5 David E. Parsons (Conductor)
- 6 Alan D. Flood

\*First peal. First of London Minor by all.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****SHREWSBURY, Salop, St. Chad.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 56min. (39½ cwt.)

**5280 NEWGATE S. MAXIMUS**

- 1 Jean F. Woolford
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Roger Baldwin
- 4 Brian Bladon
- 5 Christopher H. Rogers
- 6 David P. Hilling
- 7 James R. Taylor
- 8 Michael P. Moreton
- 9 Frank T. Blagrove
- 10 James A. D. Woolford
- 11 Robert C. Kippin
- 12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

**BUSHEY, Herts, St. James.**

Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Heywood's variation.)

- 1 Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)
- 2 Anne E. Thompson
- 3 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 4 John R. Southey
- 5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 6 Frank Reed
- 7 Roger Baldwin
- 8 David A. Carpenter

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****EASTCHURCH, Kent, All Saints.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Peter D. J. Beal
- 2 Jane Foster
- 3 Godfrey Foat
- 4 Rev. Stanley M. Evans
- 5 Peter M. Wilkinson (Conductor)
- 6 Nicholas J. Chesson

In memoriam Leslie Wilkinson, rector of this parish 1954-67.

**MERSHAM, Kent, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (12 cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 John R. Cooper
- 2 Edgar R. Rapley
- \*3 Peter Richardson
- \*4 Philip R. Staples
- \*5 Raymond Lucas
- 6 Robert Swift
- 7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)
- 8 Nicholas J. Davies

\*First in the method.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****LUBENHAM, Leicester, All Saints.**

Thur., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (16 extents Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire).

- \*1 Stephen Iliffe
- 2 Raymond Martin
- 3 Hazel Nichols
- 4 Edward Cowd
- 5 Guy Slater (Conductor)

\*First peal. First as conductor.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION****HORWICH, Lancashire, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., May 10, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.)

**5056 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

- 1 Donald G. Lawson
- 2 Dennis H. McCormick
- 3 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 4 Richard Palmer
- 5 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 6 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 7 John Ashcroft
- 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

First in the method for all and for the association. A wedding compliment to the daughter of Canon Elliott (vicar) and to mark the diamond jubilee of the opening of St. Catherine's Church, Horwich.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****BARROWBY, Lincs, All Saints.**

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED DOUBLES**

Extents by D. A. Frith.

154 methods (Pinchbeck, Barrowby; Irnham, Hordle, North Rauceby, Swinderby, Gedney Hill; Anglesey, Carmarthen, Middlesex, Dunston; Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, Cardiganshire, Denbighshire, Glamorgan; Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire; St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Rev. Minster, Wellington; Rev. Shipways; Rev. Bob, Canterbury; Stedman S.C., Coxwell, St. Botolph; Rev. New Bob, Ancaster, St. Alphege; Union, Rev. St. Nicholas, Uffington, Rev. St. Simon; Thurlby, Braceborough, Honington; Rev. St. Owen, Sempringham, Tallington, Chapel-en-le-Frith; Rev. Huntspill, Newton, St. Andrew; St. Faith, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin; Rev. St. Vedast, Helpringham, St. Gregory; St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund; Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew; Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire; Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster; Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire; Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints; Runemede, All Saints, Berkshire; Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian; Colne, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol; Casthorpe, Bedford, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe; Pensthorpe, Freethorpe, Kelleythorpe; Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen; Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett; New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon; Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall; Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley; Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton; Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge; Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon; Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent; Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford; St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury; Antelope; Stedman, Grandsire).

**NEW METHODS**

- 86S. Pinchbeck S.C. 5.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.5.123.
- 82D. Barrowby Bob. 5.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.5.1.
- 83F. Irnham Bob. 5.145.5.3.345.3.5.145.5.1.
- 85F. Swinderby Bob. 5.145.125.3.345.3.125.145.5.1.
- 79F. North Rauceby Place. 5.145.5.123.345.123.5.145.5.1.
- 87F. Gedney Hill Place. 5.145.125.123.345.123.125.145.5.1.
- 75C. Dunston Place. 5.145.5.1.125.1.5.145.5.1.

- 1 Frederick W. Pinchbeck
- 2 Brian Buttery
- 3 Owen Homewood
- 4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)
- 5 Denis A. Frith
- 6 Thomas A. Relf

Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.



**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**CARDIFF, Glam, St. John the Baptist.**  
 Thur., April 2, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
 Composed by B. J. Woodruffe.  
 1 Nicholas W. H. Simon  
 2 Michael R. Meadows  
 3 Paul A. Williams  
 4 Thomas T. Yeomans  
 5 M. Jack Pryor  
 6 Peter S. Bennett  
 7 Robert B. Smith  
 8 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

**BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsi.)  
 1 Graham A. Evans  
 2 Derek J. Godfrey  
 3 Nigel V. Hill  
 4 Raymond J. Mayle  
 5 William T. Petty (Conductor)  
 6 H. Donald Bryant  
 To welcome Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Valerie and Raymond J. Mayle, and Tracy, daughter of Diane and Graham A. Evans.

**WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 (5 240's, 32 120's.)  
 1 William H. Dare  
 2 Thomas T. Yeomans  
 3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)  
 4 Raymond J. Mayle  
 5 William T. Petty  
 6 Frederick J. Bailey

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD****LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire**  
Bell Foundry Campanile.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5184 MAURITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by Harry Poyner.  
 1 Arthur E. Rowley  
 2 Richard Clifton  
 \*3 Ronald D. Hughes  
 \*4 B. Stedman Payne  
 \*5 Frank Chambers  
 \*6 Alec R. Jones  
 7 G. Ronald Edwards  
 \*Roland Beniston (Conductor)  
 \*First in the method.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire**  
Bell Foundry Campanile.

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5120 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by M. A. Coleman.  
 \*1 Mary Barrass  
 2 Richard Clifton  
 \*3 Ronald D. Hughes  
 \*4 B. Stedman Payne  
 \*5 Frank Chambers  
 †6 Arthur E. Rowley  
 7 G. Ronald Edwards  
 \*8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)  
 \*First in method. †500th peal.

**CASTLE BROMWICH, Warwickshire,**  
SS. Mary and Margaret.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
 \*1 Jacqueline A. Daisley  
 2 Kenneth G. Parker  
 †3 Frederick W. Bailey  
 4 Robert Farmer  
 5 Nigel W. Richards  
 6 Gordon H. Lane (Conductor)  
 \*First peal. †Completes Plain Bob to Maximus. 76th birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey and to his brother, Leonard P. Bailey (78).

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
(Society of Windsor Youths)**WINDSOR, Berks, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (17½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (J. J. Parker's musical 4-part.)  
 1 Leonard Stilwell  
 2 Monica Blagrove  
 3 Margaret Wenban  
 4 Albert C. Wenban  
 5 A. James Glass  
 6 Edward S. T. Farr  
 7 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)  
 8 Sidney Blyth  
 Birthday compliment to Leonard Stilwell.

**WHEATLEY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 \*1 Kevin J. Harris  
 2 P. Gerald McIlhone (Conductor)  
 3 Frank E. Godden  
 \*4 Ian M. M. O'Reilly  
 5 Hugh J. Baker  
 6 Colin Smith  
 \*First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Brian Lees Gandon, vicar of Wheatley 1967-1970.

**MARSTON, Oxford, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (5 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Grandsire, Plain Bob and 12 variations).  
 1 J. Harry Gardner  
 2 Richard D. Bing  
 3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor)  
 4 C. Richard Miles  
 5 Alec Gammon  
 Birthday compliments to Miss S. Gammon and J. H. Gardner, also a compliment to Rev. Paul Rimmer on completing 20 years in the ministry).

**KINGSCLERE, Hampshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (15 cwt.)  
**5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. W. Washbrook.  
 1 Harold W. Dunsden  
 2 Raymond E. Finch  
 3 Harry E. Wells  
 4 Reginald W. Rex  
 5 Peter L. Furniss  
 6 Timothy J. Pett  
 7 James E. Blond  
 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

Take thy thoughts to bed with thee, for the morning is wiser than the evening.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

**BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire, St. Agatha.**  
 Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.)  
**5024 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR** (8 methods: 640 Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 608 London and 576 Lincolnshire, with 119 changes of method and all the work).  
 Composed by N. J. Diserens.  
 1 Rodney A. Yeates  
 2 Peter H. Mackie  
 3 Lawrence J. Haines  
 4 Roger H. Abbott  
 5 Colin J. E. Wyld  
 6 Roger M. Heyworth  
 7 Jeremy R. Pratt  
 8 John E. Camp (Conductor)

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD****OAKHAM, Rutland, All Saints.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (22½ cwt.)  
**5152 NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by R. Baldwin.  
 1 William Birmingham  
 \*2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)  
 \*3 Ronald K. Russ  
 †4 Edgar J. Smith  
 5 Frank W. Lewis  
 6 Michael Hatchett  
 7 Philip H. Tocock  
 8 Murray A. Coleman  
 \*50th together. †250th peal. First in the method on tower bells and by all.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE  
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM****BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.**

Thur., April 23, 1970, 3hr 26min. (31 cwt.)  
**5042 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
 (4ths place calls.)  
 Composed by Peter Border.  
 1 Muriel Reay  
 2 Roderick W. Pipe  
 3 Richard J. Tibbetts  
 4 J. Edward Cawser  
 5 Norman J. Goodman  
 6 Vernon Green  
 7 Stephen W. Barton  
 8 Terry R. Hampton  
 9 Maurice F. Edwards  
 10 George E. Fearn  
 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh  
 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

**BIRMINGHAM, SS. Peter & Paul, Aston.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. Baldwin.  
 \*1 John G. Perry  
 2 Muriel Reay  
 3 J. Edward Cawser  
 4 Richard J. Tibbetts  
 5 David J. Bates  
 6 Stephen W. Barton  
 7 E. Alan Jacques  
 8 Maurice F. Edwards  
 9 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)  
 10 George E. Fearn  
 \*First on 10.

**BELL ROPES**  
**JOHN NICOLL**  
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**BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (31 cwt.)

**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by J. Chilcott.

- 1 William Hibbert
- 2 Albert M. Tyler
- 3 Kathleen E. Chilcott
- 4 David E. Parsons
- 5 John W. T. Hibbert
- 6 Roger F. Overington
- 7 Dennis Randall
- 8 Brian R. White
- 9 John Chilcott (Conductor)
- 10 Michael V. Chilcott
- 11 Tudor P. Edwards
- 12 Francis A. White

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (27½ cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton. (3rd obs.)

- 1 Richard Green
- 2 Leslie A. Page
- 3 A. Terence Collins
- 4 Neil O. Skelton
- \*5 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 6 Frederick E. Collins
- 7 Rev. Roger G. Keeley
- 8 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

\*100th of Major. For 750th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Salisbury Cathedral.

**SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS****BINSTED, Hampshire, Holy Cross.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (13 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (4 methods: 1 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

- \*1 Roy Le Marechal
- †2 Mary Sutcliffe
- 3 Barry J. Fry
- †4 Ian M. McCallion
- \*5 William Willans
- 6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

\*Most Minor methods. †First of Minor.

**BROCKENHURST, Hants, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (4 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (7 extents: Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).

- 1 Anthony A. Nunn
- 2 Jean M. Berriman
- 3 Roy Le Marechal
- 4 John P. Colliss
- 5 Barry J. Fry
- 6 William Willans (Conductor)

Wedding compliment to Keith Jackson and Gillian Lesley Hentall, married this day).

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****BOLSOVER, Derbyshire, SS. Mary and Lawrence.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3 hr. (14½ cwt.)

**5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- \*1 Susan M. O'Neill
- \*2 Sheila M. Anthony
- \*3 Christine L. J. Mills
- \*4 Peter R. Humphrey
- 5 Peter Church
- 6 Philip E. Jones
- 7 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
- 8 R. Brian Mills

\*First in method. First in method as conductor.

**NOTTINGHAM, Notts, St. Peter.**

Tues., April 21, 1970, 3hr. (19½ cwt.)

**5000 OSWALD DELIGHT ROYAL**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Susan M. O'Neill
  - \*2 William L. Exton
  - 3 Christine L. J. Mills
  - 4 Elizabeth J. Dawson
  - 5 Peter R. Humphrey
  - 6 George A. Dawson
  - 7 Edmund Shuttleworth
  - 8 John R. Leeming
  - 9 R. Brian Mills
  - 10 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
- \*350th peal. Believed to be the first peal of Oswald Delight Royal.

**GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.**

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (2 Primrose, 2 Cambridge, 2160 Norwich).

- 1 Sidney Carnall
- 2 Paul N. Mounsey
- 3 Philip Rogers
- 4 John A. Coates
- 5 Harold Denman
- 6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

**NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid.**

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13½ cwt.)

**5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR** (1 720 and 2 2160's.)

- 1 F. William Midwinter
- 2 Katharine Burchnall
- 3 Grace Burchnall
- 4 Harold Denman
- 5 A. Harry Hawcroft
- 6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

To celebrate the birth of a son, Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall (local ringers).

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****LYMINSTER, Sussex, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** (36 six-scores, 10 callings and 3 240's).

- 1 Ernest Treagus
- \*2 Jeanne Peters
- 3 Raymond P. Wood
- 4 Michael J. Wake
- 5 Robert Wake (Conductor)
- 6 Geoffrey Lee

\*First inside. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. C. Shepherd (ringer at this church) and Mrs. Shepherd.

**WITHYHAM, Sussex, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.)

**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (5 methods: 1216 Wembley, 1184 London, 1120 Cambridge, 800 each Bristol and Superlative, 140 changes of method).

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1 Paul Norman
  - 2 Sheila M. Dobbie
  - 3 Ann Jenner
  - 4 Robert N. Harris
  - 5 David Featherstone
  - \*6 David C. Brookes
  - 7 Walter H. Dobbie
  - 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)
- \*First of Spiced Surprise Major.

**BURSTOW, Surrey, St. Bartholomew.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (4 methods: 1 Cambridge S., 1 Oxford T.B., 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Keith G. Game
- 2 John A. Howard
- 3 E. Winifred Keys
- 4 Richard Hayes
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

**SUFFOLK GUILD****DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.)

**5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR** Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Amanda M. Richmond
- \*2 John A. Mayle
- \*3 Richard Rose
- 4 Peter Mayle
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Walter A. Perry
- 7 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
- 8 Maurice J. Rose

\*First of Double Norwich. Birthday compliment to conductor, also to Mrs. J. Perry, of Clare, Suffolk.

**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
- 2 Dennis Knox
- 3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Michael J. Howes
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 7 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 8 Cecil W. Pipe

The conductor has circled the tower.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION****LONDON, Hackney, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.)

**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Allan H. Long
- 2 Dorothea Robotham
- 3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
- 4 Maureen J. Hanney
- 5 David A. Town
- 6 Brian C. Watson
- 7 Nigel Thomson
- 8 Frank Reed

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD****SWANSEA, Glamorgan, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (20½ cwt.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Lines.

- 1 Trevor M. Roderick
- \*2 Paul W. Thomas
- 3 Susan Jackson
- 4 Edmund J. Morris
- 5 William J. Thomas
- 6 Thomas T. Yeomans
- 7 Gwyn I. Lewis
- \*8 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)

\*First in the method. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY****LLANDAFF, Glam, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (20 cwt.)

**5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

- 1 Ivor Newell
- 2 Hilary Muirhead
- 3 Peter C. Randall
- 4 Edward G. Mould
- 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 6 Michael J. Platt
- 7 Anthony J. Cox
- 8 Stephen F. Royal
- 9 Richard H. Youldale
- 10 Patrick J. Bird

First in the method for the society.



**EDINGTON, Wiltshire, St. Mary,  
St. Katharine and All Saints.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (25 cwt.)

**5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by R. B. Smith.

- 1 Peter C. Randall
- 2 Angela Newing
- 3 Edward G. Mould
- 4 J. Anthony Bennett
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Michael J. Platt
- 7 Ian C. Maycock (Conductor)
- 8 Ivor H. Trueman
- 9 Richard H. Youdale
- 10 Stephen F. Royal

A wedding compliment to Antony R. Kench (past master) and Gail V. Buxton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD**

**WINCHESTER, Hampshire, Holy Trinity  
Cathedral.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 45min. (35 cwt.)

**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by F. E. Darby.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 3 Arthur H. Reed
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Philip N. Tubbs
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 7 Charles P. Quartley
- 8 Stephen Fenwick
- 9 David J. Llewellyn
- 10 Michael J. Lakin
- 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Ralph G. Edwards

**SOUTHAMPTON, The Ascension,  
Bitterne Park.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (8 cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by N. Golden.

- \*1 Vande J. Crabb
- 2 Deborah N. Maggs
- 3 Michael J. Thomas
- \*4 Heather J. Hinton
- †5 Margaret S. Judge
- 6 Colin J. Butler
- 7 Dennis B. Brown
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

\*First on 8. †First peal. By past and present members of the local band as a farewell to Canon R. O. Stephenson (vicar 1948-1970).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS  
ASSOCIATION**

**HANBURY, Worcestershire, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12½ cwt.)

**5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Margaret Swain
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- 3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 Peter J. Brown
- 5 Roger H. Hunt
- 6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 7 Arthur C. Berry
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

First in the method by all.

**NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs, St. Andrew.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 41mins. (13 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

- \*1 Alison M. Turney
- †2 Margaret P. Eisel
- \*3 Robert Edwards
- \*4 Bryan Ellsmore
- \*5 John C. Eisel (Conductor)
- †6 Brian MacNicol

\*First of Bob Doubles. †First attempt. For the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to the Rural Deanery of Dudley, on his arrival by canal boat.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**TADCASTER, Yorkshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (20½ cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Frederick J. Jackson
- \*2 Marie Hatswell
- 3 W. Eric Critchley
- 4 Neil Donovan
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 J. Henry Fielden
- \*7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**Handbells**

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD**

**CAMBRIDGE, 23 West Road.**

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (13 in E.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. Nicoll.

- 1-2 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- \*3-4 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 5-6 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)
- 7-8 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)

\*150th peal.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**BEBINGTON, Cheshire, 14 Highcroft Av.**

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by R. Peers.

- 1-2 Charles F. Pocock
- 3-4 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)
- 5-6 F. Leslie Coventry
- 7-8 Robert Peers
- \*9-10 Thomas R. Butler

\*First on handbells in the method and of Royal. Wedding compliment to Barry and Carol Edwards, of West Kirby, Cheshire.

It might be as well to remember that while we vigorously pursue luxuries, half the world is just as vigorously pursuing tomorrow's breakfast.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**FLEET, Hampshire, 20 Farnham Road.**

Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (11 in G.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson
- 3-4 Rowan S. Bradley
- 5-6 W. John Couperthwaite (Cond.)
- \*7-8 Alan D. Elsmore

\*First on handbells. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Jennings.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 in C.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- \*7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- †9-10 Julia A. Fellows

\*First of Cambridge Royal in hand. †First of Cambridge in hand.

**ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.**

Thur., May 7, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (13 in E.)

**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by R. E. Hardy.

- 1-2 Joyce M. Clarke
- 3-4 Katherine S. Hardy
- 5-6 John R. Mayne
- 7-8 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)
- 9-10 Elizabeth Forster

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**GLENFIELD, Leics, Willows, 22 Groby Rd.**

Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 in C.)

**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

- 1-2 David F. Moore
- 3-4 Jill Staniforth
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7-8 Alfred Ballard
- 9-10 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 11-12 Rupert A. Clarke

First of Stedman Cinques on handbells as conductor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**WOODLEY, Berks, 9 Ryecroft Close.**

Fri., April 24, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (17 in A.)

**5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by A. Knights.

- \*1-2 N. David Lane
- \*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson
- \*5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- \*9-10 Noel J. Diserens

\*First of Oxford T.B. Royal in hand. The ringer of 5-6 has rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus in hand.

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**COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire,  
80 Lambourne Drive.**

Thur., Apr. 23, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (11 in G).

**5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

7-8 Len Goodall

First in the method in hand by all and for the guild.

**CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,**

Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (27 in A.)

**5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by J. Hunt.

1-2 Frank C. Price

3-4 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

\*5-6 Noel J. Diserens

\*7-8 Kenneth R. Davenport

\*First in method in hand. First in method in hand as conductor.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****WHITEPARISH, Wilts, Anchorsholme,  
Hop Gardens.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 1hr. 51min. (14 in D.)

**5040 SPLICED MINOR (7 extents of Plain  
and Double Plain Bob).**

1-2 A. Terence Collins

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

5-6 Rev. Roger G. Keeley.

**WOODFALLS, Redlynch, Wiltshire,  
Pine Villa, Vale Road.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (16 in B.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe.

\*1-2 A. Terence Collins

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

5-6 William T. Perrins

\*7-8 Rev. Roger G. Keeley

\*First of Major on handbells.

**SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS****OLD PORTSMOUTH, Hants, 59 High St.**

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (9 in A.)

**5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 4 callings).**

\*1-2 William Willans (Conductor)

3-4 Jean M. Berriman

\*5-6 Barry J. Fry

\*First on handbells. 21st birthday compliment to Barry Fry.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****STAPLEFORD, Notts, 29 Brisbane Drive.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (12 in F.)

**5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by S. Humphrey.

\*1-2 Peter R. Humphrey

3-4 Peter Church

5-6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

\*7-8 George A. Dawson

\*First in hand. †First of Major in hand. A birthday compliment to Jacqueline M. Humphrey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane,  
Robin Hood.**

Fri., May 8, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (14 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).**

\*1-2 Gail Cater

3-4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

5-6 Robin Brown

\*First in hand.

**DAVID MASSEY'S PEAL TOUR**

David Massey's peal tour plan was to attempt two a day during Easter week with the same eight ringers. The team were all residents of N. Somerset: the veteran Ronnie Beck, Frome Branch ringing master and leader at Chilcompton; Philip Jones (Midsomer Norton), newly-elected secretary of the branch; the well-known Rice brothers (Wally and Roy), from Banwell; Peter England (Yatton), Peter Hardwick (St. Michael's, Bath) and George and David Massey (Frome).

The first attempt on Easter Monday was on the pleasant eight (15 cwt.) at Wincanton, where a good peal of Xenia was rung. In the afternoon at Charlton Horethorne, much to everyone's dismay Pudsey was lost from a miscall after two hours. Charlton Horethorne has been an unlucky tower for our attempts, but the vicar has invited us to return for another try.

Tuesday morning's peal on the light (9 cwt.) ring at Wilton was thoroughly enjoyed and a fast peal of Frome was rung—the fastest ever of Major for the Association, and it was appropriate that Frome completed David's Surprise Major alphabet. The afternoon tower had another light ring. Shepton Beauchamp, where we should have scored 8-spliced if the conductor had not erred after an hour's good ringing.

The first attempt next day was on the pleasant bells at Curry Rivel and justified the choice of a musical method, Xavier. For the afternoon, the heaviest ring of the week awaited us at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and Rutland was the method. The pattern of the tour was well established and we were not very surprised when the peal was lost after 40 minutes. The ringer of the fifth found there was a long length of rope—all on the floor at his feet. Wally Rice spliced the rope before we departed homeward.

Thursday's venue was at St. Michael's, Bath, and Peter England steered us through a peal of Oxhey. At Cheddar, on the pleasant but rather noisy bells, we were a little ambitious to attempt London. We did not settle down well and the ringing was brought to an end after half-an-hour.

On Friday we journeyed to the far west of the county to Timberscombe, near Dunster (another light (12 cwt.) eight), where Johannesburg was rung. At Bishop's Lydeard, although Cambridge was selected, the bells were difficult to ring because of the sway of the lofty red sandstone tower and the peal lost.

**Guildford Guild.****A ONE-POINT WIN**

At Thames Ditton on April 25 Egham won the striking competition shield with five faults. Others were: Hersham A (6), Egham B (24), Thames Ditton A (25), Esher (44), Hersham B (45), scratch team (49), Ockham (58), Ottershaw (68), Thames Ditton B (73), East Molesey (83).

The meeting was well attended and two additional towers entered than the previous year.

The members heard with regret of the death of Mr. W. Shepherd and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Ten new members were elected, viz.: Misses M. Taylor, J. Bark and R. McCrone (Thames Ditton), Mrs. Watson, Miss S. Watson (Ockham), Miss C. Castell and A. Castell (Oatlands Park), Miss L. Burt (Chertsey), R. Mozeley (Horsell), M. Kemp (Hersham).

Details of the summer festival were announced and is to be held as a competition with start and finish at Oatlands Park.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. K. Mumford on their recent marriage, and to Mr. G. Matravers (East Molesey) on receiving the Silver Acorn for "specially distinguished service" to the Scout Movement.

The ringing master announced that Egham were augmenting their ring from eight to ten when they have the necessary money, and donations would be gladly received.

Ringing continued at East Molesey after the meeting. P. A. B.

For the final day at Batheaston, and a brave attempt at 10-spliced, a shift course prevented us from scoring what would have been a good peal. Afterwards we said farewell to Ronnie Beck and Phil Jones, who had a prior engagement at Midsomer Norton.

At Backwell we welcomed reinforcements—Alan Tubb and Roger Kendrick—and rang a peal of Wye, David conducting from the tenor, thus bringing the week to a successful conclusion.

People who complain they don't get all they deserve should congratulate themselves.

All things he hath who lives content with naught.

The beginning of knowledge is to confess ignorance.

The finer vessel needs longer in the fire.



Some of the ringers who took part in the quarter peal day organised by the Truro Guild. They are, l. to r.: W. R. Curtis, C. B. Allen, D. A. Trethewey, D. Stephens, T. R. Hart, F. M. Bowers, M. D. Butler, A. Locke, R. W. Humphries.



## Editorial

## "US"—AND "THEM"

At an Association dinner in Croydon ten days ago the president of the Central Council referred to the correspondence in this journal attacking and criticising the Council, the out-of-date methods used, the entrenched rules and customs, and the smell of mothballs which, it was alleged, pervades.

We also are printing letters from ringers concerning churchmanship (confirmed and regular communicants) and those who do not come under this category and who wish to become ringers. Should these latter be encouraged or otherwise?

The expression used by Mr. Freeman was "Us" and "Them," implying that in ringing (as in churchgoing) there is always that separation, that difference, which although not necessarily antagonistic or contentious tends to wound rather than heal divisions.

In the former instance age usually transforms "us" to one of "them," but in the latter this is not always so. When looking for recruits for the tower, in two out of three cases it is advisable, we feel, to look inside rather than outside the Church. A regular communicant is more likely to "stick" than one who is looking for a hobby. There are, however, many exceptions, and a "holier than thou" attitude is to be deplored.

Everyone introduced to CHURCH bell-ringing should be told at the outset what is expected of them; but it is the prerogative of the local minister and his captain of ringers whether or not to accept just anyone. "Snap" decisions, however, should never be made.

## Obituary

## MR. G. F. HAYSOM

The sudden death occurred on April 17 of Mr. G. Frank Haysom, who was a ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swanage, for more than 50 years. He was captain from 1945 to 1952 and organised many successful outings during that time, and in his younger days was a member of St. Peter's, Dorchester. His extensive knowledge of change-ringing and his encouragement to others will always be remembered in the Swanage tower. M.H.

## BELL STOLEN

A 3½-4 cwt. bell, believed to be originally cast in 1720 and recast by the Bristol foundry of J. N. Wescotte in 1815, has been stolen from the Unitarian Church, Frenchay Common, Bristol, some time during the past six to eight weeks. It is about 22 in. in diameter, with canons, and is believed to have been lowered with block and tackle as the headstock still remains.

The church is the original Unitarian Church and is in process of restoration. Anyone who sees a bell which may answer the description above should contact the local police immediately.

## Belfry Gossip

The South Oxfordshire Branch of the Oxford D.G. have produced their first newsletter.

The 150th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was rung by Mr. W. B. Kynaston at Lambourn, Berks, on April 18 (R.W., page 398).

A keen new band has been formed at Great Haseley, Oxon. They are anxious to learn method ringing. Offers of help are invited—contact Mr. Peter Mann, Waltham Cottage, Church Hill, Great Haseley.

First peal congratulations to Roger Pashley, Stephen Iliffe, Jacqueline A. Daisley, Kevin J. Harris, Ian O'Reilly, Margaret S. Judge, Brian MacNicol.

Personal records.—Arthur E. Rowley (500 peals), Edgar J. Smith (250), William L. Exton (350), V. Nutton (150).

Two minor inaccuracies have been pointed out regarding the Surrey Association A.G.M. The 90th birthday cake was not square but bell-shaped (we only saw the remains after the meal—and that was rectangular!); the other point: the initial of the librarian is B and not D.

Coming-of-age in office. Two branch officers of the Peterborough Guild have completed this year 21 years in office—Mr. A. E. R. Walker as president of Culworth Branch and Mr. W. A. Yates as secretary of the Towcester Branch.

Cheapest Guild? Truro Diocesan Guild introduced individual membership fee of 2s. per member this year. Previously there was only a tower affiliation charge.

A new venture has been started in the area of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Guild—the English China Clays Group Ringers' Association, with members as far away as Meavy in Devon.

Chinnor, Oxon, band have rung three quarters on the bells since they were rehung last November. Tower officers are R. C. Hazell (captain), F. Keen (vice-captain), Mrs. G. N. Hazell (secretary), G. Judge (treasurer) and E. Harmsworth (tower captain).

This year's Yorkshire Association annual report consists of 110 pages. There are 72 new compositions added to the Association from last year's total of 262 peals. Price of report 3s. 6d., plus postage.

From G. D. Armitage, of Hotel Stoller, 8003 Zürich:—

"I should like to thank those who replied to my letter, either through your columns or privately, concerning the ring of five at Rivoli Veronese, in Northern Italy. I have paid a visit to this tower and examined the bells. There is no doubt that they could be rung in the English manner, although the headstocks are such that they will have a considerable counterbalancing effect. I have also located several other 'rings' in the area and feel that there are more to be discovered.

"These rings are all from the same foundry, which is still in business in Verona. However, my attempts to contact Il Direttore have so far been frustrated, as he is always 'out' when I am in Verona! I have located some towers here in Switzerland, in the Italian-speaking Canton of Ticino, and from a distance they appear to contain rings of five or six."

Once again we appeal to senders of quarter peals and peals to follow the layout used in our columns when submitting copy for publication and to write on one side of the paper only. The rewriting of these items makes considerable extra work, in addition to possible errors and delay in publication. (Peal forms may be obtained free from our office: send a 9" x 4" stamped addressed envelope.)

Registered with the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain are 69 teams. Details are given in the fifth edition of "Reverberations" received this month. These teams are spread over 27 English counties and one in Northern Ireland and contain 441 members. Total membership of "H.R.G.B." is now 535. Objective of the editor, Mr. J. P. Partington, is 1,000 members.

Peals rung for anniversaries make interesting reading, but never more so than for church dedications. Waltham Abbey was consecrated 910 years ago and Salisbury Cathedral's foundation stone was laid 750 years ago—both good reasons for peal ringing. A moment's thought of all that has happened over the centuries in these two well-known spots would not be wasted.

Mr. J. H. Bluff, writing as master in the Peterborough Guild annual report, divides ringers into two sections: (1) those who turn up promptly each time, whether it be service, practice or special occasion—the ever-faithfuls who enjoy their ringing; (2) those who profess to be ringers but usually turn up late or stay away for no genuine purpose. This is the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend.

It was intended that a peal should be rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Nicolas', Brighton, on May 2, for the wedding of the master of the Society (Mr. A. R. Kench) and Miss G. V. Buxton. Unfortunately, due to indisposition, a member of the band was unable to take part, but Miss Judith Corby kindly stood in at short notice and a non-Association peal was rung.

Ringers of Little Aston, Staffs, wish success to Mr. Jimmy Hagan in his new appointment as manager of the famous Benfica Football Club of Lisbon, Portugal. They are sorry, however, to be losing his daughter, Jackie, who rang the treble in a farewell quarter peal, which was also her first.

We have several articles "in type" for future publication and ask the authors to be patient, as we are at present endeavouring to keep reasonably up-to-date with peals, quarters and news. The Central Council deliberations and reports will require considerable space, but we assure our correspondents we will publish their items in due course.

And we would warn organisers of outings and tours that copy supplied with personal trivialities of interest only to those partaking in the event will be drastically blue-pencilled. Opinions expressed about the musical qualities, the "go" and length of ropes, etc., are not "news" and can also be hurtful to the "locals" at that particular tower. In any case, they are only "personal opinions" and should be kept as such. So, if you want the tour reported, keep it brief and keep it factual.



## Central Council

## REPORTS, 1969

## LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

IF that much-abused word "propaganda" is traced to its origin it may possibly be taken to indicate "matter" (in the words of our classics master) "meet to be spread abroad." With this interpretation much of the press matter relating to bellringers and their work during 1969 may be designated true propaganda, for among it we find no small amount of work clearly directed towards educating the public. This committee feels that there is a growing need for the spread of reliable information about ringers and their part in church life and worship, not only as a means of recruiting for bellfries but also as a counterblast to the view, held in some quarters, that the bells of churches are declining in importance.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that we welcome the enterprise of The Western Times and Gazette, which embarked on a series of features showing the work of a number of ringing bands. We have received cuttings relating to Bridestowe, Drewsteignton, Honiton, Dawlish, Ottery St. Mary, Braunton, North Tawton and Bridgerule; and perhaps there are more. Each feature presents a photograph of the band of ringers and a short but informative paragraph of the ringing activities. The Isleworth parish magazine carried an arresting centre-page spread setting forth the duties, privileges and pleasures of the bellringer; a similar invitation to join in this branch of church work appeared in The Herefordshire Times, where Sally Hesmondhalgh provided a readable article accompanied by a very jolly photograph of the cathedral band. The Howdenshire Gazette reported on the recording of Howden Minster bells for an instructional disc—another of the enterprises of the indefatigable Mr. Norman Chaddock.

Bellringers have always done a great deal of work in maintenance and repair in their towers, and in recent years there has been an increase in this kind of work and a larger enterprise in assisting parishes by cutting expenses. We still have fresh in mind the formidable tasks undertaken and carried through so successfully by the sturdy workers at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and evidence of other devoted labours is not lacking.

We note the valuable assistance given by the ringers at Whaddon during the rehanging of the bells and are glad to see that this attracted the attention of The Newark Advertiser. Similar important work was undertaken by the bellringers at Ruddington; The Nottinghamshire Guardian gave publicity to the recasting of the bells and to the local voluntary work that helped to make it possible to proceed with the project.

At Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire, the parochial church council petitioned to be allowed to rehang the six bells "dead" and install an electric chiming device. Objections to this led to the holding of a consistory court at Gloucester and the proceedings aroused considerable interest in the national press. In support of the plan it was argued, among other things, that it was virtually impossible to get ringers; but Mr. Frederick Sharpe, speaking for the objectors, expressed the opinion that ringers could always be obtained if enough trouble was taken. It would seem to us that the transactions of the men of Ruddington and Whaddon (quoted above), and the efforts of many other parishes, might well be studied by Stinchcombe before any decisive steps are taken; and something of this kind seems to have been in the mind of the chancellor when he adjourned the case.

In August The Church Times gave us an interesting column by Rosamund Essex, dealing chiefly with the passing bell and the decline of this custom. The article then proceeded to say: "but now bells are out—bells for any occasion except weddings. The sound of bells, once the pride of England, seems distasteful to this generation." This seemed so important a misstatement that the convener of this committee wrote to The Church Times in an attempt to correct any misunderstanding and to make it clear that hundreds of churches throughout the land were sounding their bells regularly. The editor did not see fit to print the letter, nor has anyone from clergy or laity provided any con-

futation of a statement that might, in an important and influential journal like The Church Times, create a false impression in certain minds.

West Country papers gave great prominence to the underpinning of the tower of All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts. The resumption of ringing was marked by photographs of the band and of our old friend Mr. John Fidler testing the bell frame. At Solihull the addition of two trebles to make a ring of 12 was well featured in Midland papers, and the convener was commissioned to write an article for The Solihull News. There was considerable local interest in the handbell peal rung on the summit of Helvellyn, and The Westmorland Gazette favoured us with a full account of the exploit and pictures of the aspiring trio of performers.

The visit of the Central Council to St. Albans and the honouring of Mr. Walter Ayre received full publicity, and The Herts Advertiser made the most of the sensational (if unfortunate) fall of the 11th at the Abbey. We commend unreservedly the excellent essay on the Council and its work, written for Hertfordshire Countryside by Mary Coburn.

In the Irish Press the Wexford Festival and the attendant bellringing produced a short account of our art in The Irish Independent, and The Evening Herald described the bells of St. Audeon's, Dublin, and the rather novel method of ringing them in the bell chamber itself.

Of the feature articles that have reached us some are of the conventional type, and one or two are worthy of special note. Among these is an essay on the welding of cracked bells, written by Mr. K. J. Clews and published in Maintenance and Equipment News. Mr. Clews writes in such a way as to command respect in this interesting and oft-debated question. In Quest, Mr. J. C. Baldwin writes on his hobby of bellringing—another good piece of propaganda. Away in Grahamstown Miss Sarah Troughton's talk on ringing given to the Women's Association of Holy Trinity Church was accorded a lengthy summary in The Eastern Province Herald. With these we must mention an essay on Stresses in the Belfry (Civil Engineering and Public Work Review), Canon Thurlow's persuasive article "Bells" in the Glendalough and Kildare Diocesan Magazine for October, and a lively contribution to The Weekly News by "Joanna," who tried her hand at ringing at St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa. Two 600-year-old bells at Christchurch Priory, Hampshire, were fully described in Bournemouth Evening Echo and a great deal of trouble was taken in securing the close-up pictures. An interesting echo of the past sounded in the August Rhyl parish magazine, where some account of the very notable Lewis Jones recalled this gentleman's contacts with Rev. H. Law James. The Rhyl Journal followed up the theme by an account of the ringers at St. Thomas', Rhyl.

One symptom of the present vitality in the Exercise is the appearance of a number of works by practising ringers. Among these we find Cooper Bailey's "Complete Collection of C.P.S. Surprise Major Methods," Segar's "Eleven Plain Courses of Triples Methods" and, of course, the Tutor's Handbooks, Parts 1 and 2, both excellent works, gifts that we have received from the patience and industry of Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. Norman Chaddock. Mr. Frederick Sharpe has added to his long list of publications with "The Church Bells of Herefordshire, Part II."

Kingsmead Booksellers, Bath, have shown courage and enterprise in putting out three reprints: "Bells and Bellfounding 1879" (facsimile edition), Tom Ingram's "Bells in England" and Walters' "Church Bells of Wiltshire." The anonymous review of the latter in The Wiltshire Times and Gazette was a thorough and thoughtful piece of work.

Among other publications are "The Little Book of Bells," Eric Hatch, and "Casting a Bell for Exeter Cathedral," Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

It is gratifying to see the continued appearance of local journals and news sheets. The Ely Sentinel has a most attractive cover, and we must congratulate Reverberations (catering for the tune ringers) on its new format and its ventures into illustration. Irish Bell News and The Ringing Towers appeared as usual, but we seem to have lost touch with the American Overtones. The Ringers' Notebook and Diary continues to be

## THE FRIENDS OF INVERARAY BELLS

The Friends of Inveraray Bells was formed at a meeting at Strone Cairndow, Argyll, on May 3. The Hon. Michael Noble presided and his wife is secretary of the Friends.

The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles (Rt. Rev. R. Wimbush), who is president of the Friends, reminded the assembly that this is Conservation Year, and this applied to a ring of bells. Thanks to the vision and enthusiasm of Duke Neil, Inveraray has the finest ring of bells in Scotland, with a superb tone, hardly equalled anywhere. They became a reality in the early 1920s as a war memorial.

## BELLS SELDOM USED

The bells of Inveraray were becoming widely known as one of the attractions of Argyll to the many followers of the art of campanology. Hitherto the bells had been seldom used as they lacked the necessary maintenance. Now, thanks to the enthusiasm of a group of bellringers and of Mrs. Noble, they were once more being brought into use and "we invite you to help us to make this possible."

For some years now the Episcopalians at Inveraray had been proud to have All Saints' Church used for services by the Roman Catholic congregation in the district and this inter-church co-operation was reflected and expressed in the forming of the "Friends of Inveraray Bells."

## DEDICATIONS

The Rev. Ean M. Simpson, supporting the Friends, said it was fitting that each of the ten bells should bear a dedication reminding them of those who spent themselves in the service of others in God's name, thus keeping their memory alive for as long as men could hear these bells ringing out across Loch Fyne. The dedication of the bells is as follows:—

- 1.—St. Moluag, first ever Bishop of Argyll, contemporary of St. Columba.
- 2.—St. Columba, first Abbot of Iona.
- 3.—St. Mun, Patron Saint of Clan Campbell.
- 4.—St. Brendan, who sailed up Loch Fyne to visit Moluag.
- 5.—St. Maelrubha, another peripatetic Irish abbot who founded, among other communities, that of Strathlachlan and whose 49 years of work was ended, according to legend, by martyrdom at the hands of Norwegian raiders.
- 6.—St. Blaen, who founded a chapel and monastery at Glenshiray.
- 7.—Our Lady, Star of the Sea, the angelus bell which rings out at morning, noon and sunset, inviting the faithful to recite the Hail Mary.
- 8.—St. Murdoch, who founded Kilmorich, the church standing at the head of Loch Fyne.
- 9.—St. Brigid, Abbess of Kildare.
- 10.—St. Molaise, who founded Strachur and was reputed to be the confessor of St. Columba.

deservedly popular. (May we suggest, in future planning, some variation of the touches, especially in the world of Caters and Cinques?)

A broad survey of the year's literature shows enterprise and industry. For ringers there has been much to read and study, and some useful work has been done in keeping the chief objects of our work as officers of the Church before the public.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener)  
FRED E. DUKES



# Notices

## SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.  
 Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; 1-page £3; 1-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

## NEW TYPE FACE

Our printers have scrapped the worn out type faces which were used for quarter peals and notices and have replaced them with a modern Univers character, which will be used in future for both these (and other) sections of the R.W.

## BIRTH

FORDER.—To David and Jackie, on May 12, 1970, a daughter, Alison Jane, a sister for Caroline. 8915

## PERSONAL

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."—Acts ii, 42.

## RETURN THANKS

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths Memorial Service.—The families of the late Tom and Margaret Francis thank everyone concerned for the wonderful service held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, May 16; also the many ringers who sent messages of sympathy and rang peals and quarter peals in memoriam. 8891

## HANDBELLS WANTED

St. Mary's, School, Beverley, require a set for tune ringing. Not less than 12 bells. Please write with details to J. Chaddock, St. Mary's School, Longcroft Hall, Beverley, Yorks. 8895

## HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOR SALE, 18 miscellaneous Shaw handbells, ranging from 9 F sharp to 21 C; some needing clappers/straps. Offers to Williams, 1044 Bolton Road, Bradford, 2. 8845

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DEVON.—On A30, 3½ miles east of Exeter. Bed/breakfast or weekly terms. Evening meal if desired. Touring centre. Car space. Personal supervision.—Miss V. Look, Endsleigh House, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Tel.: 67881. 8760

DORSET, near MILTON ABBEY.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambleton Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application. 8998

MID-DEVON.—Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner: Mrs. A. Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. 8605

## MISCELLANEOUS

AYLESFORD, KENT.—Ringing festival, Sat., May 30. Football match between Maidstone and Ashford Districts, Forstall Road, 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and ringing, 6-8.30 p.m. 8875  
 "Blank" Peal Cards (printed ornate border) available from R.W. office, 2s. per dozen.

Peal Forms.—Send s.a.e. (9"×4") to Ringing World Office, Guildford.

Bound copies of R.W. (1969), £5 5s., or your copies, £2 15s. (postage and packing 5s.), from R.W. office.

GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH, COLCHESTER.—Flower festival, June 5-7. Sun., June 7, tower open: bells available from mid-day to 6.30 p.m. Evensong and festival of praise. 8839

## EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trent (6, 18 cwt.), June 6. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Bells after until 9 p.m. No teas provided.—M. M. L. 8821

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Stagsden, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 8921

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells (5) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman. 8881

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting, South Benfleet, Sat., May 30. Bells 6-9 p.m. All are welcome. 8864

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8). Bells available from 7.30-9 p.m., Tues., June 2. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. 8923

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., June 6. Sandon (5), 5.30-7 p.m.; Wallington (6), 7-8.30 p.m. 8897

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice, Great Wymondley (6), Tues., June 2, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods as given in the Ringers' Diary. 8898

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening meeting, Markfield, June 6. Ringing 6.30-8.30. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 8677

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice at All Saints, Newport, Fri., May 29, 7.30-9 p.m. Surprise methods. 8877

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., June 1, 7 p.m. 8916

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Striking competition, Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., June 6. Teams to meet at 6 p.m. for draw.—N. C. 8920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice, Tackley (6), on Mon., June 1.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8912

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Practice, Sandford St. Martin (6), Oxford, Fri., June 5, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 8911

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., June 6. Bells available: Wimborne St. Giles, 6-7 p.m.; Cranborne, 7.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome. 8893

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Thrandeston (6), Sat., May 30. N.B.—Change of date and place. 8863

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows, (6), on Friday evening, June 12. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 8899

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice at the Church of the Blessed Mary, Upham, Thurs., June 4, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor. 8855

## AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, Sat., May 30. Ringing starts 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Scott, High Street, Great Budworth, Cheshire. 8888

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Branch competition at Toddington, 2.30 p.m., May 30. Meeting 5 p.m. Visitors welcome at Didbrook (5), 3-4.30, and Toddington (6), 6.30-8 p.m. 8908

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting, Crondall, Sat., May 30. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Arnold, 20 Green Springs, Crondall.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8854

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Sat., May 30, Penn (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available at Beaconsfield approx. 5 o'clock, but please bring own food. Beaconsfield bells (8) available after tea until 8.30 p.m. 8869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leafield (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3-4. Tea, Corner House Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 8817

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury, May 30. Names for tea to Miss Preston, 6 The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 8900

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8) on Sat., June 6. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, Cheshire, by Wed., June 3.—J. Moore, Branch Sec. 8847

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly ringing meeting, Bridekirk (6), Sat., June 6. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Special methods: St. Clement's, Kent, Oxford, Double Court.—D. T. Sim, Sec. 8922

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—June 6, Finchingfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing after. Numbers for tea to F. Roper, 31 Kemp Road, Finchingfield, by Wed., June 3. 8856

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Sat., June 6, Slymbridge (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Swanscombe, Sat., June 6. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, Kent (Tel.: Greenhithe 2370).—D. P. L. 6906

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Winwick (6), Sat., June 6, 3-5 p.m. Tea at Newton-le-Willows 5.15. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Bennett, 71 Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows. Definitely no name, no tea, as special arrangements are being made. Special methods: St. Clement's, Yorkshire. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8889

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Broughton, Sat., June 6. Bells available from 3 p.m. onwards. Own arrangements for tea. Please note: Stone not available.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 8894

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting on Sat., June 6, at Knapton, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Paston 4.45 p.m. Bring picnic teas. 8886

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 6. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7 York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by May 31. 8879

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Scaldwell/Maidwell, Sat., June 6. Maidwell after tea—please bring picnic tea. 8892

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, North Bradley (8), Sat., June 6. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mr. P. Harding, 9 Church Lane, North Bradley, near Trowbridge, Wilts. 8702

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Huntington, June 6. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Names to Mr. B. J. Seymour, 18 Easthorpe Drive, Nether Poppleton, York, YO2 6NS, before June 4.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8866

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, West Grinstead (6), on Sat., June 6. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea—please bring own food and cup. Drink (tea) provided. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osborn, Hon. Div. Sec. 8904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bentworth, Sat., June 6. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the White House. Evening ringing, Alton, 6.30-8 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by May 30.—C. E. Bassett (Tel. Locks Heath 2404). 8871



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting at Wychbold Vicarage. Cups of tea available—please provide own food. Hanbury bells (8) available from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8919

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting and striking competition at Goosnargh (6), Sat., June 13. Competition 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea without fail to Canon A. Hodgson, The Vicarage, Goosnargh, near Preston, by Wed., June 10.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 8873

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333). 8858

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3–4.30 and 6.15–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hinton-on-the-Green.—S. Draw, Sec. 8918

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##### BRISTOL:—

Bristol Cathedral 10.30–11.30

St. James 11.15–12.45

SS. Philip and Jacob 2.45–3.45

St. Mary Redcliffe 3.45–5.15

Christ Church 5.0–6.30

Christ Church (10) 5.00–6.30

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#### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

##### At BATH

Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service in Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3. 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

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11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham.

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Charlton.

12 noon. Batheaston, Swainswick, Newton St. Lo.

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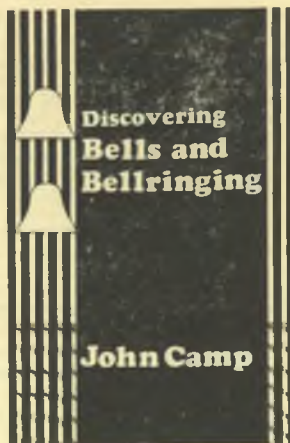
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June 13

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#### REDEDICATION

of

#### KERSEY BELLS

by Canon Gilbert Thurlow

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8905

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Saturday, July 18

Ringing in the Alton, Alresford, Farnham and Petersfield area during the day, from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Full details to be published later.

Festival Service at 4 p.m.

Three-course lunches at local hotel—steak and kidney pie or ham salad (9s.) and tea (6s. 6d.)

—both by ticket only.

Please send money with request for tickets by the previous Monday, July 13, stating hot/cold lunch.—C. Chennell-White, Shalford, 38 Bolle Road, Alton, Hants.



## A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

The time had come. To lighten the burden on the tower, to ease the task of bell-ringers, to improve the sound, the bells were to be lowered. They were to meet the furnace and then, reborn, they would return cast in lighter mould. But today, wheel-less and clapperless, the bells lay silent in their frame. Above them, thrusting deep into the tower wall, a new steel girder had been placed. Hung with cable and tackle it was ready to lower the bells to the ground. Below, the worm-eaten floor had been removed and the dust-laden debris had been taken away. The strong cable snaked through the open trapdoor of the ringing chamber to the winch many feet below. In the centre of the belfry, roped securely to the large pulley, the heavy tenor bell stood poised over the chasm.

For a hundred years the big bell had waited patiently for the lighter treble's voice to announce the beginning of ringing. Then, after the other bells had responded in their turn, the weighty tenor had sounded her own resonant tone. But now the smaller bells lay quietly in the frame, giving precedence to the heaviest bell. Today, the tenor would be the first to demand attention. She would pioneer the long descent, and if her effort was successful the others would follow.

Now all was ready. Bellringers, friends and photographers had assembled to speed the bells on their way. The tenor sat brooding over all like an ageing ballerina waiting in the wings for the curtain to rise on her last appearance. The final adjustments were made and a call came from high in the tower to the workers ready at the winch. Amidst flashing light from amateur and professional photographer, as ropes and cable grew taut, with one reluctant groan the great bell rose from the timber which had given her support for so long. Swaying gently, the bell turned slightly, and with a second call from her attendants to those below, she began her careful descent. Gradually, as if still hesitant to leave the dim belfry, she was cajoled by strong hands away from one large beam and then a second. Her way was clear now through the ringing chamber below, where the gaping void of the trapdoor awaited. Slowly the minutes passed and onward the bell descended until, with straining ropes and pressure from helping men, the great bulk was persuaded to sink gently, with little space to spare, through the opening.

To the gaze of those below the bell appeared to falter awkwardly as she emerged into the daylight. Winchmen paused from their handle turning and the brakeman looked apprehensively upwards. For many of the onlookers this was their first sight of her great size as she hung there, obliterating the opening through which she had just entered. Then with a slight tremble as the winch again began to turn, the bell slowly, very slowly, continued her path downwards. From the nave of the church, looking upwards, the great shape could be seen silhouetted against the clear light of the west window. A pause in the noisy comment of the spectators and there was a moment to reflect upon the many years of service this bell and her sister bells had given. Except when silenced by the clamour of war, for nearly ten decades these bells had rung out their message of a service about to begin, a wedding to celebrate, or a new year to welcome. No solemn music played to bid farewell, but perhaps, one fancied, from some recess of the church



WILLIAM SHEPHERD

## An Appreciation

The recent death of Bill Shepherd removes one of the few remaining links with the giants of the pre-1914 era.

I first met Bill at a district meeting at Chobham, Surrey, in 1946, where I learnt to ring with the local "stoneyn" band. I had never witnessed method ringing and was at a loss when approached by a rather large, middle-aged gentleman, who wanted to know where I rang. When I told him his reaction amazed me. "Get out of it, boy. Go and make yourself a nuisance at Horsell and Chertsey; they'll be glad to teach you." Within half-an-hour I had been introduced to the district officers and local tower captains.

William Shepherd was a direct, uncomplicated man, with a wonderful capacity for friendliness. Later, when I rang with him, I found him a sharp-tongued critic when he had a rope in his hand, but never bad-tempered should a touch fire out. He hated bad handling!

His anecdotes concerning the great ringers of his youth enlivened many a ringers' tea. Stories of his long handbell peals with Alf Pulling, ringing with Rev. F. E. Robinson, Washbrook, the Pyes, and of his early ringing days in his native Devon would fill a book. Surprise ringing held no charms for him, but his love for Stedman he passed on to many who rang with him.

We remember him with gratitude.

R. C.

below there came a fragrant memory of incense to bless the bell on her journey.

Slowly, steadily, downward the huge bell came and now loomed large over the heads of the admiring watchers; but as the long cables reaching far above twisted, the bell's sedate bearing was forsaken and although still resolutely creeping downwards the great bell began to pirouette. At first slowly and then with quickening speed the bell turned until anxious attendants grasped the ropes that dangled from her side and her momentary show of coquetry was subdued. A little further and her wide rim was within the clasp of clutching fingers. Slowly still, but pulled to one side, it was guided to a corner of the tower. A few more inches then as metal touched stone with a faint, final echo of her once-powerful voice, the great bell came to rest. In the lore of the bell tower: "Look to, tenor's going—she's gone."

VIC PARKER.

(Written on the occasion of the lowering of Benhilton bells.)

## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Ringing World for May 25, 1945

Among the 25 victory peals recorded were those at Bray, Berks, and Dinder, Somerset, where in each case five out of the six rang a first, and at Bury St. Edmunds five out of eight. Altogether there were 32 first peals.

When Mr. C. H. Kippin sent in his resignation from office in the Surrey Association because he had left the county Messrs. F. E. Collins and D. Cooper spoke appreciatively of the excellent work done by Mr. Kippin for the Association.

A peal ringing tour of Kent advertised for August 18-28 was to cost those attending 5s. per night (bed and breakfast) at Folkestone.

The death of Pte. William Strickland, of Blackpool, took place in hospital at Epsom, the cause being extreme malnutrition. He had been a prisoner-of-war in Stalag 8B Camp, Germany, from June 1, 1944.

An accident in the tower of Leyland Church, Lancs, required continuous work night and day from Thursday to Saturday so that a meeting could be held there.

At the Yorkshire Association A.G.M. it was announced that the membership was 1,165 and the balance in the accounts stood at £397 and only nine subscriptions had not been paid. Canon C. C. Marshall was re-elected president.

"Correspondents should remember that items of news, peal footnotes and the like, which to them seem important, are not necessarily of interest to the general reader, and if they are omitted it is because the space is wanted for other items."—From the leader.

## 50 YEARS AGO

May 28, 1920

The heavy ring of ten rang out merrily to their first quarter peal since restoration, when Princess Mary visited the 800-years-old parish church at West Ham.

At Burwash, Robert, Reginald and Frederick J., jun. and Frederick J. Lambert, sen. took part in a peal on May 1 and next day the three last-named in a similar peal at Horsmonden.

The new ten at Cullompton, Devon, the six at Capenhurst, Cheshire, those at Nunney, Som., and the six at Bispham, Blackpool, were all to be dedicated as victory rings.

A meeting of the Middlesex Association was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields to help a new band recently formed, and nine were elected as members. Mr. G. W. Fletcher had helped teach the band.

The Cumberlands rang a peal of Bob Maximus at Southwark, Walter Ayres on the tenor ringing his first on 12. The treble was rung by 16-years-old R. R. Marshall.

Miss Pattie Clarke and Messrs. James Clarke, junior and senior, took part in a peal at Nuneaton—a father, son and daughter.

The 35th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association at Brighton elected Mr. J. T. Rickman as master, in succession to Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

## From Bolsover, Derbyshire:

Here lies in a horizontal position the outside case of Thomas Hind, clock and watch maker, who departed this life wound up in hope of being taken in hand by his Maker. Thoroughly cleaned, repaired, and set agoing for the world to come.



## COMPOSITIONS

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23456 M W H

35642	—	2	BBSBW
46253	—	—	LCW
52364	—	—	LSL
65324	—	—	WCL
26354	—	—	LSW
45362	—	—	WCW
43652	—	2	LCLB
64352	—	—	CSZSC
56342	—	—	WCB

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Rung at Withyham, Sussex, April 19, 1970.

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By RICHARD A. G. INGLIS

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2145638709E		1s, 5, 6, 8s, 14s, 18	
413562			3
312564	B	—	3
213456		—	—
213465879E0		12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	
314265			2
412365			2
413265	A	S	2
312465		—	2
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21436578E90		10s, 13s, 15s, 22s	
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First change at backstroke, the last change of a slow six.

## 5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By R. E. HARDY

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234569807		4/In		
236548790		8/6/Out		
32456	2			2
53264	2		2	2
34265	1			2
245639708	1	4/In		
432657890		8/6/Out		2
35264	1			2
32654			1	2
23456	2			2

Rung on handbells to Kent on May 7, 1970, conducted by the composer.

## 1344 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arranged by DAVID B. ELLERY

234567

672453	—	2
436572	S	1
534267	—	5
435267	S	4
354267	—	4
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