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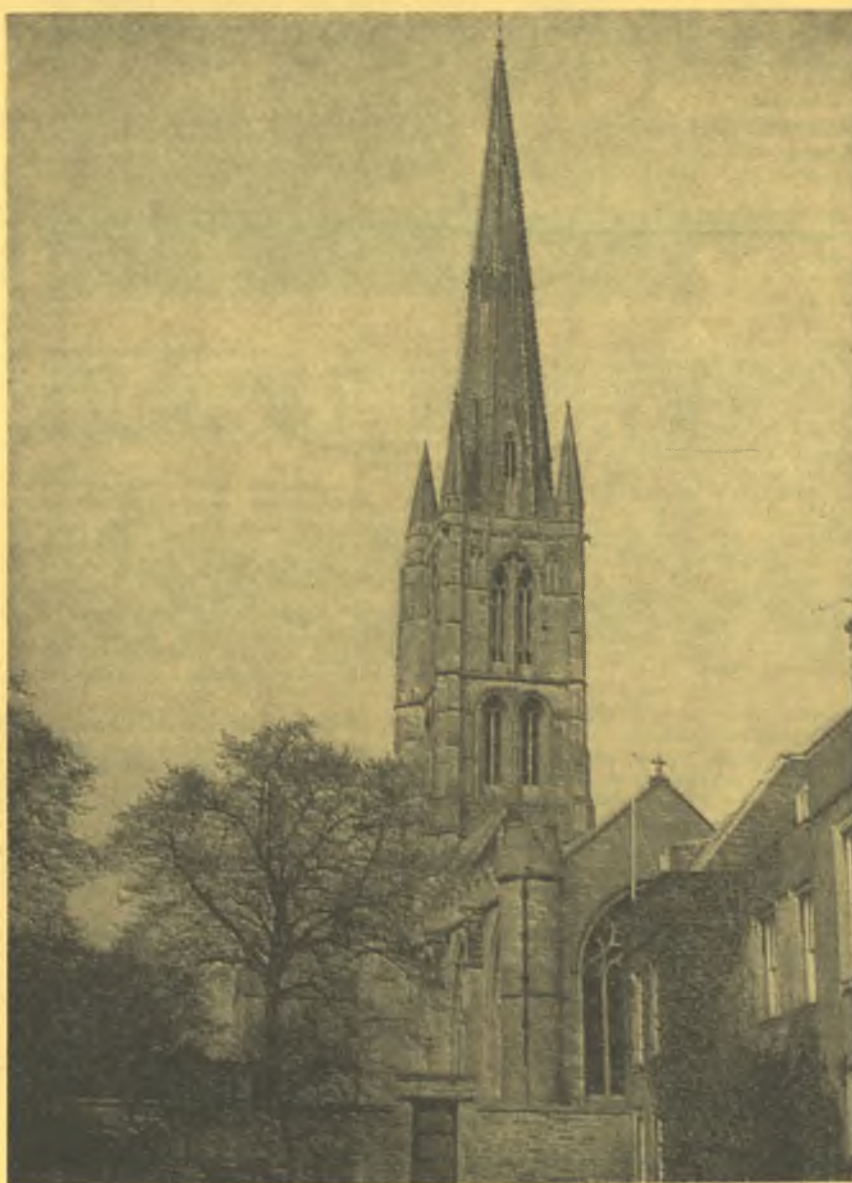
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**St. Wulfram,
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St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincs

There is an old jingle that goes thus:—

"Stop Traveller, this wondrous sign explore,

And say when thou hast viewed it o'er and o'er.

Grantham now two rarities are thine, A lofty steeple and a living sign."

The "living sign" is the Beehive Inn in Castlegate and the lofty steeple, that of St. Wulfram's, a landmark for all who travel on the Great North Road and railway. The spire when completed in the early 14th century was, with the exception of St. Paul's the tallest in the land. Now standing 281 feet high the tower has indeed a rarity unto itself. The finest ring of ten bells for their weight in the world.

According to Street's "Notes on Grantham" it appears that in 1640 the bells, then five in number, were rehung and the chimes were repaired. In the records of the Corporation it is notified that "Lord Rosse gives a bell at Belvoir towards a sixth bell . . . (1652)." In 1752 the front four bells of the six were recast and two trebles added to make eight, by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering.

THREE MEN ON TENOR

The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, was rung on the bells on Easter Sunday, April 22, 1764.

In 1775 the then treble, seventh and tenor were recast and two trebles added to make a ring of ten by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel.

The first peal on the ten, Grandsire Caters, was rung by the Sherwood Youths on September 19, 1775, conducted by W. D. Crofts, who had W. Bradley on the ninth with him. There were three men on the tenor! St. Wulfram's possessed a change-ringing band until 1881, as can be seen on one of the peal boards:—

"Grantham Society of Change Ringers.

On March 28th, 1881, this society, having been established 100 years, a centenary festival was resolved upon by the members and in celebration of the event a full and complete peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes, was most excellently rung on these bells which occupied 3 hours and 5 minutes by the following band . . ."

In 1888, when the bells were rehung in an iron A-frame mounted on Danzig oak beams, change-ringing gradually died out and nothing else but "stoney" was rung until 1910, when a new band was formed under the auspices of the Guild master, Rev. H. Law James.

Change-ringing continued until forbidden by the outbreak of war in 1939. After a silence of seven years the tower and top of the steeple were repaired and a completely recast ring by Taylor's was dedicated in 1947. The bells have never stopped ringing since. The present society of change-ringers, some 24 strong, with several learners following on, ensures that all ten are rung for morning and evening services on Sundays. It is a mainly young and lively band, which should ensure that change-ringing in Grantham will continue for many years to come.

Our past members are too numerous to mention but they cover many parts of the United Kingdom and other parts of the world, and to them we send our best wishes.

Practice night is Tuesday at 7.30 and visitors are very welcome.

PEALS ON THE BELLS

There have been 83 peals on the bells. 58 of which have been rung since they were last rehung in 1947. The most popular methods are Grandsire Caters (17) and Cambridge Royal (10).

Leading pealers include our present steeplekeeper, Denis A. Frith, who has circled the tower three times, and the president of the Central Council, Mr. John Freeman, who rang in the first peal on the recast bells and has rung in some seven since.

We have for many years been limited to four peal attempts per year, and it is our custom to allow visiting bands the pleasure of three of them while the local band attempts at Christmastide. We are booked for a few years to come and we are sure to welcome the Sherwood Youths again in 1975.

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

Treble.—Pack and Chapman of London fecit 1775.

2nd.—If you have a judicious ear you'll own my voice is sweet and clear. Pack and Chapman fecit 1775.

3rd.—Pack and Chapman of London fecit 1775.

4th.—Gloria Deo Soli. Gloria Patri, Filio, Spiritui Sancto. Tho Eayre Kettering fecit.

5th.—Coelorum Christe Placeat Tibi Rex Sonus iste Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. T.E. 1752.

6th.—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri Filio and Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre fecit 1752.

7th.—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Coelorum Christe Placeat Tibi Rex Sonus Iste. T. Eayre fecit 1752.

8th.—In Dei Gloriam in Ecclesiae Commodum Gloria, Patri, Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Anno Dom 1752.

9th.—Ye Ringers All who Prize Your Health and Happiness Be Merry, Sober, Wise and You'll the same possess. Re-cast in 1775. Richd Easton Vicar Jno Calcraft and Jno Hardy, Churchwardens. Pack and Chapman of London fecit.

Tenor.—Weight 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp. T. Mears of London fecit. Rev. William Potchett Vicar. John Brooks, Robt Storr Churchwardens 1818.

Sanctus bell.—The gift of Mis Ann Hurst of Barraby Dockter Hurst Widow to the Church of Grantham 1674.

A four-line stanza with which to end is to be found on a peal board of 1775 and with it a prayer for the future that these glorious bells will continue to ring for many years to the glory of God:

"These Sabbath bells shall still arise
And sound their notes to yonder skies.
The living to worship God they'll call;
And to the grave they'll summon all."

Norwich Association.

ABBNEY RINGING DAY

Saturday, June 13, was a lucky day for Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day and was enjoyed by all. The combined efforts of Messrs. H. Tooke, T. E. Spight and local ringers helped in the success of the venture.

The party from St. Albans was welcomed and ringing was up to a good standard.

The secretary (Mr. C. Bird), in the temporary absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer), thanked the vicar (Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas) for inviting the ringers, for conducting the service and his interesting address, the organist, the verger and local ringers, and also the ladies for preparing and serving the free tea.

Ringing continued after tea, and the ringers adjourned to the Green Dragon and rang methods on the landlord's recently-acquired set of handbells. C. B.

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St. David's Guild.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting was held at St. David's Cathedral on June 13, when ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. Tea, provided by the ladies (who were thanked by Mr. D. P. Griffiths), was served in the Cathedral Hall, and Cathedral Evensong followed, conducted by the Dean (Rev. T. E. Jenkins) with Mr. P. Boorman at the organ.

The retiring master (Rev. R. W. Thomas) was unable to be present, he having moved out of the diocese, and his report for the past year was read by the Dean, who presided over the business meeting. In the report the need was stressed to keep a balanced outlook in the belfry. Over-emphasis, it said, on method ringing led to lack of interest by beginners, and, similarly, over-emphasis on beginners led to lack of interest by method ringers. He wished the guild and the new master every success in the future.

The ringing master reported a decline in the number of peals and quarters rung during the year, but was pleased to note that a peal and quarter peal were successfully rung to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Master, P. C. Rogers; ringing master, A. F. Walters; secretary, J. Prytherch; treasurer, D. P. Griffiths; auditor, M. E. Lewis.

It was decided to hold a dinner at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, in October, to mark the 25th anniversary of the guild, and to hold a raffle to help guild funds and to be drawn at the dinner.

The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Taylor (Llanstephan), who had died a fortnight previously.

An appeal for anecdotes and other items of interest for the booklet to be published in September was made by the editor, Mr. D. P. Griffiths.

The veques for meetings in 1971 were chosen and various other matters discussed.

After the meeting ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock.

THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE

LADIES' GUILD DECIDES TO "CARRY ON"

During the last two years no special efforts have been made to recruit new members to the Ladies' Guild because of the uncertainty of its continuance, but at the annual general meeting at Leicester on June 27 it was unanimously decided that there is a place in the Exercise for such a body and that efforts be made to interest lady ringers, to encourage them to join and to take part in the functions arranged by the various districts of the Ladies' Guild.

During the meeting members from districts represented gave brief reports of the state of affairs in their particular areas, and from these it appeared that in certain rural parts, particularly in S. Wales, the Guild is well supported at its meetings, but in the cities and larger towns the reverse is the case. Some places did well with weekday evening practices, whilst others preferred Saturday afternoon meetings. It was pointed out that this was not a new situation and, in fact, it had always been obvious that the pattern of things varied according to the different areas, but it was not detrimental to the life of the Guild. Rather, the reverse was the case, for such variations made it more interesting for those attending.

The Central District (led by Mrs. Sandra Poyner), which organised this year's A.G.M., was somewhat disappointed that only 70 ringers (about 55 of whom were Guild members) supported the function, but those who did attend were well rewarded for the arrangements for the committee meeting on the Friday evening and the full day's ringing and social evening on the Saturday were most enjoyable. Although some of this was in the nature of an experiment the members agreed that similar arrangements be made next year, when it is hoped to visit the South Wales District in the Chepstow area.

Mrs. E. Palfrey (president) presided at the business meeting (which opened with prayer), supported by Miss D. E. Colgate (retiring hon. secretary) and Miss J. Beresford (retiring hon. treasurer). The meeting remembered in silence four members who had died since the last meeting, viz.: Mrs. Heath (Chippenham), Mrs. Frances Carter (Frome), Mrs. Diana Frost (Leighton Buzzard) and Mrs. Olive Vann (Rugby).

Following the reading of the various apologies received the item "Future of the Guild" was discussed, and a considerable debate followed. At no time, however, was it suggested that the Ladies' Guild, as such, should cease to function. Indeed the enthusiasm from one or two area organisers was so infectious that there was little doubt that when the proposal made by Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet) was put that "the Ladies' Guild continues on similar lines as in the past" there were no hands raised against it.

This point having been agreed, various suggestions were made for recruitment, for meetings and practices, and for encouraging the ladies to take a greater interest in the affairs of their own Guild.

NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mrs. Palfrey was unanimously re-elected president for a third year, and this was greeted with applause. Miss Colgate, who has carried out the arduous duties of hon. secretary for 19 years, retired from that office in spite of much pleading from members for her to continue, and after it had been stated that Mrs. Jacqueline King had been proposed "in writing," this energetic and enthusiastic lady was elected as the new hon. secretary, although not promising to



A R.W. photo taken at Leicester of Ladies' Guild officers, past, present and future. They are (l. to r.): Miss D. E. Colgate (retiring hon. secretary), Miss J. Beresford (retiring hon. treasurer), Mrs. E. Palfrey (president), Mrs. J. King (hon. secretary elect) and Mrs. E. Chapman (hon. treasurer elect).

do more than one year's service in that capacity. There seemed no doubt in the minds of those present that in spite of denials about her ability to carry out the duties, Mrs. King will prove very efficient at it.

Miss Joan Beresford, who has served the Ladies' Guild for 12 years as its treasurer, also retired, and some difficulty was experienced in finding a successor but eventually Mrs. Chapman agreed to take over this part of the organisation.

After Mrs. Shirley Slade had been re-elected hon. auditor a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was extended and was received with acclamation.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Miss Beresford, presenting the accounts for the past year, gave a very comprehensive statement on the Guild affairs. She said that there had been a loss of £13 14s. 1d. on the year's working, mainly accounted for by a fall in subscriptions which, it was interesting to note, were in total about half of what they were in 1959. Miss Beresford gave details of the badges sold and in stock, of the cost of advertising and of increased postage. Finally she said that the paid-up membership was 178 adult, 52 junior and 15 life—a total of 245, and that she felt the subscriptions should be increased: adults from 3s. to 5s., junior 1s. to 2s. and life £2 2s. to £5 5s.

The accounts were adopted and a discussion followed on the suggestion of increasing the subscriptions. It was decided unanimously that the adult and junior amounts be increased as proposed, but for the life subscription Mrs. J. King voted against it, stating that she felt it was too large an increase.

Thanks were extended to all who had helped organise the meeting, and the editor

of The Ringing World, who was present by invitation, also expressed his thanks to the Ladies' Guild for their hospitality and wished them every success in their efforts to instil new life into its affairs. He promised editorial coverage for future activities and in turn appealed for new subscribers to the R.W.

A willing band of young and attractive ladies had prepared a ham salad tea (which

preceded the business meeting), to which full justice was done, and before the social evening started the ladies rejoined the men who had been doing their best in the nearby tower to drown the voices of the ladies' deliberations in the St. Margaret's vestry. Evensong was sung at 4.30, the vicar (Rev. D. J. Nudds) conducting; Mr. R. Hughes, general secretary of the Leicester Guild, was at the organ and Mrs. Palfrey read the lesson.

The towers at which ringing took place were Aylestone, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, Birstall, Anstey, Leicester Cathedral and St. Margaret's.

SOCIAL EVENING

A capacity for enjoying themselves was evinced by the Leicester ringers on June 27 when, in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild A.G.M., a social evening was spent at The Blackbirds Hotel. The several visitors who attended (some by special invitation) found themselves joining in wholeheartedly with the games, competitions and dancing (very old and very new), and the high spirits and energy of the young people present were transmitted to those who sometimes feel they are "past it," with the result that the whole evening was one long round of enjoyment—if at times somewhat noisy!

The M.C. was Mr. John Bramley, who was ably assisted by Jim Poyner and a team of willing helpers, and at the end of the evening the president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Palfrey) and Mrs. Jill Staniforth both expressed appreciation to all who had helped in the arrangements.

During an interval a buffet was disposed of and the president drew numbers from a hat for prizes in a lottery, which had been given by several well-wishers. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION V

There appeared to be a feeling of relaxation among those present when Item 10 on the agenda was announced. This involved the acceptance of the various reports of committees which had already been printed and circulated and little discussion on each was apparently anticipated.

The first report, that of the Literature and Press Committee, was accepted after Mr. Edgar Shepherd had asked if "Overtones" was still appearing and Mr. Sharpe had confirmed that it was.

Item 10 (b), the report of the Biographies Committee, was approved without comment and was followed by that of The Ringing World Committee.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson expressed sincere thanks to the members and past members of The Ringing World Committee and apologised to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for having omitted his name in the report, as he had helped considerably in the legal side of the affairs of the committee. Mr. Wilson also stated he had not yet found the time to answer certain letters addressed to him as convener, but hoped to do so very soon.

The Ringing World was this year publishing an illustrated calendar, a "Year to View" on each monthly page, and also space for weddings, meetings and other relevant data. Sample sheets were circulated to those present and it was stated that the calendar would retail at 6s. including postage. Orders were being taken during the meeting.

The cost of producing The Ringing World had been kept to a minimum, but it was feared that there would of necessity be a rise in the price next year due to increased wages and higher paper costs.

Following a question by Mr. Hartless as to whether there ought not to be a charge of 1s. per name in the peal reports, Mr. Wilson said it would cost more to collect the shillings than was worth while, and the committee were very reluctant to introduce such charges. He expressed thanks to Messrs. D. Beresford and G. Pipe for help given in the past to The Ringing World.

Mr. Dodds said if charges for peals were introduced there would be no guarantee that all peals would be sent to The Ringing World for publication. It was essential that all peals were printed, or records would not be complete.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the Lancashire Association made a charge of 1s. per rope, 6d. going to the association and 6d. to The Ringing World, the full amount being sent once a year.

That the peal layout was all right for recording, was Mr. Roper's comment, but the quarter peal format was awkward. Mr. Mason suggested that uniformity was essential.

Mr. Wilson said that the technical questions asked could be answered by the Editor, and asked the permission of the chairman for Mr. Denyer to speak, which was granted.

Thanking the Council for accepting him as an honorary member, Mr. Denyer endeavoured to explain the technical details of production, and appealed to those present to make every effort to increase the circulation of the paper, to help the printers by sending in good copy, written on one

side of the paper only, and not to delay in sending in reports and advertisements. Many correspondents did not supply full details, which caused considerable hold-up and unnecessary expense. The editorial department was often blamed for late publication of items of news, peals and quarter peals, when in point of fact many reports were late—some very late—in being submitted. He thanked the many ringers who had advised, helped and encouraged him in his task, and asked for patience and co-operation in the future.

Mr. Ayre asked that proper alphabetical order be adhered to in the peal reports. Considerable merriment was caused by a quick retort by Canon Felstead that such an arrangement would ruin his records and asked that they remain as now printed.

PEALS COLLECTION REPORT

Mr. W. E. Critchley proposed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded that the Peals Collection Report be approved, and this was carried without comment.

The Overseas Report, when proposed and seconded, brought a query from Mr. G. W. Pipe about the condition of ropes in Rhodesia, where there was considerable ringing activity. He asked if there was any way of "getting round" rules and cutting red tape to supply ropes to Rhodesia. Mr. Frank Blagrove offered to advise on the matter.

The report was then adopted.

(To be continued.)

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1969

(Continued from page 512)

Handbells.—The friendly rivalry between the Chester G. and Hertford County bands, with the Chester G. achieving Kent T.B. 14. S. Surp. Max. in 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12 methods and S.S. Royal in 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 methods. The Hertford C. band rang two peals of Kent T.B. 16, 1 Little B. 16 and 4, 6, 8, 10 S.S. Max.; Leicester D.G. the Cambridge sequence on one day. Middlesex C., two peals Kent T.B. 14; Hertford C., 32 S. Surp. Major; N. American G., peals of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. The coldest—we expect—Bob Minor, north of the Arctic Circle, for the Durham and Newcastle A.

Not included in the Analysis:—

Basingstoke—Winchester and P'mouth: Erin Caters—no cover.

Basingstoke—Winchester and P'mouth: Minimus on handbells.

(Note.—Handbell peals are in parentheses and are included in the total.)

A. Soc. College Youths.—Max 17, Cinqs 9, Royal 3, Major 12, Triples 1. Total 42.

ANZAB.—Caters 1, Triples 1, Minor (2). Total 4 (2).

Bath and Wells.—Cinq. 1, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 52, Triples 10, Minor 62½, Doubles 45½. Total 176.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 17. Total 37.

Beverley and Dist.—Max. 1, Royal 1, Major 3, Minor 2. Total 7.

Cambridge Univ.—Cinq. 1, Royal 1 (2), Caters 2 (1), Major 16 (3), Triples 2. Total 28 (6).

Chester D.G.—Fourteen (1), Max. 4 (16), Cinqs 1, Royal 5 (21), Caters 4 (1), Major 65 (19), Trip. 7, Minor 34 (5), Doubles 8 (2). Total 193 (65).

Cleveland and N. Yorks.—Nil.

Coventry D.G.—Royal 3, Caters 2 (1), Major 28, Trip. 3, Minor 27, Doubles 6. Total 70 (1).

Cumb. and North W'land.—Minor 3. Total 3.

Derby Dio. Assn.—Royal 13 (3), Caters 1, Maj. 32 (4), Trip. 2, Minor 21 (14), Doubles 3. Total 93 (21).

G. of Devonshire.—Max. 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 29, Trip. 10, Minor 11, Doubles 3. Total 57.

Devonshire A.—Nil.

Dudley and District.—Nil.

Durham and N'castle.—Max. 1, Cinq., 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 34, Minor 3 (2). Total 43 (2).

E. Derby and W. Notts.—Nil.

E. Grinstead and Dis.—Major 1. Total 1.

Ely Dio.—Cinq. 1, Royal 1, Major 34, Trip. 1, Minor 14. Total 51.

Essex Assoc.—Max. 4, Cinq. 4, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 58, Trip. 4, Minor 27, Doubles 3. Total 106.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Max. 3, Cinq. 2, Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 25 (7), Trip. 6, Minor 9 (2), Doubles 6. Total 68 (9).

Guildford D.—Max. 1, Royal 6, Major 64 (2), Triples 3, Minor 14, Doubles 3. Total 93 (2).

Hereford G.—Caters 3, Major 10 (2), Triples 4, Minor 15, Doubles 4. Total 38 (2).

Hertford C.—Sixteen (3), Max. (13), Cinq. (1), Royal 5 (12), Caters 2 (1), Major 54 (29), Triples 5, Minor 19 (1), Doubles 2. Total 147 (60).

Irish Assoc.—Major (2), Doubles (1). Total 3 (3).

Kent County.—Max. 6, Cinq. 1, Royal 2 (4), Caters 4 (1), Major 71 (4), Trip. 12, Minor 37 (6), Doubles 4. Total 152 (15).

Ladies' Guild.—Nil.

Lancashire A.—Max. 4, Cinq. 3, Royal 10, Caters 4, Major 77, Trip. 8, Minor 42 (26), Doubles 4, Minimus 3. Total 181 (26).

Leicester D.G.—Max. 4 (1), Cinq. 2 (2), Royal 28 (1), Caters 3, Major 87 (12), Trip. 7 (1), Minor 35 (2), Doubles 2 (1). Total 188 (20).

Lincoln D.G.—Max. 5, Cinq. 6, Royal 4 (1), Caters 3, Major 13 (11), Trip. 2, Minor 51 (2), Doubles 18. Total 116 (14).

Llandaff and M'mouth.—Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 6, Caters 9, Major 25 (1), Trip. 6, Minor 10, Doubles 11. Total 71 (1).

London County.—Royal 6 (1), Caters 1, Major (4), Minor (1). Total 13 (6).

Middlesex. C.—Fourteen (2), Max. 1, Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 33 (1), Trip. 5, Minor 4. Total 53 (3).

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 31, Trip. 5. Total 40.

National Police G.—Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 2.

North Staffs A.—Royal 2, Major 11, Trip. 1, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 18.

North Wales.—Caters 1, Major 4. Total 5.

Norwich D.—Max. 2, Cinq. 1, Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 20, Trip. 1, Minor 32 (1), Doubles 5. Total 67 (1).

Oxford D.G.—Max. 3, Cinq. 1, Royal 6 (2), Caters 5, Major 67 (4), Trip. 28, Minor 21 (10), Doubles 6. Total 153 (16).

Oxford Society.—Cinq. 1, Caters 3, Major 1, Trip. 1. Total 6.

Oxford Univ.—Major 4 (1), Minor 1. Total 5 (1).

Peterborough D.G.—Max. 2, Royal 13, Caters 2, Major 45, Trip. 2, Minor 61, Doubles 17. Total 142.

St. David's D.G.—Major 5, Minor 3, Doubles 2 (1). Total 11 (1).

St. Martin's G.—Max. 18, Cinq. 1, Royal 14, Major 38, Trip. 4, Minor 1. Total 76.

Salisbury D.G.—Max. 1, Cinqs 1, Royal 3, Major 44, Trip. 6, Minor 30 (2), Doubles 5, Minimus 1. Total 93 (2).

Scottish A.—Nil.

Sheffield and Dist.—Nil.

Shropshire A.—Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 1, Doubles 3. Total 8.

South Derby and North Leics.—Nil.

Soc. Royal Cumb. Youths.—Max. 9, Cinq. 2, Royal 6, Major 32, Trip. 1.—Total 50.

Soc. Sherwood Youths.—Cinq. 1, Royal 2 (1), Major 3, Minor 1. Total 8 (1).

Southwell D.G.—Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 12, Trip. 6, Minor 78½ (1), Doubles 35½, Minimus 3. Total 141 (1).

Stafford Archy.—Max 2, Cinq. 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 23, Trip. 9, Minor 16, Doubles 1. Total 62.

Suffolk G.—Royal 10, Major 65, Trip. 1, Minor 38, Doubles 10. Total 124.

Surrey Assoc.—Cinq. 3, Royal 1 (1), Caters 4, Major 26 (1), Trip. 3, Minor 5 (11), Doubles 2. Total 57 (13).

Sussex County.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 29, Trip. 10, Minor 17, Doubles 3. Total 63.

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 3 (1), Trip. 2, Minor (3), Doubles 1, Minimus 1. Total 11 (4).

Truro Dioc.—Caters 1, Major 9, Trip. 9, Minor 7, Doubles 24, Minimus 1. Total 51.
 Universities A.—Major 2 (5), Minor 2 (2). Total 11 (7).
 Univ. of Bristol.—Cinq. 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Trip. 1, Minor 6. Total 13.
 Univ. of London.—Major 1, Minor 4 (5). Total 10 (5).
 Univ. of Manchester.—Major 6 (2), Trip. 1, Minor 1 (5). Total 15 (7).
 Winch. and Portsmouth.—Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 7, Caters 7, Major 42 (3), Trip. 6 (1), Minor 18 (1), Doubles 21 (1), Minimus 1. Total 111 (6).
 Worcs. and Dist.—Max. 3, Cinq. 1, Royal 2, Caters 2 (1), Major 41, Trip. 16, Minor 15, Doubles 6, Minimus 2. Total 89 (1).
 Yorkshire Assoc.—Max. 2, Cinq. 5, Royal 26 (1), Caters 4 (1), Major 168 (4), Trip. 5, Minor 38 (2), Doubles 7. Total 263 (8).
 Other Societies, etc.—Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 5, Major 31 (9), Trip. 5, Minor 6 (7), Doubles 1. Total 67 (16).
 Grand total: 3,807 (348).

Methods in which 10 or more peals were rung are as follows (including issue of R.W. dated March 6, 1970):

Maximus

Cambridge, 43 Minor. Over 30 methods 11.
 Yorkshire, 17 Minor. 15-30 methods 29.

Cinques

Stedman, 56 Minor. 11 methods 12.

Royal

Cambridge, 65 Minor. 10 methods 14.
 London, 36 Minor. 8 methods 18.
 Yorkshire, 45 Minor. 7 methods 192.
 Plain, 48 Minor. 6 methods 31½.

Caters

Grandsire, 52 Minor. 5 methods 51.
 Stedman, 43 Minor. 4 methods 74.

Major

Spliced Surp. over 12, 29 Minor. 3 meth. 64½.
 Ditto 12, 11 Minor. 2 methods 60.
 Ditto 11, 10 Minor. 1 method 381.
 Ditto 10, 11 Minor.
 Ditto 9, 12 Doubles 40 m/v and over 39.
 Ditto 8, 42 Doubles 15-39 m/v 22.
 Ditto 6, 10 Doubles 14 m/v 11.
 Ditto 5, 11 Doubles 7 m/v 22.
 Ditto 4, 46 Doubles 6 m/v 12.
 Bristol, 66 Doubles 5 m/v 13.
 Cambridge, 148 Doubles 4 m/v 17.
 Lincolnshire, 70 Doubles 3 m/v 17½.
 London, 98 Doubles 2 m/v 24.
 Glasgow, 13 Doubles 1 m/v 85.
 Pudsey 26.
 Rutland 105.
 Superlative 29.
 Yorkshire 192.
 Kent T.B. 47.
 Oxford T.B. 16.
 D. Norwich 52.
 Plain Bob 320.
 Little Bob 17.

Triples

Grandsire 133.
 Stedman 66.
 Plain Bob 17.

W. AYRE (Convener)
 K. W. H. FELSTEAD
 H. L. ROPER
 F. B. LUFKIN

Central Council.

REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE

The numbers attending this year's Council meeting were the same as in 1969—170, with 31 absentees. Forty-six associations were represented in full, 11 in part, and six were not represented at all. There were eight life members present (two absentees) and 15 honorary members (seven absentees). Those attending were:—

Life members: E. A. Barnett (vice-president), V. Bottomley (hon. secretary and treasurer), J. Freeman (president), F. W. Perrins, F. Sharpe, E. C. Shepherd, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, T. W. White.

Hon. members: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Mrs. J. E. Bottomley, F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, D. Hughes, S. J. Ivin, C. K. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, R. B. Smith, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor.



A Ringing World photo taken outside the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley, of four West Country ringers who attended the Central Council meeting. Mr. A. J. Davidson stands at the back, and the others are A. Locke, Ann Pearce and F. M. Bowers.

College Youths: W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason, R. B. Meadows, W. Williams.
 A. and N.Z.A.—P. M. J. Gray.
 Bath and Wells.—J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H. Reed.
 Beds.—J. H. Edwards, K. H. Fleming.
 Beverley.—R. Ducker.
 Camb. University.—C. M. P. Johnson, B. D. Threlfall.
 Chester.—H. C. Lanyon, D. Mottershead.
 Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, H. M. Windsor.
 Cumb. and N. Westmorland.—R. W. D. Wetenhall.
 Derby.—D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
 Devon.—B. E. Bartlett.
 Durham and Newcastle.—K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.
 East Grinstead.—K. Game.
 Ely.—J. G. Gipson, H. S. Peacock.
 Essex.—J. Armstrong, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.
 Glos. and Bristol.—A. L. Barry, A. R. Peake, J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.
 Guildford Dio.—D. A. R. May, T. Page, P. G. Smart, W. H. Viggers.
 Guild of Devon Ringers.—Fr. P. Angold, D. R. Bould, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.
 Hereford Dio.—P. Hughes, J. F. I. Turney, A. T. Wingate, P. J. H. Wycherley.
 Herts.—W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dods.
 Irish.—P. W. Brown, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.
 Kent.—P. A. Corby, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram, C. A. Tester.
 Ladies.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
 Lancs.—N. Bennett, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.
 Leicester Dio.—D. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.
 Lincs Dio.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. L. Millhouse, P. Reynolds.
 Llandaff and Mon.—Mrs. D. J. King, T. M. Roderick.
 London County.—H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, G. W. Shanks, W. G. Wilson.
 Middx.—F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, C. H. Rogers.
 Nat. Police Guild.—N. A. Bagworth.
 North Staffs.—R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.
 North Wales.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.
 Norwich.—P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, M. Cubitt, N. V. Harding.
 Oxford Dio.—W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.
 Oxford Society.—F. A. H. Wilkins.
 Oxford University.—J. E. Camp, D. J. Roaf.
 Peterborough Dio.—E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, B. Hendry.
 Railway Guild.—E. J. Franklin.
 St. David's.—J. Prytherch.
 St. Martin's.—G. E. Fearn, R. W. Pipe.

Salisbury.—J. T. Barrett, E. J. Hitchins, G. S. Morris.
 Sheffield and Dist.—J. Seager.
 Society Royal Cumberlands.—J. P. Baines, D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbis, D. E. Sibson.
 Society Sherwood Youths.—G. A. Dawson.
 South Derbyshire.—J. E. Collins.
 Southwell.—J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, R. B. Mills, H. Poyner.
 Staffs.—C. F. W. Eyre, M. W. Fairey, C. M. Smith.
 Suffolk.—T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe, Rev. L. R. Pizey.
 Surrey.—A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, C. F. Mew.
 Sussex.—J. R. Norris, R. W. R. Percy.
 Truro.—W. C. Boucher, F. M. Bowers, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.
 Universities Assn.—Rev. M. Melville.
 University of London.—A. J. Frost.
 University of Manchester.—M. C. W. Sherwood.
 Winchester and Ports.—A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.
 Worcs. and District.—B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.
 Yorks.—M. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson, W. F. Moreton.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

A native of Leicester, where he learned to ring, Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, of Wimbledon, has written to the vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, stating that the ring of ten bells there has a nationwide reputation as one of the finest rings in the country, and all ringers would be much concerned if St. John's Church was declared redundant and demolished. The back eight bells were cast in 1902 at a time when the Loughborough Foundry was producing bells as fine as at any time in its history.

"If the whole ring of ten bells at St. John's is to be moved, may I make the suggestion that it be installed in the tower of St. Peter's, which, to the best of my knowledge, is not intended for demolition, and which is quite suitable for a ring of bells. Perhaps even St. John's frame could be used. The transfer of the bells would be a comparatively inexpensive item compared with the cost of an equally good ring of bells, and it would be an everlasting preservation of these fine bells, their original donation (by Mr. Bunning, and the two trebles by Mr. William Willson) and the wholehearted appreciation of ringers everywhere."

Copies of this letter have been sent to the Diocesan Chancellor and the ringing master of St. John's (Mr. Sydney Harrison).

Letters

WHAT IS CHANGE RINGING?

Dear Sir,—At the 1969 Central Council meeting in St. Albans new decisions were made on definitions and requirements for methods and calls. During the discussion of the sub-committee's proposal prior to the vote I demonstrated to members of that committee that the wording of (E) A. 1 & 2 did not exclude jumping changes. No alteration was made at St. Albans, but I had the impression that the sub-committee would consider and advance a more rigorous definition in its further deliberations.

At this year's meeting in Ilkley, Messrs. Camp, Barnett and Roaf took up the point again since no proposal for a revision of this section had been put forward by the sub-committee. However, although it is clear that the wording does now permit jumps as well as exchanges of pairs of adjacent bells in moving from one row to the next (and this could apply to calls as well as methods), the Council did not seem to consider it necessary to modify its decision since no new proposal or amendment was put forward.

The Exercise should realise that the laissez faire with which the Central Council now brims over has reached the fundamental rules by which rows are generated. Some of the basic constraints on bell movements in change ringing which we were taught early in our ringing careers are no longer deemed inviolable.

The chances of jumping-type methods finding favour do not seem high at present, but we should all be aware that the door is open if we wish to use jumping calls to achieve certain results.

E.g., a special bob (firsts and thirds) at end of first lead of Bob Major.

First lead end 13254768.

Plain coursing order 5324687.

Second lead head 15237486.

New coursing order 2534687.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.

Backwell, Bristol.

NOT IN SURREY (?)

Dear Sir,—I have just read your Belfry Gossip in last week's R.W. (I do the quarter peal analysis before I read my copy) and notice your correspondent's remarks about quarter peals of Cinques rung at St. John's, Croydon. These have indeed been credited to this tower but not to Surrey, as no doubt your correspondent will now realise from recent articles in The Ringing World that Croydon is one of these unfortunate towers that according to "Dove" are in Greater London (sorry—Surrey!).—Yours faithfully,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Denmead, Hants.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Dear Sir,—I see from the report of the Bath and Wells A.G.M. that "occasional ringing" is to take place on the bells of East Pennard Church. It will be safe to assume, no doubt, that all those members of the Bath and Wells who have been so eager to criticise the band which rang these bells on January 24 for the first time since 1912 will have the courage of their conviction that it is not wise to do so and will therefore not be taking part in any of the ringing that takes place.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in the R.W. (June 26) the letter from R. Newman regarding St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., commending the efforts of Mr. Walter Knight to raise a band for resuming ringing at this tower (R.W., June 5).

My father, Arthur Harwin, and myself were also regular members of the band (along with Dick Newman) over 40 years ago, with well-known ringers of that day whose names will refresh the memory of Dick Newman—Frank Smith, his daughter, Kitty, R. Bevan, T. Bevan, E. Bonfield, F. Bonfield, A. Bonfield, W. J. Norton, Ernie Young, Ernie Chapman, Tom Bannister and other frequent visitors to the tower.

Best wishes to Walter Knight: may he succeed in his efforts and to see his reward in the R.W. quarter peals.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. HARWIN.

Chedgrave, Norfolk.

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—We were disappointed to read in the final paragraph of the report of the Overseas Committee (Ringing World 3086, 1970, page 472), that the North American Guild is regarded by the committee merely as a "title of convenience." We have every reason to believe that, on the contrary, the N.A.G. is an integral part of the North American ringing scene. One has to live in America, and participate in the ringing, in order to appreciate this point.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

ELIZABETH F. DAVIES.

Canterbury, Kent.

YOUNG ENTHUSIASTS

Comments from Mr. Howard Egglestone, ringing master of the Suffolk Guild, are of more than passing interest. Sending us some "copy," he writes:—

"The quarters have all got a story of some effort behind them! The Glasgow was rung by a South East District band at the third attempt. The first time we met it took all evening to ring a course, the second we struggled to within two leads of the quarter before breaking down, but the third time a good quarter was rung at the first attempt.

"I am particularly proud of the three quarters rung on the same evening. Having several learners coming to the quarter peal stage all together and several youngsters waiting to try to call a quarter, I decided to kill several birds with one stone by attempting three quarters all at once at three different towers. The five inside ringers were the same for all three quarters, and three of them took turns in calling one each (all their first as conductor). The three different treble ringers were all attempting their first quarter.

"Of course, we decided to meet on one of the hottest evenings in June! Burgh, where one rings in the porch, wasn't too bad with the outside door open. Otley, however, with a large west window and the sun pouring in, was a different story. Considering that blisters were beginning to be felt and the temperature was very high the youngsters showed great determination to ring the quarter. With a stop for coca colas (and plasters) between towers a good quarter was rung at Ashbocking in the cool of the evening.

"All the band except Stephen Pettman are Henley ringers. The average age of the band (excepting one—I spoilt it!) was around 16."

THE ILKLEY MEETING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Pipe's letter (R.W., page 494), the Central Council should alter its rules before complaining about the "infantile" naming of newly-rung methods.

As I understand it, the band who first ring a new method have the right to name it. Cannot Mr. Pipe trust eight good ringers (for they must be of a good standard to ring these methods) to name a method as they think reasonable?

Council members appear to watch the "Magic Roundabout" or they wouldn't know anything about "Mr. Rusty." Must every method named after something on television be condemned as "infantile"? Would they prefer "24 Hours Delight Major" in the R.W., just to look grown-up?

The Council make the rules and the Surprise ringers have so far kept to them. If some members do not like the names given they should press for the Council to name "sensibly" methods not yet rung.—Yours faithfully,

PETER L. R. HAYWARD.

Woodborough, Notts.

ORIGINAL MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Thompson's request (R.W., page 393), the callings of Original Minor we use are as follows:—

(1) 720

123456 1 5 6

135642 — — —

154263 — — —

146532 — — —

163425 — — —

132546 — — —

124653 — — —

145362 — — —

156234 — — — *

163542 — — —

134256 — — —

5 x repeated.

S at * in 3rd and 6th parts.

(2) 720

123456 154326 c

142563

164532 b a 126354 a

124635 e 165243

143256 154632

145263 f 152364 e d

156432 126435 a

163245 a 163542 a

134652 123645 e

145326 134256

152463

126345 a

2 x repeated.

In every course a bob is made when the treble passes from 2nd into 3rds, except in courses marked "e"; also when she passes from 3rds into 2nds, except in courses marked "f."

"a"—a bob is made when treble leads.

"b"—a bob causes the treble to dodge in 5-6 down.

"c"—a bob causes the treble to dodge in 5-6 up.

"d"—the treble makes the bob.

These callings were supplied to me by Mr. C. K. Lewis; there is also a 720 given by Simon Humphrey (R.W., 1969, p. 880).—Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Crosthwaite, Westmorland.

Every noble life leaves the fibre of itself interwoven in the work of the world.

JOHN RUSKIN.

Devon Association

KINGSTEIGNTON AGAIN

Only seven 8-bell bands came to Revelstoke (the church is in the village of Noss Mayo on the Yealm estuary but retains the parish's ancient name) for the Devon 8-bell competition in April, and the weight was strongly on the South Devon side, with only Appledore and North Tawton (which isn't all that far north) to keep the North Devon flag flying. Appledore has a young band, comparatively new to competition ringing, so it was very heartening to see them, and maybe we shall be hearing of Pilton again now that their bells are rehung.

Once again it was Kingsteignton who won, with 42 faults, and once again it was North Tawton who pushed them with 48½. Buckland-in-the-Moor followed with 59½ and Plympton St. Mary with 72½. Tavistock, Appledore and the normally method-ringing band from Withycombe Raleigh brought up the rear.

THE SIX-BELL

No fewer than 17 bands converged on Ide, near Exeter, for the South Devon half of the 6-bell competition and kept the bells going until well into the evening. Ide is one of those fortunate villages which, having access only by lanes, remain real villages even within a mile of a city boundary: thatched houses, a brook running through the village and an exceptionally attractive feature of a row of cottages fronting on to a little causeway beside the stream. The church was rebuilt in the early 19th century, wide and open with its single-span roof, but the tower remains from the former church. The bells are a six by Warner, a little hard in tone but well enough going for a band which can make allowance for small vagaries, as Plymstock undoubtedly could, for they came home with a first-class peal of 14½. Stoke Gabriel, West Alvington "A" and Dunsford came next, with Kenn and West Alvington "B" to make up the six for St. Petrox, Dartmouth, in the final.

Widcombe for much of their peal sounded like getting into the top six, but—maybe they were missing Bill Miners—they spoilt it with a miscall and lost a good many marks before they could get sorted out. The fact that they still came in on 50½ gives an idea of the quality of the rest of their ringing. "Also rans" were S. Brent, Bickington, E. Portlemouth, Stoke Fleming, Plymstock "B", Loddiswell, Diptford, Broadhempston, Dartington and E. Allington, and it looks as if Plymstock may give the North Devon fellows a good run in the final.

The North Devon end of the competition was rung off at Black Torrington, which is another attractive village in very different country—the wide (and rather wet) open spaces of the district between Hatherleigh and Holsworthy. The bells, a Pennington six, have not been in very good shape lately and obviously taxed even the best of the bands which met, 12 in number, to ring them. Predictably, West Down and Swymbridge and Down St. Mary topped the list, West Down clear ahead on 21½ and Down St. Mary just pipped by half a fault for second place on 30 to Swymbridge's 29½. South Tawton and Kentisbeare tied on 43 for fourth place—a good piece of ringing by S. Tawton, who have been having some intensive training from Tom Wright. Ide, Plymtree, Yarncombe, Bishop's Tawton, Spreyton, Burrington and Alwington came along behind.

West Down are obviously right back in form after a patchy time last year.

J. G. M. S.



ST. MARY'S, HORSELL, SURREY

After a silence of many months, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Horsell, are ringing again. Some young boys and girls are being trained by Mr. E. R. Warner (Woking), who has been a ringer at various churches for over 50 years, and is a founder member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. Mr. Warner

has had invaluable assistance from Patricia Laycock and David Smith.

The young people are very enthusiastic and have already reached the stage at which they can ring rounds and call changes.

The photograph above was taken in the ringing room at Horsell Church just before the vicar, Canon J. J. Cresswell, (in the photograph) left Horsell to become rector of Busbridge, Godalming.

NINETY YEARS AFTER

If some of our predecessors of, say, 90 years ago, could step into our belfries today, what would be their reaction? How would they feel once they had accustomed themselves to the mini-skirts and the "with-it" jargon of our young people? Whatever criticisms they may have (even of the female presence!) they would (or should) be gratified to see that the ringing examples they set have continued and developed into a friendly, mixed and competent society of ringers.

We know of their undoubted abilities in the ringing chamber, and discipline, in their eyes, would no doubt appear wanting (in some instances to be deplorable), but enthusiasm and co-operation between branch and towers would, as shown recently in the Sonning Deanery, stand up to any test.

The occasion could itself be called a "test" . . . a test of the strength of our Sunday service bands, the towers within a branch. The "test piece"—a quarter peal in every tower in the branch to mark the 90th anniversary of the Sonning Deanery Society of Change Ringers. A small, practical mark of esteem and respect to the members and officers who have passed on to us the knowledge, skills and aptitudes of ringing.

During the last week of May and the first in June the bells of the 13 towers of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang out, all but one quarter peal succeeding. This branch is little different from most . . . a few weak towers, several strong, tenors varying from six to 20 cwt., ringers' ages from ten to 80 (plus), a membership of about 130 and a nucleus of a couple of dozen "regulars." Most branches could no doubt programme a similar event, many with more success; but here the effort was made. Co-operation between the weak and strong, young and old, was put to the test and all members have been made aware of, or reminded of,

the 1880 Society, which later became the Sonning Deanery Branch.

The first meeting at Wokingham on May 22, 1880, resolved "That the bellringers of the Deanery be incorporated into a Society for the encouragement of change ringing and the cultivation of Order, Moral Tone and Reverence in belfries . . ." John Walker, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. J. F. Llewelyn (chairman and secretary respectively), both ambitious men and the first of many officers whose names are well-known today throughout the Exercise: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon Gilbert Thurlow; a small nucleus from which has sprung a large territorial body (made up of bands from town and country) of Sunday service ringers, several of whom indulge in peal ringing.

Responsibility, borne by branch officers continuing the work of these predecessors, was on this occasion shared by almost every member capable of ringing a quarter, and it is hoped that the numerous "firsts" will encourage many to take an active part (perhaps in other branches, too!). By coincidence the fourth at Wokingham (St. Paul) was rung without a stay and the fourth at Warfield without a slider (it had been damaged by a clapper falling out earlier).

In the Erin Triples the 117 calls had to be repeated after two bells had "switched" at the first attempt. These minor occurrences proved the only "sensational" items to report. Good ringing, like good weather, is not interesting reading but an acknowledgment from a body that it is alive; that it prospers after 90 years augurs well for the future of the Sonning Deanery.

The organiser would like to take this opportunity to thank all incumbents, tower captains and secretaries for their assistance and use of their bells for this anniversary "ring-in," and may it also be put on record that for the majority the quarter peals will be remembered for the social contact and for the sheer fun of it.

S. G. S.

Quarter Peals

80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Axbridge Branch)

Banwell, Som.—May 20, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Brenda Sheppard 1, B. Mills 2, G. Hebden 3, Susan Stott 4, C. Fields 5, W. Rice 6, R. Rice 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major 2, 4 and 5.

Winford, Som.—May 21, 1292 Spliced S. Minor (three methods): J. Trimm 1, C. Field 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Susan Stott 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. First spliced 1, 2 and 4.

Loxton, Som.—June 2, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Angela Bromwich 1, K. Baker 2, W. Rice (cond.) 3, J. Barrett (first inside) 4, R. Rice 5, R. Gardner 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

Locking, Som.—1260 Doubles (five methods): P. Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs (cond.) 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6.

Worle, Som.—1260 Doubles (five methods): B. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, H. Hooper 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

(Other Districts)

Clevedon, Som.—May 19, at St. Andrew's, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: N. S. James (first on working bell) 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, V. H. James 3, W. H. Tinkling 4, S. E. James 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6, E. Bond 7.

Clevedon, Som.—June 16, at All Saints', 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: N. S. James 1, S. Edwards 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, B. Goodliffe 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5. Also for the Clevedon Festival.

Publow, Som.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Cobb 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Milton 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, N. J. Cameron 5, B. Wright 6. Also for festival of flowers.

Evercreech, Som.—June 5, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): V. Savage 1, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 2, G. W. Massey 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, H. Sanger 5, D. Mackay 6, E. Naylor 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers 10. First of London Royal 5 and 7.

Wells, Som.—June 7, at the Cathedral, 1263 Stedman Caters: D. G. Massey 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Susan Moore 3, Vivienne Rigby 4, G. Hebden 5, R. W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. J. England 8, D. J. Orledge (cond.) 9, J. Brain 10. First Stedman Caters 2 and 3.

Bristol.—June 12, at St. James', 1440 Bristol S. Royal: Susan Moore 1, Heather Kippin 2, S. Brown 3, Diana Bridle 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, D. G. Orledge 7, P. J. England 8, J. R. Taylor 9, P. Bridle 10. First Bristol Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.

HALF PEAL

Quebec, Canada.—May 31, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 2528 P.B. Major: Beryl W. Baldwin 1, A. Macdonald 2, D. R. Ingram 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, J. Owen 5, R. S. Dirksen 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, M. C. Faulkes 8. By the North American Guild at their spring meeting.

DATE TOUCH

Biggin Hill, Kent.—June 21 (the longest day), 1970 Pl. Bob and Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Mrs. G. Collinge (longest length) 2, C. J. Mundy 3, Penny Kift 4, Julia Collinge 5, P. R. Butler (cond.) 6. First date touch for all.

Appleton, Berks.—May 30, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Patricia Hibbert 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, Clare Dolphin 3, Julie Udall 4, F. Udall 5, N. H. Leslie 6, D. A. Leslie 7, E. Gower 8, F. A. White 9, R. F. Overington 10.

Ashted, Surrey.—May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: A. W. Gordon (first on eight) 1, Jacqueline Wolfe (first inside) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton 3, Gillian M. Laver 4, G. Bromley 5, J. V. A. Stedman 6, J. A. Laver 7, N. Thomson (cond.) 8.

Basildon, Essex.—April 28, 1344 P.B. Major: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. I. Lucas (first Major in hand as cond.) 5-6, P. A. Cammiade 7-8. First Major for all and for Barstable School Society. All aged 14.

Batheaston, Som.—May 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. C. Cannon (cond.) 1, Kay Whitaker 2, Felicity A. Benford 3, B. Sarll 4, R. L. Coles 5, P. J. Davrell 6. On the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Joyce's departure for New Zealand. Mrs. Joyce is the conductor's sister.

Benhall, Suffolk.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Peters 1, S. Bedford 2, T. Hughes 3, M. Baldry 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the Benhall Women's Fellowship service. Also June 5, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Baldry 1, D. Josephson 2, M. Peters 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. To welcome H.M. the Queen on her visit to Snape for the Aldeburgh Festival.

Billingshurst, Sussex.—June 16, 1260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Fosberry 1, R. Picton 2, H. F. Wood 3, I. M. Davies 4, H. Franklin 5, G. C. Rix 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, Monika Langer 8. For Evensong.

Brighton, Sussex.—May 31, 1440 P.B. Minor (handbells): Susan E. M. Davis 1-2, A. W. Bond 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5-6. 21st birthday compliments to Miss C. Mackie and C. McKay.

Buckerell, Devon.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp 1, D. Travers (first inside) 2, F. Stamp 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Pike 6.

Caerleon, Mon.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Owen 1, F. Greedy 2, R. E. G. Williamson 3, P. R. Mason 4, M. Esbester (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6. For Whitsun.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk.—June 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Christine P. Gorrod 1, J. B. Gorrod (circled tower to quarters) 2, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 3, P. G. Tovell 4, M. Seunke 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Ethel Chipperfield.

Chalford, Glos.—June 21, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Helen Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the flower festival, and to mark the birth of Mei Mei Rogers, grand-daughter of the vicar.

Clodock, Herefords.—May 27, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. V. Tibbetts (cond.) 1, Rosemary E. White 2, M. V. Powell 3, J. G. Perry 4, J. F. L. Turney 5, F. J. Keddie 6.

Cockington, Devon.—June 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. F. Sheppard 1, Rev. P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 2, W. S. Wayman 3, A. H. Long 4, T. Cullingworth 5, R. J. Edden 6. To celebrate the birth of Helen Ruth, second daughter to the conductor and Mrs. Wooster.

Coventry, Warks.—June 11, at 2 Friars Road, 1230 P.B. Major: G. S. Hall 1-2, S. C. Walters (cond.) 3-4, C. Sweeney 5-6, R. D. Baker 7-8. First in hand for 1-2 and 7-8.

Crayford, Kent.—June 14, 1260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Caroline Down (first attempt, aged 10) 1, Olive Barnett 2, Jill Dunmall 3, P. R. Down 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, M. Bignell 6, W. E. Bond 7, Anne Tremain 8.

Desborough, Northants.—June 8, 1380 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: J. Burrell (first quarter) 1, D. J. Thorne 2, B. E. Yeomans (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Storey 4, M. A. Coleman 5, Mrs. A. Loake 6.

Doncaster, Yorks.—June 11, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: W. Johnson 1, E. Cooper 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, A. Jackson 5, E. Padgett 6, P. Bruce 7, F. A. Jackson 8. Also June 14, 1250 Rutland S. Major: W. Johnson 1, A. Jackson 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Padgett 6, E. A. Jackson 7, R. A. Smith 8.

Downton, Wilts.—June 8, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Mussell 1, L. Page 2, N. O. Skelton 3, G. M. Brewin 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, A. T. Collins 6, R. N. Marlow 7, C. Churchill 8.

Easthampstead, Berks.—June 14, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: C. W. Bailey 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Susan E. Rance (first T.B. Major) 3, A. J. N. Rance 4, Joan A. Rance 5, G. N. Scott (first T.B. Major) 6, E. N. Thomas 7, S. G. Scott (first T.B. Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Edgbaston, Warks.—June 14, 1260 Stedman Slow Course Doubles: D. J. Rankin 1, T. H. O. Lewis 2, J. S. Hopwood 3, B. Dye 4, A. Kingscoate 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. To congratulate J. S. Hopwood on his honours degree; also to welcome back M. Thow. Also June 21, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Gwynneth James 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, R. A. Bradley 4, J. R. White 5, J. S. Hopwood (cond.) 6. For longest day.

Everton, Liverpool.—June 21, 1280 Plain and Little Bob Major: Helen Gilbert 1, Gillian Simms 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, Patricia A. Jenkins 4, A. J. Macefield 5, M. J. Corry 6, B. Wakefield 7, G. C. Sparling (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Gedling, Notts.—June 21, 1440 Minor (three methods): J. Dawson 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5, J. R. Rigby 6. For Father's Day.

Goring-on-Thames, Berks.—June 18, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Judy Brough 1, Eve Hodgson (first in method inside) 2, Rosemary Morris 3, W. Rich 4, J. Hodgson 5, R. Hancock (first inside in method) 6, W. Irvine 7, A. Beaumont (cond.) 8.

Hammerwood, Sussex.—June 15, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jane Osbon 1, Jean Osbon 2, Judy Weekes 3, M. P. Howard 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. First on five 1, 2 and 3.

Harpden, Herts.—May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: Mary A. Coburn 1, Sheila Brown 2, Brenda Redfearn 3, Catherine M. Bew 4, L. G. Coburn 5, R. D. R. Brown 6, D. Redfearn 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. By four married couples for Evensong, a thanksgiving service for marriage; also a silver wedding compliment to the rector (Rev. P. Graham) and his wife.

Heene, Worthing, Sussex.—May 17, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Elizabeth Grigg (first on eight) 1, D. A. Smith 2, C. J. Champion 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Chappell 5, H. D. Butler 6, H. C. Weaver 7, R. M. Cox (first Major as cond.) 8. For Whitsun.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—May 24, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Jane L. Richards 1, Theresa Wright 2, M. A. Jackson 3, Jacky M. Neal 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 6, G. J. Parsons cover. 21st birthday compliment to Jacky Neal, also birthday compliments to Judy Edwards and Henry Crawley.

Hendon, Middx.—June 7, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Dianne Gazeley 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, D. J. Gazeley (first Surprise inside) 3, J. H. W. Smith 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Also June 14, 1260 P.B. Minor: B. Livings 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, D. J. Gazeley 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion; also a compliment to the new Mayor of the London borough of Barnet. Also June 14, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, E. Edmondson 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, A. F. Warren 5, F. Reed 6, Ruth M. Foreman (cond.) 7, B. C. Watson 8. For Evensong.

Honiley, Warks.—June 14, 1260 Doubles (four methods): C. Sweeney 1, Penny Coomber 2, Diana Meredith 3, G. S. Hall 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. For Evensong by Coventry Colleges Guild.

Hope, Flintshire.—June 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Allen (aged 14, first quarter) 1, P. Downer 2, Dr. E. Valma Woodcock 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, J. H. Jones 6. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.—May 24, 1440 P.B. Minor (handbells): J. N. Lambert 1-2, Anne E. Lambert 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5-6. First in hand for 1-2 and 3-4.

Kingswood, Surrey.—June 14, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Vivienne Bousted (first T.B.) 1, Barbara Minnion 2, Bernard Hawkins 3, E. W. Taylor 4, E. Godfrey (cond.) 5, A. G. Clark 6. First of Kent 2, 3, 4 and 6. To welcome Jennifer Jane McLintock.

Lewisham, S.E.—April 5, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Oliver (first Triples) 1, Jennie Starbuck 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, D. Gebbett 5, S. Nichols 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Also May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Oliver 1, D. Gebbett 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, A. Long 4, J. Machell 5, S. Nichols 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Also May 31, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Ann Oliver (first Minor) 1, J. Hollis (first inside) 2, Jennie Starbuck 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis (cond.) 6. Also June 7, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, Jennie Starbuck 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, A. Long 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, R. A. Duke 7, R. Talbot 8. All for Evensong.

Quarter Peals

Langdon Hills, Essex.—June 21, 1320 Doubles (five methods): Janice Manterfield 1, S. Clarke (first in more than one method inside) 2, K. Lucas 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, S. Stott 5, W. White 6.

London, N.—May 25, St. Mary's, Finchley, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fuller (first quarter) 1, Dorothea Rowbotham 2, B. Watson 3, M. Carter 4, Ruth Foreman 5, A. Warren 6. To mark the treble ringer's election as vice-captain.

Montacute, Som.—May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. T. Eastment 1, T. E. Marks 2, Gilbert W. Rendell (cond.) 3, F. Sandy 4, Gordon W. Rendell 5, H. G. Greenham 6. By National Police Guild in memoriam Mr. Leslie Long, Superintendent of Police.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—June 18, 1260 Stedman Doubles: J. G. Edgson 1, J. Frodsham 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan M. Cheney 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Sqn.-Ldr. E. P. S. Booker, P.C.C. member, church worker and a prominent sportsman. Also June 21, 1260 St. Botolph's Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan M. Cheney 6. For Wakes Sunday Evensong (Patronal Festival of St. Botolph).

Nettleham, Lincs.—May 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Nicoll 1, Miss L. Redden (first inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, D. Booth 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. For Evensong. Also June 14, 1260 P.B. Minor: Miss R. Wilson 1, A. Sinden 2, D. Booth (first inside) 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

North Stoneham, Hants.—June 8, 1280 P.B. Major: R. Le Marechal 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, I. M. McCallion 3, G. Cooper 4, B. J. Fry 5, P. Page 6, J. P. Colliss (first Major as cond.) 7, W. Willans 8.

Ockley, Surrey.—June 17, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Marilyn A. Reay 1, A. Vere Hodge 2, R. C. Backhurst 3, E. J. Fitcher 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5, B. Underwood 6. For Confirmation service.

Odcombe, Som.—May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Eastment 1, Gilbert W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. W. Irwin 4, F. T. Sandy (cond.) 5, H. G. Greenham 6. Half-muffled by National Police Guild in memoriam Mr. Norman F. Hunt, retired inspector of special constables for the Borough of Yeovil.

Perry Barr, Birmingham.—May 7, 1260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain): Janet M. Aston 1, F. J. Keddie 2, J. F. I. Turney 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, M. Androlia 6. Also May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Turney 1, Janet M. Aston 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, F. J. Keddie 6. For first celebration of the Eucharist by Rev. S. Gedge. Also June 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet M. Aston 1, F. J. Keddie 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, P. L. D. McEvilly 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Birmingham.

Polesworth, Warks.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): S. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong. Also June 7, 1320 St. Osmund Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also June 7, 1320 St. Simon Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong. Also June 13, 1320 Doubles (four methods): Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For opening of garden party. Also June 13, 1320 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns (cond.) 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. At close of garden party. Also June 14, 1320 Blackburn Place Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also June 14, 1320 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6.

Petworth, Sussex.—June 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Fynes 1, Juliet Fynes 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, M. Etheridge 4, G. C. Rix 5, H. Franklin 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heasman 8. For morning service.

Stanwick, Northants.—June 8, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. D. Sansom 1, Ann E. Smith 2, E. Whitmore 3, J. Underwood 4, T. G. Smith 5, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 6.

Stourbridge, Wores.—May 31, at St. Thomas's Church, May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. I. Brown 1, Mrs. F. L. Smith 2, R. Smith 3, M. P. Tobin 4, J. Warr 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, P. J. Brown 8. By local band for Evensong.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.—June 21, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: A. J. Hampton 1, D. Brock 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, M. J. Bangham 5, R. Battley-Cooke 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8.

Swansea, Glam.—June 21, 1440 P.B. Minor: Anne McFenton 1, Susan Jackson 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, B. M. Boardman 4, M. Ryon (first quarter) 5, M. Fishwick 6. For Evensong.

Tewkesbury, Glos.—June 18, at the Abbey, 1440 P.B. Minor: Barbara Wotton (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Ann Hill 2, M. E. Stracey 3, J. Attwood, sen. 4, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6. A birthday compliment to Barbara Wotton.

Trowbridge, Wilts.—June 15, 1251 Stedman Cinques: Margaret James 1, S. Brown 2, Heather Kippin 3, G. Hebden (first on 12) 4, M. J. Horseman 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8, D. J. Orledge (first Stedman Cinques) 9, P. J. England 10, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 11, E. T. Lee 12.

Truro, Cornwall.—June 21, at the Cathedral, 1320 P.B. Minor: Kathryn R. Pearce 1, Janet S. Evans 2, T. E. Howarth 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells on June 21, 1910.

Upway, Dorset.—May 25, 1260 P.B. Minor: C. H. Smart 1, P. Cull 2, C. Cull (first inside) 3, J. Culley 4, E. Adams 5, D. Cull (cond.) 6.

Watford, Herts.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Royal: Ruby Fardon 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Jill Laud (first Royal inside) 3, R. A. Fardon 4, R. Sadowska (first on ten) 5, W. G. Paul 6, S. J. Laud 7, R. D. Bell 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, A. C. D. Mayes 10. For Matins; also to mark the end of the ministry of Rev. John Downward (vicar), leaving for St. Michael's Church, St. Albans.

Westham, Sussex.—June 14, at Linden Cottage, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ann Smith 1-2, I. Smith 3-4, A. Baldock (first on handbells as cond.) 5-6.

Weston, Bath, Som.—June 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. V. Wiltshire 1, A. J. Coombs 2, J. Maggs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. J. Davrell (cond.) 5, W. G. Chalkland (first quarter) 6, M. Messer 7, Miss R. Loader 8. To mark the ordination of A. J. Davis (lay reader).

Woodford, Northants.—June 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Stapleton 1, Miss J. A. Green 2, D. J. Attley 3, F. E. Coales 4, V. A. Headland 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First since rehanging. For Evensong.

Widford, Herts.—June 8, 1440 P.B. Minor: W. Hunt 1, A. Westwood (first inside) 2, P. C. Warboys 3, L. Luck 4, K. Westwood 5, R. F. Prime (cond.) 6.

Wymondham, Leics.—June 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, Mrs. R. Cooper 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, C. E. Cooper 4, R. Preston 5, R. H. Cook 6. In memoriam Rev. W. F. G. Mitchell (rector 1966-1970).

MEMORIES

"When I was 14 I was apprenticed to a North London firm for three years and continued with the firm for a further three years. Then I went to a firm in Whitechapel, where I used to ring at St. Mary's; I wonder how many people remember the tower keeper, Ned Wallage! I also used to ring at All Saints', Poplar, which I found hard work, especially as on the 7th or 9th the sally used to shoot across rather sharply. Good luck to The Ringing World. I remember Mr. Goldsmith very well," writes Phil Avey of Clacton.



TOWER CAPTAIN WEDS

The wedding took place at Bathampton on May 23 of Miss P. Gouly (tower captain at Bathampton) and Mr. R. Weeks (a ringer at Bathford).

The local ringers attended the ceremony and later in the day were to have attempted a peal but unfortunately the team was one short. A quarter of Doubles was substituted.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Derby District bellringers had a quarter peal tour on Saturday, June 27, three bands of ringers circulating round towers in the East Derbyshire area, Swanwick, Tibshelf, Clay Cross and Blackwell.

Derby Cathedral raised £48 for the Cathedral restoration appeal by opening the tower to the general public. Only £32 is now required to achieve the target of £1,000 which Derbyshire ringers promised to raise.

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Mon., June 15, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (29 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Linda Fleming
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 C. Michael Orme
- *5 Robert R. Churchill
- 6 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 7 Robert L. Piron
- *8 David R. Saunderson
- 9 Keith H. Fleming
- 10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Royal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sun., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (11½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 extents, viz.: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Rev. Canterbury, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- *1 Harry W. Howard
- 2 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- 3 John R. Scott
- †4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 5 Roland W. Morant
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*Circled the tower. †250th peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 S. Clarke Walters
- 2 R. David Baker
- 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
- 4 John F. Thorne
- 5 Derek H. Walters
- 6 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancs, Cathedral of St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25½ cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- *1 Andrew Queen
- †2 Robert M. Chambers
- 3 Geoffrey Bridges
- 4 Clive A. Thrower
- 5 David W. Parkin
- 6 Harold Taylor
- 7 Gordon A. Halls
- 8 Malcolm P. Phipps
- 9 A. Colin Banton
- 10 David W. Friend (Conductor)

*First on ten. †First of Royal. A wedding compliment to Brian Tomlinson and Mary Smith, married this day.

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.)
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 (768 London, 1824 Bristol, 1440 Cambridge, 1056 Superlative, with 98 changes of method).

Composed by H. Cashmore.

- 1 Jack Chadwick
- 2 Geoffrey Paul
- 3 Denis R. Carlisle
- 4 Rev. Fred Ross
- 5 Clive Thrower
- 6 David W. Parkin
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 David W. Friend

DARLEY DALE, Derbys, St. Helen.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
- 2 Arthur Hall
- 3 Andrew Queen
- 4 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Daniel Hird
- 7 David W. Friend (Conductor)
- *8 Paul J. Flavell

*First peal.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

UGBOROUGH, Devon, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (19 cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. N. Longridge.

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

WHITCHURCH, Devon, St. Andrew.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (13 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Diccon G. Pearce
- 2 Stephen G. Peirce
- 3 John F. Steere
- 4 George E. Mudge
- 5 Alan N. Frost
- 6 Peter L. Bill (Conductor)

A compliment to John and Julia Steere on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Julia.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland, Watch Tower.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)
5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1 Christine H. Telfer
- 2 Christopher J. Sharp
- 3 Malcolm E. Johnson
- 4 Philip Rodgers
- 5 George S. Deas
- 6 Adrian Dempster
- 7 Stephen C. Wells
- 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)

First in method by all and for the association.

CONSETT, Co. Durham, Christ Church.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knight.

- 1 Kenneth Arthur
- 2 George S. Deas
- 3 Christine H. Telfer
- 4 Nicholas J. Webber
- 5 James Crowther
- 6 William Tyson
- 7 Stephen C. Wells (Conductor)
- 8 Malcolm E. Johnson

Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. L. Armstrong (vicar 1959-65), died May 17, 1970.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10½ cwt.)
5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Cox.

- 1 Bryan F. Sims
- 2 Jennifer M. Whittell
- *3 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 4 Donald F. Murfet
- 5 Neville F. Whittell
- 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- †7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
- †8 George E. Thoday

*First in method inside. †100th together.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)
5056 HUDDERSFIELD S. MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Allen Twyman
- 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 3 Donald F. Murfet
- 4 Geoffrey Pearson
- 5 Philip J. Rothera
- *6 Peter G. Brown
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

*250th peal. First in method by all and for the association. To honour the septenary celebrations of Sir Roger de Trumpington.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (21½ cwt.)
5140 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (4 methods: 1560 Rutland, 1200 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, and 1080 Cambridge, with 98 changes of method).

Composed by A. R. Peake.

- *1 Colin J. Butler
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- *3 Christopher I. Rowson
- *4 Alan D. Elsmore
- *5 Rowan S. Bradley
- *6 W. John Couperthwaite
- *7 Stanley G. Ponting
- *8 Tom Page
- *†9 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- †10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

*First peal of Spliced S. Royal. †150th peal. †First of 4-Spliced S. Royal. First of Spliced S. Royal for the guild.

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Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (4 methods: Ipswich Surprise
 (2), Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise (2), Plain
 Bob).

- 1 Rosemary E. White
- 2 John G. Perry
- 3 Michael V. Powell
- 4 F. John Keddie
- 5 John F. I. Turney
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**REDBOURN, Herts, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge Surprise,
 1 extent each Kent T.B., Double Oxford,
 Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

- 1 R. E. Sheppard (Conductor)
- *2 Jacqueline M. Neal
- 3 C. Valerie Mills
- 4 A. V. Good
- 5 G. Austin
- 6 S. J. Crawley

*First in more than one method. 21st birth-
 day compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**RAINHAM, Kent, St. Margaret.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18½ cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 John Clark
- 2 Francis J. Cheal
- 3 Christopher T. Osenton
- 4 Neville A. Crane
- 5 David P. Leworthy
- 6 Rev. Stanley M. Evans
- 7 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
- 8 Kenneth B. Williamson

For Rainham Flower Festival. Also to
 welcome Rev. J. E. F. Rawlings.

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)
5088 NORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Doris E. Colgate
- 2 Margaret E. Oram
- 3 Arthur S. Richards
- 4 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)
- 5 David Featherstone
- 6 David C. Brookes
- 7 Ralph Bird
- 8 Tony Lewis

First in the method for all and for the
 association.

LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by J. Pladdys.

- 1 Valerie J. Howard
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3 Judith M. Corby
- 4 Richard Hayes
- 5 A. Keith P. Poole
- 6 David A. Town
- 7 John A. Howard
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts, St. John
the Baptist.**

Sun., June 7, 1970, 3 hr. (16 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 (Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Roger N. Scholes
- *2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- *3 Shelagh Dennis
- *4 Elizabeth M. Barber
- *5 David J. Smith
- *6 Richard M. Wilson
- 7 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)
- 8 William A. Thow

*First in the method. An engagement com-
 pliment to Richard Martin and Susan
 Coutts.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Johnson's variation.)

- 1 Frank Chambers
- 2 Richard J. Clifton
- *3 Hazel J. Nichols
- *4 E. Guy Slater
- 5 Ronald D. Hughes
- 6 G. Ronald Edwards
- 7 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)
- 8 Roland Beniston

*First in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs,
St. Andrew.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Bob,
 Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St.
 Clements, Plain Bob).

- 1 Edwin T. Chapman
- *2 George H. Camplin
- 3 Michael J. Belcher
- 4 Cecil Wade
- 5 Harold Barsley
- 6 Alan G. Payne (Conductor)

*First in 7 methods. To mark the birth of
 Matthew J. S. Payne.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**MANCHESTER, Lincs, Cathedral of
Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (27½ cwt.)
5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- *1 Hamish M. McNaughton
- ††2 Lynda M. Deebank
- 3 William Birmingham, jun.
- 4 Paul Reading
- 5 Margaret L. Ellwood
- 6 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
- *7 William M. Taylor
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
- §9 Christopher L. D. Munday
- †10 Godfrey L. Foat

*First on ten tower bells and of Caters.

†First on ten. ‡25th peal. §First of Caters.

For the forthcoming marriage of Brian A.
 Tomlinson (past president) and Mary Smith.

WORSLEY, Lincs, St. Mark.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (24 cwt.)

5000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- 1 Hamish M. McNaughton
- 2 Patricia James
- *3 Ronald S. Barclay
- 4 Lynda M. Deebank
- 5 S. Nicholas Harrop
- 6 Geoffrey L. Foat
- 7 William M. Taylor
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First of Major in method. Birthday com-
 pliment to Claudia A. Sherwood (sister of
 conductor).

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD****CRANFORD, Middlesex, St. Dunstan.**

Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Linda P. Moore
- *2 Elizabeth D. Gardner
- 3 Peter A. Ruch
- 4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 5 Peter J. Woodgyer
- 6 William H. Coles

*First peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**QUIDENHAM, Norfolk St. Mary the
Virgin.**

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 Henry Tooke
- 2 Frank Sutton
- 3 Frank C. J. Arnold
- 4 Katharine M. Thorley
- *5 Thomas G. Boast
- 6 Thomas E. Spight
- 7 Harry B. Fuller
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First of Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter & Paul.**

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)

5088 UMBALA SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by M. A. Coleman.

- 1 Christopher G. Chiplin
- 2 Barry R. Care
- 3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 4 Brian R. Danby
- 5 Eric Billings
- 6 Alan J. Marks
- 7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
- 8 Richard J. Cowley

A compliment to the vicar (Rev. F. R. Cat-
 tell), appointed Canon Residentiary of Peter-
 borough Cathedral.

UMBALA SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—36, 14—14, 38—34—78.
 Group B. b d. (Comp. R.W., page 348.)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
 SEE BACK PAGE

WANSFORD, Northants, St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (3½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clements, Plain).

- 1 Bernard Branton
- 2 Alfred Waller
- 3 Frank Sismey
- 4 Len Brighton
- 5 Gilbert Cowlin

*6 Roy W. Spencer (Conductor)

*Circled tower. A farewell to Rev. W. H. Stanger (former rector) on his retirement, also to the tenor ringer, leaving the district.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRUTON, Somerset, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (25½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (6 methods: 2 extents St Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, 12 extents Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob).

- 1 Allain B. Rogerson
- 2 Ann Toomer
- 3 Michael J. Stanley
- 4 Maurice A. New
- 5 Allan G. Keen (Conductor)
- 6 Stephen E. Mitchener

First in six methods as conductor.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Martin.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (15 cwt.)

5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Timothy F. Collins
- 2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 4 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 5 Graham W. Elmes
- 6 William T. Perrins
- 7 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon

SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Thomas.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 37min. (27 cwt.)

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 2 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 3 William T. Perrins
- 4 Graham W. Elmes
- 5 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 6 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- 8 A. Patrick Cannon

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts, St. George.**

Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Single Oxford, 1 St. Clements, 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Rosemary J. Willey
- 2 Joan Carter
- 3 Derek Stainsby
- 4 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 5 Melvyn A. Rose (Conductor)
- 6 Brian J. Bull

A farewell to Andrew King, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, leaving the district.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 Plain Bob, 4 Oxford Bob).

- 1 Anne Vessey
- 2 Ruth Blackshaw
- 3 Paul F. Curtis
- 4 F. William Midwinter
- 5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
- 6 Maurice W. Harrison

81st birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw.

LANGAR, Notts, St. Andrew.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (30 methods: St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin, Welford, Slapton, St. Osmund, Longworth, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Longford, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Harpley, Plain, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, All Saints, Munster, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, Grandsire and Antelope, with 36 variations).

- 1 Ruth Blackshaw
- 2 George A. Dawson (Conductor)
- 3 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 4 Maurice W. Harrison
- 5 H. Geoffrey Wells.

First on the bells from the new ringing chamber. To commemorate the inaugural meeting of the Bingham Deanery Synod this day at Radcliffe-on-Trent.

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James.

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (19½ cwt.)

5184 MORLAND ALLIANCE ROYAL

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 2 Susan M. O'Neill
- 3 William L. Exton
- 4 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
- 5 David J. Marshall
- 6 George A. Dawson
- 7 Edmund Shuttleworth
- 8 David Stainsby
- 9 John R. Leeming
- 10 Richard A. G. Inglis

First in the method. Half-muffled in memory of Harold Little, 47 years a member of the congregation and choir at this church, died June 13.

MORLAND ALLIANCE ROYAL

—10—12—30—14—50—16—70—18—90 B.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (26 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Heather A. Kippin
- *4 Richard H. Youdale
- 5 Philip N. Tubbs
- 6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor)
- 7 David J. Llewellyn
- 8 Gwilym Salmon
- 9 Michael J. Best
- 10 Edward J. Chivers
- 11 Robert C. Kippin
- 12 Richard A. G. Inglis

*25th of Stedman Cinques.

SUFFOLK GUILD**WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.)

5022 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- *2 Jennifer M. Whittell
- 3 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 4 Mary E. Elmes
- 5 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 6 Donald F. Murfet
- 7 Neville F. Whittell
- 8 George E. Thoday

*First in the method.

BARKING, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 methods: London S., Norwich S., Ipswich S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Plain Bob).

- 1 David J. H. Barber
- 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Jennifer M. Whittell
- 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 5 Neville F. Whittell
- 6 Maurice J. Rose

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**RUDEGWICK, Sussex, Holy Trinity.**

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (14 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Graham R. Wills
- 2 Bronwen Davies
- 3 Peggy Taylor
- *4 Colin Chappell
- 5 Timothy D. W. Banner
- 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)

*First inside.

LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Caroline L. Jones
- 2 Christopher Fynes
- 3 M. Iain Davey
- 4 Henry D. Butler
- 5 Graham R. Hills
- 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)

BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicholas-of-Myra.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (18 cwt.)

5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

- 1 Geoffrey Davies
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- *3 Ann Smith
- 4 David A. Town
- 5 John Pladdys
- 6 Tony Skilton
- 7 Thomas M. Barlow
- 8 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
- †9 Ian V. J. Smith
- 10 James Hedgcock

*First on ten. †First of Grandsire Caters.

WESTHAM, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 Gillian R. Eldridge
- *2 Jane A. Mason
- 3 Ann Smith
- †4 Donald I. Ramsay
- 5 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
- 6 Ian V. J. Smith

*First of Minor. †First peal. For the parish flower festival.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

WARNFORD, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (13 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge, Oxford
and Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

- *1 Jennifer L. Quaife
- 2 John P. Colliss
- 3 E. Winifred Keys
- 4 Clive G. Bryant
- 5 R. William Willans
- 6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

*25th peal. A farewell to William Willans,
leaving the district.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

KINGSWINFORD, Staffs, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.
Arranged by Henry Johnson.

- 1 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 C. Frederick Jukes
- *4 R. Arthur Peakman
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Peter J. Brown
- 7 A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 8 Martin D. Fellows

*First of Surprise.

BROMSGROVE, Worces, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18 cwt.)
5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.)

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Peter J. Brown
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Michael G. J. Elson
- *7 Arthur C. Berry
- *8 Ian Friend
- 9 Gerald C. Hemming
- 10 Martin D. Fellows

*First of London Royal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EARLSHEATON, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.)
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by S. H. Wood.

- 1 Pamela A. Lockwood
- 2 Patricia North
- 3 Margaret White
- *4 Robert Cater
- 5 Michael Johnson
- 6 Wilfrid F. Moreton
- 7 David S. Lockwood
- 8 Ian North (Conductor)

*First in the method.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 Patricia North
- *2 Valerie M. Gill
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Ian North
- 5 Suzanne J. Snack
- 6 E. Guy Cox
- 7 Ronald J. Snack
- 8 Robin Brown (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as con-
ductor.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (15 in C.)
5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (16
methods: 960 Londinium and Newgate, 240
Belfast, Cambridge, Clifton, Ealing, Fulham,
Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire,
Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Worcester,
York and Yorkshire, with 109 changes of
method).

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- *7-8 Gerald Penney
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- *11-12 Frank C. Price

*First of Surprise Maximus in 16 methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (10 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- 1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
- 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 7-8 Christopher T. Osenton

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (10 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski.

- 1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
- 3-4 Christopher T. Osenton
- *5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 7-8 Peter S. Muchlinski

*50th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincs, Iona, Sudbrooke Ln.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 in C.)
5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- *1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker
- *3-4 Margaret A. Parker
- 5-6 John Freeman (Conductor)
- 7-8 George E. Feirn
- 9-10 Jack L. Millhouse

*First in the method in hand.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, In the grounds, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (14 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27, and
W.M.T. No. 1.

- *1-2 Godfrey L. Foat
- 3-4 William M. Taylor
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First handbell peal.

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Thur., June 11, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (14 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1-2 S. Nicholas Harrop
- 3-4 William M. Taylor
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First on handbells and first of Minor. For
the Feast of St. Barnabas.

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (14 in D.)
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

(7 extents.)

- 1-2 Christopher L. D. Munday
- 3-4 William M. Taylor
- 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

First of Treble Bob on handbells by all and
for the guild. For the Feast of St. Alban,
and to mark the end of the University's
session.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., May 10, 1970, 1hr. 49min.

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

- *1-2 Susanne Sargeant
- *3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- †5-6 N. David Lane

*50th together. †First T.B. Minor, com-
pleting Kent from Minor to Maximus in
hand.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 9min.

5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
- 7-8 N. David Lane

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 27min.

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by F. C. Price.

- 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson
 - 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
 - 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
 - 7-8 N. David Lane
 - 9-10 Susanne Sargeant
- Singles in 7-8. A birthday compliment to
Susanne Sargeant.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Fri., June 19, 1970, 3hr. 22min.

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

- *1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
 - *3-4 Christopher I. Rowson
 - †5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
 - *7-8 Noel J. Diserens
 - †9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves
 - *11-12 Kenneth R. Davenport
 - *13-14 N. David Lane
- *First of Fourteen. †Completes Minor to
Sixteen as conductor in the method.
‡Completes Minor to Sixteen in the method.
First of Fourteen for the guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 1hr. 49min. (12 in F.)

5040 MINOR (Double Bob and Plain Bob;
Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; Plain Bob).

- *1-2 Mary C. Poyner
- *3-4 Paul N. Mounsey
- 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

*First in hand in three methods.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33, Kingsway Close.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 1hr. 34min. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (6 methods: 1 each Kingston,
Sandal, London Scholars, Kent, 2 of Plain
Bob).

- 1-2 Margaret White
- 3-4 Patricia North
- 5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

EXAMPLE OF A SUFFOLK VILLAGE

Behind the rehallowing of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Kersey, Suffolk, by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on June 5 is a wonderful story of achievement in this village, which has a population of 400. The bells were last rung for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and there are people still living in the village who remember that occasion in 1897.

Five years ago a committee of "Friends of the Fabric and Bells of St. Mary's Church" decided to restore the bells. In 1967 the bells were taken to John Taylor's of Loughborough, where the tenor was recast and the other five retuned. By September, 1968, the Friends had raised the £3,000 necessary. Alas! a quinquennial inspection found the tower in a poor condition, and without major repairs it would be impossible to ring the bells. The minimum estimate for church restoration was £20,000—£13,000 on the tower and £7,000 for the remainder.

In January, 1969, an appeal for £20,000 was launched. The result was fantastic and by March sufficient money was promised to start on the tower. This has been completed and, it is hoped, paid for after a flower festival at the end of August. Stage II appeal for the rest of the church has now been launched.

THIS GREAT DAY

Commenting in the service on "this great day for all the friends of the parish," Canon Thurlow said it was one of the finest tales that could be told in this faithless age, when so many people would say "We can't do it, we haven't the money." Others might have said even worse things: "What a waste! It should have gone to feed the hungry."

"To those who say such hypocritical words," continued the Canon, "I would make two replies: (1) This is just not true. The truth is that those who give will give to both—the hungry and the bells, and others won't give to either; it isn't true that £100 to the bells means £100 less to the hungry; (2) Words like these were spoken by Judas, who said: 'What a waste of precious ointment; its price should have been given to the poor.'

"The purpose of all this effort was to proclaim the Kingdom of God. The news that life was not a matter of chance; we live because the universe is the work of a divine spirit, who is good, is great and all around us. In finding Him we find a worthy reason for living and spending life in service to other people.

"Finding Him makes all the difference to our lives, and this is what you who ring Kersey bells can do in the hearts of people, lonely, despairing, worried. Your ringing can tell them that life has a purpose and that life is worth living."

The oldest bell, the third, was cast in 1576 by Stephen Tonni, of Bury, the tenor (which has been recast) by Miles Graye in 1638, the fifth by John Hodson in 1662, and the fourth by Christopher Hodson in 1689. Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, cast the treble and second in 1716.

Taking part in the service were the vicar (the Rev. C. R. W. Goddard) and the Archdeacon of Ipswich.

Light refreshments were served after the service to the congregation and visiting ringers in the village hall.

"If there be good in that I wrought

Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine—
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought
I know, through Thee, the blame was
mine."



CROFT RINGERS

A young band is operating at St. Michael's, Croft, Leics, and the photo reproduced here shows them a few weeks ago at one of their practice nights. They are: Back row (l. to r.), Fred Watson (acting tower captain), Adrian Dowers Gregory Butler, William Killer and Garry Morris. Front row, Bruce Morgan, Ricky Morris and David Laing.

Ely Association.

IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Once again the Huntingdon District was fortunate in its choice of date for the annual tour, taken this year in Lincolnshire on June 5.

Our first call was at Billingborough, where there is a lightish ring of eight and a fine example of an old village cross in its centre. Silk Willoughby (well known in peal circles) was found to be worthy of its reputation of possessing a good six. After a satisfying lunch in Sleaford we visited Ewerby but did not do justice to the ten; nevertheless, it was an enjoyable experience. On to Rustington, where the church is one of the few without a spire, being flat on top, no pinnacles or battlements, but, inside, the church was beautifully clean.

Tea was partaken at the Prattinden Arms, and at Tattershall our attention was somewhat divided between the lovely church with its heavy ring of six and the mediæval castle. At our last tower, Heckington, we found a very fine eight.

We are very grateful to Paul Wells for making the arrangements and to all incumbents, tower captains and others who helped make a successful day's outing for us.

R. F. B.

Kent C.A.

MR. E. BARNETT RETURNS

The venue of the spring quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Downe, the quiet Kentish village recently made famous by the epic voyage of Robin Knox Johnston.

During the afternoon the association were made very welcome by the local ringers, and many viewed the stained glass window in the sanctuary which commemorates Mr. Knox Johnston's non-stop voyage round the world. The incumbent (Rev. J. Harrison) conducted the service and after tea took the chair at the business meeting. The highlight was the return of Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) who has made a fine recovery from a broken leg which he sustained in the icy weather earlier in the year.

Seven new members were elected, one each from Bromley, Chelsfield and Eynsford, and four from Chislehurst. A report of the annual meeting at Folkestone was given by Tony Lewis and a lively discussion took place on the proposition that a peal booking fee be inaugurated.

Afterwards ringing was resumed at the neighbouring village of Cudham. P. M. F.

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Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (cond. 1), Oxford T.B. 1, 2-7 methods 5.

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 3, London 2, 7-14 methods 4.

Triples.—Stedman 14, Grandsire 5, Plain Bob 2, Erin 1, 3 methods 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 16, Double Norwich 9, Grandsire 1, Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 17, London 17, Bristol 15, Yorkshire 15, Rutland 5, Superlative 5, Painswick 4, Glasgow 3, Aldenham 2, Lincolnshire 2, Double Glasgow 2, Pudsey 2, Warwickshire 2, one each of Belfast, Braunstone, Chartwell, Dorchester, Dorset, Ealing, Eastbourne, E. Coker, Erdington, Fawsley, Fordham, Gainsborough, Hatfield, Haymarket, Gloucester, Ixworth, Knightsbridge, Langley, Lyme, Little Bushey, Melbourne, New Cambridge, Ospringe, Overseale, Piccadilly, Premier, Quinbury, Raunds, Rugby, Southgate, Southwell, Uxbridge, Vermont, Watford, Wembley, Whitehall, Whalley, Yoxford.

Spliced Surprise Major: 2 methods 3, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 9, 5 methods 3, 6 methods 4, 8 methods 5, 9 methods 4, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 24 methods 1, 25 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 2.
Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Rickmansworth Bob 2.

Surprise Royal.—Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 4, Bristol 2, London 2, one each of Clyde, Clifton, Fulham, Lindsey, Ludgate, Warfield and Spliced 3 methods.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 3, Bristol 2, Yorkshire 2, Littleport Little 1, Newgate 1.

Total (tower bells) 274.

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.
Minor.—Plain Bob 6, Double Oxford 1, Double Court 1, Kent T.B. 1, Killamarsh Treble Bob 1, 2-45 methods 22.

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 4, London 4, Primrose 1, 4-31 methods 12.

Triples.—Grandsire 1.
Major.—Plain Bob 9, Kent T.B. 2, Double Norwich 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—London 9, Bristol 3, Cambridge 3, Glasgow 2, one each of Ealing, Eastcote, Gloucester, Lincolnshire, Minsmere, Nettle-den, Pudsey, Rutland, Tring, Wembley, York and Yorkshire.

Spliced Surprise Major.—4 methods 6, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 4, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 7, 9 methods 2, 10 methods 5, 11-20 methods 27, 21-32 methods 14.

Caters.—Grandsire 2.
Royal.—Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 3, London 3, York 3, Westminster 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal.—3 methods 1, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Maximus.—York 3, Westminster 1.

Spliced Surprise Maximus.—4 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 8 methods 1, 10 methods 4, 12 methods 3, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 1.

Fourteen.—Kent T.B. 2, Little Bob 1.

Sixteen.—Kent T.B. 4, Little Bob 1.

Total (handbells) 226.

Grand total 500.

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Editorial

SERVING OTHERS

The Ringing World has recently reported a number of guild and branch A.G.M.s and the term "the officers were re-elected en bloc" has occurred in many of the accounts recorded. There have, however, been several cases where a senior officer—master, secretary or treasurer—has not sought re-election and retired, sometimes after years of service in one capacity or another. Usually a hearty vote of thanks is recorded in the minutes for posterity to read, although seldom, if at any time, have old minute books been on display for such a purpose. Occasionally a presentation is made to the retiring officer "for services rendered" or a vice-presidency is conferred to honour him.

The vast majority of ringers, however, will not take an office, even in their own tower, and there are many who criticise and find fault. Fortunately, these are a small minority, and not worthy of comment. Generally the main body gives support and encouragement to those elected and do appreciate what is done on their behalf. The considerable amount of time spent, the inconvenience and disruption of home affairs, and the expenses incurred (and seldom recoverable) and the many disappointments after all these sacrifices can be heartbreaking to an officer. And yet, fortunately, there are always those to be found who will "have a go" for the good of the Exercise and as a service to others.

We should all express our thanks to these hard-working individuals, and the best way to do this, we suggest, is by loyally supporting their efforts and assisting when called upon to do so. In this way each and every one of us will be sharing in the future success of the Ringing Exercise and ensuring that the generation of ringers who follow us will still have the solid foundation our own fathers and grandfathers helped to lay.

Obituary

MR. JOHN W. FAITHFULL

As we go to press we learn of the death in a Hampshire hospital on June 23 of Mr. John Walter Faithfull, of St. Mary's, Southampton, who was in his 73rd year.

A report and appreciation will appear in our next issue.

MR. BERT MITCHELL

Older Sussex ringers will remember Mr. Bert Mitchell, who died at Guildford recently, aged 77. Born at West Grinstead, he rang at St. George's Church there, and among his contemporaries were Harry Turrell (deceased), Bert Coote (Steyning) and Bert Haycock (Brighton).

For many years he had lived in Guildford and was associated with St. John's Church, Stoke-next-Guildford, where he was a sidesman. The ringing boxes in the tower are his handiwork, and his craftsmanship was revealed in repairs to the church, including the main doors.

Belfry Gossip

The sponsored peal of Plain Bob Major at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, on Easter Monday, raised £36 towards the repair fund.

First peal congratulations to Paul Flavell, Linda P. Moore, Elizabeth Gardner, Donald Ramsay.

Personal Records: Geoffrey A. Edwards (250 peals), Peter G. Brown (250), Michael J. Church (150), Lynda Deebank (25), Jennifer Quaife (25), Nicholas J. Chesson (50).

Two new methods this week: Umbala Surprise Major at Moulton, Northants, and Morland Alliance Royal at Nottingham.

For the next six months Mr. Simon Humphrey will be in the U.S.A., in Maryland and working in Washington. We hope he will enjoy his stay out there and have the occasional "pull."

Trevor A. Cross conducted his 50th peal (Bob Major in hand), as reported on page 541.

Cleator Moor, we are informed by several correspondents, is in Cumberland and not Westmorland as we printed on page 477.

Mesdames Howard, Dunning and Corby are the first ladies to take part in a peal on the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.

We were mixed up in decimalisation when we gave our write-up on George Elphick's new book "Sussex Bells and Belfries." The post publication price is £5.5, i.e., £5 10s. (or five bob more than we said!).

At a meeting of the Leatherhed District of the Guildford Guild on June 20 at Stoke D'Abernon a hymn specially written for the occasion was sung. The composer, Mr. Bernard Ash, one-time local captain, is in hospital at present. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Long service.—Mr. A. D. Barker has been hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 34 years, in the same office for the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for 46 years.

An order for a new single bell for Holy Trinity, Stroud, Glos, has been placed with Taylor's, of Loughborough. On the advice of local ringers it is to bear the simple and beautiful inscription once used by the Rudhalls: Peace and Good Neighbourhood.

74 next birthday. Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst is one of the most respected of members of the Shropshire Association, and he has now circled the tower at Clive (25 cwt.) with a peal of Plain Bob Minor, taking 3½ hours. No doubt he will start on the second circle shortly.

The quarter peal at Cockington, Devon, to celebrate the birth of the conductor's daughter was also rung on the wedding anniversary of the conductor, who recently "slipped a disc" and rang while still encased in a plaster jacket!

The first peal of Fourteen for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was rung at Crowthorne, Berks, on June 19. The method: Kent Treble Bob; the conductor: Mr. Frank C. Price.

Is a pancake bell flat? asks a correspondent.

A past president of the Manchester University Guild, Mr. Brian A. Tomlinson, was married to Miss M. Smith on June 20. Peals to mark the occasion were rung at Blackburn and Manchester Cathedrals.

Four married couples took part in ringing at Evensong at Harpenden on June 15, the service being a thanksgiving for marriage. It was also the silver wedding anniversary of the rector and Mrs. P. Graham.

Barstable School Society of Change Ringers, Basildon, Essex, have a keen band of 14-year-olds who have rung the first quarter of Major (in hand) for the Society.

Disestablishment of the Church of Wales came after a political battle 60 years ago. The anniversary of this victory was commemorated by a quarter peal at Hope, Flintshire, on June 8.

Sunday evening quarter peals are a feature at St. Mary's, Lewisham. That this month was of Spiced Surprise Major in four methods.

"Apologies for delay in sending receipt, due to a change of secs. [sex?]"—from a correspondent.

A remarkable coincidence (some called it a fiddle!) was seen at the social function held at Leicester. A draw organised to help expenses was made for about a dozen prizes, and the first three to come out of the hat were collected by three ladies all sitting at one small table, and each had a different coloured ticket!

Incidentally, the M.C. (Mr. John Bramley) who worked so hard and successfully to keep the party going is obviously a conductor in a noisy belfry, for his strident voice was always able to rise above and control the din made by the revellers.

STUDENTS HELP

That enthusiastic young man Marcus C. W. Sherwood sends us the following news: "Our much used bells at Sacred Trinity, Salford, are going to receive a slight overhaul while we are away in the long vac. Since the end of exams we've been labouring day and night (students are used to that!) to remove pulley blocks, wheels and a clapper. The pulleys are now so worn that the ropes get caught in the grooves, a couple of wheels are rapidly losing their rims and the 7th clapper is—dare I say it?—clapped out. So Taylors will do their stuff on this lot, and we hope to have them replaced and all working well for the arrival of our freshers next session. If you like I'll produce a two and a half column report on the operation, with photos, and an ode to the clapper!" (Just a short report will suffice.—Ed.)

A RINGING BISHOP

The Very Rev. J. D. Wakeling, M.A., M.C., Archdeacon of West Ham, has been appointed Bishop designate of Southwell, Notts. He was ordained at Barwell Parish Church in 1947 by the late Bishop Willis, and served his curacy there under Canon H. V. Williams.

A hockey Blue at Cambridge and a very fine cricketer, Denis Wakeling was taught to ring by Richard Belton at Barwell and was treasurer of the local society of ringers. During a visit to Barwell for the Children's Festival the Archdeacon expressed his appreciation at being persuaded to learn to ring because of the fellowship he had experienced in many belfries. T. C. B.

North Wales Association.

RULES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
REVISED

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Machynlleth on Saturday, May 30. Over 40 ringers and their wives from the Wrexham area made the long and delightful journey by coach calling at Bala and Dolgellau. Some very good touches were rung at Dolgellau before continuing on to Machynlleth to join the local ringers.

The service in St. Peter's, attended by a large congregation, was conducted by the rector (Rev. A. Leslie Evans), assisted by the Rural Dean and the Rev. A. L. Cooke, president of the association. The address was given by the Lord Bishop of Bangor (Rt. Rev. Dr. G. O. Williams), who welcomed the members and said how impressed he was, when he entered the church, by the number of young ringers present.

Tea prepared by the locals followed in the church hall, and among the guests was the chairman of the Machynlleth Council (Cclr. J. D. Holt) and Mrs. Holt. Mr. D. H. B. Millward (Buckley) expressed thanks to all (especially the ladies) who had assisted in making the occasion so enjoyable.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, and supported by the ringing master (Mr. F. R. Evans), the revision of the association rules was the most important item on the agenda.

The new rules, suggested by a committee appointed for that purpose, were dealt with at length, and, after certain amendments made regarding decimalisation, were approved. The annual subscription of ringing members is to be 20 new pence, associate and junior members 10 new pence, paid on January 1, and non-resident life-members 25 new pence. A proposal to increase the peal booking fee to five new pence was also carried. The balance sheet was adopted and a credit balance of £73 18s. 6d. considered satisfactory.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. A. L. Cooke, M.A.; ringing master, Mr. F. R. Evans; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathall; auditor, Mr. J. M. Capper; peal recorder, Mr. G. H. Randles; district secretaries—Wrexham area, Dr. E. V. Woodcock; Bangor area, Rev. C. Evans; district instructors—Wrexham area, Mr. D. H. B. Millward; Bangor area, Mr. H. L. Fearn.

It was proposed to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Gresford in September, and the annual meeting in 1971 at Llan-gollen.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock, the Central Council representative, gave her report of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. The secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucester and Bristol Association asking for support in the case of the Stinchcombe bells, and this received sympathetic consideration.

Lancashire Association.

PRESTON'S NEWS MEDIUM

For the last 18 months the Preston Branch has produced an attractive news letter to keep towers informed of activities. The branch now includes Scorton, where the ringers at the A.G.M. opted to join Preston. There is always a cordial welcome for the ringers in this picturesque village. Mr. D. G. Lawson (branch secretary), who is behind this enterprise, has carpet squares available for small towers. He makes one stipulation—that the carpets are collected!

KERSEY, SUFFOLK

60 Years to Restore the Bells

Friday, May 8, was a great day for the parish of Kersey in Suffolk. It saw the final achievement of 60 years' efforts to get the bells rehung. The church was tightly packed for the service of dedication, which was performed by Canon G. Thurlow, past president of the Central Council, who also preached the sermon. He spoke of those who might think that the restoration of bells was a waste of money in the present uncertain age. He pointed out that all the bells in the tower had been cast at uncertain periods of history, when the same accusation could have been levelled. Mary Magdalene had been accused of extravagance but had been supported by Our Lord. Canon Thurlow said that it was invariably those who complained most about waste of money who never gave anything to any object or person. Those who gave liberally of what they had for bells were generally to be found in the ranks of those who gave to such objects as Christian Aid.

After the service the bells were rung to a touch of Cambridge Minor by the following representative band:—

Treble Rev. L. R. Pizzey (gen. sec., Suffolk Guild), 2 A. T. Beckwith (vice-president, Suffolk Guild), 3 Canon G. Thurlow (past president of the Central Council), 4 R. Clouston (technical adviser, Suffolk Guild), 5 A. Clayton (John Taylor and Co.), tenor H. W. Egglestone (ringing master, Suffolk Guild).

The bells have been entirely rehung lower in the tower, the cracked tenor bell has been recast; the retuning of the older bells has effected a vast improvement.

In his sermon Canon Thurlow mentioned that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were producing better bells than in any previous age and the splicing of the new tenor bell, as well as the whole installation, is well up to the high standard expected of this firm.

THE BELLS

Treble: Founder, T. Gardiner of Sudbury; date, 1716; diam., 2ft. 5½in.; weight, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. 2: T. Gardiner; 1716; 2ft. 7½in.; 5-2-19. 3: S. Tonne of Bury St. Edmunds; 1576; 2ft. 8½in.; 6-0-21. 4: C. Hodson of London; 1680; 3ft. ½in.; 8-0-14. 5: J. Hodson of London; 1662; 3ft. 3½in.; 9-1-4. Tenor: Taylor of Loughborough; 1969; 3ft. 7½in.; 14-2-2.

Life is the flower of which love is the honey.
VICTOR HUGO.

Sussex County Association.

JOINT STOOLBALL MATCH

The Northern District played the East Grinstead and District Guild at stoolball on June 6 at West Grinstead. A very enjoyable match commenced at about 3.30 p.m. with Colin Osbon opening the batting for Sussex. It was arranged for each side to have an equal number of overs. At the interval Sussex had scored 117. Vernon Standing opened the batting for the guild. Two overs from the close of play things looked desperate with the guild having scored only just under 100 runs. With loud cheers from the touchline the last two men hit at everything and at the final count up it was found that the guild had scored 116 runs, just one less than Sussex.

After a picnic tea the rector of West Grinstead conducted a short service and at the end said a prayer and pronounced the Blessing at the grave of R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, first secretary of the Kent County Association (1880-1889) and rector of West Grinstead 1889-1909. Two ringers from Kent and two from Sussex then rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside.

Ringing took place until 9 p.m. R. J. E.

Yorkshire Association.

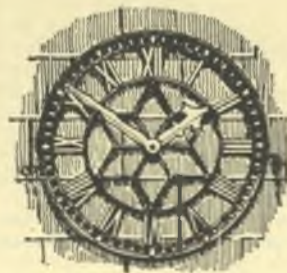
RE-ROPED AND CLEANED UP

Two towers in the suburbs of Leeds at which meetings are not normally held were made available for the last meeting of the Leeds and District Branch on May 30.

St. Matthew, Holbeck, and St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Holbeck, are two eight-bell towers which have no local band. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Snack and party from Chapel Allerton the bells were re-roped before the meeting with an assortment of ropes, some with Yorkshire ends and some without, borrowed from many towers. They had the unpleasant task of removing the masses of dead and decaying debris from the belfries and of sweeping out the ringing chambers.

Around 40 members and visitors took advantage of the towers, the bells being found to go easily and to be pleasant sounding, and throughout the day some well-struck ringing was produced.

Next full meeting: July, at Tadcaster.
R. C.



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ENGAGEMENT

ELSE—THORNTON.—The engagement has been announced of Janet M. H. Thornton to Peter K. Else, both of West Bridgford, Notts. 9205

BIRTHS

HAYNES.—To Jane and Frank, on June 25, 1970, a daughter, Rosemary Laura, a sister for Frances, William and Stephen. 9195

HOLLAND.—To Pauline and David, at Carlton Lodge, Harrogate, on June 23, a son, Matthew, brother for Timothy and Jonathan. 9189

SILVER WEDDING

JOPLING—MILLER.—Tom to Dorothy on July 7, 1945, in Durham Cathedral by Rev. Canon A. M. Ramsey. Present address 8 Willow Tree Avenue, Shinccliffe, Durham. 9198

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WHITE.—Michael and Bridget, and of course Stephen, Karen and Rachel, will have moved as from July 14 from Malvern Link, Worcestershire, to Avalon, 51 The Avenue, Great Dunmow, Essex. No telephone at present but ringing friends are always welcome and without notice. 9215

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

BELLINGER requires flat or bedsitter in London area, beginning late July.—David Ely, 1 South Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 9206

PERSONAL

"Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."—St. Matthew x, 31.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., July 14, 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 14, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 28, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 4, Southwark Cathedral, St. Mary-le-Bow at 6 p.m., others at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720). 9143

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION TIES.—As displayed at A.G.M., now available in limited supply (green, maroon or blue). Members who ordered at A.G.M. (who will have priority) and others wishing to purchase should send name and address, colour of choice (second choice, if any) and £1 to D. L. Gullick, 13 Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts. 9154

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19. Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30–6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9148

QUARTER PEAL WEEK. Northumberland/Durham, August 1–9. Please apply to Jean Berriman, 59 High Street, Old Portsmouth, Hants, for details. 9191

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HERTFORD.—There will be no further ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Hertford, owing to the sixth and seventh headstocks becoming cracked and resulting in bearing failure. Would our visitors please note that all Sunday service ringing and Tuesday evening practices will take place at nearby All Saints' Church (10) until further notice.—B. J. W. Foley. 9200

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Following the decision at the A.G.M. in May to revise and clarify the rules, members are asked to forward suggestions, in writing, please, to Mr. C. F. Mew, 32 Wyndham Street, S.W.15, as soon as possible, for consideration by the sub-committee. 9190

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sun., July 12, St. Mary's Parish Church Ringers' Service for Even-song, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30–6.30 p.m. and after the service. Light refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8978

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, July 19, Brightstone. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing for service. Names to Anne Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater, I.O.W. 9207

Ringling Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringling Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Dundry (6), July 18. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 9210

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Chigwell, Sat., July 11. Ringing 6.30–8.30. This month's week-day practice at Leyton on 30th. 9167

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, on Tues., July 14, 7.30–9 p.m. 9132

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Corston, near Bath, on Fri., July 17, 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to support this as much as possible. All friends welcome.—B. J. 9188

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, July 18. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after service.—L. W. Allen. 9196

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., July 13, 6–8 p.m. All welcome. 9208

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., July 13, 8–9.30 p.m. Evening practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., July 24, 7.45–9.15 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 9107

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Gnosall, near Stafford, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9203

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Surprise Major practice, Long Melford, Wed., July 15, 7.30–8.30 p.m. 9213

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Ringing meeting, Killamarsh, on Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2 Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. 9175

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldreth afterwards.—J. S. 9109

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee.—P. A. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9123

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), July 11. District striking contest 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to G. Reading, Esq., 57 Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 9136

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, on Sat., July 11. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs. Y. A. Perrin, 35 Rushford Close, Headcorn.—C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9172

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne, Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m. Special method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9134

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Tutbury and Hanbury, July 11. Bells (6), Tutbury, 3–4.15 p.m. Hanbury: Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) afterwards. 9118

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Sat., July 11, ringing at Pytchley (5), for flower festival, 3–5 p.m. Evening practice, Desborough (8), 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 9197

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, July 11, at Ufford (4), 2.45–3.30 only. Maxey (6) 3.15–Service 4.15 p.m. and evening. Names for tea to W. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough. 9176

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Shelford, July 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 9140

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Sat., July 11. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows, and a Suffolk Guild committee meeting after the district meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. 9166

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Striking competition at Wisborough Green (6), Sat., July 11, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Please notify for tea Patrick Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex, by Wednesday prior to meeting. 9160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting, Waverton (6), July 18. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. Speed, 1 Abbotts Road, Waverton. 9192

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30–4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 9165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. H. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are welcome. 9179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Anstey. Bells (6) 3–4 p.m. Service at Brent Pelham 4.15. Tea and business meeting at The Bury 5. Ringing at Brent Pelham (6) 7–9 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich and Double Oxford. Names for tea essential to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Buntingford, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 9199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18: Datchworth (6), 3–4.15 p.m., and Tewin (6), from 4 p.m. Service at Tewin 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Tewin to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to Miss Jean Digby, 13 Cannons Meadow, Tewin (Tel. 693), by Wed., July 15.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify D. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, Hythe, by Thurs., July 16.—A. P. S. B. 9162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster, Sat., July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey (Tel.: Minster 2579). —D. P. L. 9209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, St. Mark's, Worsley (10), Sat., July 18. Ringing 4-5 p.m. and after the meeting. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 8 Duchy Avenue, Worsley, Manchester, by July 15. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome. 9187

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., July 18, at Lutton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding, Lincs (Tel.: 4462), by previous Wednesday. 9085

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Willingham, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. The branch striking contest will take place early in the evening.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: 2623). 9194

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by picnic tea. Barnet bells available 6-8.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9212

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bourne-mouth (8), July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Poole (10) available 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mitchell, 107 Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth, by Wed., July 15. 9178

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Beginners' meeting, July 18, St. Margaret-the-Queen (8), Buxted. Ringing 4-7 p.m. 9186

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godalming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. H. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, by July 21. 9217

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Teversal (5) 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of raising and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. Clement's and Surfleet. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brown, The Laurels, White Dirt Lane, Catherington, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday, please. 9218

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The A.G.M. will be held at Kettering, Northants, on Sat., Sept. 26. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. at Rothwell House Hotel, Rothwell. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. at Kettering Police Station. Ringing arrangements from the secretary, A. Pearce, 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester, 23. The cost of the lunch will be 15s. 9193

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held
at Shrewsbury

on Saturday, July 11.

Ringing: St. Chad's, 2-3 p.m.

St. Mary's, 3.15-4.30 p.m.

Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall.

Ringing after tea: St. Mary's until 8 p.m.
St. Chad's, 8-9 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots Place, Shrewsbury. 9086

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly meeting

HERTFORD

Saturday, July 11

Bengeo (8), 2.45-4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall,

Cowbridge, followed by meeting.

All Saints (10), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 66 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666). 9053

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of the ring of eight bells, formerly in the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, now hung in the strengthened and restored tower of

St. Denys,

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on SUNDAY, JULY 12, at 6 p.m.

Ringing after service until 9 p.m. All welcome. 9171

ST. JAMES', HARTLEBURY, WORCS.

RINGERS' SERVICE

Sunday, July 12, 6.30 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. Tony Villiers.

Ringing 5.30 p.m. 9201

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July 18 and 19

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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.

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. 9216

HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Light teas will be available.

Individual ringers welcome.

Please let me know about any organised parties. B. D. Threlfall, The Granary, 13 Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Tel. Harston 650. 8990

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Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7 Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent. 9161

EASTON, HANTS

Sunday, June 7, dawned a perfect summer's morning and no more perfect setting for a dedication on so lovely a day could be found than the green Itchen valley with its small villages and chattering water so beloved of anglers.

Easton Church is a largely Norman building still retaining its original apse and fine chancel arch. The tower is at the west end surmounted by a large wooden bell-cote. Until recently the church's ancient three bells hung precariously in this wooden portion. The bells have now been entirely rehung by John Taylor and Co., with three trebles to make a pleasing ring of six rung from the ground floor. The new bell frame is mounted lower in the stronger stone part of the tower. The founders were faced with a formidable task, as the three old bells were not only tonally unpleasant but the harmonics were wildly out of tune. Combined with this the fourth is a particularly narrow and long bell, creating obvious difficulties for any bell hanger. It says a lot for Taylors' ability that they have managed to produce so pleasing a ring with so little good material to work on in the way of old bells. At the service of dedication the bells were handed over to the Archdeacon of Winchester by Mr. A. Clayton, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

THE BELLS

Treble: Founder, Taylor; date, 1969; diam., 1ft. 11½in.; 2: Taylor; 1969; 2ft. ½in. 3: Taylor; 1968; 2ft. 2in. 4: Unknown; ancient; 2ft. 3½in. 5: R. Landen; c. 1450. 2ft. 6½in. Tenor: R. Beconsall, 1614; 2ft. 9½in.; weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

The name of the present rector, Rev. P. Dodwell, has been attached to the bell frame in the form of a bellmetal plate.

Hertford County Association

WATFORD DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

Initiated by the district committee, the competition got away to a good start on June 13, when South Mimms was the venue on a glorious summer day (almost too hot for ringing). Mr. John Mayne was the adjudicator and the duties of starter were undertaken by Mr. Robert Hardy.

The contestants rang 240 changes in a method of their own choice (or a similar length in call-changes) and Watford, called upon to start, chose Plain Bob Minor.

Then followed Aldenham (Grandsire Doubles), Rickmansworth (Plain Bob Doubles), Bushey (Plain Bob Minor) and a combined band from Bushey Heath and Stanmore (Plain Bob Minor).

Tea was taken in the Littlebury Hall in Watford, where Mrs. Mayes, the vicar's wife, and Mrs. Mary Bartholomew had prepared the meal.

All awaited the judgment of Mr. Mayne on this—to most of the company—novel occasion. He explained in detail how he had set about his task; it was most interesting and lucid. The placings were: 1 Bushey, 2 Bushey Heath-Stanmore, 3 Watford, with Aldenham and Rickmansworth a tie.

A cup, to be competed for annually, was presented by Mr. Rex Agg (president of the Hertford County Association) to Miss Anne Thompson, who received it on behalf of the Bushey band.

The venture was voted a great success and was concluded with an hour's ringing on the ten at St. Mary's. R. G. B.

Some of the tea hostesses photographed by the R.W. at the Ladies' Guild meeting at Leicester on June 27. In the group: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Jelley, Mrs. Bramley, Ann Bramley, Shirley Preston, Dorothy Mason, G. Hare, Jill Bramley and Sandra Poyner, B. Morley and Mrs. Staniforth.



LATE NOTICES

BIRTHS

JOHNSON.—To Frederick Neil and Susan (née Chaddock), on June 28, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, the gift of a daughter, a first grandchild for Elsie and Norman. 9219

ROGERS.—To Janet and Robin, a daughter, Nicola (sister for Simon), born at Cantley, Norwich, on July 2, 1970. 9237

MARRIAGE

TYLER—FENTON.—The marriage of John Tyler and Margaret Fenton took place at All Hallows' Church, South Cerney, Glos, on July 4, 1970. 9239

NEW TELEPHONE

DREW.—Geoffrey and Shirley Drew are now on the 'phone—Bredon 646. 9222

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, July 18. Ringing arrangements: Wolston (4), 3.15–3.45 p.m.; Bilton (6), 3.30–4.30; Rugby (8), 6.15–7.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Mountford. 9228

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) 6–8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. in the tower.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Hatfield Heath (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9230

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alderton, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea (bring your own picnic, please) 4.30. Service 6 p.m. at Shipton Moyne, followed by ringing (six bells). 9223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mrs. J. Dodds, 18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9229

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Full meeting at Great Dalby, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Bonshor, White Cottage, Great Dalby, near Melton Mowbray, by July 16, please.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 9226

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice meetings will be held at Arborfield on July 18 and Binfield on Aug. 15 from 6–9 p.m. 9221

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to F. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton (Tel.: Croughton 253). 9231

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Joint meeting, Calne / Marlborough Branches at Calne, Sat., July 11. Names for tea to E. L. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne, Wilts. 9227

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RINGERS' DIARY, 1971

To all Association and Guild secretaries. Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.

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St. Peter's, Derby, band won this year's Horsley Cup competition on June 6. Derby Cathedral were beaten into second place by half a point. Mr. H. Rook (Warsop) was the judge.

REMANDED ON BAIL

Mr. Andrew Stott, of Skipton, informs us that the three men accused of the theft of the three bells from Gargrave, Yorkshire (and reported in our columns), were remanded on bail of 50 each and one similar surety, and were also told to report daily to the police.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
July 6, 1945

The death was announced of Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and who had covered over 100,000 miles, with her husband, on a tandem and rung in 400 towers. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington were the first husband and wife to ring in a tower bell peal.

Mr. B. T. Jeanes (Bridgwater) wrote disagreeing with an opinion that it was a good thing for change-ringers to ring with stoney bands as the latter rang at a lower compass than the former.

The leading article gave advice to bands who might be contemplating augmentations and suggested that in many cases this could cause trouble by ruining the company or by excessive noise to the public around. It would be far better to overhaul the ring and maybe increase the weight rather than just add two trebles. Light rings of eight are not always effective and a light 12 are nearly always a failure.

W. Eric Critchley, Leslie Woodhead and Ernest Short rang their first peal of Major—Plain Bob—at Campsall, Yorks.

At Epsom, Surrey, in a peal of Grand-sire Triples, Elizabeth M. Pett and Richard F. B. Speed rang their first peal, whilst Philip M. J. Gray, Geoffrey Dodds and Denis N. Layton their first of Triples, the latter conducting his first peal.

A peal recorded as having been rung at St. Woolos', Newport, seemed to have been a "practical joke," although for no especial purpose. "One is apt to wonder how many more unbalanced people are in the ringing fraternity," wrote a correspondent.

A handbell peal at Enfield was Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and had 56 changes of method. The ringers: Eric Dench, Mrs. J. Thomas, John Thomas and Charles Roberts (conductor).

50 YEARS AGO

July 9, 1920

"... men in 6-bell towers should be encouraged to become proficient on higher numbers of bells, ... it should be recognised that eight-, ten- or 12-bell ringing is not the be-all and end-all of ringing."—The leader.

Following a meeting of the London County Association touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung on Mr. A. D. Barker's new set of handbells.

A list of 19 city churches threatened with closure was printed and gave details of the bells in each.

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Midland District) was held at Erdington, between 30 and 40 attending. Mrs. Preston presided over the business meeting. The Western District held a meeting at Portbury, and it was the first time these bells had been rung by six ladies.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells of Samlesbury (Lancs) parish church was of especial interest as many previous attempts had been lost owing to the excessive noise in the ringing chamber.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Royston was the first on the augmented eight. William B. Manning was the conductor.

A Northants "peal week" recorded four tower bell peals and one on handbells, E. M. Atkins conducting all except one of Double Norwich.

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