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Archangel,  
Southampton**





## Cover Picture

St. Michael the Archangel,  
Southampton

The Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Southampton, is the city's oldest building. The exact date of its consecration is not known, but the experts agree that it must have been between 1065 and 1075 on various pieces of evidence, and so to make 1970 the time for the ninth centenary celebrations seems reasonable.

The massive Norman (some have thought Saxon) tower is the main feature which has come down to us from the original building although the central parts of the east and west ends also incorporate Norman work of the then cruciform church. The aisles were added about 200 years later to bring the church to its present shape. Like so many other churches, St. Michael's suffered from "improvements" in 1828. The old Norman nave arcade was pulled down, the three-gabled roof disappeared and the present slender but not very suitable columns were built to support a roof of very low pitch. This always caused trouble because nothing could prevent the rain driving under the slates in a gale. Fifteen years ago the condition of the roof became so bad that it had to be replaced by one of copper. This was only the start of a complete restoration of the church, which was undertaken as a preparation for the ninth centenary, when it became obvious that the structure was in a dangerous condition. This is now almost complete, the whole church having been "tied up" with great ring beams, new ceilings inserted, plaster stripped and renewed, walls limewashed, vestries reorganised, etc. As far as ringers are concerned, it was discovered that the ringing chamber floor was unsafe. In fact if a couple of dozen ringers had jumped on the floor together it would probably have collapsed completely! In putting in the new floor, it was discovered that the previous one had been made by hacking away some very fine Norman ornamentation at the base of a series of arches on each side of the tower to put in the main supporting beams. A little trapdoor in the new floor shows the best of the remaining Norman decoration. It is now hoped that St. Michael's is in a better state of repair than it has been for very many years. Almost £50,000 has been spent on the fabric in one way or another in the last 25 years.

## THE BELLS

Now for the bells. The church has had bells from ancient times—how long, nobody knows. The earliest mention of the church in the city archives relates to the clock and bells. Until 1878 there was a ring of six which originally came from the Salisbury foundry. The second, third and tenor of these bear the date 1663 and the initials W.P. (William Purdue); the fifth has, in addition, R.P. (Roger Purdue) and is dated 1664. In 1680 Clement Tosier took over the foundry and the treble is inscribed: "Clement Tosiear cast mee in the year 1693." Actually it was a recast, for the churchwardens' accounts record: "Item; Clem Tosier for casting the Treble Bell and adding 1 qr. of metall, £10. Item; Carriage of Treble Bell twice to Sarum, £1 18s." In 1878 the ring was augmented to eight, the two new trebles being cast by John Warner and Sons. The tenor in E (some say E flat) weighed only 16 cwt. and was consequently very thin! Eventually it was cracked and in 1897 was brazed by Hero Ohlsson of Lenbeck. He contracted to do

the work on condition he could lock himself in the belfry so that nobody would learn the secret of his craft. It appeared to be successful, for I have never heard that it afterwards sounded any worse than the other bells. In 1923 the ring was recast by Gillett and Johnston and hung in a new iron frame. Then in 1948 two more trebles were added, cast by John Taylor and Co. from bell metal salvaged from the ruins of Holy Rood Church, destroyed in the 1940 blitz.

## PEALS RUNG

Finally, some brief notes about the peals rung on the bells. The first was rung in 1894—Grandsire Triples, conducted by George Williams. The second was one of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1907, and 13 had been rung by 1914, one in 1909 being the first by an entirely local band. These were all the peals that were rung on the old bells. The first on the recast bells was in 1926, again conducted by George Williams, and only eight were rung prior to the second world war. Of the total of 21 peals at that time George Williams had rung in 19. Since the last war 102 have been rung, making the present total 123. This would have been more but for the enforced stopping of ringing whilst the spire was repaired and whilst the church was closed for its restoration (thus no peals in 1967, 1968 and 1970 so far). Since the augmentation to ten 96 peals have been rung on them, about 80 of which were Caters and Royal. Of the latter, no fewer than 23 different Surprise Royal methods have been rung—in most cases the first in the county and for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Some of these were also the first in the method. In 1955 the only peal ever rung of Exercise Royal was rung. There will never be another because the manner of nomenclature has since been changed and all will be "Surprise" methods in future. Details can also be seen in *The Ringing World* of November 2, 1962, in an article recording the 100th peal on the bells.

So St. Michael's, Southampton, celebrates its 900th birthday with ringing, special services, a flower festival, a dinner, musical recitals, etc. The events will cover the month of October and the final services of thanksgiving will be on All Saints' Day. May the church long survive to lead the worship of the citizens of Southampton.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

## INVALIDS

Michael Uphill tells us: "I have visited Peter Sell in hospital. Considering he has been in bed (and unable to get up) since July 26 he is in very fine spirit and eager to get hold of a bell rope again. He expects to remain at Kidderminster (Bewdley Road) Hospital, Ward 3-4a, until about the end of October, when he will go to his father's vicarage for about a month."

Ken Rider, whose sudden illness was reported last week, is well on the way to recovery (no operation was performed) and hopes to be home very soon.

Whilst on a ringing outing on September 19 the well-known Cheshire ringer Mr. Harry W. Howard was taken ill with a heart attack in Wrexham belfry. He is in Wrexham Memorial Hospital, where he is likely to be for some time. All who know Harry will wish him a speedy recovery.

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## Kent County Association.

## LOWER THAN AVERAGE

Many weddings and also a mass exodus of Kent ringers to Exeter for the wedding of an ex-Rochester District ringing master, Miss Joan Hayward, resulted in a lower than average attendance at the by-meeting of the Rochester District held at Meopham on September 5. However, those present enjoyed the hospitality of Meopham's inhabitants and the bells were kept going under the guidance of Mr. David Leworthy and Miss Wendy Austin in the absence of the ringing master. L. M.

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## CONSERVATION YEAR

The master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. N. Tyler) contributed the following to his guild's News Sheet, and whilst directed to members in his area we feel the Exercise as a whole could benefit from these words of wisdom:—

"This is not going to be a discourse on the preservation of wild life. Rather it is that the thought of conservation ought to remind us all of two very important duties that we, as members of the Guild, have.

"First, we all have a responsibility towards the upkeep of the towers in our diocese, for whether we use them often or only seldom, it is sure that if we do not make it our business to see that they are kept in repair and running order then there is every likelihood that they will suffer neglect, and generations yet to come will blame us for it. Then comes the time when fairly major work is needed. It is encouraging then to see how some even quite small communities buckle to and make every effort to raise money; but then it is also that our Bell Restoration Fund should be available to help. And this is how we can all help. It is my great hope that we shall see the size of this fund so increased that we can give generous grants towards major repairs, drawing only on the interest and leaving the capital untouched; and I very much hope that there is going to be a particular effort from every branch towards this end.

"But then, what use is a tower in good order if there are few ringers to use the bells? Constant instruction of beginners is the duty of every capable ringer, and in every tower there should be a band of learners. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the tower where there are no learners is a dead tower—or at least it very soon will be! An unpopular comment? To some I expect it will be, but common sense tells us it's only too true. Teaching can be a disappointing task, but if we face it accepting that out of every ten who start perhaps only one or two will get anywhere, then we are being realistic. And what a joy and a reward it is when those few do get somewhere; it's worth all the frustration of the others! Nor should we wait patiently for the would-be ringers to come to us: we must go out and invite them in ourselves—that's really doing some missionary work!

"I believe that if these two duties could become realities then we could claim with honesty to be a live and active guild. And it's never too late to start, for as far as every sincere church bellringer is concerned, every year should be Conservation Year!"

## TWO NEW BELLS

About 20 people were present at St. Michael and All Angels, Somerton, Som, on August 14, when two new bells arrived from the bell foundry of Taylor's at Loughborough; but more than twice that number were in the belfry a week later when the bells were tried out under the watchful eyes of Mr. Arthur Fidler, of Crediton, the bell-hanger, and the captain of the tower, Mr. H. E. G. Jeanes. The new bells are two trebles to complete a ring of eight, the tenor weighing 19½ cwt. One of them carries the inscription "Raised by subscription and the perseverance of the Captain, H. E. G. Jeanes, 1970."

The bells were not rung again until September 5, when the Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, M.A.) dedicated the new bells at a special Evensong, which was well attended. Immediately after this service there was rung a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. T. Setter, the captain of the tower at St. John's Church, Yeovil. Refreshments were served at Montecliff School for members of the congregation and there followed an evening of ringing by all the ringers who were present.



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The new bells arrive at Somerton. Mr. H. E. Jeanes (tower captain) is standing on the left.

## COMPETITION RINGING IN DEVON

Once the association eight- and six-bell competitions have been disposed of early in the summer, the way is clear for a whole succession of local festivals, many of which, though invitation competitions run by an individual tower, carry a good deal of prestige, which is why one finds the "Big League" bands travelling right across Devon to ring in them. The West Down band came down to take away the Down St. Mary Shield, and also collected the Torridge Vale Cup at Clovelly, being followed by Swymbridge in the first case and Down St. Mary in the second. "Mary-Down" returned the compliment by going north to beat West Down by one fault for the Yarnscombe Shield (Swymbridge came third in this one, but a fair way behind), and did the same at Poughill for the Poughill Shield. At Plymtree they also won the Shield, this time from Swymbridge.

One invitation competition which will surely be talked about for a long, long time was the Miners Rose Bowl at Widecombe, the trophy which the late Bill Miners gave during his lifetime so that he could have the fun of competing for it himself. Here the South Down ringers were in their best form (which is very good indeed), with West Alvington first and Plymstock second; Down St. Mary came third and Swymbridge fourth—and the marking was 10½, 11, 11½, 13! I cannot remember ever hearing of a competition in which the fourth place went to a band with 13 faults, nor one in which the standard was so high and at the same time so well matched. Down St. Mary say that this was the best ringing they ever did, but one "chitter" at the end of the lower was enough to put them into third place.

September sees a continuation of the pattern of invitation competitions, along with some of the local Deanery festivals which generally wait until harvesting is over. Swymbridge had their Charlie Holland Shield and Ted Holmes Cup on September 5, Bow has a competition for two shields on the 12th, and South Tawton an invitation competition on the 19th, while the Cadbury Deanery ringers will be holding their own festival on the same day on the light six at Washford Pyne. The 26th sees the Chawleigh Shield for the six-bell ringers and the Tawstock Shield (to be rung for at Torrington) for eight. J. G. M. S.

## OLD PEAL TABLET COSTESSEY CHURCH, NORFOLK

"June 4, 1776

Twenty-two peals rung of this Company many a time without setting up the Bells.

The names of the Peals are under.

Old Doubles	Church doubles
Grandsir	The Dream
Fortune	The Nonesuch
Hudibras	Interlope
Gog	London doubles
St. Simon's doubles	Jack of both sides
Cambridge delight	New doubles
Reading doubles	Stedman
Dunstan Do.	The mare-maid
St. Clement's Do.	The Exodus
Westminster Do.	and Success

### Ringers' Names

Thomas Smith	— Treble
John Smith	— 2nd
Robert French	— 3rd
John Carr	— 4th
Saml Watson	— Tenor

These are the ringers those Peals they did ring  
Success to old England, and God save the King."



**North Wales Association.****HALF-YEARLY MEETING**

This was held at All Saints', Gresford, on September 5, when more than 50 ringers and friends attended from all parts of North Wales, and two visitors from Eastbourne were also welcomed. After an hour's ringing under the direction of Mr. Fred Evans (master) the service was held at which the vicar (Rev. Oliver Hill) officiated, assisted by Rev. E. L. Cooke, vicar of Hope and president of the association). The vicar of Buckley (Rev. E. Jones) was also present. The vicar welcomed the members to Gresford and, quoting two ancient conundrums, he connected the work of man and bell in an interesting address.

Tea was served in All Saints' School by the Gresford ladies and was followed by the meeting under the chairmanship of the president. He thanked the vicar for the use of the bells, the Gresford ringers for their arrangements, the ladies for the excellent tea, and the organist for his services.

Members were reminded of the Ringing School to be held at Hope under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis, to which all were invited to attend. Mr. D. Millward suggested that all towers in the association should place a notice of their membership of the association in the porch of the church, and Mr. G. H. Randles further suggested that this should also give information to visiting ringers about times and arrangements for ringing at the church.

The secretary (Mr. W. Cathrall) distributed the new book of rules which has been compiled during the year. Arising from this, two new honorary associate members were accepted, Mrs. Eleanor Potts and Mrs. Mabel Faulkner; both have had a close association with the Gresford tower for 50 years.

After the meeting the ringing continued and a course of Grandsire Triples by a band of ladies was warmly applauded by the company.

**FURTHER RESTORATION IN KENT**

It was recently reported in these columns that the ring of eight at Elham was to be rehung. On reaching the ground, it was found that two more bells, the third and tenor, were cracked (the treble, second and fourth were known to be cracked), and it has therefore been decided to recast the whole ring. The old bells have now been broken up, and the Whitechapel Foundry are to recast the eight, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp, in place of the previous eight (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F). This will increase the cost by many hundreds of pounds, and donations will be very gratefully received and acknowledged by the belfry treasurer, Mr. R. Mallett, 2 Braeside Cottages, Elham, Canterbury, Kent.

In 1960 one of the finest rings in Kent, at St. Mary's, Chislet, was rehung in new fittings and framework, and justifiably became known for its resonant tone and easy "go." However, in 1967 the fourth cracked suddenly during Sunday service ringing and was silenced. The bell is to be recast in October at the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is hoped that the whole ring will be heard again properly for the first time in three years in good time for Christmas. This is a heavy and unexpected blow to so small a parish, and the vicar (Rev. G. Stephens) will be pleased to receive and acknowledge donations.

The Kentish Express reports that the heavy ring of eight at Cranbrook is to be placed in the care of John Taylor and Co. for rehung, through the enthusiasm and exertion of the local band of ringers.

**Bedfordshire Association.****SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Despite the torrential rain, about 24 members of the Biggleswade District bell-ringers journeyed to Roxton (5) for the afternoon's ringing of the September meeting. A buffet tea which had been prepared at Sandy by Mr. and Mrs. E. Skipsey and helpers was much appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for a short business meeting. Two new members were elected and names were taken of members wishing to attend the district dinner at Norton in December. As members are still showing interest in the weekly practices, Mr. A. S. Smith said it was hoped to restart in the winter months but on different nights each week to give all members a chance to attend. During the evening Sandy's bells were rung and the ringing masters were pleased to welcome further members and visitors from surrounding associations. M. L. M.

**Ely Diocesan Association and Hertford County Association.****JOINT MEETING**

When the Cambridge District meeting was planned to be at Guilden Morden on September 12, members were surprised and pleased to hear that the association president (the Bishop of Ely) would be there as well. The Bishop is a ringer, though on this occasion he did not take a rope. The weather was discouraging and there were some weddings to be rung for, but there was a good attendance of members and also friends from the Northern District of the Hertford County Association, who had been invited to make this a joint meeting.

The Bishop conducted the service, with Mr. O. Kaye, a local ringer, as organist. There were babies and small children present, and the Bishop was clearly delighted to meet them as well as their families. Mrs. Kirby and her helpers had laid on a sumptuous tea which was enjoyed by all. J. S.

**FAMILY OCCASION**

September 12 was a real family occasion for William Rogers, of Tonbridge, when his grand-daughter, Josephine Kay Moody, was married at Rotherfield. Two of his other grand-daughters were bridesmaids, his grandson was best man and, all told, 11 of his grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present. Unfortunately Bill was unable to get his family's permission to ring in the wedding peal! The band, however, very much enjoyed his hospitality afterwards at the Catts Inn.

**EAST RETFORD OUTING**

The East Retford outing on September 5 was to Leicester and its immediate vicinity. After the fine light eight at Birstall, where an ancient church has been enlarged by the addition of a modern extension, the party encountered the first 12 of the day at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Here some found their first opportunity to ring Maximus with a course of Little Bob.

Disappointment was felt when All Saints' was found locked and no key forthcoming. Nevertheless this was largely compensated for by the rest of the day, towers rung at being Leicester Cathedral, St. Mary-de-Castro, St. John the Divine, Aylestone and Syston. Methods rung included five Surprise and all the standard methods up to Maximus. As always, the day was a social occasion both for the ringers and their non-ringing friends, the usual ringing tour activities being continued until closing time. P. R.

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild.****SUMMER FESTIVAL**

The annual summer festival was held on September 5 at Castor, near Peterborough, when 24 towers in Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Huntingdonshire were open for ringing. Good use was made of the bells by members of the guild and also a considerable number of visitors from many parts of the country.

The Guild service was held in Castor Parish Church and was conducted by the rector (Rev. T. P. Adler). The guild president read the lesson and the address was given by past-president Canon G. F. Turner. Mr. J. Malcolm Tyler (guild master) was the organist. The opening and closing music for the service and the accompaniment to the last hymn was provided on handbells by the Peterborough Handbell Ringers. The collection for the guild bell restoration fund amounted to £6 13s. 1d.

Tea followed in the village hall and was attended by approximately 110 members and friends. An apology for absence was received from Mr. R. Turner, who had recently reached his 90th birthday and has completed over 70 years as a ringer. The general secretary was requested to write and convey the congratulations and best wishes of the meeting to Mr. Turner.

Notice was given of the Northampton Branch's "Festival of Music on Handbells" to be held on October 3 in Moulton Village School. As all proceeds from the festival bazaar and prize draw would be donated to the guild's bell restoration fund, members were urged to give the event their utmost support.

On behalf of the Peterborough Branch, Mr. Daw welcomed all members and visitors to the Peterborough area and expressed the hope that their visit had been an enjoyable one.

The vote of thanks to the numerous people who had been responsible for the excellent arrangements was proposed by Mr. John Foot and seconded by Mr. Richard Danby.

The president closed the proceedings in the usual manner, and members dispersed to continue their ringing activities in the towers available. E. B.

**Dunster Deanery.****HANDBOOKS FOR LEARNERS**

The Dunster Deanery quarterly meeting was held at St. Decuman's, Watchet, on September 12. We were very pleased to welcome the association secretary, Mr. John Gilbert, and two members from the Taunton Branch. In spite of many members being on holiday we kept the bells going until the service at 4.30, which was followed by tea.

After an excellent meal (provided by the Watchet ladies) the secretary reminded all that it was time to start thinking of new officers for election at the A.G.M. It was decided that a monetary gift from visiting peal ringers should be spent on handbooks for learners.

A return was then made to the tower, where Farmborough ringers joined in until 9 p.m. P. J. T.

**RECORDS**

The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal was accomplished at St. John's Church, Leicester, on September 19, composed and conducted by Anthony R. Peake; 75 methods were rung! And at Daventry the same day 9960 of London Surprise Royal was accomplished, Graham C. Paul conducting. It took 5 hours and 55 minutes to complete.



## Editorial

## WEAKNESS OF INTELLECT

On page 739 of last week's *Ringing World* we recorded a peal for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe. The copy was typed, the conductor's signature and address appended and everything appeared in order, including well-known names (except two) taking part. We were quickly informed by one member of the "band" that the peal was not rung, had never been arranged, that the "ringers" of the 2nd and 4th did not exist, and the whole thing was just a malicious attempt to cause trouble.

But with whom and for whom? There is only slight irritation in the editorial office that valuable space in *The Ringing World* has been wasted, and the perpetrator of this piece of idiocy can only snigger in private for he (or she) cannot publicise the childish effort. To do so would bring the scorn of every ringer—both young and old—on his (or her) head and he (or she) would be shunned, and yet without publicity what satisfaction is there?

Such peals, and other items, have appeared before, one quite recently. Normal individuals just treat the writer of such missives with contempt—even though unknown. For our part, having had denials from those whose names were printed (and we cannot see any of them including their own name in a fictitious report) we try to understand the weakness of intellect of such a person and trust that he (or she) will one day develop a sense of responsibility and be able to mix openly with his (or her) fellow men without the sense of guilt which must of necessity pervade at present.

## RECTOR OF SANDRINGHAM

The Norton Subcourse and District ringers are sorry to have lost the Rev. Alan Glendining after seven years as rector of the Raveningham Group of Parishes. At the start of Mr. Glendining's ministry in the Group a fund for the rehanging of Norton Subcourse bells was well under way, and he gave every support and encouragement to this. In 1964 he was elected as honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

All wish him well in his new work as rector of the Sandringham Group of Parishes (unfortunately a bell-less zone), which includes the Domestic Chaplaincy to H.M. the Queen.

## Obituary.

## FRANK REGINALD MITCHELL

Ringers from Kent will be sad to learn of the death under tragic circumstances on August 25 of Frank Mitchell. Though not a ringer he was an associate member of the Kent County Association and regularly attended meetings of the Rochester District and the A.G.M.'s. He enjoyed going on ringers' outings, many organised by his son, Laurence. He will be very much missed at Newington-next-Sittingbourne, where for 17 years he was churchwarden, and where his generosity played no small part in the recent restoration of the six bells. R. I. P.

## Belfry Gossip

A quarter at Loughborough was rung with rather more than usual pleasure by the local ringers, for it was their special compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, whose daughter was married that day. Two other peals were also rung for this event.

A couple of errors have slipped in. The first is the last item on page 652. I doubt if the Salisbury Guild would wish to lay claim to us. (Come to think of it, I doubt if the Worcesters wish to, either, but they are stuck with us!) The other thing is the last item on page 664; the last full line thanking a Mr. Gerry Richards should read Mr. Gerry Edwards, writes R. G. M.

Laura Higginson, who is only 13, rang the treble at Patrington, Yorkshire, to her first peal, eight-spliced, and rang extremely well. She has been ringing for two years and was taught at Sutton, Hull, by Ron Ducker. Laura is quite accomplished in many Minor and Major Surprise methods, and spent her holiday tower-grabbing and managed a new tower each day.

Mr. E. J. F. Rose, of Upper Colwall, was aided in a grand double celebration by his ringing friends of Malvern Link on September 6. Not only did his ruby wedding fall upon this date, but four days previously was the 50th anniversary of his first peal. The event was marked by a quarter peal in which Mr. Rose rang the second.

The footnote to the peal of 5152 Superlative (page 648) should refer only to calls at Middle, "2" at Wrong and Home is two bobs, and the peal at Manchester was not my first peal of Stedman, nor my best, though it was certainly my last, writes Christopher I. Rowson.

In our "50 Years Ago" (*Ringing World*, page 667) the first peal of Stedman as conductor for A. D. Barker was incorrect. This was achieved on August 13, 1913, we are informed.

A quarter peal was rung at Wheatley, Oxfordshire, for the induction of the Rev. H. Brasier. Mr. Brasier was previously vicar of Enstone in the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild.

Writing from Nantwich, Cheshire, M. Houghton thanks the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association for "putting up with him" when he visits their area.

Commenting on the Editorial of September 11 (page 723) Mr. F. M. Bowers, of Penzance, Cornwall, suggests: "A good method of reminding ourselves of the chief purpose of ringing is always to have a prayer before the start. It just brings to mind where we are (in church) and our purpose for ringing. I wonder how many towers still keep this up today?"

Woman's Own for September 26 carried a very interesting article by Mrs. Joan Glazebrook, of Braughing, Herts, in "The Way We Live" column about being the wife of a bellringer. Peter, her husband (whose name often appears in *The Ringing World*), apparently makes a full-time hobby of bellringing, and his four children hope to emulate their father, and Mrs. Glazebrook, although not a ringer herself, obviously encourages this. An illustration of the Glazebrook family, with father "at the ready" with a bell rope, heads the article.

Confirming that Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, has a ring of eight (*Ringing World*, page 692), Mr. Charles A. Pound, of Hawkley, Hants, says that the Church of St. Margaret is known as the Marble Church and is very beautiful.

Sending details for a cover picture, Mr. R. J. Stevens, of Christchurch, New Zealand, delighted us by putting ten or a dozen different stamps on the packet—a really pretty and interesting collection, and much appreciated.

First peal congratulations to Penny Moriarty (handbells), Cecily Rock (handbells), Margaret P. Byrne, Joyce Richards, Clive Bradley (14), Keith Richardson (12), Laura Higginson.

Personal Records: Lawrence R. Pizzey (100 peals), James L. Towler (400), Cyril A. Wratten (500), Simon Humphrey (200), Clive J. Mobbs (50).

New Method: Overstone Surprise Major at Moulton, Northants.

The excellent article on "The Four-Bell Towers of Worcester" (page 675), compiled by P. Cattermole and C. J. Pickford, should have stated that the Addendum dealt with 3-bell towers.

Recently the bellringers at Crosthwaite, Westmorland, raised over £45 for belfry funds at a coffee evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, of Telford, Salop, paid us a visit recently whilst holiday-making in Surrey. Mr. Percy Venn, of Hayes, has also called whilst working in Guildford.

Lindsay Messenger and Tim Wray of Grofield both rang in their first quarter peal of Bob Minor on September 1. This quarter has made local history, for it is the first quarter rung by a Sunday service band.

The young band who rang a peal of Doubles at Bicker, Lincs, on September 7, are to be congratulated, for the average age was just 14 years. (Keep it up, lads and lasses.—Ed.)

Twynning, Glos. — On September 2, 720 Twynning Surprise Minor: H. N. Evans 1, B. Spiers 2, Valerie Willard 3, J. Clements 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, L. C. Edwards 6. First 720 in the method.

TWYNNING SURPRISE MINOR: 34—36.14—12—1236—14—16. I.e. 12. 165324.

"I absolutely and fully agree with your remarks anent 'Blackmail' . . . Should my letter not be published please do not return cash," writes a correspondent. (Thank you, we haven't!—Ed.)

"He rang excellently throughout the whole peal (his first of Spliced Surprise) and is to be congratulated," writes a correspondent in sending details of four-spliced at Soberton, Hants. The ringer congratulated—A. Patrick Cannon.

"We always look forward to the arrival of *The Ringing World*, to keep us up to date with developments and the movements of ringers," writes Kenneth S. Cross, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. We trust we shall continue to have news from Mr. Cross, but the stamps, according to a label on the letter, "have no legal basis" and are accordingly surcharged. (We didn't pay, though.—Ed.)

Ringers in the North-West will be sorry to learn that Mr. H. W. Howard, tower captain at Davenham, Cheshire, was taken seriously ill in the tower of St. Giles, Wrexham, during a Northwich Branch outing on September 19. He was taken to the War Memorial Hospital, Wrexham, and is expected to be kept there for some weeks.



# Letters

## VERSATILE BELLS

Dear Sir,—On a recent Sunday evening a group of ringers bearing odd names like Cannon, Border, etc., cannoned into the peaceful border town of Ellesmere, Salop, where they ascended the central tower of the old Norman church and rang excellent touches for Evensong, rounding off with call changes for a local lady-learner (she has since aspired to plain hunting).

Before leaving, this strangely-named party solemnly pronounced the eight bells to be out of tune, though it seems they were at some little variance as to which of the bells were not in tune.

To be fair to these good ringers, however, the bells, off and on, have been the subject of similar controversy for at least half a century. An ancient ring, cast by Rudhall of Gloucester in 1727, this is almost certainly the oldest octave in Shropshire or, indeed, the north-west. The treble, fourth, fifth and sixth were recast in 1768 and the tenor (21 cwt. in E) in 1799. The bells were quarter-turned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1894 and again in 1952. Commencing with a peal of Grandsire Triples by a local band in 1730, there have been some dozen or so peals rung on them, three of these peals being mentioned in *The Ringing World* of August 28 under the heading "50 Years Ago."

The intriguing, and somewhat amusing, feature is how very widely visiting experts have disagreed as to what is wrong with these well-going, but allegedly strange-sounding, bells, while, indeed, quite a few well-known ringers—perhaps too polite—do not appear to have offered any comment at all. Many have found the third out of tune, some the fifth, others have decreed that the seventh or tenor is wrong, yet others the second, while a few have decided that both the trebles are out of key, and so on. Manchester University ringers recently were more precise when they reported a flat treble and sharp fifth in your issue of September 11. At least one excellent ringer has declared the bells to be in the minor key!

On the other hand, some ringers, less numerous perhaps, but certainly no less qualified, have spoken more favourably of these bells. Shortly after they were rehung, 18 years ago, the late Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, told me he had found them "reasonably in tune" and it is worth noting that, had he found otherwise, his firm would have had the job of recasting them. The local ringers, too, including Mr. Frank James, considered somewhat of an expert in this field, and Mr. Arnold Whitehead (the tower captain) do not agree that the bells are seriously out of tune. When a touch is being rung, I, personally, find them far easier to "read" and check, either nearby or over a mile away across the beautiful mere, than, say, the grand but indecipherable Liverpool Cathedral ring at any distance.

Is it possible that some visiting ringers, not having heard Ellesmere bells at any distance, are misled and bemused by rather exceptional tower acoustics, or is it that with many others, Messrs. James, Whitehead and I have become "immune" to the sound of these, my "mother" bells? Or can it be that, as I think Dr. John Spice once put it, old bells become mournful and saddened with the passage of time?—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool.

TOM BUTLER.

## LONDON ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Under "Belfry Gossip" in *The Ringing World* recently I observed that several readers have written to say that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, in 1926. However, I send details as below from, I think, *The Bell News*, stating that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 11, 1907, giving the names of all the ringers, of whom I am the sole survivor; this record also appears in the *College Youths' Peal Book*. I would mention that I have a cutting of every one of my peals—a modest total of 381.—Yours faithfully,

Oxhey, Herts. HENRY HODGETTS.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. On Monday, November 11, 1907, in 3 hr. 38min. at the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney. A Peal of London Surprise Royal, 5040 changes. Tenor 31 cwt. William Truss treble, Henry Hodgetts 2, Hubert Eden 3, George N. Price 4, Frederick W. Brinklow 5, Henry G. Miles 6, William E. Garrard 7, Alfred B. Peck 8, Henry R. Newton 9, John W. Golding tenor. Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by George N. Price. This is the first peal of London Surprise Royal ever rung, the method having been extended to ten bells by G. Lindoff of Dublin.

## WHO WERE THEY ?

Dear Sir,—At short notice the bells of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, were requested for a peal. We permitted the request, only to find, on Sunday morning, that the visitors had left very short ropes and a broken stay behind them (without a note to tell us).

May I, through *The Ringing World*, point out how dangerous and ill-mannered this is. We at Samlesbury feel very strongly about this as there was very nearly an accident. We know nothing about the ringers except that they were visiting most of the towers in our area.—Yours faithfully,

GLEN CLAYTON,

Blackburn.

Tower Captain.

## THE FROME PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have just been informed by the master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild that the peal rung at Frome on March 14 and credited to the Bath and Wells Association and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has not been accepted by the latter guild.

This is strictly in accordance with the Central Council Rules and Decisions (of which I was not aware at the time), that only the first-named guild or association for which a peal is rung is recognised.

The Ringing World has already given valuable space to publish the views of officers of both associations, the Bath and Wells being quite happy to record this peal as published. In neither letter was the Central Council ruling mentioned. The fact that there is also a Central Council ruling regarding seven- and nine-bell peals has not deterred my own guild from recognising the latter, which I consider a case of "don't do as I do, do as I say."

I regret that I has taken three months for the Guild Executive Committee to inform me of this Decision and also that they did not inform the guild annual meeting (which immediately followed the Executive Committee meeting) of this Decision. I hope resident bands will remember that this rule exists and that the Central Council recognises peals for one guild only.—Yours faithfully,

Highclere, Hants. GEOFFREY K. DODD.

## COURSE AND CONFERENCE

Dear Sir,—Now that ringing courses are comparatively frequent our committee intends to hold a conference on the content of courses, and on ringing education generally, at Hereford, from April 15 to 18, 1971, parallel with the usual course at the College. We hope that anyone interested will come (please note the advertisement on the back of this issue), but it will be particularly helpful to have the assistance of at least one lecturer or organiser from the other courses that have been held. We hope to have discussions in depth and a number of demonstrations of methods of teaching, in and out of the tower. —Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON,  
Convener,

Sunday Service & Education Cttee.  
Wakefield, Yorks.

## HELP NEEDED

Dear Sir,—Essential work has to be carried out on the bells and frame at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, Herts. To raise the cost of this we are arranging to hold, on October 17, a 20-mile sponsored walk. I ask readers of our excellent weekly journal to help make our venture successful by sponsoring some of our walkers, or perhaps walking with us.

Any offers of assistance will be gratefully appreciated.—Yours faithfully,  
9 Falkland Road, Barnet. TOM PINK.

## RINGING THE METHOD

Dear Sir,—Keith G. Game objects to the ringer of the treble or the tenor behind claiming "first in the method" (*Ringing World*, page 654). Although Mr. Game has pointed out that the ringer of the treble need not know anything of the blue line, and that it depends upon one's standards whether one can claim drumming the tenor behind as part of the method, I feel he is being rather hard on these humble participants. That expression of anxious inquiry on the treble ringer's face may not be due to having lost his place; it may be a reflection of the question: "Whatever made me say I'd stand in a peal attempt?" and the ringer of the tenor may be fighting boredom rather than a heavy bell. If one knows the blue line it can take more concentration to stick to the treble-bob work only.

After all, how many peals are rung without the treble?

A SUPPORTER OF THE  
RABBITS' GUILD.  
(Name and address supplied.)

## BAD LUCK

Dear Sir,—There have been many calamities in the history of change ringing, but we are particularly sad about our recent misfortune. We wish to withdraw the peal of Minor in nine methods at Great Barrington on September 2. [This had not been printed and has been withdrawn.—Editor.] The perils attending those who attempt to splice Minor are greater than we had supposed.

Thinking that all 2nds place Plain Minor methods would splice in 360's we rang St. Clements and Childwall in this way. They are, of course, false when rung like this. The tragedy is all the worse as the peal was struck excellently throughout; it had one "first inside in Minor" (aged 13) and Bernard Taylor "called" his first peal (aged 14).

For the same reason we wish to withdraw the quarter of Spliced Minor at Great Witcombe on June 13.—Yours sadly,  
Cheltenham. ERIC J. TAYLOR.



# Quarter Peals

## HALF PEALS

**Duffield, Derbys.**—July 25, 2520 Bob Royal: P. Roper 1, D. Davis 2, C. Davis 3, P. Rose 4, Marjorie Phipps 5, D. Peers 6, A. Else 7, J. Arkwell 8, M. Phipps (cond.) 9, D. Hird 10. Longest length of Royal for all except 9. Rung by an all-Chesterfield District band as a compliment to Mr. F. Adams, district chairman 1947-63, now in his 76th year.

**Groby, Leics.**—Aug. 22, 2520 Minor (11 methods): Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, Mary H. Barras 2, P. D. Bailey 3, R. D. Hughes 4, A. R. Jones 5, R. N. Scholes (most methods as cond.) 6. First half peal for all except conductor. A peal attempt brought round.

## SEVEN BY (MAINLY) THE TAYLOR FAMILY

**Hensingham, Cumb.**—Aug. 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Tembey 1, Malcolm Taylor (first Stedman) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, Bernard Taylor (first Stedman Triples) 6, Eric Taylor (cond.) 7, J. E. Brown 8. **Crosthwaite, Westmorland.**—Aug. 24, 1296 Beverley S. Minor: Helen 1, Malcolm (first in method) 2, Clare 3, Hilda 4, Bernard (cond.) 5, Eric 6.

**Upper Cam, Glos.**—Sept. 1, 1440 Norwich S. Minor: Malcolm 1, Clare 2, Helen 3, Hilda 4, Bernard 5, Eric (cond.) 6. First in method for all. 25th quarter for the family.

**Quinton, Warks.**—Sept. 1, 1296 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 576 Cambridge): Bernard 1, Malcolm 2, Clare 3, Helen 4, Hilda 5, Eric (cond.) 6.

**Toddington, Glos.**—Sept. 6, 1296 Surfleet S. Minor: Hilda 1, Clare 2, Malcolm (first in method) 3, Helen 4, Eric 5, Bernard (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Much Marcle, Hereford.**—Sept. 4, 1440 Warkworth Surprise Minor: Malcolm 1, Clare 2, Helen 3, Hilda 4, Bernard 5, Eric (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

**Linton, Herefords.**—Sept. 4, 1260 Hereward Bob Minor: Clare 1, Helen 2, Malcolm (first in method) 3, Hilda 4, Bernard (cond.) 5, Eric 6.

**Allasley, Warks.**—Sept. 6, 1280 Bob Major: I. F. Garvie 1, H. G. Summers 2, L. M. Callow 3, Pamela Taylor (first quarter) 4, R. D. Baker 5, R. Winter 6, P. Stone 7, W. A. Stote (comp. and cond.) 8. For Matins.

**Aylesbeare, Devon.**—July 8, 1260 Bob Doubles: Julie Hatswell (first quarter) 1, M. Cain 2, H. L. Crisp 3, J. M. Carter 4, D. A. Walls (first Doubles in method as cond.) 5, L. Paver 6. Also July 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Queenie Retter 1, G. T. West 2, G. E. Retter 3, W. Wale (first quarter) 4, D. A. Walls (cond.) 5, A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. Also Sept. 2, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Howes (first quarter) 1, C. L. Barr 2, F. D. Mack 3, J. M. Carter 4, D. A. Walls (cond.) 5, A. Phillips 6.

**Asfordby, Leics.**—Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Rex 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, A. French 4, J. R. Ward 5, H. Clayton (cond.) 6.

**Backwell, Som.**—Aug. 26, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: T. G. Phillips 1, Hillary Darham (first in method) 2, Heather Kippin 3, Carole Patey 4, G. H. Pullin 5, E. T. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, P. J. England (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam several parishioners who have died recently, two very tragically.

**Benhall, Suffolk.**—Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. For morning service. Also Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, G. Finch 2, R. Peters 3, M. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Baldry 6. For evening (flower festival) service. Also Aug. 31, 1320 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Baldry 2, M. Peters 3, R. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. Also Aug. 31, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Peters 2, M. Baldry 3, R. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. For St. Mary's, Benhall, flower festival. First Grand-sire for all except 6.

**Bladon, Oxon.**—Sept. 7, 1260 Doubles and Minor (four methods): R. Franklin 1, C. P. Turner 2, J. Collett 3, W. F. Judge 4, J. E. Judge 5, M. J. Turner 6. Conducted by 2, 4 and 6.

**Beddington, Surrey.**—Aug. 9, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Angela Lewis (first quarter) 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, F. D. Jennings 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 5, Jean L. Kimber 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Chris and Julia Stocker. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: C. M. Y. Stocker (first quarter) 1, Julia Stocker 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Kathleen E. Chilcott 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8.

**Blewbury, Berks.**—Sept. 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Wells 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Mary Wells 3, H. E. Wells 4, H. L. Bishop 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8. Wedding compliment to Helen Gardner and Graeme Horton.

**Blythburgh, Suffolk.**—Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Peters (first Minor) 1, C. J. Gibson 2, T. Hughes (first Minor) 3, P. S. Bedford 4, A. Knights 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to George Finch, of Marlesford.

**Bowdon, Cheshire.**—Sept. 13, 1264 Bob Major: D. A. Hogg 1, Felicity Ashworth (first inside) 2, Kirsty R. Fisher 3, Ann Roberts (first quarter) 4, Catherine M. Kay 5, D. Cornwell 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8. Wedding compliment to David Stratton and Susan Hogg. local ringers, married the previous day.

**Braughing, Herts.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Tott 1, P. Hunt 2, P. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt 4, K. Westwood 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, E. Mardell 8. For Holy Communion.

**Carbis Bay, Cornwall.**—Aug. 27, 2040 Bob Minor: G. W. Taysom 1, Margaret P. Byrne 2, Janet S. Evans 3, T. R. Hart 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6. Peal attempt curtailed.

**Carhampton, Som.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. Arcsott 1, Miss P. Tuckett 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts (cond.) 5, G. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

**Clevedon, Som.**—Aug. 11, 1280 Bob Major: V. H. James 1, Rosemary Myers 2, G. Beech 3, P. Gardner 4, Helen Kirkpatrick 5, B. H. Goodliffe 6, P. L. R. Hayward 7, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 8. First Major 1, 3, 4, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. James.

**Co. Fermanagh (Garrison Youth Hostel).**—Sept. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Katharine J. Maundrell 1-2, S. C. Walters (cond.) 3-4, W. T. Perrins 5-6, D. Barton 7-8.

**Coleshill, Warks.**—Aug. 24, 1260 Doubles (nine meth./var.; 7, 6, 8 covering): Dawn Holly (first quarter) 1, Linda Deebank 2, L. L. Willis 3, M. Edwards (cond.) 4, D. L. Hooper 5, G. Williams 6, A. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson, one-time Bishop of Birmingham.

**Croydon, Surrey (St. John's).**—Sept. 6, 1295 Grand-sire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, E. Razzell 2, Mrs. S. Bianco 3, S. A. Nicholls 4, G. Newman 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, D. Brown 8, A. J. Brown 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong.

**Dittisham, Devon.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. J. Edden (cond.) 1, Rev. P. Dowling 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, G. J. L. Read 5, W. Collier (first quarter) 6. Wedding compliment to Miss S. Tucker and D. Eastly; also 81st birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

**Dronfield, Derbys.**—Aug. 18, 1320 Bob Doubles: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, J. D. Arkwell 2, D. Millington 3, G. E. Williams (first quarter) 4, D. N. Peers 5, I. Hardy (first quarter) 6. A welcome to Rev. J. Goldsmith (curate) and to mark the birth of a son to Jill and Tony Bethel (churchwarden).

**Dunkerton, Som.**—Aug. 24, 1272 Durham S. Minor: Janet Parker 1, E. T. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, P. J. England 4, J. Maggs 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

**Eastbourne, Sussex (St. Mary's).**—Aug. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: Kathleen M. Reynolds (first Triples) 1, P. Fox 2, D. I. Ramsay (first Triples) 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, L. J. Baldock 5, T. M. Barlow 6, I. J. Rees (first P.B. and Triples as cond.) 7, I. N. Clark 8. First in method by all. Half-muffled in memoriam D. H. Hogarth and D. Rees, both ringers at this church.

**Evercreech, Som.**—Sept. 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: A. P. Beck 1, Judy Beck (first Royal) 2, G. Massey 3, Clare Higby 4, H. J. Sanger 5, D. McKay 6, D. Massey 7, E. Naylor 8, R. E. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

**Elland, Yorks.**—Sept. 6, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Mary Pollard 2, Gean Pollard 3, Anne Barmby 4, P. Birket 5, A. Naylor (cond.) 6, H. Jones 7, A. Rogers 8. Also Sept. 8, 1320 Kent Minor: P. Birket 1, Ruby Mortimer 2, Gean Pollard 3, Anne Barmby 4, H. Jones 5, A. Naylor (cond.) 6. Both for Patronal Festival of the B.V. Mary.

**Enfield, Middx. (St. Andrew).**—Aug. 2, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Linda J. West 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret D. Twigg 3, R. R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6, P. G. Twigg 7, R. M. Luxon 8. In memoriam Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod, late chancellor and M.P. for Enfield West. First in method by all.

**Filton, Glos.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Blount 1, A. N. Blount 2, Miss H. Blount 3, Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, Miss W. A. Miller 6. Wedding compliment to Richard and Valerie Smith.

**Gosfield, Essex.**—Sept. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Messenger (first quarter) 1, S. Sudbury 2, S. Burdon 3, I. Messenger 4, T. Wray (first quarter) 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. First ever local quarter.

**Great Bowden, Leics.**—Sept. 5, 1440 Cambridge Minor: Hazel J. Nichols 1, G. Slater 2, J. Hunt 3, E. Cowd 4, H. Bray 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6.

**Graham, Lincs.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, R. H. Cook 2, L. Squires 3, A. Short 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, B. Buttery 6, V. P. Evans 7, D. Rooke 8, R. H. Woods 9, P. A. Slight (cond.) 10. For Evensong. Also Sept. 6, 1232 Bob Major: P. A. Slight 1-2, R. H. Cook 3-4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5-6, B. Buttery 7-8. First Major in hand by all.

**Great Haseley, Oxon.**—Sept. 2, 1320 Bob Doubles: Christina Bowles 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, T. S. Bowles 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5, S. H. Young 6.

**Hammerwood, Sussex.**—Sept. 6, 1320 Doubles (five methods): Helen Dodds 1, Joyce Dodds 2, C. Bainham (cond.) 3, Frances Dodds (50th quarter) 4, G. Dodds 5.

**Harmston, Lincs.**—Sept. 5, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: J. Rigby 1, Susan O'Neill (first Surprise Major) 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, J. Thorley 4, H. G. Wells (first Yorkshire) 5, A. J. Jackson 6, F. J. Jackson 7, J. E. Cook (cond.) 8. By Society of Rambling Ringers.

**Herne, Kent.**—Aug. 8, 1260 Doubles (Grand-sire and P.B.): J. Legg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, J. Pladdys 3, D. Cawley 4, D. Niblett 5, G. Holness (first quarter) 6. For induction of Rev. D. Bretherton.

**Honiton, Devon.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Travers 1, Miss G. Stamp (first inside) 2, F. Stamp 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For evening service.

**Huntington, Yorks.**—Aug. 30, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Christine B. Sanderson (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. D. E. Sanderson 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, L. J. Atkins 6. For Evensong.

**Hurworth, Co. Durham.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Judith Robson 1, Anne Johnson 2, Lesley Robson 3, Jane Bryant 4, E. Pannel 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First attempt by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**Hyde, Cheshire.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Anne Snowball (first quarter) 1, Christine Andrew 2, Sylvia Smith 3, Margaret P. Booth 4, Ann C. Bennett 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Kidlington, Oxon.**—Sept. 4, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: C. P. Turner 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, J. E. Judge 3, M. Journeaux 4, J. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin 6, T. P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Victor Webb (aged 84), life-long lover of Kidlington and its bells.

**Kingsdon, Som.**—1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, D. Pollard (first inside) 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. Wedding compliment to Janet Lisa Benjamin and John Watts; also a birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

**Lane End, Bucks.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grand-sire, Plain Bob): T. E. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. N. Wright 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**Langdon Hills, Essex.**—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Eleanor Clems 1, Janice Manterfield (first as cond., aged 12) 2, G. I. Lucas 3, K. Lucas 4, D. Stott 5, W. White 6.



**King's Lynn, Norfolk** (St. Margaret).—Aug. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newson 2, R. Harrop 3, W. W. Cousins 4, O. A. Needham 5, L. W. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, G. Allum 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newson.

**Leadenham, Lincs.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Minor (three methods): Susan O'Neill 1, J. Thorley 2, H. G. Wells 3, J. Rigby 4, A. Jackson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. By Society of Rambling Ringers.

**Lechlade, Glos.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Hardisty 1, W. E. Gearing 2, Janet Powell 3, P. Kirby 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. A farewell to Janet Powell, leaving for Australia.

**Lincoln** (St. Mary-le-Wigford with St. Mark).—Aug. 23, 1272 Minimus (six methods): Dianne Davis 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, Susan A. Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. A farewell to Rev. S. Booth-Clibborn and family, moving to Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

**Liverpool** (Our Lady and St. Nicholas).—Sept. 6, 1264 Bob Major: Susan D. Cowan 1, Elizabeth Cosnett (first attempt) 2, J. N. Brown 3, Gwen I. Howlett 4, T. Lee 5, E. C. Birkett 6, G. C. Sparling (cond.) 7, B. Wakefield 8. For Evensong.

**Llandaff, Glam** (Cathedral).—Sept. 6, 1260 Stedman Triples: Judith Ashcroft 1, Anne Cooke 2, Shelagh Plumb 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James 5, D. G. Clift 6, D. L. Jewell 7, J. Clatworthy 8. For Evensong.

**Loughborough, Leics** (Parish Church).—Sept. 6, 1335 Stedman Caters: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, J. Saddington 3, R. N. Scholes 4, D. G. Farrar 5, E. C. Weaver 6, W. A. Thow 7, P. W. Brown 8, R. M. Wilson 9, A. E. Clayton 10. For Evensong, and to celebrate the marriage of Sarah Margaret Taylor to Michael Joseph Bassett, which took place the previous day.

**Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.**—Sept. 4, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, M. Lawson (first Surprise) 2, T. F. Collins (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, S. I. Bamforth 6.

**Malmesbury, Wilts.**—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Player 1, P. A. G. Watts (first inside) 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, P. W. Holroyd 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, J. E. Billings 6. For United Churches Evensong; also birthday compliment to treble ringer.

**Malvern Link, Worcs.**—Sept. 6, 1280 Bob Major: E. G. Barber 1, E. J. F. Rose 2, R. Sayers 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. C. Bagley 6, J. Clements 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. F. Rose; also 50th anniversary of Mr. Rose's first peal.

**Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.**—Sept. 5, 1440 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: Patricia C. Stocken 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, P. J. Evans 3, N. R. Holland 4, F. Beech 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

**Midhurst, Sussex.**—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight 3, M. K. Till 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. For Evensong; also a farewell to Marilyn Burn, leaving for Hitchin.

**Mildenhall, Suffolk.**—Aug. 23, 1264 Bob Major: H. Iving 1, P. Goodwin (first inside) 2, Miss A. M. Richmond 3, C. Nunn 4, Miss S. E. V. Potter 5, A. F. Ballam 6, B. E. Whiting 7, M. J. Rose (first as cond.) 8.

### THREE IN ONE EVENING

**Mitcheldean, Glos.**—July 6, 1320 Bob Doubles: Margaret Somme (12, first quarter) 1, Nicola Jordan (12, first inside) 2, Nicola Paton (12) 3, R. Smith (14, first as cond.) 4, Ann Brain (16) 5, Susan Paton (15) 6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Brain (13, first quarter) 1, Nicola Jordan 2, Nicola Paton 3, Susan Paton 4, Ann Brain (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Somme 1, Nicola Jordan 2, Nicola Paton 3, R. Smith 4, Susan Paton (cond.) 5, Ann Brain 6.

**Monken Hadley, Herts.**—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Triples: M. Soper 1, F. MacFarlane 2, Harriet Platten 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Platten 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. First inside 2 and 4. For Evensong.

**Nailsea, Som.**—Sept. 8, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Childs 2, D. Willis 3, W. Neath 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

**New Mills, Derbys.**—Sept. 5, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: B. F. Trueman (first Major) 1, W. Birmingham, jun. 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert (first T.B.) 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, P. Boucher 5, P. Broadbent 6, R. F. Andrew 7, M. Foulds (cond.) 8.

**Old Portsmouth, Hants** (59 High Street).—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean M. Berri-man 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, B. J. Fry 5-6.

**Old Swinford, Worcs.**—Sept. 6, 1356 Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. P. Tobin 3, B. R. Sutton 4, C. W. Cooper 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Roden 8. For Matins.

**Oxford** (St. Giles).—Sept. 6, 1344 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Gardner 1, P. Walker 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, Elizabeth Barber 4, J. Hartley 5, J. Pearce 6, P. Tockock (cond.) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. For Feast of St. Giles.

**Pagham, Sussex.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Joy Houghton 1, Belinda Street 2, Susan M. Willis 3, P. M. Willis 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Patricia Clark and Michael J. Wake.

**Piddlehinton, Dorset.**—Sept. 2, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: T. F. Collins (cond.) 1, C. J. Cull (first Surprise) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, S. I. Bamforth 6.

**Piddletrenthide, Dorset.**—Sept. 9, 1320 Doubles (71 m/v): Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 71 m/v for all.

**Polesworth, Warks.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, M. Quimby (cond.) 6. First Minor by all. Also Sept. 6, 1320 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

**Radlett, Herts.**—May 23, 2160 Radlett Delight Minor: Rev. J. Orme 1, F. W. Ellis 2, K. J. Darvill 3, Alice Talbot-Ponsonby 4, A. R. Carter 5, A. W. R. Wilby (cond.) 6. To mark the ordination of Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby, local curate.

**Randwick, Glos.**—Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Simpson 1, Susan Williams (cond.) 2, M. Kay 3, Sara Cornock 4, R. Cornock 5, Hon. Rev. N. Morrison 6. Half-muffled on 2nd anniversary of the death of Miss Edna Harper, who gave the second bell to Randwick Church.

**Raveningham, Norfolk.**—July 18, 1320 Doubles (three methods): J. W. Forder 1, E. A. Long (cond.) 2, F. C. Gunton 3, J. M. Clarke 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. Paul Nicholson and Miss Sarah Bacon (daughter of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall).

**Ringstead, Northants.**—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Crosier 1, Miss C. Yeomans (first inside) 2, Miss J. Green 3, W. Whitmore 4, V. Headland 5, D. J. Attley (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong.

**Rochford, Essex.**—Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tipping 1, P. Sloman 2, P. Bedford 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Valerie Jones 5, S. Halliwell 6, G. Bacon (50th quarter, cond.) 7, Sylvia Bedford 8. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to David Sloman and Penny Halliwell.

**Scarcliffe, Derbys.**—July 25, 1320 Doubles (four methods): L. Coe (first Doubles) 1, Marjorie Phipps (most methods) 2, D. Hird 3, J. D. Arkwell 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells. To welcome the new vicar, and as a compliment to John Watkins (tower captain), prior to his wedding.

**Shrewsbury, Salop** (St. Chad).—Sept. 6, 1264 Bob Major: P. A. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. Williams 2, Miss V. Bennett 3, Miss P. C. Stocken 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, R. H. Newton 6, E. F. Willcox 7, P. J. Evans (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to welcome Rev. C. Fraser and Mrs. A. Williams to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

**Stapleford, Cambs.**—Sept. 4, 1440 Minor and Doubles (Pl. Bob, April Day): Lynn V. Bedford 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Julie Barnes 4, M. R. Kitson (25th quarter) 5, R. I. West 6. Conducted by 5 and 6. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Kellock 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, J. Bates (first inside) 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

**Scunthorpe, Lincs.**—Sept. 8, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Blenkhorn 1, Miss F. A. Lacey 2, W. Bains 3, Mrs. J. E. Finn 4, F. T. Lacey 5, F. Lord (cond.) 6.

**Sidmouth, Devon.**—Sept. 5, 1386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, A. Mingo 2, Marion Baker 3, B. F. Coles 4, P. C. Davis 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, P. Selway 8. A wedding compliment to James M. Clarke and Joan M. Hayward, married at Withycombe Raleigh.

**South Cadbury, Som.**—Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles 1, R. Raymond 2, K. L. Laver 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, T. Mead 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Olding (former ringer) and Mrs. Olding.

**Stisted, Essex.**—Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: Wendy E. Earle 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Jennifer Syder 3, C. H. Gillingham 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earle (cond.) 6.

**Stoke Bishop, Bristol.**—Sept. 6, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: A. Crofts 1, Alison Brown 2, Gillian Thomas (first Surprise) 3, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 4, Joan Gray 5, P. Gray 6. For Evensong.

**Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk.**—Sept. 6, 1320 Bob Doubles: C. J. Pledger 1, J. A. Mayle 2, W. A. Perry (cond.) 3, D. A. Smith (first quarter) 4, A. E. Peacock 5, A. R. Cowan (first quarter) 6. Also Sept. 10, 1320 Bob Doubles: C. H. Steward (first quarter) 1, Valerie J. Cowan (first quarter) 2, W. A. Perry 3, A. E. Peacock 4, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 5, A. R. Cowan 6.

**Stourbridge, Worcs** (St. Thomas).—Sept. 10, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. L. Smith 1, Mrs. M. I. Brown 2, J. Macefield 3, J. Warr 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, P. J. Brown 6, M. P. Tobin 7, G. Westwood 8, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 9, A. D. Fellows 10. For farewell visit to this church of Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, retiring Bishop of Worcester.

**Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.**—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Lyne 1, J. A. Print 2, C. J. Pickford 3, C. R. Stead 4, D. Bates 5, M. Reed 6, J. L. Findon (cond.) 7, D. White 8. For service.

**Totterhoe, Beds.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, F. J. Cook 2, P. R. Aslett 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, M. Stacey 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For festival of flowers. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Stephenson 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, M. Stacey 5, J. G. Newman 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Parish Communion (by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans) on the 750th Patronal Festival of St. Giles.

**Tuxford, Notts.**—July 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Janet C. Sayer 1, S. Carnall 2, B. Birkett 3, D. R. Chambers 4, H. Denman 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Fox (tower captain).

**Washington, D.C., U.S.A.** (Cathedral).—Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Triples: Ashtone Applewhite 1, Ann Gardner 2, Janis Hensley 3, Quilla Roth 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, S. Humphrey 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Charles Andrew) to Elizabeth and Richard Dirksen. Also Aug. 30, 1440 Bob Royal: Margaret Fanfani 1, Kit Matthew 2, Mary Osterhaus 3, Quilla Roth 4, Janis Hensley 5, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 6, Marjorie Batchelor 7, S. Humphrey (cond.) 8, R. J. Dirksen 9, J. C. Baldwin 10. First Royal 1 to 7 inclusive. Farewell to John and Beryl Baldwin and welcome to Tom Griffith-Jones. Also Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline M. Humphrey (first Triples) 1, Ashtone Applewhite 2, Marjorie Batchelor 3, Quilla Roth 4, S. F. Royal 5, S. Humphrey 6, R. S. Dirksen 7, J. G. Fanfani 8. A welcome and farewell to Stephen Royal. Also Sept. 7, 1384 Plain and Little Bob Major: Ann Gardner 1-2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3-4, R. S. Dirksen 5-6, Marjorie Batchelor 7-8. First Spliced Major for all, and in U.S.A. Also Sept. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: Quilla Roth 1, Ann Gardner 2, Marjorie Batchelor 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones (first Stedman) 4, S. Humphrey 5, E. Martin 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani 8. For Labor Day.

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## Peals

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (18 cwt.)

##### 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

- 1 Ronald J. Sharp
- \*2 Jeremy Piron
- 3 Robert R. Churchill
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Martyn J. Marriott
- 6 Robert L. Piron
- 7 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
- 8 C. Michael Orme

\*First of London.

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

(Yorkshire Association)

#### PATRINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Patrick.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.)

##### 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8

methods: 1120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, 224 London, 108 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- \*1 Laura Higginson
- 2 Peter Church
- 3 Maris C. Stephenson
- 4 F. Neville Pailing
- 5 John R. Leary (Conductor)
- 6 Ronald Ducker
- 7 Christopher L. D. Munday
- 8 Ian G. Campbell

\*First attempt.

#### BEVERLEY, E. Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (34 cwt.)

##### 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3.)

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

- 1 Roddy R. Horton
- \*2 Peter Church
- 3 Maris C. Stephenson
- 4 John R. Leary
- \*5 F. Neville Pailing
- \*6 Malcolm E. Johnson
- 7 Michael Maughan (Conductor)
- 8 George S. Deas
- 9 Ian G. Campbell
- 10 Ronald Ducker

\*First in method. First in method for the society.

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

#### HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down, St. Malachi.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (19 cwt.)

##### 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 2 Jennifer Field (Newnham)
- 3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 4 R. S-Bradley (Clare)
- 5 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 6 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 7 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
- 8 S. C. Walters (Pembroke)

First in method by all and for the guild.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

#### TENBY, Pembrokeshire, St. Mary.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.)

##### 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8

methods: 768 London, Rutland; 640 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorksire; with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 John Bell
- 2 Neil Bennett (Conductor)
- 3 Christine Andrew
- 4 Giles B. Thompson
- 5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 6 Michael D. Fishwick
- 7 Frank Osbaldiston
- 8 Richard S. Starkie

#### ROSTHERNE, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (22½ cwt.)

##### 5040 MINOR (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade,

Gower, Rev. Canterbury, Cambridge S., St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Paul Maddock
- 2 David A. Godfrey
- 3 Harry W. Howard
- 4 Frederick S. Sutton
- 5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

225th as conductor.

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

#### PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7 cwt.)

##### \*5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Derek H. Walters
- \*2 R. David Baker
- \*3 Charles P. Quantley
- 4 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 John K. Foot
- 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

\*First of London Major. In memoriam Mrs. A. Wilson, benefactor of this church.

### DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

#### DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (19 cwt.)

##### 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

- 1 David W. Friend (Conductor)
- 2 Gordon A. Halls
- 3 Joseph C. Woolley
- 4 Samson Walklate
- 5 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 6 Harold Taylor
- 7 Clive A. Thrower
- 8 Geoffrey Paul
- 9 John F. Murfin
- 10 Iain Wilson

By members of the Cathedral band as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Stennitt of the Cathedral band.

### BASFORD, Nottingham, St. Leodegarius.

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (14½ cwt.)

##### 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton

- 1 Timothy Wylie
- 2 Nora Carlisle
- 3 Susan E. Davis
- 4 Roger Day
- 5 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 6 William L. Exton
- 7 Denis R. Carlisle
- 8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

### EAST RETFORD, Notts, St. Swithun.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (23 cwt.)

##### 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Clive A. Thrower
- 2 Timothy Wylie
- 3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 4 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 5 Robert M. Chambers
- 6 David W. Parkin
- 7 Gordon A. Halls
- 8 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 9 Denis A. Frith
- 10 David W. Friend

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

#### SOBERTON, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13½ cwt.)

##### 5376 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4

methods: 1344 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method).

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Peter J. Munday
- 4 Alan D. Flood
- 5 Richard L. Underwood
- 6 Timothy F. Collins
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- \*8 A. Patrick Cannon

\*First of spliced.

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**5AWSTON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin.**  
Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- \*1 Joyce Richards
- †2 Keith Page
- 3 Ivan Start
- 4 David Richards
- 5 Brian Page
- 6 Michael R. Ling (Conductor)

\*First peal. †First inside.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**OLD RADNOR, Radnorshire, St. Stephen.**  
Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (9 methods: 2 each St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Grandsire, and 12 variations).

- 1 Reginald Preece
- \*2 Bryan Giddings
- 3 Robert A. Hatcher (Conductor)
- 4 Frederick R. Harris
- 5 John W. Hope
- 6 Danzey H. Watkins

\*First in 21 methods/variations. Wedding compliments to Norman and Marlene Evans and also to David and Anne Hughes.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle.**  
Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Arranged by S. Humphrey.

- 1 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- \*2 Helen Dodds
- 3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Barry R. Eglesfield
- †5 Trevor W. Groom
- 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 7 David R. Sanderson
- 8 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)

\*First of Yorkshire Major. †First of Yorkshire.

**IRISH ASSOCIATION**

**HOLYWOOD, Co. Down, SS. Philip and James.**

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.)  
**5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 Andrew S. Marland
- 2 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 3 J. Roderick N. Lebon
- 4 Nicholas J. H. Small
- 5 Dale Barton
- 6 Richard Green
- 7 S. Clarke Walters
- 8 Richard H. Youdale (Conductor)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire, St. David's Cathedral.**

Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Christine Andrew
- 2 Margaret P. Booth
- 3 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 4 Giles B. Thompson
- 5 Frank Osbaldiston
- 6 Michael D. Fishwick
- 7 Richard S. Starkie
- 8 Neil Bennett (Conductor)

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints.**  
Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (16 methods: Kent and Oxford T.B.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Beverley and Surfleet S.; Double Court; Grandsire; Cambridge S.; Plain Bob).

- \*1 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- \*2 Kenneth Burdett
- \*3 Peter D. Bailey
- \*4 Ronald D. Hughes
- \*5 Alec R. Jones
- 6 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

\*Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.**  
Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (30½ cwt.)

**5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Andrew Hudson.

- 1 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
- \*2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- 3 Alec R. Jones
- 4 Martin Green
- 5 Rupert A. Clarke
- 6 Burley P. Morris
- 7 John Bramley
- 8 A. James Poynor
- 9 Robert B. Smith
- 10 E. Alan Jacques

\*First on ten and first of Stedman. To celebrate the marriage this day of Sarah Margaret, elder daughter of Paul and Merle Taylor, to Michael Joseph Bassett.

**ANSTEY, Leics, St. Mary.**

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1 Richard M. Wilson
- 2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- \*3 John H. Sunderland
- †4 Robert M. Kilby
- 5 William A. Thow
- 6 Ronald D. Hughes
- 7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
- 8 Clive J. Mobbs

\*First of Major and in method. †First of Major inside. On the eve of the Feast of St. Mary.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Ronald D. Hughes
- 2 Richard J. Clifton
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 Roger N. Scholes
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

**SWEPSTONE, Leics, St. Peter.**

Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (16 methods: Kent and Oxford T.B.; Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge S.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Double Bob and Fulbeck; Double Court; Grandsire, Plain Bob).

- 1 William A. Thow
- 2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- \*3 Clive J. Mobbs
- †4 Ronald D. Hughes
- 5 Alec R. Jones
- 6 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

\*50th peal. †50th for the guild. Most Minor methods to a peal by all. For Evensong.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

**BICKER, Lines, St. Swithun.**

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

- \*1 Clive Bradley (14)
- 2 Yvonne Singleton (14)
- 3 David Fensom (15)
- †4 Stephen Johnson (13)
- 5 Michael J. Belcher (Conductor, 15)
- \*6 Keith Richardson (12)

\*First peal. †First inside. Average age, 14 years.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.**

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16½ cwt.)

**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Arranged by A. R. Carter.

- 1 John R. Ketteringham
- 2 Eric Edmondson
- 3 Christine M. Carter
- 4 Joyce M. Clarke
- 5 David C. Brown
- \*6 David Redfearn
- 7 Alan D. Flood
- 8 David R. Sanderson
- 9 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)
- 10 Harold W. Rogers

\*First on ten. First of Royal as conductor.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Margaret.**

Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Court, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Kent T.B.)

- 1 Christine M. Clarke
- 2 James W. Forder
- 3 Norman P. J. Cossey
- 4 John M. Clarke
- 5 Frederick C. Gunton
- 6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

A farewell to the Rev. Alan Glendining, seven years rector of the Raveningham Group of Parishes.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**

**COSGROVE, Northants, St. Margaret.**

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR** (7 extents, 14 methods: Carlisle and Chester; Chester and Munden; London, Wells and Cuncastre; Beverley and Surfleet; Cambridge and Ipswich; Bourne; Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull).

- 1 Janet Pearson
- \*2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3 Elizabeth Forster
- 4 Joyce M. Clarke
- †5 Brian G. Greenwood
- 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

\*Most methods to a peal. †First of Surprise and first of Minor.

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**MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.)

**5024 OVERSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Arranged by Murray Coleman.

- 1 Pamela B. Dacre
- 2 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
- 3 Eric Billings
- 4 Brian R. Danby
- 5 Richard J. Danby
- 6 Stephen B. Bell
- 7 Barry R. Care
- 8 Barrie Hendry

First peal in the method.

**OVERSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—14—58.12.36—14—38—34—18.

F. b d.

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

**BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip.**

Thur., Sept. 10, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (31 cwt.)

**5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Norman J. Goodman
- 2 Enid Lawson
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 James W. Belshaw
- 8 George E. Fearn
- 9 Michael J. Fellows
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**

**NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary.**

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (36 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1 Peter L. R. Hayward
- 2 Sheila M. Anthony
- 3 Maris Stevenson
- 4 Peter Church
- 5 Edmund Shuttleworth
- 6 Peter Hawcock
- 7 George A. Dawson (Conductor)
- 8 Philip Jones
- 9 Ian G. Campbell
- 10 Ronald Ducker

A golden wedding compliment to Walter and Annie Nichols.

**NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James.**

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (19½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

(Traditional.)

- \*1 Pamela C. Clarke
- †2 John R. Leeming (Conductor)
- †3 Susan M. O'Neill
- \*4 H. Geoffrey Wells
- †5 Peter L. R. Hayward
- \*6 Derek Stainsby
- \*7 Brian M. Buswell
- 8 Robert Preston
- 9 R. Brian Mills
- 10 J. David Clarke

\*First of Royal. †Completes Minor to Maximus, even numbers. ‡Completes Minor to Maximus, even numbers, in one year. First of Royal by resident members of Bingham District.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

**FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.)

**5152 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Stephen Bedford
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Martin Thorley
- 5 Adrian Knights
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Ernest G. Pearce
- 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the guild.

**TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.**

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

(Two 2160's and one extent.)

- 1 Muriel R. Page
- \*2 Leslie G. Brett
- †3 Katharine M. Thorley
- 4 Vernon B. Bedford
- †5 Stephen J. Bedford
- †6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

\*Completes the circle. †100th together.

‡First of Cambridge Minor.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.**

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Kent**

T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

- 1 Ruth E. Halford
- \*2 Bronwen J. Davies
- 3 Christopher Renyard
- \*4 Andrew P. Reeves
- 5 Patrick M. Wills
- 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

\*First in 7-Minor A wedding compliment to Patricia Clark and Michael J. Wake, married at Pagham on September 5. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD**

**MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Michael  
and All Angels.**

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (26 cwt.)

**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by A. S. Hudson.

- 1 Heather A. Kippin
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Neil Bennett
- 4 Richard H. Youdale
- 5 Frederick W. Ellis
- 6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor)
- 7 Gwilym Salmon
- 8 John Hartless
- 9 Philip N. Tubbs
- 10 Edward J. Chivers
- 11 Robert C. Kippin
- \*12 James A. D. Woolford

\*50th 12-bell peal.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**

**CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and  
All Saints.**

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 Geoffrey W. Taysom
- \*2 Margaret P. Byrne
- 3 Janet S. Evans
- 4 T. Roy Hart
- 5 F. Malcolm Bowers
- 6 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

\*First peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**WAKEFIELD, Yorks, All Saints Cathedral.**

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS**

Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

- \*1 Mrs. Daisy Whittaker
- 2 Anne E. C. Whittaker
- 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 4 Robert Cater
- 5 R. Anne Johnson
- 6 Peter Carbutt
- 7 George D. Johnson
- 8 George E. Hancock
- 9 Trevor Tarbatt
- 10 Douglas Barker

\*First away from tenor. To welcome Julia Rachel Cater.

**OSSETT, Yorks, Holy Trinity.**

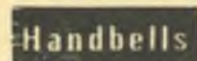
Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (27½ cwt.)

**5075 ERIN CATERS**

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter.

- 1 Patricia North
- 2 Gail Cater
- 3 Iris Lemare
- 4 Margaret White
- 5 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 6 Robert Cater
- 7 Ian North
- 8 Frederick A. Munday
- 9 David S. Lockwood
- 10 Trevor Tarbatt

First of Erin Caters for the association.



**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION**

**CHARLTON KINGS, Gloucestershire,  
19 Ravensgate Road.**

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (13 in G.)

**5496 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR** (4 methods: 3840 Plain Bob, 576 each of Double Bob and Little Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 275 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

- 1-2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3-4 Howard W. Egglestone
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (15 in C.)

**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
(No. 3 version.)

Composed by Neil Bennett.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

\*7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves

9-10 Frank C. Price

\*First of London Royal on handbells.

**NORTH AMERICAN GUILD****WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., at the**  
National Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter  
and Paul.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

\*1-2 Ann Gardner

†3-4 Richard S. Dirksen

5-6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

\*7-8 Marjorie Batchelor

†9-10 Penny Moriarty

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

†First peal. First of Royal in hand in  
North America.**ISLINGTON, Ontario, Canada,**  
50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 12min.

**5088 SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR** (2  
methods: 768 Oxford, 4320 Kent, Ilkeston  
variation, with 48 changes of method).

Composed by Nolan Golden.

1-2 David R. Ingram

3-4 Derek M. Sawyer

5-6 William H. Jackson

7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

**WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.,**  
4929 Hillbrook Lane.

Thur., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (17 in A.)

**5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

\*1-2 Cecily Rock

3-4 Marjorie Batchelor

5-6 Ann Gardner

†7-8 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

\*First peal. †200th peal.

**GRANTHAM RINGERS****ALL PEALS RUNG FOR**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**STAMFORD, Lincs, All Saints.**

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED MINOR**(11 methods—7 extents: 1 March Delight; 2  
March Delight; 3 March and North Muskham  
Delight; 4 North Muskham Delight; 5 Double  
Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst; 6 St. Clements,  
Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob; 7 Kent and  
Oxford Treble Bob).

1 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

2 Vaughan P. Evans

3 Peter A. Slight

4 David R. Baxter

5 Melvyn J. Hiller

6 Brian Buttery

Wedding compliment to Maureen Simons  
(Stamford) and John Milton (Bristol).**UFFINGTON, Lincs, St. Michael and**  
**All Angels.**

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED MINOR**(19 methods—7 extents: 1 March Delight; North  
Muskham and East Bridgford Delight; 2 Boston  
and Selby Delight; 3 Kent and Oxford Treble  
Bob; 4 Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst,  
St. Clements, Childwall and Buxton; 5 St. Nicholas,  
Heatherslade and Gower; 6 Single Oxford  
and Plain Bob; 7 Reverse Canterbury).

\*1 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

2 Peter A. Slight

3 Melvyn J. Hiller

\*†4 Vaughan P. Evans

5 Brian Buttery

6 David R. Baxter

\*50th together. †Most methods. A fare-  
well to Rev. Peter Fluck.**WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs,**  
**St. Andrew.**

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED MINOR**(23 methods—7 extents: 1 Redcar Surprise,  
Beighton S., Appleby S.; 2 Pattiswick S., Ter-  
ling S.; 3 March Delight, North Muskham D.,  
East Bridgford D., Selby D., Boston D.; 4 Kent  
and Oxford Treble Bob; 5 St. Clements, Child-  
wall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pine-  
hurst; 6 St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; 7  
Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Vaughan P. Evans

2 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

3 Melvyn J. Hiller

4 Brian Buttery

5 David R. Baxter

6 Peter A. Slight

An engagement compliment to Janet Hardy  
and Ian Strachan Robinson.**HORBLING, Lincs, St. Andrew.**

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED MINOR**(31 methods—7 extents: 1 Thorn Surprise Minor,  
Ripley S.M., Rhyl S.M., Luton S.M., Fyfield S.M.,  
Broomfield S.M.; 2 Redcar Surprise Minor, Hat-  
field S.M., Appleby S.M., Beighton S.M., Pattis-  
wick S.M., Terling S.M.; 3 March Delight, Stave-  
ley D., Selby D., Boston D., East Bridgford D.,  
North Muskham D.; 4 Kent and Oxford T.B.  
Minor; 5 St. Clements Minor, Childwall, Buxton,  
Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; 6 St. Nicho-  
las, Heatherslade, Gower; 7 Plain Bob Minor,  
Single Oxford).

1 Vaughan P. Evans

2 Peter A. Slight

\*3 Brian Buttery.

4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

\*5 David R. Baxter

\*6 Melvyn J. Hiller

\*Most methods.

**THORNHAUGH, Northants, St. Andrew.**

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (6 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED DOUBLES**(130 methods and variations—19 methods: New  
Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, St. Simon,  
St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Remigius,  
Winchendon, Huntley, St. Nicholas, Rev. St.  
Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints,  
Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, Grandsire  
and 111 variations).Variation numbers: 1-4, 9-16, 21, 23-26,  
31-35, 41-45, 61-64, 69-72, 77-80, 91-94, 99-  
102, 107-110, 121-124, 129-132, 137-140,  
321-352, 371-386.

1 Denis A. Frith

2 Vaughan P. Evans

\*3 Melvyn J. Hiller

4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)

5 Brian Buttery

\*Most Doubles/methods/variations to a  
peal.**WANSFORD, Northants, St. Mary.**

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 1hr. 59min. (3 cwt.)

**5040 SPICED MINOR**(15 methods—7 extents: 1 London Bob, Lytham,  
Westlecott; 2 College Bob, Wavertree, Rod-  
bourne; 3 St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; 4  
Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; 5 Single  
Oxford; 6 Reverse Canterbury; 7 Plain Bob).

1 Vaughan P. Evans

2 Brian Buttery

3 Melvyn J. Hiller

4 David R. Baxter

5 Peter A. Slight

6 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

**EGGLESTONE'S EFFUSION****ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE**  
**SUFFOLK GUILD****CHELMSFORD, Essex, Cathedral of**  
**SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.**

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (34 cwt.)

**5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS**

Composed by Roderick Pipe.

1 Yvonne A. Towler

2 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

\*3 Bruce Martin

4 Cyril A. Wratten

†5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

6 Brian Bladon

7 Stephen Fenwick

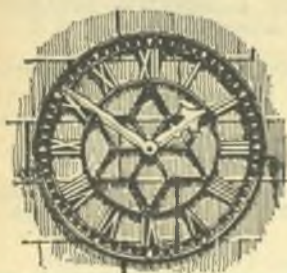
8 Paul A. Williams

9 James L. Towler

10 Cecil W. Pipe

11 James R. Taylor

12 D. John Hunt

\*First of Maximus inside. †First on 12.  
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Mrs. L. J. Clark.**CHURCH CLOCKS****NEW CLOCKS : ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS**  
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**HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.**  
Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.)

**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Henry Dains.

- 1 Paul A. Williams
- \*2 Margery A. Wratten
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Stephen Fenwick
- 5 Bruce Martin
- 6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 James L. Towler

\*First in the method.

**LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.**  
Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21 cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Bruce Martin
- 2 Cyril A. Wratten
- 3 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 4 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
- 5 Stephen Fenwick
- 6 Paul A. Williams
- 7 James R. Taylor
- 8 Brian Bladon

**GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.**  
Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL**

Arranged by John R. Mayne.

- 1 Margery A. Wratten
- 2 Stephen Fenwick
- \*3 Yvonne A. Towler
- \*4 Brian Bladon
- 5 James R. Taylor
- \*6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 7 James L. Towler
- †8 Cyril A. Wratten
- 9 Cecil W. Pipe
- 10 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

\*First of Rutland Royal. †500th peal.

**ELVEDEN, Suffolk, SS. Patrick and Andrew.**  
Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (17 cwt.)

**5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Bruce Martin
- 2 Brian Bladon
- 3 James R. Taylor
- 4 Howard W. Egglestone
- 5 Paul A. Williams
- \*6 Cyril A. Wratten
- \*7 James L. Towler
- 8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**STOWMARKET, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Mary.**

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (20 cwt.)

**5088 STONEHENGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1 D. John Hunt
- 2 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 3 Cyril A. Wratten
- 4 Paul A. Williams
- 5 Cecil W. Pipe
- 6 Stephen Fenwick
- 7 James L. Towler
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

First in method by all.

**LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, St. Margaret.**  
Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.)

**5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Stanley Jenner

- 1 Margaret E. Egglestone
- \*2 Bruce Martin
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Howard W. Egglestone
- 5 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
- \*6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- \*7 Cecil W. Pipe
- \*8 James L. Towler

\*First in the method.

**PAKEFIELD, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.**

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8 cwt.)

**5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR**

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- \*1 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- †2 Margery A. Wratten
- †3 Stephen Fenwick
- 4 James R. Taylor
- 5 Cecil W. Pipe
- 6 Brian Bladon
- †7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

\*100th peal. †First in the method.

**WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.**  
Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (15 cwt.)

**5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 James L. Towler
- 2 Howard W. Egglestone
- 3 Paul A. Williams
- 4 Cyril A. Wratten
- 5 James R. Taylor
- 6 Brian Bladon
- 7 Cecil W. Pipe
- 8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

**BENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.**  
Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21 cwt.)

**5056 PUDESEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Charles H. Martin.

- 1 Yvonne A. Towler
- \*2 Stephen Fenwick
- 3 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 4 Bruce Martin
- 5 D. John Hunt
- 6 Brian Bladon
- 7 James R. Taylor
- 8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**BRAMFORD, Suffolk, Bramford Lodge.**  
Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1-2 Jennifer M. Taylor
- 3-4 James R. Taylor
- 5-6 Howard W. Egglestone
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

**EYE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.**  
Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (19 cwt.)

**5088 SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulmer.

- 1 Cecil W. Pipe
- 2 Paul A. Williams
- 3 Brian Bladon
- 4 James R. Taylor
- 5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- \*6 James L. Towler
- 7 D. John Hunt
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

\*400th peal. First in the method by all.

**HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter.**  
Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8 cwt.)

**5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 Margery A. Wratten
- 2 Stephen Fenwick
- 3 Yvonne A. Towler
- 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 5 Bruce Martin
- 6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Brian Bladon

**HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.**  
Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.)

**5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Yvonne A. Towler
- \*2 Paul A. Williams
- 3 James R. Taylor
- \*4 Stephen Fenwick
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 James L. Towler
- 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD BOWDON, Cheshire, The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (18 cwt.)

**5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 2 H. Muirhead (Newnham)
- 3 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)
- 4 F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)
- 5 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 6 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 7 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 8 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)

On the birthday of Lois M. N. Ridgway (vicar's daughter).

**CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Mary and All Saints.**

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (25½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by W. Pye.

- 1 F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)
- 2 H. Muirhead (Newnham, Conductor)
- 3 C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)
- 4 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 5 J. B. Cooke (Queens')
- 6 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
- 7 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)
- 8 R. S. Bradley (Clare)
- 9 J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)
- 10 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)

**DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen.**  
Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (15½ cwt.)

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

Composed by C. W. Woolley.

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## Quarter Peals

**Week St. Mary, Cornwall.**—Sept. 9, 1276 Cambridge S. Minor: Mrs. M. A. Large 1, J. W. Conduct 2, Miss J. Quaife 3, H. Trewin (first in method) 4, H. Stacey 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Margaret and Jonathan Noel Large.

**Westminster (St. Clement Danes).**—Aug. 23, 1264 Bob Major: Margaret Chappell 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts (50th quarter) 2, M. Wareing 3, C. E. Willmington 4, G. H. Walker 5, A. M. S. Stracey 6, D. A. Tovell 7, J. E. Muffitt (cond.) 8.

**Wheatley, Oxon.**—Sept. 10, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Hilary McGowan 1, Christine Baker 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, E. F. Putt 4, C. Smith 5, K. H. Harris 6. Conducted by 2 and 5. For Induction of Rev. H. Brasier as vicar.

**Whitby, Yorks.**—Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): J. Lamerton (first in method) 1, S. R. Elwick 2, A. V. Coates 3, P. Sotheran (first Minor) 4, R. M. Franks 5, D. Elwick (first Minor and as cond.) 6, F. H. Lamerton 7. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor.

**Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.**—April 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. T. West 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. W. Williams 3, J. M. Carter 4, H. L. Crisp 5, C. L. Barr 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Brig. the Rev. H. B. Butler. Also May 3, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, F. W. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. T. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong. First Doubles in method 2, 3, 4. Also May 17, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, W. J. Harvey 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. W. Williams 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Harvey (first quarter) 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, H. L. Crisp 3, R. L. Horder 4, J. M. Clarke 5, G. T. West 6, D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also June 14, 1260 Bob Triples: G. T. West 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, D. A. Wills 3, J. A. Foster 4, C. L. Barr 5, F. W. Williams 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong; half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. Metcalfe (curate). Also June 28, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. For Evensong. Also July 5, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, D. A. Wills 6, J. M. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also July 12, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. T. West 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. W. Williams (100th quarter) 3, C. L. Barr 4, H. L. Crisp (first in method) 5, J. M. Clarke 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also July 26, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grand-sire; 6, 4 8 covering): Wendy Harvey 1, D. A. Wills (cond.) 2, C. L. Barr 3, Jean Rignell 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

**Woodborough, Notts.**—July 5, 1364 Minimus (53 m/v): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. For Feast Sunday. Also July 10, 1440 Minimus (63 m/v): A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also July 12, 1272 Minimus (Single Court and Plain Bob): A. E. Clayton 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 75th on the bells) 4. Also July 17, 1272 Stanton Minimus: P. R. Wild 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also July 20, 1260 Minimus (62 m/v): A. E. Clayton 1, H. G. Wells (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower (75th on the bells) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also Aug. 16, 1368 Minimus (58 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also Aug. 21, 1260 Plain Bob Minimus: Dianne E. Holland 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Also Aug. 30, 1272 Seconds Bob Minimus: G. P. Butler 1, A. E. Clayton 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also Sept. 4, 1268 Lowdham Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also Sept. 6, 1440 Minimus (62 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, R. M. Thompson 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliment to Patricia M. Hayward.

## Kent County Association RAFFLE FOR R.W.

A friendly welcome is always assured to ringers by the happy band at Woodchurch (one of the Ashford District's most loyal bands), and a successful meeting was held there on September 5.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and by service time over 50 ringers and friends were present. The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. R. D. Wain), Mr. H. Wilkinson, of the local band, read the lesson and Mr. Barnes was at the organ. The offertory, amounting to £4 10s., was donated to Tenterden Tower and Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea, generously provided, was served by the local band and friends in the village hall and a business meeting followed. At the conclusion the secretary proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted with the day's arrangements, particularly Mr. R. E. Pellett, who in spite of muddled notices had everything well under control. A raffle in aid of The Ringing World realised £4.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., under the direction of Mr. J. Hemsley, and notwithstanding the weight of the bells touches were invariably successful.

Towers represented were Appledore, Ashford, Brabourne, Folkestone, Hythe, Lympne, Mersham, Newchurch, New Romney, Rolvenden, Tenterden, Willesborough, Woodchurch and Wye. A.B.

**Yatton, Som.**—Sept. 12, 1280 Bob Major: R. W. Rice 1, J. Brain 2, Marjorie Legg 3, W. S. Rice 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Prescott 6, G. Hebden 7, P. J. England (cond.) 8. In memoriam H. A. Price.

**Wraxall, Som.**—Aug. 28, 1280 Bristol S. Major: J. Brain 1, Diana Bridle 2, Carole Patey 3, G. H. Pullin 4, P. J. England 5, R. W. Rice 6, S. Brown 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8.

**Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs.**—Aug. 2, 1296 Primrose and York S. Minor: W. Holmes 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, A. Wade 3, F. Hubbard 4, L. Blanchard 5, A. G. Payne 6. For the christening of Matthew John Samuel Payne.

## PEAL WEEK—GRANTHAM RINGERS

A peal week in August was first suggested in the winter months, when holidays were being planned. It was decided that four members of the Grantham band would embark on the Week and so increase their knowledge of Surprise, Delight and Plain Minor methods. The towers were arranged by Denis Frith, who also obtained the services of David R. Baxter and Melvyn J. Hiller. Denis, who was to conduct the Minor methods, provided copious papers covered in diagrams, aides memoire, notes and general advice on the methods that were to be rung.

Monday morning saw us at Stamford (All Saints') with a peal in 11 methods, and our efforts on the pleasant six at Uffington brought the number to 19. Our thanks go to Mr. John Bluff for meeting us at both these towers. It was at Uffington that we learned that John was on holiday and so he was "roped in" for a peal of Major on Thursday at Heydour.

Witham-on-the-Hill (Tuesday) was eventful, and a peal in 23 methods came round after a couple of attempts, switching of ringers, and the last two extents being rung by the tenor man with his rope end lashing his forehead. Relaxation followed at the Six Bells in the village. We must have relaxed too much, as we suffered our first failure in the afternoon at Morton.

St. Andrew's, Horbling, brought us to the most methods in the week (31) and there then followed three failures—at Bourne, Heydour and Sempringham. With some of the band a little dispirited, we met on the Friday morning for a peal on the light five at Thornhaugh, Northants, with a peal in 130 methods and variations. The afternoon ringing on an even lighter six (tenor 3 cwt.) at Wansford was the fastest peal of the week in 15 Plain Minor methods and came home in 1 hour and 59 minutes.

We had scored only six out of ten but comforted ourselves with the fact that the ringing had been good and that we had attempted something different method-wise each time.



[Photo: Derek Folland, Crediton.]

Tom Wright, of Down St. Mary, Devon, leads his daughter, Heather, into church through the ringing room for her marriage to Paul Madge, of Crediton. Heather, who rings with the Down St. Mary "B" band, is a student at St. Luke's College, Exeter, and will continue to ring in her home tower from their new home in Copplestone. We understand that Paul is to be one of his father-in-law's new recruits this autumn!



### St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Dorchester, Dorset

Dear Sir,—I should be most interested to know if there are any ringers' pewter flagons in existence, apart from the one belonging to the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester. Little is ever written about the former habits of past generations of ringers, in the days when the flagon would stand ready filled in the belfry for the ringers to quench their thirst.

A brief account of the flagon belonging to the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, is printed below, which it is hoped will be of interest to other ringers. — Yours faithfully,

R. H. DUKE,

Captain and Towerkeeper.  
Dorchester, Dorset.

#### A RINGERS' PEWTER FLAGON

(The only example known in pewter.)

For generations in the past it was common practice for ringers to have a well-filled flagon of beer or cider—anything up to six gallons in capacity—in the belfry, from which they drank heartily during their strenuous labours.

The St. Peter's, Dorchester, ringers' flagon is at present on loan and in the safe keeping of the Dorset County Museum next to St. Peter's Church, but is claimed, and exhibited, at ringers' meetings and on other special occasions.

In 1933 the flagon was found to be in a very bad state and was restored to its present condition. It was covered in black scale (i.e. corrosion) which was flaking off, and, underneath, a second layer of corrosion in the form of a hardish grey powder had formed, and so it would have continued until the point of disintegration had been reached.

It had obviously been entrusted to some inexperienced tinker to repair at some time as some very clumsy repairs had been made to the cover and handle, which at some time appeared to have been broken off. A puncture beneath the frontal inscription had been carelessly attended to. The chief danger was the possible loss of the finely executed inscription upon the front, but this was saved as it had been deeply cut.

The dimensions of the flagon are as follows: Total height to the top of the thumb-piece 15½ in.; to top of cover 14 in.; and to the lip 12½ in.; the diameter of the base being 8½ in. and of the lip 6½ in. The weight is 10½ lb. and capacity 1½ gallons.

The inscription affords a fine example of the stiffly conventionalised Stuart mantling into which the actual lettering cuts at two points. It reads: "Feb. 7th, 1676. The Gift of Edward Lester wch is to remaine for ye use of ye Ringers of Dorchester for ever," and beneath the mantling is cut "St. Peter."

In the centre of the cover are struck the hallmarks of the maker, probably those of Samuel Attley (Old Pewter, Its Makers and Marks).

The flagon was restored by Messrs. Isher and Sons and the cost was shared by Mrs. Scott Nicholson, Archibald J. Irving Esq., Cyril C. Minchin Esq., Alderman J. E. Pink, Major John Richardson, D.S.O., and Howard H. Cotterell Esq.

It was hoped to exhibit this ringers' pewter flagon on Sunday, September 20, when St. Peter's, Dorchester, ringers were to hold their annual Festival Sunday.



The pewter flagon described above and a copy of the scrollwork and inscription.

### North Staffs Association.

#### GONE TO ELY

Throughout its history the North Staffordshire Association has had as its president the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent. On his appointment in 1956, the Ven. George Youll succeeded Ven. Percy Hartill, and over the years has always shown a keen interest in church bells and ringing. Mr. Youll has attended every annual meeting of the Association during his 14 years as president, even at some inconvenience.

It was with considerable regret that members learned recently of his resignation as Archdeacon to become Canon Treasurer of Ely Cathedral.

Mr. Youll left North Staffordshire on September 16, and no opportunity occurred for the association to bid him farewell.

In the circumstances four members, Messrs. G. S. Ryles (chairman), R. S. Anderson and George Biddulph (former chairmen) and R. Ballard (secretary) entertained him at an informal dinner and presented him with six cut glass sherry glasses and book token subscribed to by members.

The Archdeacon was deeply touched by the gifts and asked that his sincere thanks be conveyed to all members for their kind thought and generous gesture. He said he would take away with him many happy memories of times spent with ringers, and hoped that he would be able to meet the North Staffordshire ringers on some future occasion.

### Sussex County Association

#### SAMPLED THE HOPS

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held on August 22 at St. Giles, Bodiam, and the tower contains an excellent ring of six cast by Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1961.

Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening and the Association's form of service was conducted by the priest-in-charge (Rev. E. G. Allsop), following which tea, arranged by Mrs. Allsop, was taken at the Church House.

At the business one new member was elected. Following the evening ringing a return was made to the Church House where a free sample of the products of Messrs. Guinness Hop Farms Ltd. awaited the party, being the gift of one of the directors of the firm which owns much of the land around Bodiam and on which they grow the hops from which their products are made.

### Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

#### MEETING GATHERS MOMENTUM

In glorious weather, members of the Christchurch and Southampton District met for their quarterly meeting at Ringwood. It was a meeting which gathered momentum as the day went on, starting with some 20 ringers in Ringwood belfry in the afternoon and finishing with upwards of 60 members in the beautiful little Church of St. Michael, Sopley, for some evening 6-bell ringing.

The guild office was used at the service in Ringwood Church, conducted by the vicar, and about 35 sat down to tea prepared by Mrs. Olive Collins and her lady helpers in the church hall. A brief but very useful business meeting followed. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight at Ringwood (up to London Major) and on the six at Sopley, where some good striking in methods up to London Minor was heard. Perhaps this was due to a team of ladies who set the pace with a near-perfect 120 of Doubles early in the evening. G.D.



### ANOTHER TRIP TO SCOTLAND

The report in a recent edition of *The Ringing World* of a short trip to Scotland listed three essential requirements, one of them being 13 willing ringers. We intended to take 12 ringers but, with a couple of late drop-outs, were left with only ten. Luck was on our side, for at our first tower in Scotland, St. Cuthbert's Edinburgh, where we were ringing for morning service, we met Helen Henderson, from Melbourne, Australia, and she was able to join us for the week. [It is also understood that one of the party, who shall be nameless to spare his blushes, continued to escort Helen for a further 24 hours or so after the tour ended!]

We spent the Sunday after our arrival ringing at the four towers in Edinburgh, where we value the friendly welcome at each tower. Two of the band, making inquiries outside Fettes College, had difficulty in persuading a lady that they were not wishing to ring the door bell, but the five light bells in the chapel. Here one or two of the band climbed through a window and traversed a parapet to watch the bells in operation at close range.

On Monday we drove from headquarters at Linlithgow (The Star and Garter Hotel made us feel very much at home) northwards to Inverness, where we admired the work put into furnishing the ringing room. We returned to Linlithgow via Loch Ness, Fort William and the ferry at Ballachulish, driving some 400 miles in the day and viewing with awe much of Scotland's wonderful scenery.

### RECORDED FOR TV

Tuesday was a more restful day. At Dunblane our ringing was recorded without warning by the B.B.C. Wales TV unit. The play-back greeted us as we left the tower, and this proved the cue for technical discussion on cutting out wind noise from recordings. Owners of tape recorders in the band eyed with envy the £50 piece of apparatus used by the B.B.C. to protect their mike from interference.

St. Paul's and St. Mary's, Dundee, were also visited, but many of the party went to the wrong St. Paul's, arriving at the right tower just in time to ring before we were due to move on. At St. Mary's the conductor, resplendent in his kilt, called some changes so that two Dundee ringers could join in the ringing with us.

Wednesday was the great day for our "Taylor" enthusiasts, when we drove to Inveraray, swept water from the tower, fitted ten ropes and coached one of our members through his first course of London Royal. An intrepid carpenter continued to work on top of the tower whilst we rang, having first watched us raise the bells in peal—his first sight of ringing. Although the sound of the bells inside the tower is spoiled by the concrete floors, recordings taken outside confirmed that these are indeed a fine toned ring of ten. We planned to join the local practice at Paisley on our way "home," but found that Paisley ringers were on holiday and we had the bells to ourselves. It was unfortunate that one car arrived late through stopping to photograph Highland cattle at close quarters, but we still managed to fit in five touches of Surprise Major, including Glasgow and six-spliced, on this very pleasant ring of eight. We spent a friendly evening at our hotel, ringing handbells after closing time, and being rewarded with a spirited rendering of "Ye banks and braes," and entertained by the presence of the local police constable drinking his lemonade and pocketing crisps for his night's rounds.

### TOUR—WITH A DIFFERENCE

When your wife says: "I've arranged a ringing holiday for you," you listen very carefully. Such was the situation in Basil-don New Town earlier this year. What she really meant was that there was a fortnight when she would be minding some children and her husband could be free. From this beginning a start was made to plan a holiday for up to 12 local ringers, travelling by Utilabrake.

Overnight accommodation could only be found at Shipham in Somerset and at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Abercrave in South Wales. We settled for this and bought cheap maps of the areas, pasted them on card and proceeded to add small home-made flags to mark the various rings of bells. Then commenced the seemingly endless task of letter writing, mainly to 6-bell towers. A handbook was duplicated, containing methods and spaces for towers, and excitement mounted as the replies began to come in and the planned tours for the various days began to take shape.

It was at about this point that the organiser began to have doubts. There was one adult and nine young people, whose ages ranged from 11 to 15. Seven were from Langdon Hills and the others from Downham and Orsett. Their experience was in some cases only nine months and some tower totals were barely into double figures—but they were keen. Well, we could always settle for call-changes if necessary; but what about raising and lowering bells singly in places where this was always done in peal? We therefore checked that all could do this singly and determined to begin with three in peal and work up.

We set off on August 1, and our first tower turned out to be the most unusual. One bell was minus a stay (we found it tied to the rope as a warning), another was minus a rope, the ringing room was minus

The next day, in Glasgow, seven of the party went to the wrong cathedral, leaving the small remainder, with two ladies who met us, to ring Minor on the back six of this 32 cwt. ten. There was time for only a short touch on the ten before service. Luckily we were allowed to ring again after the service, and appreciated the fine tone and easy "go" of this Taylor ten.

We were now left with only one ringable tower to visit in Scotland, and after spending Friday in various pursuits we met at Alloa. At least, most of us met at Alloa to ring, but the occupants of one car arrived very late and very merry, with a complicated story about being shown round a cooper's yard and sampling whisky from a milk bottle. Ringers from Alloa kindly provided coffee for those of us who did not have to hurry back to the hotel. When settling our bills that evening, our hotel manager paid for drinks all round, and would not charge for an extra room we had booked and not used. (A hotel to be revisited!)

We left Linlithgow next morning and crawled through dense traffic from Carlisle southwards, but arrived at Worsley in time to ring in the early evening. After taking group photographs we dispersed to our various destinations in Leicestershire and Somerset. Our thanks go to all incumbents for their willing permission to ring and to the many ringers who welcomed us to their towers.

The party comprised Dave, George and Hilda Massey, David and Glenda Orledge, Roy and Wally Rice, Peter England, Roger Kendrick, Roland Cook and Helen Henderson.

part of the ceiling and the belfry part of its floor. We certainly heard our Minimus on the odd four, but what could we say to the lady who met us outside and asked if we liked the bells!

Highlights of the holiday were the visits to practices at Bath Abbey and Wrington, where some scored their first on ten. Having consolidated our Stedman we managed our first course of Carter at Nempnett Thurbwell, after waiting for the organ tuner to finish. The heavy sixes at Publow and Axbridge were voted by some the best of the holiday although others preferred Penhow in Monmouthshire. Our plain courses of Plain Bob Triples at Castle Cary and Machen were quite promising. We greatly enjoyed the lovely setting and bells of Over Stowey, where we attempted to ring cart-wheel call-changes but found it difficult to close the handstroke lead.

### VILLAGERS' INTEREST

Having worked our way steadily through touches of Plain Bob Minor, we commenced our second week with a good first course of Double Oxford at Llanfaes. At Bronllys that evening several villagers and holiday-makers turned out to watch through the door of the detached tower. It was here that some of the change-ringers had trouble with call-changes called local style. After our ring at Cadoxton Mr. Gwyn Lewis very kindly guided us to Neath and saw that everything was in order before we rang. The second Wednesday evening, when we rang at New and Old Radnor, was particularly enjoyable and on the former bells we managed a good course of Kent (our first). This inspired the youngsters to suggest Cambridge and a good course was rung at Llangynwyd the following evening.

Further inspired by this unexpected success they decided that London must also be rung, and late into the night voices could be heard chanting the work of the blue line and agreeing that it was hard. As usual we had to wait for easy bells before we could try, and after a couple of attempts we managed three-and-a-half leads before someone was lost, and that was the best we could do.

It has to be admitted that towards the end of the holiday late nights were beginning to have an effect, and in attempting to ring more difficult methods we lost the precision which we had steadily built up during the first week. We rang very badly at Llanblethian and were disappointed not to do justice to the heavy six at Huntspill, where we had hoped to ring Huntspill Doubles but somehow had difficulty catching the tenor sally. We must also admit that after having difficulty obtaining the key at Stogursey and not being able to decide whether the chime hammers were off or on we felt we could not ring there. So we rang a course of Bob Minor on the handbells and left.

Throughout the holiday we progressed from raising and lowering three until we could manage five quite well if we were lucky (does it really depend on luck, as it seems to?). We did occasionally try six but found that needed even more luck.

The final tower total was 65, and in spite of a late return home on the final Saturday five of Langdon Hills' bells were taken up in peal before the Sunday morning service, and Plain Bob and Double Oxford Minor replaced the usual Doubles.

Our apologies to Somerset and South Wales that we sometimes did not ring as well as we ought; but if it's any consolation, you have contributed to progress in our small area of Essex. G.I.L.



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### BIRTH

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### DEATH

**HEAZEL.**—Dorothy, wife of the late Robert Heazel, at Saffron Walden Hospital on September 15, 1970, after a long illness patiently and bravely borne. Cremation at Great Parndon was on September 23. 9744

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**ROUSE.**—As from October 17, 1970, the address of Marcus and Heather (hon. sec., Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Marlborough Branch) will be 39 Norris Close, Chiseldon, Wilts. 9730

**SKILTON.**—Until further notice Tony will be sleeping at 43 College Road, Canterbury, Kent. Tel. 63209. 9765

**WOOD.**—The address of Peter, Marian and family is now 20, Newbiggen Street, Thaxted, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2QR. 9775

### PERSONAL

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: All Hallows, Twickenham, Thurs., Oct. 8, 7.30–9; St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Oct. 30, 7.45–9.15.—C. H. R. 9760

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—Practice, Wardington, Oxon, on Thurs., Oct. 8, 7.30.—B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9766

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The branch practice on Oct. 5 will now be held at WOOTTON and not as previously arranged.—E. R. Venn, Branch Sec. 9767

**STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**—Evening practice meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, near Burton-on-Trent, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 9762

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Titchfield, on Wed., Oct. 7, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor. 9658

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting with Frome Branch, St. Mary's, Bathwick, Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (names to P. R. Stubbs, 3 Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath). St. Mark's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) available after meeting. 9674

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Brailes. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Also Shipston-on-Stour bells (6), 2.45–3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. M. Field, 56 Jeffs Close, Brailes, Banbury, or to me. Your full support, please, for this lovely ring of bells.—H. A. M. 9713

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Autumn quarterly meeting at Heanor (note change of venue) on Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Farnsworth, 5 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbys.—F. Ross, Gen. Sec. 9685

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Sat., Oct. 3. Ringing: Fenham, 1.30–3; St. Stephen's, 2.30–3.30; Cathedral, 6.45–9. Business 3.30 and tea 5, both at St. Stephen's. Service 6 at St. Stephen's. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street (Tel.: 3504). 9734

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech District.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9745

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—1970 ringing competition, Wickwar, Glos (6), Sat., Oct. 3, 2.30–5.30 p.m. Competition ringing 6 p.m. festival service. Towers available for open ringing. 9727

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Hiscock, Milton Mead, Seale Lane, Seale (Runfold 2724), please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9699

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Baldock (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea available. 9716

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. Jenner, 1 Middle Walk, Tunbridge Wells. 9665

**SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9746

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.**—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), 3–5.30, and Eckington (8), 7–8.30, Sat., Oct. 3. Cups of tea only at Eckington.—R. Fletcher. 9727

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 3: Danehill (6), 3–4.30 p.m.; Lindfield (8), 6–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at the Tiger Room, Lindfield, at 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 9770

**EGHAM, SURREY.**—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—On Thursday, Oct. 8, silenced bell practice for initial tuition, correction of handling faults and learning how to instruct beginners for tower captains and would-be instructors. Open practice Tuesday. Please note that a performance of Handel's Messiah, conducted by Wyn Morris, will take place at Egham Church on Sat., Oct. 10, at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme at door 7s. 6d. 9638

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Wragby (6), Oct. 10. Names for tea, please, to T. Tarbatt, 7a Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, by Wednesday previous. No names, no tea. 9731

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Oct. 10, Cople (6), 3–5. Tea at Willington (6) 5 p.m. Ringing to follow in evening. Come and buy your tickets for the social on Oct. 17.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9771

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, Oct. 10. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9 East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9780

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—Meeting, Chester-le-Street, Sat., Oct. 10, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Ian Wintrip, 20 York Terrace, Chester-le-Street. Tea 5 p.m. 9738

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Cambridge District) and **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Oct. 10, Barton, 3–4 p.m. Service at Haslingfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Haslingfield.—J. S. 9703

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Whitminster (6), Oct. 10, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea at Frampton, 5.15 p.m. Bells (6) available afterwards. Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, by Oct. 7. 9620

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cotleigh, on Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Sparkes, Burnside, Cotleigh. 9774

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Apsley End (6), Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44 Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9778

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—A joint meeting will be held with the Syston District of the Leics Diocesan Guild on Sat., Oct. 10, at Thurnby. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pawley, 8 Anthony Drive, Thurnby, Leicester, by Oct. 7. 9749

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Penwortham, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please, to J. Ascroft, 9 Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, no later than Wed., Oct. 7. Special methods: London S. Major and Stedman Triples.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec. 9747

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Ormskirk (8), Sat., Oct. 10, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Halsall (6). All very welcome.—C. D'Aeth. 9781

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Middleton, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. K. Miller, 27 Scarfield Drive, Rochdale (Tel.: 41405), by Wed., 7th. Grant to be made from branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham. 9754



**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Syston District) and **LADIES' GUILD**.—A joint meeting will be held at Thurnby on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. 9740

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sat., Oct. 10. Half-day Ringing School at the Isle of Axholme towers, 1-8 p.m. Details from Mr. M. A. Rose, 81 High Street, Belton, Doncaster, Yorks. 9590

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall, and business. Evening ringing at St. Botolph, Aldgate. —E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9772

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**.—The autumn meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 9721

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting at Tunstall, Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Ballard, 8 Copes Avenue, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6BJ, by Oct. 7. Please note change of date. 9751

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Daven-try Branch.—Meeting, Bilton (6), Sat., Oct. 10. Names for tea to W. Burnell, Laburnum Cottage, 312 Bilton Road, Rugby, Warks, by Wednesday previous. —I. Webb, 9753

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**.—N. Notts meeting, Oct. 10, at Sutton-cum-Lound (3) before tea and at Babworth afterwards. Names for tea to be sent to Mrs. L. Richardson, 19 Portland Place, Sutton-cum-Lound, Retford, Notts, by previous Wednesday. 9755

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—North West District. —A.G.M., Sat., Oct. 10, Horringer (8). Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Potter, 3 Lucas Cottages, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds. No names, no tea. —A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9752

**TRURO GUILD**.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn festival at St. Keverne, Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskimming, Hea-moor, Penzance. 9756

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD**.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's, Southampton, bells in evening. Names for tea to Miss Crabb, 159 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO2 4HA, by previous Wednesday. —Gillian Davis, Dis. Sec. 9776

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION**.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Middle Littleton, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Draw, Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, by Oct. 7. Evening ringing at Cleeve Prior, 7 to 9. 9735

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Stratford-on-Avon on Sat., Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea by Sept. 15, please. —H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Tel. Harbury 504. 9644

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chalford (steel 6), Sat., Oct. 17, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 9739

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Cheriton, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Munt, Little Gatton, School Lane, Newington, Folkestone, by Thurs., Oct. 15. —A. B. 9653

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss Betty Ormrod, 46 Norton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 7QC (phone: 061-226 1932), by Wed., Oct. 14. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome. 9758

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Quarterly meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 17. Bells: Ibstock, 1.30-2.30; Heather, 2-3; Measham, 2.30-3.30; Packington, 3-4; Ashby, 3.30-4.30. Service at Ashby 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Further ringing at Ashby after meeting. Names, please, to Mr. H. Beads-moore, Glan Elan, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics, by Wed., Oct. 14, or if pen has been lost on the bus, to me (Markfield 2544), by Tues., Oct. 13. Everyone very welcome. —Ron Hughes. 9627

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Banbury and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Great Tew, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford. —B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9777

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Chipping Nor-ton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Spelsbury, Sat., Oct. 17. Ringing at Chadlington (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Spels-bury until 7.30 and at Churchill (8) from 7.45. —P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 9769

## COURSE and CONFERENCE

at  
THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEREFORD  
Thursday evening, April 15, to  
Sunday afternoon, April 18, 1971.

The **COURSE** will cater in groups for most levels of ability from those who can ring rounds, in theory and practice.

The **CONFERENCE** is for those concerned with the education of ringers.

For particulars write to Mr. G. T. Cousins, secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. —W. F. Moreton, convener, S.S. and E. Com-mittee.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

The Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster,  
Saturday, October 17, 1970  
6.30 p.m.

Tickets £1 2s. from:  
F. C. A. Bennett, 7 Rudge Heath Road,  
Claverley, near Wolverhampton. 9759

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER-DANCE

Saturday, October 31  
The Royal Hotel, Southport.  
Tickets 33s. 6d. from Mrs. C. D'Aeth,  
1 Grosvenor Place, Birkdale, Southport. 9660

## SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District)

### RINGING FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 17

Coulsdon (5), 10.15-11.15 a.m.  
Bletchingley (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m.  
Burstow (6), 3-4 p.m.  
Reigate (10), 6.30-7.30 p.m.  
Limpsfield (6), 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.  
Outwood (4), 2.30-3 p.m.  
Buckland (6), 4-5 p.m.  
Merstham (8), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Service 5 p.m. at Buckland, followed by tea for those notifying Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9764

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch)

**DINNER** at the Star Hotel, Hall Quay,  
Great Yarmouth,  
on Saturday, October 31, 1970.  
7.30 for 8 p.m.

Tickets 22s. each from the secretary.  
N. P. J. C. 9779

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly meeting

### CHISLEHURST, KENT

Saturday, October 10

The Annunciation (8), 3-4.30.

Tea at the Village Hall, Church Lane (near St. Nicholas Church), 4.45, followed by meeting. St. Nicholas (8), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. Tel.: Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 9750

## ST. PETER'S, LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

### FLOWER AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 3 and 4.

Ringing:

Saturday, 15.00-17.00 and 18.30-20.30.  
Sunday, 17.00 for 18.00 Harvest Service.  
Refreshments available at Rectory both days.

ALL WELCOME.

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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

### 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 7, 1970 (6 for 6.30)

at Walbrook Restaurant, Bucksbury House,  
Walbrook, E.C.,

the Master, Mr. A. R. Kench, in the chair.  
Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (40s.) from secretary.

Early application, please  
(closing date October 26).

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road,  
London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720). 9691

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 10, 1970

### ANNUAL DINNER

at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super-Mare.  
6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Price 28s. 6d.

Tickets from Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm,  
Locking, Weston-super-Mare, before Oct. 5.  
S.a.e., please. 9612

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

### A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

will be held in

The Vestry Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London,  
on Saturday, October 3, at 6 p.m. 9723

## QUARTER PEALS

should be submitted written on one side of the paper only and laid out in the form used in the R.W. Please study this carefully before sending **YOUR** report. We have no special forms for quarter peals.

### LETTERS

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To be published shortly: The Church Bells of Berkshire, 2nd Edition. Details and price later. 9548



## Wedding.

Miss Susan E. M. Davis—Mr. Brian J. Read.

Because of her flowing wedding dress the bride was unable to climb the tower steps at St. Mary's, Ealing, on August 29, but before the marriage service the bridegroom and his best man did so and managed a pull to welcome the bride to church.

The happy occasion was the wedding of Miss Susan E. M. Davis and Mr. Brian J. Read, both ringers at Ealing. Both have been officers of their respective University Society. A large number of ringers from all parts of the country were at the ceremony.

Attended by four lovely bridesmaids dressed in blue, Susan entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. Martin T. Davis. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. E. Vevers), who gave an interesting address on the use of bells as a means of communication, comparing communication and understanding as of great importance in married life.

Following the service about 100 attended the reception and later the couple left for a honeymoon on the Continent.

Brian, former pupil at Ealing Grammar School, having gained a first class honours degree in mathematical physics, is now reading for his Ph.D. at Sussex University, whilst Susan, former head girl at Walpole Grammar School, Ealing, and with a degree in mathematics, will be teaching at St. Mary's Hall, Brighton.

W. G. W. writes that he is proud to have been responsible for their early tuition in change-ringing.



**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Oswy Street contest at Sturton-le-Steeple (11 cwt.) on Oct. 17. Entries from extra-diocesan towers invited. Write to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, for details.

## LATE NOTICES

for publication must be prepaid, except to agreed accounts, and should be received at the R.W. office by first post on the **THURSDAY WEEK** before publication date. Any received after that time are put in the late notice column, but no guarantee can be given, or responsibility accepted, for advertisements arriving later than the specified time.

**ALL SAINTS, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.** — As from October the practice night is changed to Tuesday instead of Wednesday until further notice. 9792

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The autumn meeting of the Chester Branch will be held at Aldford (8) on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, Cheshire, by Wednesday previous. All ringers and friends welcome. 9783

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — Extraordinary general meeting to be held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, Oct. 10. Ringing at Brierley Hill 3-4 p.m. Service at Dudley 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Evening ringing, Netherton, 6.15-7.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. J. Brown, 31 Renfrew Place, Wordsley, Stourbridge, by Oct. 6. Will all members make every effort to be at this important meeting. 9800

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Canterbury District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Sat., Oct. 10. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Church Centre at approx. 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104 Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, by Oct. 7. Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Canterbury, after meeting until 9 p.m. — J. B. K. 9782

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Please note the advert printed on page 785 (first column). This will now be a full (afternoon) meeting at Chatteris. 9802

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District. — A.G.M., All Saints, Maidstone, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45 Holtys Crescent, Maidstone. 9801

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, 2.30-4.15 p.m., Coltishall (6). Service 4.15. 5-8 p.m. at Scottow (6). 9790

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Striking competition, Sat., Oct. 17, Gaywood. Start 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea (including competitors), please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, by Wed., 14th. — P. A. 9785

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Newbury Branch. — Annual general meeting, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. Lawrenson, 52 Kings Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting: Newbury, 6-8; Shaw, 7-9. 9789

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Quarterly meeting to be held at Newport (8) on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. C. Stocken, c/o 8a College Hill, Shrewsbury, by Wed., Oct. 7. 9794

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Stedham (6), 3 p.m. Tea (Midhurst Church Hall) 5. Service 6 and ringing to 8 p.m. at Midhurst (6). Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis. 9784

## SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970  
Arcadian Hall, Market Street, Barnsley.  
6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 30s. (giving names) from A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, enclosing s.a.e., by Wed., Oct. 28.  
Ringing details to follow.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for  
September 28, 1945.

"I certainly think Cinques in 3 hr. 28 min. would be a bit too fast for me, as I can't think that quickly . . ." — P. A. Corby, in a letter about peal ringing.

" . . . peal ringing and publication depends on the ability and honour of the band, and in the absence of umpires who is to say that a good peal has been rung . . ." — T. Groombridge, jun.

" . . . Why not establish five 720's (3600 changes) as a peal instead of 5040 . . . this would cover most of the musical rows . . . there are a large number of people to whom 3-4 hours continuous ringing is merely a nuisance," wrote S. G.

Several hundred church bells looted by the Nazis . . . for possible conversion into arms were being sorted at Hamburg, the work being supervised by a woman campanologist. — The Times.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Surfleet was conducted by Frank E. Perrins, and one at Birmingham by J. Frank Smallwood, whilst Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, had W. H. Hewett to conduct, and at Beckenham, Kent, Herbert E. Audsley conducted the same method when Frank W. Hicks and James E. Bailey rang their first of Stedman Caters.

Frank B. Luffin conducted Kent Major from the treble at Brentwood, whilst at Surfleet a handbell peal of Double Norwich was conducted by Walter Ayre, ringing 7-8.

Some particulars of the family and early life of Henry Thomas Ellacombe were printed, being extracts from the life of his son, Canon H. N. Ellacombe.

## 50 YEARS AGO

October 1, 1920.

A ringing holiday in Hereford and Shropshire had eight peal attempts and nine failures but everyone enjoyed themselves. The failures were given the following reasons: (1) rope broke, (2) conductor asleep, (3) conductor lost, (4) rope slipped wheel, (5) man ill, (6) band off colour, (7) call missed, (8) too late for attempt, (9) band asleep.

The president of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Rosetta White, was married at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, to Mr. J. C. Salvaneschi.

Two trebles were added to the ring at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, bequeathed by Lt. R. V. Falconer, who fell in the war.

Grandsire Triples, an irregular six-part composed by Edgar C. Shepherd, M.M., was rung for the first time at Stoney Stanton.

A peal ringing tour in Essex resulted in 11 peals being scored, nine of which were conducted by William Pye, the other two by T. T. Gofton. All were peals of Surprise.

Men who would spend a Saturday afternoon within the four walls of a tower, working hard, perspiring freely, looking into each other's faces with that earnestness which the art of bellringing demands, were men out of the common. — Address by the vicar of Pendleton at the Lancashire A.G.M.

Messrs. A. H. Winch and G. Marriner (Leatherhead) were welcome visitors to a Sussex County Association meeting at Pulborough.



## COMPOSITIONS

TWO SIMPLE QUARTER PEALS OF  
BOB MAJOR FOR THE YOUNG  
CONDUCTOR

Most young conductors of Bob Major will soon come across the touch of 238 changes, where the sixth makes the bob three times, viz.:

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The two following quarter peals are based on this touch and may be of value to those wishing to try something fairly easy.

1440 PLAIN BOB MAJOR				
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42356	—			
25463		1		
34256	—			
45362		1		
32456	—			S

Repeated.

It will be seen that in each block of two courses the sixth makes the bob three times followed by a call at Home, when the sixth is dodging 5-6 down. Three times with bobs at Home produces 720 changes. With a single at the third part-end, the entire piece can be repeated to produce 1440 changes.

1360 PLAIN BOB MAJOR				
23456	W	B	M	H
25463		1		
45362				
25364			S	
35462				
45263				
35264			S	
42356	—			
34256				
32456				S
43256				
24356				
23456				S

In this quarter peal the 5th and 6th are fixed in thirds and fifths for the first half, and in their Home positions for the second half. A closer examination of the first half will reveal that the working bells are the 2, 3 and 4. If the conductor regards the Middle position (i.e. when the tenor is dodging 5-6 down) as a course-end, he will find that the lead-ends are as follows:

2345678	B	M
423(5867)	1	—
342		—
324		S
432		—
243		—
234		S

A further examination will reveal that these lead-ends are the same as the course-ends in the second part (and in the same order) when the back four bells are in their natural position at Home (i.e. 5678).

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