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**"Sussex Bells
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"Sussex Bells and Belfries"

George P. Elphick

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 Reviewed by David L. Cawley, F.S.A.Scot.

It is perhaps fortunate that even those accredited as the foremost experts in any field are liable to be proved wrong. Had this not been so, and the late Mr. Amherst Tyssen, who produced "The Church Bells of Sussex" in 1864, had been credited with infallibility, there is every likelihood that we should not be presented with "Sussex Bells and Belfries" in 1970. For it was due to a small inaccuracy that Mr. Elphick was aroused to curiosity as to the complete accuracy of the work and "found himself committed to a complete survey of Sussex bells". That was in 1935. Thirty-five years later we are provided with the fruits of that commitment.

It could well be that Mr. Elphick's work will revolutionise the study of bells and belfries in the second half of the 20th century. A large number of our county books deal mainly with inscriptions and with the chronological data about bell-founders, with which many will be familiar. We now have a work which is not only the most exhaustive treatise on the bells and bellfounders of any one county that has yet appeared, but also in itself an objective study of the evolution of the bell frame and the development of bell fittings.

It is Mr. Elphick's good fortune to possess in his Lewes home two of the oldest bells found in this country, and he is therefore well equipped to treat the subject of founding from Roman times until today. It is impossible to say much of bells of, say, pre-1200, as few large bells of this date exist. However, we must be indebted to Mr. Elphick for both writing and illustrating from such material as he has been able to gather from the work of Theophilus, "De Variis Artibus", III, which can be no later than 1050, and from that of Walter de Odynton, of Evesham, c. 1250. Readers must be left to form their conclusions by reading the work as it stands in our new book, and they will agree with Mr. Elphick that, beyond these sources, together with another anonymous writer also of c. 1250 and, of course, the famous "Bellfounders Window" at York, very little material has been committed to paper (or other media) from the 13th to the 19th centuries by English founders.

Where then does one turn to obtain the information? It is to the bells themselves, bearing in mind the early sources mentioned above. Mr. Elphick's work is a masterpiece of cold fact and scientific deduction; by means of diagrams and trapezoids he shows how the shape of the sound-bow, the head mould and the lip of the bell evolved in relation to the demand for correct tuning of the bell, both as regards its strike note and its overtones; how the canons were formed in shapes which reflected their usefulness and also as an attribute of beauty in a bell. As Mr. Elphick leads us into the 14th and 15th centuries he shows how the shape of the so-called "inscription ring" moulding on a bell with no other markings can help to date the bell. The techniques of casting are obviously reflected in the bells themselves, and by process of comparison and careful deduction we are shown how the date of a bell may be adduced; further, Mr. Elphick gives graphic descriptions of the tools of

the bellfounder, his moulds, his furnace, the precautions he took; indeed one has only to shut one's eyes and one is in the 13th century foundry imagining the casting actually happening.

Mr. Elphick deals with the subject of tuning in a way which will appeal to all lovers of Sussex. Despite what has been said in this journal, the name of Canon Simpson, who lies buried in Fittleworth, Sussex, will ever be remembered and honoured in connection with the development of true-harmonic tuning, and yet he does not forget the contributions of others to the subject.

Mr. Elphick then proceeds to catalogue the various founders and their existing bells. Mr. Elphick has left no stone unturned in his efforts to uncover all relative information from the earliest documented Sussex founder, "Aedric, who cast the bells" (of Battle Abbey) in the 11th century, through the earliest named bell—the single one at Albourne, by Adam le Potter, possibly as early as 1282, through the 14th and 15th centuries and so to the 19th century with "little men" sprouting, some (like Naylor Vickers and Co.) like bad pennies, others such as T. C. Lewis, the great and gifted organ-builder, whose perfectionism in church bell founding eventually forced him out of business. There is an interesting discussion of the various foreign bells to be found in Sussex, the earliest (and most famous) at Duncton, dating from 1369 (it is the third oldest dated bell in England), and the way in which Mr. Elphick examines its history is indicative of the care he extends to each and every founder. Mr. Elphick's book is superbly illustrated with plates of his own plaster-casts of inscriptions, founders' marks and ornament, to which we are unused. Here, for the first time perhaps, are recorded a vast array of both local and national founders' stamps, which resemble their counterparts on the bells to a tee. Take a little pleasure from Plate LIII, the splendid Royal Arms on Arundel tenor; or look at the founders themselves—a stern John Warner, paragon of 19th century businessmanship, or Thomas Mears, junior, very much reflecting the ebullience of the century in which he was born.

Mr. Elphick does not leave untouched the subject of towers and the development of ringing; but it is not until these have been exhausted that with simplicity (despite the terrifying-looking graphs) and detail Mr. Elphick launches into the subject of the dating of frames and the evolution of fittings.

With regard to the actual form of bell frames, Mr. Elphick gives us a plan of 26 different standard trusses, using 19 different variations to show how trusses can be varied by the position of the head of the end frame relative to the head of the side truss, and so forth. Careful study of Mr. Elphick's work (he is a carpenter by trade) will make it abundantly clear just what he is writing about. And so to the subject of dating. The reviewer is doubtful if the words "Carbon-14", "Dendrochronology, or Tree-Ring Analysis", "Cambium Layers", "Summer growth" and many others have appeared in books on bells before.

There is a most careful introduction to the subject of dating by dendrochronology and the comparative use of timber samples



MR. GEORGE ELPHICK, whose book on *Sussex Bells and Belfries* is reviewed in this issue.

of which the earliest was felled in the late 12th century and dates the period A.D. 1143-897 and the latest was still unseasoned in a builder's yard in 1949.

In studying the frame, however, we are not to forget the mechanical evolution of both framework and fittings, the layout of the former and the design of the latter. The drawings are of a high standard, and once again dendrochronology can (to rather a more cautious degree) be employed with fittings. The evolution of the wheel is the evolution of ringing, the development of the clapper is the good striker's guide to the difficulties the founders of yesterday faced, and the careful maintenance of bell fittings has ample precedent in the past.

The contents of Sussex belfries are admirably catalogued by Mr. Elphick. The matter of whether to include the weights, individual diameters or strike notes of bells is, in the writer's opinion, a subject of which only the author can be the arbiter. It is perhaps sad that no bells are illustrated in toto (excepting the notable frontispiece), but the plates and line drawings are half the glory of the book and the criticism can hardly be justified.

The writer believes this is the best book that has appeared on Church Bells. The Tyssens, the Stahlschmidts, the Norths, the Ravens, the H.B.W.s of the past; the long line of Sussex bellfounders and those who have supplied bells to Sussex; the countless ringers who have enjoyed the bells of this most lovely county—all will join in acknowledgement of Mr. Elphick's work, whether it be because he brings their pioneering to the 20th century with 20th century methods; whether it be for the care he devotes to appraising their products or examining their workmanship; whether it be for the interest he kindles in this most fascinating subject of bells. We, who hope to follow in his footsteps, can have no better guide. And the ringers of Sussex can add their tribute by carrying out one of Mr. Elphick's closing observations: "To continue the use of their art so that men may be reminded that bells are a witness to the world of the existence of the Church."

Yorkshire Association.

Snowdon Dinner, 1970

"Honour the past and look to the future," was the message which Canon J. C. K. Brumpton gave to the Yorkshire Association and its members at their 38th Annual Commemoration Dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers, proposing the principal toast of the evening.

The Dinner, held in the New Arcadian Hall, Barnsley, was well attended, with 162 members and guests sitting down to enjoy a very good meal served in a manner typical of South Yorkshire folk. The meal over, the president (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) proposed the Loyal Toast and commented that it was the first occasion the Dinner had been held in Barnsley and it was a very enjoyable and memorable occasion. He also announced the winners of the association's striking contest (the final of which had been held at Dewsbury earlier that day), as Kirk Ella, with Wakefield runners-up.

The evening's entertainment included a selection of tunes played by the Hunshelf Handbell Ringers under the leadership of Mr. Michael King, and included a number of their own arrangements.

PRINCIPAL TOAST

The president introduced the first guest speaker, Canon J. C. K. Brumpton, rector of Barnsley and president of the Barnsley and District Society, who proposed the toast of "The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association."

Canon Brumpton said that when invited to speak he felt he ought to decline, as he thought it required someone with a greater practical knowledge of bellringing. He was afraid he might appear rather like a vegetarian at a gathering of pork butchers. However, he had accepted for three reasons:—

Firstly, to welcome the association on behalf of the Diocese of Wakefield, the Deanery of Barnsley and the Barnsley and District Society. He acknowledged the work done by ringing societies and knew of the work done by the Barnsley Society. Having read the Yorkshire Association's Report he was filled with admiration for those involved in the art of ringing.

Secondly, said Canon Brumpton, "I decided it would do me good to meet and to mix with real bellringers and so get to know them better; and thirdly, as a 'tinkler of bells,' regretfully I reveal to you that my past is littered with four broken bell ropes and one stay. At least I have had a go and have tried to clang the bell in some parishes to let people know that the parish church is still there—which, after all, is the whole purpose of ringing."

Canon Brumpton recalled the importance of the church and bells in village life, and added that these must have been very familiar to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and his contemporaries almost a century ago. He commented on the credit side of Yorkshire ringing, which seemed to be in a very healthy state—especially in days when recruitment is very difficult. This healthy state was due to the undoubted enthusiasm of the members in fostering the association's work. Praise should also be accorded to the president and the officers for their unflinching efforts in the continuance of an act which is very much a part of our English heritage.

The Report included one item which stood out: the rule setting the bellringer as a Church worker alongside the chorister, the organist and even the clergy, and this ideal must have been extremely close to the heart of Jasper Snowdon. It is very easy for a tower to become remote from the rest of the church and even the life of the village or parish. Ringers must try to divorce themselves from the intricacies of the art and consider the purpose of ringing—the glorification and praise of God. They must not forget Christ's teaching on service—accepting service from others is just as important today as rendering service, and, whilst ringing, they must remember their aims and the nature of the service they are performing.

PART OF OUR HERITAGE

"We recall," said Canon Brumpton, "the memory of those who so faithfully persevered to keep ringing in Yorkshire going and to bring it to its present healthy state. England's bells have rung out during all conditions and crises, and they are part of our heritage. So, here in the present, we honour the past and look to the future," and with these words the assembled company rose and raised their glasses toasting Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.

The traditional acceptance of this toast, a plain course of Grandsire Caters, was rung on handbells, five members of the Southern Branch (all holding office in the Association) taking part, and the handbells used were those which belonged to Dan Smith, who until his death in 1962 was for many years vice-president of the Southern District and of the Barnsley Society. (The bells had not been used since his funeral.) The ringers were: W. Eric Critchley 1-2, Harold Chant 3-4, Wilfrid F. Moreton 5-6, John L. Gilbert 7-8, A. Colin Banton 9-10.

The toast to the visitors was ably (and briefly) proposed by Mr. Harold Chant (chairman, Southern Branch), who in addition to Canon and Mrs. Brumpton, mentioned especially Mr. Tom White, for 23 years editor of *The Ringing World*. Although not a visitor, Mr. John F. Moxon (Sandal) was greeted; at the age of 91 he is still very active and has the distinction of being the oldest member of both the Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley Society.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Tom White said he regarded it as an honour to be invited to the Snowdon Dinner and, on

behalf of the guests, to say "Thank you" to the officers and members of the Yorkshire Association for their warm hospitality and entertainment. The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers, he said, deserved a special word of praise. There were times when items, other than change ringing associated with handbells, were discouraged in *The Ringing World*, and he had been asked to refrain from publishing such items. He had not heeded this and was glad, for today the art of change ringing was on too firm a pedestal to be disturbed by the dulcet tones from tune-ringing on handbells.

A FAMOUS BOOK

The Yorkshire Association and the societies embodied in the county have remained true to the tenets of Jasper Snowdon. Just over 90 years ago Snowdon gave to the Exercise the famous book *Ropesight*, which had been reprinted, and future generations could read Snowdon's words in an unabridged form. There had been a concentration on initial training, said Mr. White, and he mentioned the work of Wilfrid Moreton and Norman Chaddock in producing *The Tutor's Handbook*. In view of the tremendous developments in change ringing he considered the stability of the Exercise depended not on new fields of mathematical excursions into the unknown, but upon men and women with the knowledge and personality to train bands in the rudiments of change ringing and complete mastery of the bell. To meet this ever-constant need, publications like the *Tutor's Handbook* need to be produced, concluded Mr. White. He wished the association well in the future.

The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers then gave a number of items, and the president concluded the formal proceedings by thanking all present for their attendance, and also those who had helped with the arrangements. He singled out Chris Moxon and Colin Banton, who had borne the responsibility of the major part of the organisation.

The remainder of the evening was spent renewing old acquaintances and in making new friendships, and all agreed it was a most happy and memorable occasion.

Supporting the president on the top table at dinner were Mrs. Bottomley, Canon J. C. K. and Mrs. Brumpton, Mr. Tom White, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton and Mr. A. Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant and Miss S. Chant, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Rev. G. C. Galley, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moxon.



The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers, who entertained the company.

[Photo: Barnsley Chronicle.]

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

At this time of year many kindly folk are looking around for suitable gifts for relatives and friends, but to find the ideal present for a bellringer we suggest is easy. Our advertisers provide these ideas:

The Aldershot Stores have ties in varying colours and also blazer badges; and Peter Sloman also has a tie in a different design while he specialises in the one for the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.

Peter Minchin makes a novelty which can be put to many uses as well as being decorative—the miniature bellrope. Good value for money is this at 30s. each.

The B.B.C.'s record, "Church Bells," advertised in this issue, is well worth consideration, and when played before a company of ringers will give pleasure as well as a topic for conversation, as will the tape recording "Sound of the Carillon" (Ringing World, page 926) at 21s. (plus p. & p.), produced by Newcastle on Tyne Civic Centre.

The many publications advertised offer a wide range to suit all pockets: Kingsmead Bookshop, Bath, Somerset, have several ringers' books, among the most recent being the facsimile of a first edition of Stedman's *Tintinnalogia* (1668), which at 42s will grace any bookshelf.

Phillimore of Chichester have now published *Sussex Bells and Belfries* by George Elphick (reviewed in this week's issue). Beautifully produced and well illustrated it is a book every ringer would wish to possess, and although costing £5 10s. the limited edition is worth every penny.

William Viggers (Aldershot) publishes *Dove's Bellringers' Guide* (4th edition) in three bindings, and also has several of his own "Delight" series available—visitors books, etc. The *Ringers' Notebook and Diary* which appears every year is a "must" for all ringers, and the Central Council's variety of publications should be considered for the beginner and the progressive campanologist.

Other worthy publications include the *Sound Series* (Christopher Groome), *The Ringers' Handbook* (Mrs. E. S. Powell), and *Instruction and Diagram Book* (Lancashire Association) from Frank Reynolds.

Paul Cattermole's booklet *The Bells of Bale* is a very limited handmade effort and quite a novelty in its production, whilst the two *Calendars* offered are one of churches in Bedfordshire and the R.W.—both 6s. 6d. inclusive.

There are no doubt many other items—records and books—of which we have no immediate knowledge but would sell if advertised, we are sure!

And a subscription to *The Ringing World* is always acceptable. Send it to Mr. C. W. Lucas, Ringing World Office, Guildford.

Hertfordshire County Association SPARSE GATHERING

There was a sparse gathering at Baldock for the Northern District quarterly meeting on October 3. Ringing took place before the rector (Rev. K. G. Martin) conducted an interesting and unusual service, no organist being available.

Tea was taken in St. Mary's Hall and the president of the association (Mr. A. R. Agg) took the chair for the business meeting. Future meetings were discussed and it was decided that in December they would be moved from the first to the second Saturday to enable members to attend the St. Albans District dinner. One new member was elected—Robert Ellis (Baldock).

Further ringing took place, under the direction of the ringing master, Ian Pantou,

CHURCH BELLS

Recordings selected from the B.B.C. Sound Archives by Harold N. Pitstow, M.B.E., and Alan R. Patterson, and is produced by John Priest.

This 12in. Mono L.P. 33½ r.p.m. record gives a wide selection of change ringing on bells from six to twelve in number. The eight of Debenham, Suffolk (21 cwt.) start with three leads of Bristol and are followed by Lichfield Cathedral ten (31½ cwt.) ringing Grandsire Caters. Stedman Doubles are rung on the six at Cadoxton, Glam (7½ cwt.), whilst the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Albans ring Erin Cinques on the 12 (23½ cwt.) in that well-known tower.

Evercreech, Som., are heard twice—Stedman Triples on side 1, and Grandsire Caters on side 2 (tenor 21 cwt.) and, completing the first selection, St. Martin's, Birmingham, ring Stedman Cinques (36½ cwt.).

For the opening of the second side, Hillingdon (Middlesex) are heard ringing Grandsire Caters (21½ cwt.) and are followed by the eight of Hughenden, Bucks, (14½ cwt.) ringing Stedman Triples. The Evercreech Grandsire Caters already mentioned follow, and Norwich Surprise Minor on the six of West Wickham, Kent (12 cwt.) is next rung. Grandsire Triples on the 21½ cwt. eight of Stratton, Cornwall, are followed by the final item—Stedman Cinques on the 62½ cwt. 12 of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The record sleeve carries descriptions of each of the churches selected and a short historical note on its bells. It is, in our opinion, a good record and well worth the 28s. 9d. which it costs, although to the discriminating ringer no doubt the imperfections here and there will be noticeable; to the average ringer, however, a possession of which he can boast to ringers and non-ringers alike.

Suffolk Guild

RINGING RESTRICTED

The A.G.M. of the N.W. District was held at Horrington on October 10 and, as has been experienced before, attendance was poor and this resulted in both afternoon and evening ringing being restricted. At the meeting the small amount of business was soon dealt with, officers being returned as previously. Quarterly meetings were arranged for the coming year and ringing resumed with learners having a good chance to practise

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Obituary

FRANK AFFORD

Although Frank Afford had not rung for many years he is still remembered by older ringers for his good work in the past. He started ringing during the 1914-18 war when Winwick bells were restored, and continued until about 1929. Frank died on October 28 last in Peterborough Hospital, leaving a widow. His favourite method had always been Grandsire Doubles, and a quarter peal was rung at Winwick, half-muffled, on the evening after the funeral. Two of the band taking part, Mr. R. J. Yeomans and Mr. H. Goakes, had rung with him in the past. G.M.

THOMAS ISOM

It is with deep sadness that I report the loss by death of Tom Isom, of Groby, Leics, at the age of 58. Tom was not well known in the sense of being a ringer of peals or advanced methods but he nevertheless took a great interest in the guild and its operations. He very much enjoyed coming to meetings, which he attended regularly when his health permitted. Above all Tom was, as the vicar (Rev. Peter Blackman) stated at the funeral, a faithful servant of his church.

Tom taught very many young learners to ring and had been a member of the guild for 22 years.

His health had been indifferent for a number of years, but he always recovered sufficiently to come back into the picture once more. However, the last 12 months or so proved too much for him, and he was "called home" on November 7.

Tom's passing leaves a deep gap in the Groby band but his memory will be with us for a long time. All who knew him will remember his example of a generous and gentle-hearted fellow. To his widow, Jessie, and son, John, goes the sincere sympathy of the Leicester Guild. R. D. H.

TINTINNALOGIA—or THE ART OF RINGING

To a printer the lithographic reproductions of the 136 pages of this well-known book attributed to Fabian Stedman, who was a printer himself (in 1668), is a very worthy effort. The clarity of the wording and figures is very good indeed, the quality of the paper is suitable, although the clean-cut edges all round rather spoil the effect of "age" (this, of course, is for economy reasons) which the rest of the book proclaims. When it is realised that the considerable amount of hand typesetting involved in those days required a still more considerable amount of hand type and wood cutting, the quality of the production in 1668 is well displayed in the reproduction in 1970.

Apart from the pleasure of owning such a reproduction, the interest and instructive value of the work alone is immeasurable, and, as Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes in his introduction to this edition: "The great majority of ringers will wish to include this important and historic work on their bookshelves."

The first edition of *Tintinnalogia* rapidly sold out and a second edition was published in 1671. We believe that the first reproduction edition in 1970 will also rapidly sell out, and advise our readers to make sure of their copy by ordering now from: Kingsmead Reprints, Rosewell House, Kingsmead Square, Bath (price 42s.).

Editorial

A SILENT HERITAGE?

A disturbing but nevertheless substantially true article by Rex Butler in The Church Times of November 20 suggested that because of lack of recruits "the time is departing when in towns and villages sons followed fathers in the towers, and families of bellringers of several generations were built up; because today a large proportion of village youth leave their native places for the towns; there are so many more competitive attractions, and many would prefer an evening in front of the television to climbing the tower steps."

Giving several reminiscences of his youth spent in Bristol and also of happenings in Buckinghamshire, the writer speaks of the bells playing a lesser part in celebration of public and historic occasions and of the festivals of the Church, mentioning the Pancake Bell and the Pudding Bell, and hopes the time will never arrive when Tennyson's lines are mere extracts:

"The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."

An interview with Mr. R. V. Johnson (master of the Sussex Association), however, encouraged the writer to hope that the church bells were not becoming silent, as had been suggested, and we agree with the final paragraph:

"While the situation at present is not entirely discouraging, there would appear to be need for increased effort to ensure that the voices of the Church are still to be heard in town and country village in years ahead."

It is our duty as ringers to look ahead and to ensure that sufficient recruits are forthcoming and, once obtained, to make the art interesting and appealing to them.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Sending us a well-produced and attractive silver jubilee booklet, incorporating the annual report of St. David's Guild, the ringing master (Mr. Arthur F. Walters) also sends a number of quarter peals accomplished for the anniversary. It is a small guild, only having 14 ringable towers, but the enthusiasm and drive is equal to any larger association.

In the quarters, 25 ringers took part and it took over two months to ring them for, being spread over a wide area (Pembroke, Carmarthen and Cardiganshire), getting ringers together was a mammoth task.

The list of officers, including 17 clerical vice-presidents, is very impressive. There is a foreword from the Bishop (president) and a message from the master (Mr. P. C. Rogers), a letter from the secretary (John Prytherch) and a short history of the Guild. The cost of the report has been offset (only partially, no doubt) by many advertisements from butchers and bakers, etc., and the whole effort shows great enterprise and initiative. We congratulate the guild on its excellent effort and its anniversary.

We shall not be missing an issue of The Ringing World this year (as was done in 1969). Our Christmas number will appear on December 18 and the following issue on December 22. Advertisers and association secretaries please note—all copy must be with us by December 11 for December 22 issue, and by December 18 for January 1 issue.

Christmas Cards are expensive to buy and cost 4d. to send through the post. We are reserving space in our columns for you to send your Greetings (5s. for 30 words minimum) during the week December 18 and 25. Copy (with remittance) must be in our hands by first post Thursday, December 10. Don't delay, send NOW!

Personal Records: P. Roy Collins (125 peals), Ernest Preston (50), and one new conductor, Richard H. Hall.

Susan Guy is the second member of St. Mary's, Northiam, Sussex, to join H.M. Forces this year. Geoffrey Juden is serving with the Royal Military Police. Sue (with four months' service) is now playing an E flat bass with the band of the Women's Royal Army Corps at Guildford and took part in this year's Lord Mayor's Show.

"May the blue bird of happiness let fly in the foliage of your favourite forsythia!"—This inspiring and encouraging message together with a colourful bird decoration (of doubtful origin) was depicted on the sheet of notepaper sent to the Editor containing notice of a Lancashire Association meeting. (Quite delightful.)

Are there any survivors of the old Wednesday afternoon band of the James George era, asks Mr. T. C. Belton, of Birstall. His father, who has been in hospital for several months, was one of them during the 1930's.

With the best wishes of the whole company the ringer of the 3rd in the York Minster quarter peal on November 8, Douglas Clegg (recently retired) left York the following week for a visit to Australia.

The gratitude of the local band at Bredgar, Kent, is extended to Walter Dobbie and his wife who have helped them and came over to join in the first attempt at a quarter recently.

The quarter peal rung at Bures was rung by the local band as a thanksgiving for the life and kindnesses of Mrs. St. Osyth M. E. Wood, O.B.E. In 1950 Dr. Thomas Wood acted as guarantor for two trebles; the contract had just been signed when a sudden heart attack proved fatal. Within a matter of days Mrs. Wood sent word that she would act for her husband, this gesture proving a great relief to the fund organiser, as only just over £100 was in hand at that time. It was later decided that the bells should be a memorial to Dr. Thomas and subscriptions came from many of his friends. Thus on the satisfactory completion of the work the bellfounders were paid.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells rung at Maidenhead on November 6 completed the Cambridge family "in hand" for Jennifer Dunning, Christopher Rowson and Keith Walpole.

Mr. Percy Gardner, of Wraxall, Som., rang his first peal—Bob Major—at Bristol Cathedral on October 30 at what he believes to be his eighth or ninth attempt. On one previous occasion 5040 changes were rung at Chewton Mendip, but they discovered 3 and 4 to be over at the end!

Llandaff Cathedral.—To add to peals of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal achieved in recent years, the Cathedral Guild, membership of which requires regular ringing on Sundays, has now rung Stedman Caters this being completed with very few mistakes on November 20. The next goal is a peal of Surprise Royal, which it is hoped to ring early in the New Year.

First peal congratulations to Percy Gardner, William Arnold, Susan J. Lee, David K. Gough.

New methods this week include Clyde Little Surprise Maximus and Gwent Surprise Major.

Mr. Derek J. Carr, commenting on the fact that St. Botolph-without-Aldgate is in the charge of someone living 20 miles away, suggests that a local band be trained to solve the regular ringing problem.

"Sorry about this, the baby's been at it!" said a footnote on a peal report form which arrived minus the corners!

By calling a peal of Cambridge Royal at Minehead on November 14, Robert Dennis has rung peals on all six tens in Somerset this year. Has this ever been achieved in one year before?

The "Teapot Trophy" winning band from Laxton, Notts, reported last week, are left to right: John Chambers, Thelma Staples, David Chambers (captain), Joseph Chambers, Rev. J. L. Howitt, Bryan Burkitt, Janet Sayer.

Over a period of seven years five attempts have been made by Mr. Anthony Davidson, general secretary of the Truro Guild, for a peal of Cambridge Royal and he has at last succeeded. There are few opportunities at present for Surprise Royal ringing in Cornwall, but no doubt in time this will improve.

David and Beryl Dorrington thank the Middlesex Association for ringing a quarter of Stedman for their wedding on October 3. It was much appreciated and made the day all the more happy.

The peal of Plain and Little Bob at Deptford on October 31 was the 650th by Trevor A. Cross.

Sheffield Cathedral honoured the completion of the major work to the tower and bells by a quarter of Bob Maximus on November 15. Coupled with this first quarter on the new bells were congratulations to Mr. H. O. Chaddock on his 65th birthday (November 14) and his retirement from full-time employment. Apart from the bells there is a new frame and fittings, the addition of a flat sixth and the renovation of the ringing room.

Warning to visiting ringers with cars and cycles. Vandals are still spraying anything in sight parked outside St. Mary's Church, Finchley, with paint stripper. The police are watching the area and St. Mary's band are helping them during practice hours and on Sundays.

After two attempts at Norton Subcourse failed, it was third time lucky when the quarter at Pakefield came round. Fred Harrold's young band (age 11-16) hope to ring several more quarters and then attempt a peal.

That man only is truly brave, who fears nothing so much as committing a mean action, and undauntedly fulfils his duty, whatever be the dangers that impede his way.

Letters

EXECUTIONS AT NEWGATE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. D. L. Cawley's inquiry regarding the above, a bequest of £50 was made in 1605 by Robert Dowe, a Merchant Taylor buried in St. Botolph's, Aldgate, "for ringing the greatest bell in St. Sepulchre's Church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed" and "for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners." The bell commenced to toll when the procession left Newgate Gaol and outside the church a nosegay was presented to the criminal. The latter favour was last bestowed in 1774.

There is believed to have been a tunnel connecting the church crypt with the gaol through which it is thought that condemned prisoners were brought to receive the Last Sacrament, and this was the way that, in accordance with Dowe's further bequest, the sexton went on the eve of execution to the outside of the cell to give "twelve solemn towles with double strokes with a handbell and deliver with a loud and audible voice" the exhortation referred to by Mr. Cawley. This took place at midnight.

The "great bell" mentioned in Dowe's bequest was almost certainly the one known as "Baynard's Castle," which after many vicissitudes was sold for scrap in 1713. Which bell was used at executions after that date I am unable to say.

A very detailed account of the bells of St. Sepulchre's by Mr. Charles Brown (churchwarden) appeared in your issues of September 4 and 11, 1964, which would be of interest to Mr. Cawley if he is not already acquainted with it.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Cawley's inquiry (page 894). About 70 years ago I went to ring at St. Sepulchre's. The steeplekeeper was a man named Daniel Lovett, who also held several ancient offices in the parish, including that of parish beadle.

While we were waiting outside and looking across at Newgate, then in the process of demolition, it was remarked, "There goes a bit of Old London," and Dan replied, "Yes, and there goes some of my income. I used to get ten shillings for tolling the ninth every time there was an execution!"

The handbell Mr. Cawley mentions was originally in Dan's possession and was given by him to the church for preservation. This was reported in the ringing and national Press at the time.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent

LEGAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—As the "instigator" of the enquiry re a legal ringing association, I should like to point out that I am no longer actively connected with the profession.

If Mr. Boucher or Mr. Beale care to continue with its formation I shall be pleased to send them my file, consisting of roughly a score of answers to my original letter.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. GREY.

Bede College, Durham City.

TO BE DEPLORED

Dear Sir — The article by Mr. George F. Roome on the installation of a chiming apparatus in silent towers (Ringing World, page 855) is one that should be deplored. It encourages only those who want to do things the easy way, and is an admission of defeat. Such installations are poor substitutes for ringing, and I class them little above "canned" bells.

Speaking in terms of cost, our churches are a national pride, inherited from our forefathers, and it is up to us to see that they are properly maintained in our time for future generations. Built to the Glory of God, nothing but the best should be put into our work, be it ringing, singing, or whatever form of church work we may undertake. If we encourage the installation of some cheap contraption, such as a chiming apparatus, we would be better to leave things alone. To put forward such suggestions would (with possibly some exceptions) create a few more "unringables."

Mr. Roome referred to the chiming of Peterborough Cathedral bells; and what a miserable effort—completely out of step with such a magnificent building where a high standard of worship is maintained. Since the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (in 1924) starting with its first master (the late Fred Wilford) everyone holding that office has approached the Dean and Chapter in the hopes of getting something done. Apart from the late Dean Page, who really did show interest in getting the ring restored and brought back to ten, successive Deans couldn't care less. Recent correspondence in The Ringing World reveals that the position has not improved.

Now, turning to Mr. Roome's "sad case" regarding the silent ring of ten at St. Giles', Northampton, I am inclined to think that the age-old story of petty differences and disagreement, unfortunately common amongst Northampton ringers over the last 40 years, still exists. Can one really say that something is not radically wrong when, in the congregation of St. Giles' there are at times sufficient ringers and yet the bells are silent? Is it not time that the ringers got together to eliminate this deplorable situation?

During my term of office as master of the Peterborough Guild I appealed to those whom it concerned to forget their differences and get the bells ringing to "The Glory of God," to which a reply "Northampton Rings to His Glory" appeared in a subsequent issue of The Ringing World. Had this been so, I would have been most happy to withdraw what I said, but unfortunately with the exception of Kingsthorpe and Weston Favell this was not the case.

Unfortunately there always have been silent towers, and always will be; and any contribution ringers (and, indeed, associations) can do should be done, but unless we have local support, which is not always forthcoming, we shall not get very far. —

Yours faithfully,

B. P. MORRIS.

Sapcote, Leics.

13440 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 13440 Rutland Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W.13., on Saturday, January 23, 1971. The attempt will start at 10 a.m. and the band will consist of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths to which the peal, if successful, will be credited.—Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Didcot, Berks.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM

Dear Sir,—Following the action that I took and described in my recent letter, I have received this (appended) reply from Mr. M. Hayton, architect to St. Oswald.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES,

Hon Secretary,

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Assn.

"Dear Mr. Bayles,—I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th November and have read the correspondence which was enclosed. What the vicar and P.C.C. of the church do in the light of advice they take is a matter for their decision only. I only comment further because Mr. Armistage and Mr. Dove between them have created an entirely erroneous impression of the situation at this church. Also, I do not consider that the ability to ring bells is in itself a qualification for making opinions on the structural condition of a bell frame or its tower. The ringing of a quarter peal in the face of other advice was foolhardy and proved nothing.

Mr. Serge Zvegintzov has a great interest and considerable knowledge of bells and bellringing and his most carefully considered report was based on several inspections. The Rev. J. W. Rogerson as curate of the church and as a ringer was most enthusiastic that the ring was put into full order. As an architect member of the parish I was only too glad to consult with them and also to go into some detail with a national firm of bell foundries to prepare a report and recommendation for the vicar. It seems to me that all the correct elements for making a proper decision were brought together on this occasion and I believe that they would all still endorse the opinion then given.

Mr. Dove's statement regarding architects will not, I am sure, be taken seriously by bellringers generally. My own experience is that they enjoy the mutual consultation which has kept so many bells ringing that would otherwise have been silenced by the collapse of frames and ancient towers. All towers were not built for bells, and the masonry of many of them is in an increasingly precarious state. It is therefore inevitable that where funds are not available for adequate restoration, responsible opinions, disappointing to all of us who love the sound of full circle ringing, must be firmly given.—Yours sincerely, M. Hayton."

From Melvyn Hillier, of Bothenhampton, Bridport, Dorset:—Eight variations rung in the quarter at South Perrott believed without names. Mr. C. K. Lewis tells me that according to his records there are no names to them. Would readers make their observations if in fact they already have names. All using a Plain Bob bob and Plain Hunt for an extreme.

No.	Plain Course	Name of Var.
291	St. Simon	Bullamoor
292	St. Osmund	Wishford
293	St. Martin	St. Kea
294	Eynesbury	Wilton
295	St. Nicholas	Adlington
296	St. Remigius	South Perrott
297	Winchendon	Bothenhampton
298	Huntley	Northallerton

Prudence is that virtue by which we discern what is proper to be done, under the various circumstances of time and place. —Milton.

Quarter Peals

FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
(Sunday, November 8)

HALF PEAL

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.—2520 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. First half peal 1 and 3. Half-muffled.

Addington, Surrey.—1320 York S. Minor: A. Hobbs 1, Penny Cocks 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

Aldenharn, Herts.—1260 Stedman Triples: E. Ashby 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, D. Carpenter 3, R. Adcock (first Stedman) 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Baldwin 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, A. R. Mann 8. Half-muffled.

Balderton, Notts.—1260 Bob Minor: P. Holmes 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, R. M. Lane (first Minor) 3, K. C. Vernon 4, D. H. Pritchett 5, C. W. Reed (cond.) 6, L. A. Joynes (cover) 7.

Bournemouth, Hants (St. Peter).—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Penny Eldridge 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, Mrs. Joan Pike 3, R. A. Hutchings 4, A. C. Conway (cond.) 5, E. J. Booth 6. Half-muffled.

Bridgend, Glam.—1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. A. Evans 4, H. D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, B. V. Thurman 8. Half-muffled.

Burbage, Derbys.—1290 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, Margaret Findlow 2, M. Stanway 3, P. Skinner 4, A. G. Kirk 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Burstow, Surrey.—1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): A. Boer 1, L. Penfold 2, P. Boer 3, Lynn Wilson 4, P. Lane (first as cond.) 5, J. Bryant 6. First attempt 1 and 6. Half-muffled.

Caldecott, Rutland.—1320 Doubles (11 m/v): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. J. Chantler 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. Most methods/variations 2 and 4.

Cardiff, Glam (St. John).—1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Thomas (cond.) 1, F. Bailey 2, Susan Redmond (first Triples inside) 3, R. Hall 4, R. Harpole (first on eight) 5, W. Harford 6, T. Yeomans 7, P. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled.

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex.—1260 St. Simon and St. Martin: D. Martin 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Baker (first in methods) 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First Spliced Doubles for all. Half-muffled.

Easthamstead, Berks.—1440 Bob Major: Joan E. Scott 1, Susan E. Rance 2, C. W. Bailey 3, Joan A. Rance 4, G. N. Scott 5, E. N. Thomas 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, S. G. Scott (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

Egremont, Cumb.—1440 Bob Minor: R. W. D. Wetenhall 1, Mrs. M. Dodd 2, D. Sim 3, H. Wilson 4, D. Kealey 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Elmdon, Essex.—1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob): W. Pye 1, D. Lilley 2, E. Flitton 3, R. Griggs 4, E. Pye 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6.

Gedling, Notts.—1320 Doubles (4 methods): Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, P. R. Wild 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, J. R. Rigby 5. Conducted by 4 and 5.

Hayes, Middx.—1260 Bob Doubles: Dawn Worthington (first quarter) 1, R. G. Chappells 2, Diane M. Pickett 3, C. J. Venn 4, D. G. Pickett (cond.) 5, P. S. Venn 6. Half-muffled. First quarter by a local band on the new bells.

Henlow, Beds.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Down 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Major (cond.) 3, P. R. Jewell 4, R. J. Fuller 5, D. A. Hope 6. Half-muffled.

Kessingland, Suffolk.—1260 Bob Doubles: P. J. Harrold 1, T. J. Brock 2, Mrs. D. P. J. Harrold 3, D. P. J. Harrold 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, K. R. Took 6.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—1264 Bob Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, I. J. Whitear 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8. After meeting short for Royal. Half-muffled. Also 1287 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, G. Eves (first G. Triples) 4, B. J. Stone 5, I. J. Whitear 6, C. D. Collin (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. Half-muffled.

Lane End, Bucks.—1260 Bob Doubles: Miss S. Smith 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, C. Hagger 6. Half-muffled.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—1280 Double Norwich: W. Jarvis 1, A. J. Haynes 2, W. W. Cousins 3, E. A. Cracknell 4, R. Newson 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

Leytonstone, E.—1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Willmington 1, R. Pascoe 2, Elizabeth Dunlop (first inside) 3, G. Walker (cond.) 4, P. Sippett 5, M. Balkwill 6, M. Wareing 7, R. Poole 8. Half-muffled.

Long Sutton, Som.—1260 Bob Doubles: T. Shire 1, H. E. G. Jeans 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, G. W. Rendall, jun. 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, A. Hill 6. Half-muffled.

Loughton, Essex.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 1, Miss S. Strang (first quarter) 2, A. Barham 3, J. A. Beldom 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, Miss S. Bree (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent.—1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Drury 1, Susan Goodwin 2, D. P. Leworthy 3, Mira V. Ford (cond.) 4, Joan Exeter 5, D. Little 6.

Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs (St. Giles).—1260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Moore 1, Patricia Mills 2, R. S. Anderson 3, D. Midgley 4, G. A. Moore (cond.) 5, T. L. Walley 6, C. S. Ryles 7, R. Mitchell 8. Half-muffled.

Ottershaw, Surrey.—Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn A. Reay 1, R. L. Pashley 2, R. C. Packhurst 3, J. M. Warinton 4, J. P. Ladd 5, P. V. W. Feast 6. Also in memoriam Rev. G. Hiam (vicar, 1938–1960).

Portsea, Hants.—1260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. F. W. Burbridge 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, C. Harris 8. Half-muffled.

Portsmouth, Hants (Cathedral).—1296 Bob Caters: Edna Jones 1, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 2, Christine A. Morton (first Bob Caters) 3, Ruth Horwood 4, R. Rowsby 5, M. E. Cass 6, Jean Berriman 7, K. Warner 8, C. Bryant 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. First Caters 3, 4, 5. Half-muffled.

Sittingbourne, Kent.—1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Barbara Green (first quarter) 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. Naylor (cond.) 3, F. Daddon 4, B. Jemmett 5, J. Clark 6. Half-muffled.

Smarden, Kent.—1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Sporborough, Yorks.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Mayman 1, E. Short 2, C. Toyne (cond.) 3, Joyce Laidlaw 4, Laura Heath 5, N. Cowell 6, Susan Laidlaw 7, Irena Royston 8. Half-muffled.

Standlake, Oxon.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Back (first quarter) 1, V. Clifton 2, Miss M. Raymont (first inside) 3, G. Elms 4, M. Turner (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Barratt 6. Half-muffled.

Staines, Middx (St. Peter).—1260 Doubles (5 methods): Susan Hopkin 1, M. S. Loveday (cond.) 2, R. H. G. Collins 3, M. S. Pike 4, D. J. Norman 5, Lorna E. M. Viggers (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

Stapleford, Cambs.—1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, J. Bates 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West (cond., 50th quarter) 5, A. A. Kellock 6.

Stevenage, Herts.—1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, M. Pickup 5, L. Cooper 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. Half-muffled.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.—1260 Bob Minor: Lorna Brock 1, C. H. Rogers 2, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 3, M. B. Tyers 4, D. Brock 5, R. Bettley-Cooke 6. Half-muffled.

Titchfield, Hants.—1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Mrs. B. M. Hunt 1, Miss S. E. Smith 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, N. George 4, C. G. Bryant 5, G. Dickens 6. Half-muffled.

Twerton, Som.—1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. McKenzie 1, Miss J. Whittaker (first quarter) 2, Miss N. Goundry (first inside) 3, R. Coles (cond.) 4, C. Barrable 5, Miss E. Norris (first quarter) 6, C. Stillman 7, P. McKenzie 8.

Uppingham, Rutland.—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. E. Taylor 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, W. A. Taylor (first Minor inside) 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Also in memoriam R. W. Gossage (Withcote), who died earlier in the day.

Wareham, Dorset.—1260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill (first Triples) 1, Betty A. Christopher 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, P. R. Keough (first Triples as cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. Half-muffled.

Wentworth, Yorks.—1320 Doubles (seven methods): R. J. Grundy 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, M. King 3, L. Hallows 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield 6.

Westham, Surrey.—1260 Bob Doubles: Miss V. Murray 1, D. Wooler 2, Ann Smith 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, I. Smith 5, I. Clark 6.

West Quantoxhead, Som.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Mrs. J. Hopwood 2, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Wyatt (cond.) 5. Muffled.

Whotton-in-the-Vale, Notts.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Exton 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, Pamela C. Clarke 3, B. M. Buswell 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, F. R. Barber 6, J. D. Clarke 7, T. O. Greasley 8. First Triples 1 and 6. First Triples inside for 3. Half-muffled.

Wheatley, Oxon.—1260 Bob Doubles: Miss T. J. Riggs 1, Miss H. E. McGowan 2, C. Smith 3, K. Harris 4, I. M. M. O'Reilly 5, P. Glenny (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. First by a local band. Half-muffled.

Whitchurch, Devon.—1260 Doubles (four methods): D. G. M. Pearce 1, S. G. Peirce 2, Christine D. Tebbot 3, J. F. Steere 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, A. G. Pullan 6. Half-muffled.

York (Minster).—1259 Grandsire Caters: Beryl Hartley 1, Mollie Toy 2, D. Clegg 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M. D. Stanforth 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, H. Walker 7, B. Sutton (cond.) 8, A. Hartley 9, O. P. Claxton 10.

HALF PEAL

Blackmoor, Hants.—Sept. 19, 2520 Doubles (four methods): R. Gill 1, Miss M. Sutcliffe (cond.) 2, A. Gill 3, D. Cooper 4, M. Cass (cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. Longest length 1, 3, 4, 6. For Patronal Festival, and best wishes to Rev. C. J. Butler, leaving for a parish at Wellingborough, Northants.

Aldermaston, Berks.—Sept. 25, 1264 Bob Major: P. Corderoy 1, C. Corderoy 2, H. Dunsden 3, Janet Livingston 4, J. J. Hill 5, D. Livingston 6, M. Till (first Major) 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8. Also Oct. 2, 1260 St. Clements Minor: P. Corderoy 1, R. Tibbles 2, J. J. Hill 3, D. Livingston 4, M. Till 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4, 5. Also Oct. 8, 1260 St. Clements Minor: M. Till 1, J. J. Hill 2, Janet Livingston 3, D. Livingston 4, R. Tibbles 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor on handbells: D. Livingston 1-2, W. Butler (cond.) 3-4, J. J. Hill 5-6. First on handbells 1-2 and 5-6. Also Oct. 29, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, J. J. Hill 3, M. Till 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 3 and 4.

Babworth, Notts.—Oct. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey 1, D. W. Jack 2, Diana Mounsey (first inside) 3, H. Denman 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, Christine M. N. Wright 6.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Wilmore 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, D. G. Massey 6. To welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester for evening service.

Barstale School Society.—Oct. 20, 1295 Bob Caters: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. Mason 3-4, A. G. Gibbs 5-6, G. I. Lucas (cond., first on ten in hand) 7-8, K. T. Bradley 9-10. First on ten for all except conductor. First on ten for Society.

Bathampton, Som.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Feasey 1, Mrs. P. A. Weeks 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, K. G. Weeks 5, P. D. Powell 6. Silver wedding compliment to Rev. G. C. C. Spencer (vicar) and Mrs. Spencer; also for visit of Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Beaconsfield, Bucks.—Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: H. Wingrove 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Sue Lee 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, R. W. Powell 6, R. Lee 7, D. Wood (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

Bishopstoke, Hants.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Richards (first quarter) 1, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 2, J. P. Colliss 3, Linda V. Cull 4, I. M. McCallion 5, A. P. Smith 6, M. K. Waldron (first Triples inside) 7, S. Dando 8. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Rose.

Blackburn, Lancs. (Cathedral).—Oct. 11, 1330 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hill 1, J. Skeats 2, F. Longworth 3, G. Howarth 4, P. Woods 5, G. Wignall 6, B. Hill (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. For the christening of Simon Anthony Hill.

Blackmoor, Hants.—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Cane 1, Miss M. Sutcliffe 2, A. Gill 3, Rev. C. J. Butler (first Minor) 4, D. Cooper 5, M. Cass (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a farewell compliment to the vicar.

Brading, I.O.W.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Ann Duff (first away from cover) 1, Vivienne Ball 2, A. A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, I. Russell (first inside) 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Evensong; also a welcome to Simon Philip, son of Joyce and Stephen Duff (born October 18).

Bradley, Staffs.—Nov. 4, 1280 Bob Major: Hilary Powell 1, Hilda Taylor 2, S. G. Pick (100th quarter) 3, P. G. Holden 4, Janet Blake 5, F. J. Keddie 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, D. J. Bates (cond.) 8.

Bratton, Wilts.—Nov. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Slatford (first quarter) 1, F. Slatford (cond.) 2, Miss W. Skinner 3, B. Lawrence (first quarter) 4, A. Bartlett 5, M. Smith 6.

Bray-on-Thames, Berks.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): C. Burridge 1, Marcia Dieppe 2, Janice Dieppe 3, J. Dieppe 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, D. Fowles 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong on All Saints' Day.

Bredon's Norton, Worcs.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Stallwood 1, H. Plumb 2, K. Pratt 3, A. Halling 4, F. Wood 5, J. Attwood 6. For Harvest Festival.

Bredgar, Kent.—Nov. 9, 1320 Bob Doubles: Rosemary Edmed (first attempt) 1, Mrs. Sheila Dobbie (first in method) 2, Joan Lynas (first inside) 3, Rev. S. M. Evans (first in method) 4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5, T. Ingram (first attempt) 6.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter).—Oct. 31, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. Bond 1, E. Ropley 2, R. Johnson 3, P. Wills 4, P. Stevens 5, A. Baldock 6, D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Francis 8.

Bures, Suffolk.—Nov. 9, 1264 Bob Major: A. J. Loveless (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, R. A. Knight 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, J. P. Loveless 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. A tribute for the life and work of Mrs. St. Osyth M. E. Wood, O.B.E.

Butcombe, Som.—Oct. 22, 1272 London S. Minor: J. Trimm 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, B. Mills (first in method) 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Perry 6.

Catherington, Hants.—Nov. 4, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. Cass 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, Christine Morton (first Cambridge Minor) 3, B. J. Fry 4, A. J. Buswell 5, R. B. Walton (cond.) 6.

Cavendish, Suffolk.—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Christine Hayes (first quarter, 12) 1, S. Twitchett 2, O. Ballard 3, G. Bloomfield 4, W. Perry 5, F. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

Chedworth, Glos.—Nov. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Smith 1, H. Andrews 2, Elizabeth Pearce 3, R. Allington 4, J. Pearce (cond.) 5, H. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For 90th birthday of Fred Tucker.

Copt Oak, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Marcon 1, K. Burdett 2, P. D. Bailey 3, R. Martin 4, R. D. Hughes 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Lawrence Brown, local churchwarden and ringer.

Chiddingfold, Surrey.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Larcombe (first Triples) 1, J. F. Payne 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, R. Cooper 4, P. Payne 5, T. J. Weller 6, M. D. Fuller 7, J. Marshall 8. For Evensong.

Coppull, Lancs.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Briers 1, A. H. Oakes 2, E. Cook 3, D. Borland 4, H. Grounds 5, W. O. Farrimond (cond.) 6. To mark Rev. J. Whittaker's 25 years as Vicar of Coppull Old Parish.

Croydon, Surrey (St. John).—Nov. 8, 1259 Grandsire Caters: N. Humphreys 1, E. Razzell 2, G. Newman 3, R. Davies 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. Brown 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, A. J. Brown 8, K. Taber (cond.) 9, P. Humphreys 10. For Evensong; also 21st birthday compliment to A. J. Brown.

Derby (Cathedral).—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Halls 1, D. Clowes (first quarter) 2, R. Chambers 3, I. Wilson 4, R. Saxton (first as cond.) 5, A. Harker 6.

Diss, Norfolk.—Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Triples: Pauline A. Hopkinson 1, Kathleen Tebble (first Triples inside) 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. E. Cook 4, F. Sutton 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, P. D. Taylor 8. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell to Owen Claxton, leaving for York.

THREE CHURCHES: NOW ONE PARISH

(November 1)

Easton-in-Gordano, Som.—1260 Doubles (3 variants): I. Ramsey 1, I. Newell 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. H. Goodliffe 6.

Portbury, Som.—1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: I. Ramsey 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (25th this year) 2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, I. Newell 5, R. Haskins 6.

Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.—1260 Bob Minor: R. Goodliffe 1, C. Knight 2, I. Newell 3, R. W. Willans 4, Helen Kirkpatrick 5, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 6.

Euston, Suffolk.—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Half-muffled after the funeral of Charles Alfred Euston, 10th Duke of Grafton, patron of the parish.

Evercrech, Som.—Nov. 6, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): V. Savage 1, A. P. Beck 2, Heather A. Kippin 3, E. Naylor 4, H. J. Sanger 5, D. MacKay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, E. J. Chivers 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10.

Farmborough, Som.—Oct. 30, 1272 Fyfield S. Minor: Janet Parker 1, R. Perry 2, M. J. Horseman 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6. First by all. 100th together 4 and 6.

Frampton, Lincs.—Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Coleman 1, Mrs. G. Burrell 2, Mrs. A. Singleton 3, G. Flatters 4, G. Burrell 5, H. Barsley (cond.) 6. For the birth of Amanda Louise Burrell.

Groby, Leics.—Nov. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Paimla 1, P. Forgham 2, S. Wright 3, T. Gardner 4, Rev. P. Bleckman (cond.) 5, G. Spurr (first attempt) 6. Muffled in memoriam Tom Isom, died November 6.

Horsham, Sussex.—Nov. 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Fosberry 1, B. A. Rose 2, T. G. Fox 3, E. R. Ropley 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, M. R. Reed 6, J. A. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. H. Bourne 8. By the local band as a wedding compliment to Charles and Rosemary Struthers.

Hugglescote, Leics.—Oct. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Forgham 1, R. Graves 2, A. R. Pepper 3, W. Goodaby 4, H. Moulton (cond.) 5, J. Tovell 6. For the 91st anniversary of the dedication of the local church.

Huyton, Lancs.—Nov. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Imelda H. Paton (first quarter) 1, D. Elison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, R. Latham 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. On the 52nd anniversary of the conductor's entry into the tower.

Hanley Swan, Worcs.—Oct. 28, 1440 Hanley Swan Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method.

HANLEY SWAN DELIGHT

—36—16—12—1236—34—36
I.e. 6ths 146532

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement).—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wightman 1, D. Buxton 2, P. W. Archer 3, B. Forsyth 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, D. G. Salter 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to the late Alan Bridges.

Isleworth, Middx.—Oct. 25, 1299 Stedman Caters: C. T. Richards 1, June Creek 2, Olive Rogers 3, M. Stacey 4, K. Rider 5, F. D. Bishop 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10. For the service of thanksgiving for the rebuilt church, attended by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra.

Kempsey, Worcs.—Nov. 11, 720 Kempsey Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, J. Clements 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in the method.

KEMPSEY DELIGHT

—36—16—12—1236—14—16
I.e. 6ths 134625

Kineton, Warks.—Nov. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Kibblewhite 1, Mrs. Laura Kibblewhite 2, F. Cook 3, J. Green 4, R. J. Edden (cond.) 5, D. Cook 6. The conductor first rang with the Kineton band on November 5, 1914.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Royal: J. Kripe 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. E. Bulleid 5, G. Eves 6, I. J. Whitear 7, P. V. Feast 8, C. D. Collin 9, B. J. Stone (cond.) 10. First Royal 5, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

Leytonstone, E.—Nov. 1, 1280 Rutland S. Major: W. Theobald (cfond.) 1, Leslie Tibbitt 2, C. Willmington 3, G. Walker 4, J. Murfitt 5, M. Wareing 6, P. Chalk 7, J. Slater 8. First in method 4 and 6. For baptism service.

Locking, Som.—Oct. 31, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Prescott 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, P. Kelby 5, H. Button 6. A wedding compliment to G. Wakley and E. Bradbury.

London, E.C. (St. Giles, Cripplegate).—Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry (cond.) 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Hughes 3, R. Offen 4, D. Jewell 5, M. Faulkes 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, R. Brown 8.

Longparish, Hants.—Oct. 30, 1320 Doubles (4 methods): Mrs. B. Dobson 1, M. Goss 2, P. Grover 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, P. Murduck 5, F. Tonge 6. A wedding compliment to Charles Russell and Alice McDowall (rector's daughter), married at Winchester Cathedral this day.

Lymm, Cheshire.—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Fleming (first quarter) 1, H. S. Glover 2, Mrs. K. Mather 3, D. W. Kirkpatrick 4, J. Moore (cond.) 5, R. F. Harris 6. For Evensong; also a welcome to the new rector (Rev. A. J. Birch).

Marple, Cheshire.—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Andrew 1-2, A. Whiting 3-4, P. Broadbent (first as cond.) 5-6.

Micheldever, Hants.—Nov. 11, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. H. Green (cond.) 1, B. J. Fry 2, Hilary L. Widgery (first in method) 3, D. C. Jackson 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. Le Marechal 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

Middleton, Lancs.—Nov. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Mitchell 1, J. Duffield 2, Mrs. L. K. Miller 3, I. Burton (first quarter) 4, J. W. Rideout 5, L. Miller (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. L. K. Miller and Miss E. Rathmill.

Middleton Stoney, Oxon.—Nov. 2, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): K. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. H. Haynes 2, A. V. D. Mead 3, C. W. J. East 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, G. R. James 6. A farewell to the rector (Rev. J. W. Larter) and congratulations to Ian and Tessa Mackenzie on the birth of a daughter (Catherine Ruth).

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Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: Wendy Poppleton 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Susan Goodwin 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. For O.A.P.'s Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Jane Whitham 1, Susan Goodwin 2, Ann Bryant 3, Mira V. Ford 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. R. Shiner (verger's wife). Also Nov. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Wendy Poppleton 1, Susan Rayner 2, Susan Goodwin 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, M. Woolnough 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Dawn Goodwin 1, R. Staples 2, Mira V. Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Caroline Embleton 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Percy Miles (sidesman).

Nazeing, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Jaikins 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, B. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Patronal Festival.

Northchurch, Herts.—Nov. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Morris 1, A. Lancey 2, A. R. Ashby 3, S. Talbot-Ponsonov 4, W. Preston 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also an 18th birthday compliment to Andrew Lancey.

Offwell, Devon.—Nov. 7, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K. T. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. C. Davis 3, E. W. Rowe 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. A. Sparks 6. For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke—a grandson for treble ringer. Also to celebrate 50 years of ringing for ringer of 2; a birthday compliment to wife of ringer of 2.

Oxford (St. Cross).—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Raymont 1, R. J. Crocker 2, A. W. Kay 3, R. H. Jones 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, C. R. Miles 6. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Smith 1, A. W. Kay 2, J. R. Checkley (first Doubles) 3, M. R. Petchey 4, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies 6. A welcome to Rev. Alan Durstan.

Oxford (St. Thomas).—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Jenny Unsworth 1, Ann Lambert 2, M. Petchey 3, Linda Merrill 4, J. Checkley 5, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to C. J. E. Wyld. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: N. Weston 1, Sue Unsworth 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, R. Wilsher 4, R. A. Yeates (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies 6. By O.U.S.C.R. Also Oct. 11, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 1, Margaret A. Thow 2, Ann Gardner 3, S. R. Smith 4, E. Martin 5, R. H. Abbott 6.

Pakefield, Suffolk.—Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. I. Newsome 1, Lynn M. Fuller 2, Christine P. Gorrod 3, P. J. Harrold 4, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 5, J. I. White 6. First Doubles 1, 2, 6. Average age of band 13 years 5 months.

Polesworth, Warks.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): J. Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Portsmouth, Hants (Cathedral).—Nov. 12, 1360 Bob Major: C. D. Coley (first on eight) 1, Jean Berriman 2, Christine Morton 3, Jennifer Quaife 4, G. Love 5, M. E. Cass 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, R. B. Walton (cond.) 8.

Postlingford, Suffolk.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Rawlinson (first quarter) 1, S. Twitchett 2, P. Mayle 3, F. Gilbert (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5.

Preston Plucknett, Som.—Nov. 8, 1260 Bob Doubles: Rachael Chant 1, M. Shaw 2, D. Hammonds (first as cond.) 3, E. J. Hart 4, Marion Martin 5, W. Shaw 6. To welcome Rev. Andrew Hughes (priest-in-charge).

Prestwich, Manchester.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: V. Eckersall 1, F. Reynolds (cond.) 2, Jane Reynolds 3, Margaret Manby 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, D. P. Smith 7, A. Ward 8. 21st birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds.

Redmarley D'Abitot, Glos.—Nov. 10, 1260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Prout 1, L. C. Prosser 2, L. J. Smith 3, K. S. Chew 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones 6. Half-muffled following the funeral of E. Arnall, one-time ringer at Redmarley.

Rayne, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Connell 1, R. Threadgold 2, Miss R. Campbell (first inside) 3, H. Moore 4, S. Sudbury 5, J. Green (first as cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Ryde, I.O.W.—Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Vivienne Ball (first Triples) 1, Jill Reed 2, A. Russell 3, C. Frye 4, P. Miller 5, T. F. East (cond.) 6, N. Miller (first Triples) 7, J. Russell 8. For the induction of Rev. Patrick McGee as Vicar of All Saints.

St. Budeaux, Devon.—Oct. 19, 1440 Bob Minor: D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. F. Steere 2, S. G. Pearce 3, A. N. Frost 4, J. C. Mitchelmore 5, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 19, 1344 Kent T.B. Minor: D. G. M. Pearce (cond.) 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, J. F. Steere 3, S. G. Pearce 4, A. N. Frost 5, G. E. Mudge 6.

Smardston, Kent.—Oct. 29, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First birthday compliment to Simon Johnson. 100th quarter together 3 and 6.

South Cadbury, Som.—Nov. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles 1, H. F. Creed 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, K. L. Laver 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, T. Mead 6. Wedding compliment to Jenny Edwards and Kenny Higgins.

Stapleford, Cambs.—Nov. 14, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): A. A. Kellock 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, Julie Barnes 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, J. Bates 6. Most m/v 2 and 3. For Prince of Wales' birthday.

Tamworth, Staffs.—Oct. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: G. H. Peers, jun. 1, J. F. Mulvey (first quarter) 2, M. Quimby 3, R. G. Pearce 4, Sheila Parsons 5, N. W. Altaway (cond.) 6.

Thorne, Yorks.—Oct. 31, 1280 Bob Major: R. Dennis (first on eight) 1, J. Thorley 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, E. J. Padgett 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. E. Cook 6, A. W. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8. In memoriam John H. Brothwell.

Thorley, Herts.—Nov. 15, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Hayden 1, P. Warboys 2, R. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

Tonbridge, Kent.—Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. H. O'Callaghan 1, Jacqueline F. Collins (first Grandsire) 2, Jane Reynolds 3, L. T. Pope 4, E. R. G. West 5, S. G. Waters 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Aug. 2, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret Chappell (first T.B.) 1, Sally P. Cobb (first Surprise Major) 2, Les. C. Tibbits 3, M. B. Jefferyes 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, K. A. Hughes 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, I. L. Dear 8. For Evensong. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sally P. Cobb 1, Les. C. Tibbits 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, J. E. Murfitt 8. For Evensong. Also Sept. 13, 1296 Little Bob Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, June Whitcher 2, G. H. Walker (100th quarter and first Little Bob) 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8. For Matins. Also Oct. 4, 1296 Little Bob Major: Jane Chapman 1, Sally P. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, A. J. Slade 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also Oct. 11, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Glynis E. Perry 1, June Whitcher (first Kent, 100th on the bells) 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, M. C. Austin 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, R. J. Chapman 8. For Matins. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Les. C. Tibbits 1, Sally P. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, M. C. Austin 5, S. R. Mount 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, P. D. Austin 8. For Evensong.

Southampton, Hants (St. Mary).—Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: Diana Bromley (first Minor) 1, Joy Butler 2, P. Harrison 3, B. V. Butler (first Minor) 4, C. J. Butler 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

Weaverham, Cheshire.—Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. Mary Burgess 1, Pamela Hough 2, D. A. Carter 3, Rosemarie E. Hornby 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, T. Smith (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Miss R. E. Hornby, leaving for Manchester.

Wentworth, Yorks.—Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: R. M. Nalliah (first Minor) 1, E. P. King 2, Mrs. Y. King 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, D. Hutton 6. For All Saints' Day.

Westham, Sussex.—Aug. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Riggs 1, D. Snowell (first Grandsire Doubles) 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, C. Spreadbury 4, T. Barlow 5, D. Stewart 6. A welcome to Miriam Baldock (born August 13). Also Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, D. Wooler (first inside) 2, Ann Smith 3, I. Smith 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5. For a musical recital. Also Oct. 28, 1320 Bob Doubles: Jennifer Mason (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock (cond.) 2, N. Chapman 3, D. Ramsay 4, C. Spreadbury (first Pl. Bob) 5, R. Funnell 6. For a musical recital. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Kathleen Kerswell 1, Ann Smith 2, D. R. Fuller 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, I. Baldock 5, E. Baldock 6. For the christening of Miriam Baldock, daughter of conductor, and Christine, grand-daughter of Roy Fuller, niece of 1, 5 and 6 and god-daughter of 2.

Whitstable, Kent.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Phillips 1, Jill Steed 2, Doreen E. Austin (cond.) 3, Jacqueline Saker 4, Ann Steed 5, C. C. Dillnot 6. For Patronal Festival.

Whittlesey, Peterborough.—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Elizabeth Duddington 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Roffe 3, Dorothy Greenwood (first quarter) 4, Mary Masfield (first inside) 5, R. Daw 6, M. Tyler (cond.) 7, J. Edwards 8. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Smith, verger and bellringer.

Winterbourne, Glos.—Nov. 15, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell 3, H. Taysom 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. In memoriam Alfred Mayell (1882–1946), native of Winterbourne and for many years local chorister; also Major F. E. J. Mayell, The Kings Regiment (1911–1970).

Winwick, Hunts.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Riley 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5. Half-muffled following the funeral of Frank Afford, former local ringer.

Witney, Oxon.—Oct. 11, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: B. Coggins 1, B. W. Hall 2, P. D. Beedie 3, G. J. Collett 4, P. Pearce 5, M. Stracey 6, T. J. Hester 7, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

Worcester (St. Swithun).—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Stephens 1, A. Ager 2, Pat Jenkins 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. W. Cole 5, D. G. Franklin 6. For Evensong.

Worplesdon, Surrey.—Oct. 29, 1260 Bob Major: J. G. Fox (cond.) 1, B. A. Rose 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, R. G. Tickner (first Major) 4, M. I. Davey 5, Mrs. J. Rose 6, J. A. Smith 7, M. R. Reed 8. By St. Mary's Society, Horsham, for the Music Festival.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Roper 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, W. Saunders 4, N. Watson 5, C. Pease 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, F. C. J. Arnold 8. For Wymondham Abbey flower festival.

York (Minster).—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: Judith P. McGhie 1, D. E. Potter 2, Susan M. Fitton 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, Lyz Ewan 5, O. P. Claxton 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Blacktop 8. By York Colleges Guild as a farewell to Douglas Clegg, of the Minster Society.

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- †6 John C. Sheppard
- 7 Tom Chapman (Conductor)
- 8 Geoffrey Hebden

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HEMINGTON, Som, The Blessed Virgin Mary.

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5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

- 1 Ronald G. Beck
- *2 George W. Massey
- 3 Michael J. Winterbourne
- 4 Raymond E. J. Baker
- 5 Roger I. Kendrick
- *6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

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- *3 Percy Gardner
- 4 Keith W. Scudamore
- 5 James R. Taylor
- 6 Michael J. Hobbs
- †7 F. Cecil Mogford
- 8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

*First peal. †Circled the tower.

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- 2 V. Nutton (Conductor, Selwyn)
- 3 Margaret L. Ellwood (Hughes Hall)
- 4 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)
- 5 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)
- 6 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)
- 7 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 8 D. Barton (Selwyn)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (18½ cwt.)

5120 KENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Margaret P. Booth
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- 3 Basil Jones
- 4 Neil Bennett
- 5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 6 Ian M. Holland
- 7 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
- 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

First in method by all. To celebrate the marriage of Derek A. Ashton, ringing master at this church, and Wynne Hughes, which took place at St. Stephen's, Astley, Lancs, the previous Saturday.

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5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

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- 2 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
- 4 David Allman
- 5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
- 6 John R. Scott

Birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst and W. J. Chester (both October 30).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALLESLEY, Warwicks, All Saints.

Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Johnson's variation.)

- 1 Percy Stone
- 2 Frank W. Perrens (Conductor)
- 3 Frederick Shallcross
- 4 Ian D. Thompson
- 5 Hubert G. Summers
- 6 Raymond Winter
- 7 L. Michael Callow
- 8 Geoffrey Pratt

On the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles.

Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (9 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.

- 1 Timothy Wylie
- 2 Susan E. Banton
- 3 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)
- 4 Peter D. Taylor
- 5 Andrew R. Queen
- 6 Simon P. D. Burnett

Birthday compliment to conductor's mother.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 Roy Threadgold
- *2 John Connell
- 3 John A. Mayle
- 4 Peter Mayle
- *5 James Green
- 6 Frank W. J. Roper (Conductor)

*Most methods.

HALSTEAD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15½ cwt.)

5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Robert J. Lindsell
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Alan R. Syder
- 4 Terry Earle
- 5 Yvonne A. Towler
- 6 Keith W. Brown
- 7 James L. Towler
- 8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Martin, a Halsteadringer.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CRONDALL, Hants, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (18 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (6 methods: Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob).

- *§1 Marilyn Reay
- 2 Roy Le Marechal
- *3 Peter J. Rowe
- 4 Edward J. Fitcher (Conductor)
- †5 P. Roy Collins
- †6 William Arnold

*Most methods. †125th peal. ‡First peal. §First Doubles. For 800th anniversary of the church and an engagement compliment to Miss Reay and Mr. R. Backhurst.

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

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (25 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Richard H. Youdale
- 2 Beryl R. Simpson
- 3 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 4 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 5 Peter J. Munday
- 6 John R. Pratchett
- 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 8 Robert B. Smith

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STANTON LACY, Shropshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (15 callings).

- *1 Desmond F. Ferguson
- †2 Valerie M. Edge
- 3 Laurence T. Mainwaring
- 4 Robert A. Hatcher
- 5 Frederick R. Harris (Conductor)
- †6 Sidney J. Daniels

*First of Stedman and circled the tower. †First of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STANDON, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Beverley, Cambridge, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Rosemary Spicer
- 2 Leonard Luck
- 3 Walter Hunt
- 4 Richard F. Prime
- 5 John E. Ewer
- 6 Frederick W. Ellis (Conductor)

A birthday compliment to Rosemary Roden.

BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

(Johnson's variation.)

- *1 Brian J. Willett
- †2 Percy C. Warboys
- 3 Richard F. Prime
- 4 William S. Deason
- 5 Leonard Luck
- 6 Robin J. Trebilcock
- 7 Frederick W. Ellis
- 8 Jack S. Dear (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise.

Who sedulously attends, pointedly asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in possession of some of the best requisites of man.

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

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Plain Bob Minor).
 1 Peter S. Muchlinski
 2 Nicholas J. Chesson
 3 Rhian Bagshaw
 4 Peter D. J. Beal
 5 Trevor Cross
 6 Richard Hayes (Conductor)
 For Patronal Festival.

HAILSHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9½ cwt.)
5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1280 Bristol, Superlative; 1248 Cambridge, 1216 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work).
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
 1 Walter H. Dobbie
 *2 Jane Reynolds
 3 Tony Lewis
 4 David Featherstone
 5 Michael H. O'Callaghan
 6 Edward F. P. Bryant
 7 David C. Brookes
 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)
 *First of spliced inside.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (32 cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
 Composed by John Pladdys.
 1 James Hedgcock
 2 John A. Howard
 3 David A. Town
 4 Keith G. Game
 5 Tony Skilton
 6 Thomas Cullingworth
 7 John Pladdys (Conductor)
 8 Trevor A. Cross
 9 John W. Smith
 10 David L. Cawley

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.
 Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)
5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 2 Richard Clifton
 *3 David G. Massey
 4 Arthur E. Rowley
 5 B. Stedman Payne
 †6 Alec Jones
 7 Roger Kendrick
 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
 *50th for guild. †First in method.

KIBWORTH, Leics, St. Wilfred.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (10½ cwt.)
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Giles B. Thompson.
 1 E. Guy Slater
 2 Arthur E. Rowley
 *3 Hazel Nichols
 4 Martin J. Kirk
 5 Harry Bray
 6 Frank Chambers
 7 John W. Rawson
 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
 *First in method inside. First peal after rehousing.

LEIRE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 3 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Plain Bob).
 1 J. Henry Dove
 2 David Simpson
 3 Neville W. Paice
 4 William Johnson
 5 Gerald Johnson
 6 Christopher M. Sturgess (Conductor)
 To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Milne, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (6½ cwt.)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Composed by John Carter.
 1 B. Stedman Payne
 *2 Roger Kendrick
 3 Richard Clifton
 4 David G. Massey
 5 Arthur E. Rowley
 6 Ronald Hughes
 7 Alec Jones
 *8 Kenneth Burdett
 9 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
 10 G. Ronald Edwards
 *First in method.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**MARSHFIELD, Mon. St. Mary the Virgin.**

Fri., Nov. 6, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11 cwt.)
5024 GWENT SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by S. J. Ivin.
 1 David J. Llewellyn
 2 Paul A. Williams
 3 J. Michael Lakin
 4 Stephen Fenwick
 5 James Clatworthy
 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon
 7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
 8 Tudor P. Edwards
 First peal in the method.

GWENT SURPRISE MAJOR
 —58—14.58—58.36—14—12.58—12—
 h.l. 18. l.e. mx. f.c.e. b.

BLAENAVON, Mon, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (9 cwt.)
5056 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Composed by Nolan Golden.
 *1 Gordon R. E. Wilkinson
 *2 Peter N. Chambers
 *3 Jeffrey D. Hankin
 *4 Andrew W. E. Bainham
 *5 R. Mark Esbester
 6 Michael R. Meadows
 7 M. Jack Prior
 *8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
 *First of Little Bob. Half muffled in memory of the Fallen of two world wars.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (11 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 (5 240's, 32 extents.)
 1 H. Donald Bryant
 2 David Bounds
 3 William T. Petty (Conductor)
 4 Raymond J. Mayle
 5 D. Walford Davies
 6 Bernard V. Thurman
 Birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th. *First of Surprise.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD**SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.**

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (11½ cwt.)
5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).
 Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
 1 Rosemary K. Gates
 2 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
 *3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
 4 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
 †5 William Birmingham, jun.
 †6 William M. Taylor
 §7 S. Nicholas Harrop
 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
 *First of Spliced Surprise. †First of Spliced Surprise Major. ‡First of 4-spliced. §First of Surprise inside. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**HENDON, Middlesex, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16½ cwt.)
5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
 2 Eric Edmondson
 3 Dorothea M. Robotham
 4 Ruth M. Foreman
 *5 John Smith
 6 Frank Reed
 7 Brian S. Watson
 8 Thomas J. Lock
 *First in the method. A compliment to the Ven. Roy Southwell (vicar) on his appointment as Archdeacon of Northolt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (6½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
 Arranged by Norman W. Attaway.
 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 2 B. Stedman Payne
 *3 Clive J. Mobbs
 †4 Ron D. Hughes
 *5 Kenneth G. Parker
 6 Sheila Parsons
 7 Frank Beech
 8 Arthur E. Rowley
 9 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)
 10 Edward R. Fairbrother
 *First on ten. †50th for guild. First of Plain Bob Caters for all and for the guild.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**GARVESTON, Norfolk, St. Margaret.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 1 Henry Tooke
 2 Adrial Walton
 3 Frank C. J. Arnold
 *4 Gordon Elvin
 5 Thomas E. Spight
 6 Peter Adcock (Conductor)
 First of Surprise.

BELL ROPES
 JOHN NICOLL
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BEACONSFIELD, Bucks, St. Mary and All Saints.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (21 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Composed by C. Charge.

- 1 Dorothy R. Fletcher
- *2 Susan J. Lee
- †3 Susan M. Evans
- 4 Kathleen E. Fletcher
- 5 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)
- 6 Richard Lee
- 7 Roger W. Powell
- 8 Derek Francis

*First peal. †First of Major. For Patronal Festival.

WATLINGTON, Oxon, St. Leonard.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (24 cwt.)
5024 RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by Roger D. Bailey.

- 1 Michael Hatchett
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 Shirley M. Drew
- 4 William Birmingham
- 5 Ronald K. Russ
- 6 Peter J. Heritage
- 7 Frank Reed
- 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

First peal in the method by all and for the guild. For Patronal Festival.

BRADWELL, Bucks, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents in 24 methods: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (7) Westminster and Allendale).

- 1 Martin Major
- *2 Katherine S. Hardy
- 3 Elizabeth Forster
- 4 Joyce M. Clarke
- *5 David Redfearn
- 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*Most methods.

(Oxford City Branch)

IFFLEY, Oxford, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 William A. T. Carter
- 2 Laurence A. W. Busby
- *3 David D. Pullin
- 4 Roy Goodwin
- 5 A. James Adams
- 6 Peter J. Heritage (Conductor)

*First inside. To mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

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

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.)
5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 By Stephen Ivin.

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

First in method for all except conductor. First in method as conductor. A compliment to Elizabeth Eady and Clifford Tuckley, on their forthcoming marriage.

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

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.)
5000 CLYDE LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
 Arranged by P. Border.

- 1 Muriel Reay
- *2 Roderick W. Pipe
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 James Insley
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Michael J. Fellows
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

*200th on 12 bells. First in the method.

CLYDE LITTLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 36—56.14.57—57.36—14—37.16—
 16.37.16—16.30 (h.l.). mx.

DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. (19 cwt.)
5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 (No. 3 version.)

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Norman J. Goodman
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4 Stephen W. Barton
- 5 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 Charles A. S. Webb
- 9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 10 John A. Anderson

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts, All Saints.**

Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Margaret E. Snyder
- *2 Katherine Burchnall
- *3 Grace Burchnall
- †4 William T. Exton
- 5 R. Brian Mills
- *6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- †7 Ernest Preston
- 8 John R. Leeming

*50th together. †Circled tower. ‡50th peal. For the Patronal Festival, also a compliment to Canon Keal, 30 years parish priest.

BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 each Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, 1 Plain Bob).

- 1 Christine M. N. Wright
- 2 Beryl N. Reed
- 3 Paul N. Mounsey
- 4 Raymond Fanthorpe
- 5 Colin W. Reed
- 6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

To commemorate the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers (1620).

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 F. William Midwinter
- *2 Jennifer A. Curtis
- 3 Paul Raithby
- 4 Percy Holmes
- 5 Derek J. Tysoe (Conductor)
- 6 Paul F. Curtis

*First Minor inside. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SUFFOLK GUILD**EARL SOHAM, Suffolk, St. Andrew.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 (2 2160's and 1 720.)

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 Leslie G. Brett
- 3 Walter W. Miller
- 4 Ernest G. Pearce
- *5 Adrian Knights
- 6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Minor.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashted, Cambridge, Lindum, London, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cornwall, Cassiobury, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 J. Martin Thorley
- 2 J. Barry Pickup
- 3 Dennis Knox
- 4 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- *5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
- *6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- *7 Alan J. Munnings
- *8 Leslie G. Brett

*Most Surprise Major methods. Most Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal for the guild.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Nov. 13, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (5 methods: London, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge).

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 J. Barry Pickup
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

ELVEDEN, Suffolk, SS. Andrew & Patrick.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 (Middleton's.)

- 1 Norman Watson
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
- 5 Alan G. Feaver
- 6 Brian E. Whiting
- 7 Ernest G. Pearce
- 8 Maurice J. Rose

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25½ cwt.)
5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
 Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

- *1 Barry J. Fry
- †2 Jennifer L. Quaife
- *†3 Ruth E. Halford
- †4 Christopher Renyard
- †5 William F. J. Cope
- *6 H. Lyndon Hatfield
- †7 John H. Hunt (Conductor)
- *8 Clive G. Bryant
- *9 Alan A. J. Buswell
- *†10 R. Brian Walton

*First of Little Bob. †First of Royal. ‡First of Little Bob Royal. A welcome to Megan Rachel, daughter of Dianne and Lyndon Hatfield, born October 24, 1970.

PORTSEA, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.)

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. R. Kench.

- 1 H. Lyndon Hatfield (Conductor)
- 2 Ruth E. Halford
- 3 R. Brian Walton
- 4 Winifred E. Keys
- 5 William F. J. Cope
- 6 John P. Colliss
- 7 Edward W. Colley
- 8 Clive G. Bryant

To welcome Megan Rachel Hatfield, daughter of the conductor (born October 24, 1970).

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**EVESHAM, Worcs, The Bell Tower.**

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (11 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Anthony C. Freeman
- 2 Arthur C. Berry
- 3 Christopher Hims
- 4 Shirley M. Drew
- *5 Rev. Albert Webb
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 7 Roger H. Hunt
- 8 Geoffrey J. Hemming (Conductor)

*Has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus in his own tower. For All Saints' Festival.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Andrew R. Naylor
- *2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- †3 Arthur Rogers
- †4 Christopher D. Walker
- 5 Alex E. Marsh
- 6 Alan F. Scholfield
- 7 A. Robin Heppenstall
- 8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)

*200th of Surprise. †First of London.

SOWERBY, Yorks, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (16 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Delwyn Tidball
- 2 Iris Lemare
- *3 Margaret White
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
- 6 Ian North
- 7 J. Henry Fielden
- 8 Richard E. Price

*First of London.

NON-ASSOCIATION**GODSTONE, Surrey, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12 cwt.)

5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Arthur Knights.

- *1 David K. Gough
- †2 Margaret P. Byrne
- 3 Raymond J. Talbot (Conductor)
- †4 Wendy Wallace
- 5 Rosemary J. Cotton
- 6 David Woodward
- 7 Michael R. Wycherley
- 8 Jeremy R. Pratt

*First peal. †First on eight. By St. James', Clerkenwell, Sunday service band.

Handbells**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****WILLASTON, Cheshire, 4 Coppice Road.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 1hr. 49min. (18 in G.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards
- 3-4 John R. Scott
- 5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

To mark the 130th anniversary of the casting of these bells by William Dunn.

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

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (19 in F.)

5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne
- *5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 7-8 Roger Baldwin
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows
- *11-12 Frank C. Price

*First of York Maximus on handbells.

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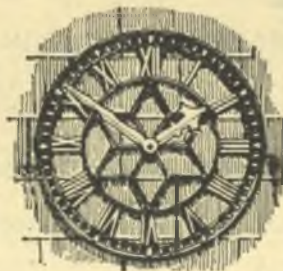
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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken.**

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 1hr. 46min. (13.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Roger Hippisley
 - 3-4 John G. Hall
 - 5-6 Richard H. Hall (Conductor)
- First as conductor.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.**MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(144 c.r.u.'s)

Arranged by M. C. W. Sherwood.

- 1-2 S. Nicholas Harrop
- 3-4 Christopher L. D. Munday
- 5-6 William M. Taylor
- *7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*25th in hand for the guild. For the Feast of St. Engelbert, also a 21st birthday compliment to Lynda M. Deebank.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**OXFORD, New College Hall, Staircase 2.****5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 2 hr.**

(No date supplied.)

- *1-2 Colin J. E. Wyld
- 3-4 Rodney A. Yeates
- 5-6 Stuart I. Bamforth (Conductor)

*First in hand. First in hand as conductor.

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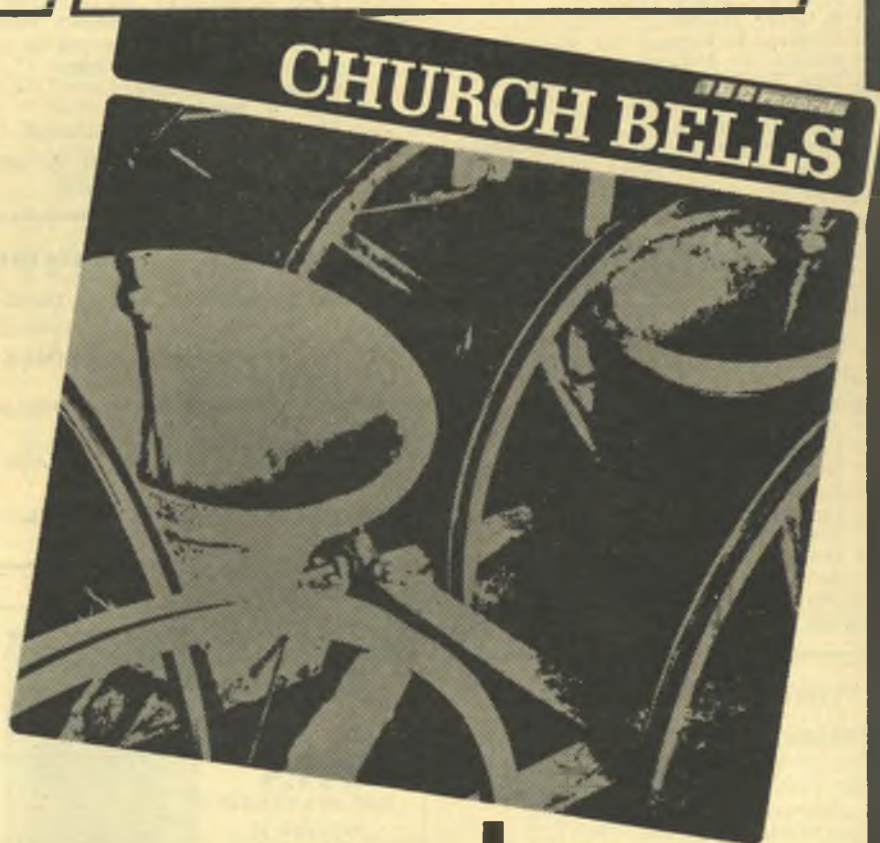
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JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH

By W. T. COOK

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The next opening took place at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, when several touches were rung by eight College Youths. On New Year's Eve the bells of St. John's, Deptford, were opened by a band of College Youths, who were afterwards entertained to a ringers' supper. On January 7, 1875, Haworth took part in the last peal on the bells at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, before the demolition of the old tower and church, which were to be replaced by a new church. On Wednesday, April 14, 1875, Weybridge bells were opened with a peal of Stedman Triples, and the following day the same band rang a peal of Kent on the bells.

In November of the same year, Haworth took on the job of instructor to the ringers at St. Albans Abbey, a position which he held for over a year. Evidently all went well, and good progress was made. For a time Matthew Wood assisted Haworth, and in the report read at the annual meeting of the St. Albans Society on January 9, 1877, it was stated that "under the able tuition of Mr. Haworth . . . and Mr. Wood, noted members of the celebrated band of College Youths, the Society has every reason to be satisfied with the progress it has made, the ringers having on several occasions rung over 500 changes." The accounts showed an amount of £21 12s. 6d. as instructors' expenses.

There are various newspaper cuttings in Haworth's book which relate to his time as instructor to the St. Albans ringers. The first tells that on December 27, 1875, "eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths ascended the tower of our fine old Abbey, and rang . . . over 5000 changes of Grandsire Triples in a splendid and masterly style; by a slight accident they did not complete the peal of 5040 changes, which would only have taken a few minutes more." The band included two local ringers, Henry Lewis and Henry Younger.

HONoured AT DINNER

On July 19, 1876, twelve members of the St. Albans band, with Haworth, went to Benington, Herts, and rang various touches of Grandsire Triples. "They were honoured at dinner," says Church Bells, "by the company of Squire Proctor, his ringers, and other gentlemen, numbering about forty. During the day the Benington band rang Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise, much to the gratification of the young ringers of St. Albans, who have only been in practice a short time, but have, under the able instruction of Mr. J. R. Haworth (who has been presented with a gold scarf-pin for his attention), been able to achieve what is mentioned above." Another cutting tells of the visit of the St. Albans band, with Haworth, to Woburn Abbey.

Through the recommendation of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Haworth was asked by the Hon. Henrietta Kenyon to go to Hanmer, Flintshire, to instruct the ringers. He engaged to go there for a week, from November 29, 1875, and then to go on for a further week to Malpas, Cheshire, where the Hon. and Rev. T. W. Kenyon was rector. Haworth preserved the letters he received from the Hon. Henrietta Kenyon, from which it appears that the ringers of the six bells of Hanmer were at that time "young, and some of them quite inexperienced, though some few of them have learnt more." Travel was not so easy in those days: "I enclose a paper of trains.

The first is the best if it is not too early for you, and I think it will be best for you to get a trap at Whitchurch, which will bring you and your box, as there are no flies to be had at Bettisfield, and we could not conveniently send for you."

A paragraph about Haworth's visit later appeared in Church Bells, in which it was stated that "although Mr. Haworth's visit was a short one, there was a great improvement in the striking, the management of the bells, the leads, &c., and the foundation laid for change-ringing . . . Mr. Haworth also visited Malpas . . . it is hoped that the example and advice of the London ringer will incite the young men to advance in the pleasing art of change-ringing . . ."

On the last day of 1875, eight members of the College Youths, with Haworth among them, travelled down to Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, having "had the honour," says Church Bells, "of being invited to open the ring of eight bells at the village church of St. Stephen, by Henry Parnall, Esq., the restorer of the church and donor of the bells. They rang the old year out, and the new year was ushered in with well-struck change-ringing." On New Year's Day, 1876, the band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first College Youths' peal in Wales. "On Sunday the College Youths rang at the commencement of the three services, which was highly appreciated. Before leaving Llanstephan they rang the hand-bells at the houses of several of the gentry, all of whom expressed themselves much pleased with the music of the bells."

TWO NEW ENGAGEMENTS

The year 1877 brought two new engagements of Haworth as ringing instructor—at St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Arlesey, Beds. Haworth preserved some of the correspondence relating to these engagements, but it presents no special interest. On April 24, 1878, Haworth was once again one of the band that opened a new peal of bells—those in the rebuilt church at Privett, Hants, where a band of College Youths "manipulated the bells with great dexterity before and after the consecration service," according to the Observer and County News. In fact they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. Evidently Haworth had already turned the opportunity afforded by this new ring of bells to good account, for there is a paper in his book which says: "At a full meeting of the Company of Church Bell Ringers, established in the Parish of Privett, Hants, held at the Privett National School on Monday, May 20th, 1878, the Vicar in the chair, the following resolution . . . was carried unanimously, 'that the best thanks of the meeting be afforded to Mr. Haworth for his kindness and attention while engaged in instructing the Ringers.'"

The next two openings of bells recorded in Haworth's book took place in London. The first was the bells of the now vanished Church of St. John, Wilton Road, Pimlico, which were opened on October 2, 1878. Once again Haworth was appointed official instructor, as correspondence shows. Among the young ringers he taught there were two whose names were to become very well known—Francis Edward Dawe and Challis F. Winney. The second was the opening of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral on November 1, when Haworth rang the sixth in the opening touch. There is a very full and interesting account of this dedication ceremony in *The Ringing World* of November 2, 1928, and a shorter notice of it in the issue for November 1, 1968;

Haworth's book only contains a short cutting from *The Daily Chronicle* of November 2, and a service paper of the dedication ceremony. Haworth was elected one of the original members of the official St. Paul's band, and remained a member until his death in 1910, when H. Langdon was elected in his place.

ON HIS TRAVELS AGAIN

A few days later, Haworth received a letter which presumably set him off on his travels again. It was from a Mr. Arthur E. Street, of the Architects Office, New Courts of Justice, Strand, who wrote to say: "Lord Eldon has referred my father (G. E. Street, R.A.) to you as an authority on the hanging and ringing of bells. At the Cathedral of Christ Church, Dublin, which my father has just been restoring, there is a peal of 13 bells, partly new. These do not give satisfaction, but there is considerable difference of opinion about the cause. . . . My father wishes me to ask you whether you would meet him at Christ Church, Dublin, on Friday in next week (Nov: 8th), so that you might give your opinion." It appears from another letter that Haworth agreed to go, but there is no record in his books of what happened on that occasion.

Meanwhile, Haworth had continued to give instruction at Waltham Abbey, and on February 3, 1879, the Waltham Abbey Society, all of whom were also members of The College Youths, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on their bells, this being the first peal of Stedman by the society, rung at the first attempt. Haworth rang the treble to this peal, he having been elected a member of the local company before starting for the peal; "and on the following evening," it was reported in Church Bells, "being the annual supper, he was presented with a sum of money for his assistance (once a fortnight for seven years) to the Society."

In 1879 or 1880 Haworth was appointed instructor to the ringers at Hitchin, Herts. A band of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples there on April 19, 1880, with Haworth on the second. This was the first peal on the bells since 1782, according to *The North Herts Journal*, or 1796 if *The Herts Express* is to be believed. After the peal, *The Herts Express* tells us, "Mr. Proctor's band of ringers from Bennington and the Hitchin ringers performed some change ringing in clever style. In the evening the College Youths and other ringers were entertained at dinner in the Sun Hotel . . . The health . . . was drunk . . . of Mr. Allen, the captain of the Hitchin ringers, through whose exertions so talented a body of ringers had been got together. A capital performance on the handbells was given by some of the College Youths, under the leadership of Mr. Haworth, who, it may be mentioned, has recently been giving instruction to the Hitchin ringers, very much to their improvement. The evening, which was enlivened by several songs and speeches, was very pleasantly spent until the time arrived for the departure of the London ringers, when the company separated."

(To be continued.)

The happy man. It is not great wealth nor high station which makes a man happy. Many of the most wretched beings on earth have both; but it is a radiant, sunny spirit, which knows how to bear little trials and to enjoy little comforts, and which thus extracts happiness from every incident of life.

MORE MUGS

(An account of the Manchester University Guild's outing for freshers—Oct. 10, 1970)

Leaving Manchester at 8.30 on a dark, foggy morning wasn't much fun, but we had to go early to avoid the traffic. Carefully avoiding other cars driving about Cheshire at that time of day, we arrived at Bowdon 20 minutes too soon. Some members of the party rang handbells round the monument (but nobody was watching!). The locals met us (they turned out to be lithesome lasses who helped us ring Original, even with 4ths place bobs). They were really nice bells and we managed some Surprise Major with the odd half-lead single on them. We flashed across to Rosethorne (23 cwt. six) and just about managed to ring some changes. Mobberley has a beautiful church and it was decorated for Harvest Festival. In the ringing gallery the front three bells perform on a stage about 3 feet higher than the back three, but that didn't cause any trouble and the bells sound very pleasant. We found more traffic in Knutsford (of motorway fame), another Harvest Festival and another nice six. These were anti-clockwise, which fooled us, surprisingly. We had to ring at Great Budworth before lunch (a good idea, really), for this ton weight eight goes rather heavily and gave us a good appetite.

By now the weather had turned out very fine, and all set out enthusiastically for the afternoon session. The six at Stretton didn't seem to respond to our handling too well (the tenor having a very independent spirit) so we were pleased to find the eight at Grappenhall in excellent condition, tuneful and capable of more methods than we were. We rushed to Lymm and worked hard on the 30 cwt. eight (extremely sonorous), became very weary, and admired the vertical fluorescent lighting. In no time at all we reached Warburton, another eight, but only 26 cwt. this time. Our strength had failed and the bells weren't so tuneful, so we left quite early. There was a long gap before the last tower, so we sampled Cheshire pasties at the local before ringing at Culcheth. A fast-going eight here with a familiar twang in the trebles, and we rang spliced everything. It was too dark and cold to go any further now, so back to Manchester, coffee, and so to bed. Thanks to Nik for arranging, drivers for driving and locals for meeting.

(P.S.—We've still got some freshers!)

WHAT GENERATION GAP?

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a quarter of Bob Minor at St. Mary's Church, Berry Pomeroy, prior to harvest festival service recently. Hardly noteworthy, perhaps, except that the band embraced an age range of 71 years! Stanley Carter, senior member of the guild's Mid-Devon Branch, pulled a fine treble rope on his 83rd birthday. (Stan came to Devon in 1965 from Hertfordshire.) He has been ringing for over 65 years and is still very active, ringing regularly at Brixham and Dartmouth.

Guy Thompson, also from Brixham, rang his first quarter peal inside one week short of his 13th birthday. Guy, one of the brightest young recruits to the branch for some time, has been a ringer for just two years but started learning change-ringing less than 12 months ago. Since his first quarter peal on February 14 he has competently handled the treble through quarters of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major and Caters, and on practice nights has been ringing inside for some time. R. F. S.

Derby Association

ELEVEN LOCAL TOWERS

The October meeting of the Chesterfield District was held on the 10th at Clowne, when ringing on the light six in a wide variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening, jointly conducted by Malcolm Phipps and Derek Peers (district ringing masters). Some 40 members sat down to tea in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the lady members of the local band.

A short business meeting, chaired by John Arkwell, was held, at which Ann Naylor (Clowne) was elected a member and a welcome was extended to visiting ringers from Rotherham. Best wishes were extended to David Hird (Chesterfield) and Joseph Leary (Old Brampton) on their departure to universities, and tributes were paid to the late Mr. John Sykes (Dronfield), founder member of the association.

Local towers represented at the meeting were Barlborough, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Clowne, Dronfield, Eckington, Norton, North Wingfield, Old Brampton, Old Whittington and Staveley.

Thanks were given to Mr. George Hunt and the local ringers for an excellent tea, well-maintained bells and kind hospitality.

M. E. B.

Meadows' Marvels

WILTSHIRE WEEKEND

On the evening of September 11, Wendy and Les Meadows, the organisers (Churcham), Cecil Cox (Much Marcle), Jack Webb and Anne Butcher (Ross-on-Wye), Ray and Beryl Brewer (Llangarron), David Huddleston and David Andrews (Henbury), Derek Price (Welland) and Geraldine Mitchell (Corse) made their way to Devizes.

Next day, Saturday, a very wet one, began with the ground floor six of Market Lavington. An interesting feature of this church is the square peep-hole from the vicar's vestry to the sanctuary. This village, which is often likened to a miniature town, was followed by yet another ground floor ring at Great Cheverell. At Erlestoke we were met by the vicar and found the bells already up for us. The rain, although still troublesome, had eased enough for us to admire the Early English arch the church possesses. Next came the lovely church of Edington, which dates back to 1361. Before being able to ring on the ten, approach to the tower has to be made across the roof. We were joined at Edington by Jack and Lena Long (Lydney).

Following lunch came the musical six of Bratton. The steps to the ringing room are very steep indeed, but the lovely clean tower makes the climb worthwhile. At Horningsham, as a result of the storms, we rang in a pool of water which had managed to get into the ringing room. Some of us were very honoured to be shown a most exquisitely embroidered altar frontal, which we understand was made by a member of the Bath family of nearby Longleat. This beautiful piece of work must surely be the church's proudest possession. The recently-rehung bells of Corsley, with such a light, airy ringing room, were a pleasure to ring. The day then closed with the long draught at Keevil.

Sunday morning, the weather hardly any better, saw us at various churches nearby, joining local ringers for ringing for matins. After lunch we made our various ways home, after spending a most enjoyable weekend in Wiltshire, and we thank all who made the tour possible.

Norwich Association

THREE FUNCTIONS

About 40 ringers and friends went on the first-ever Eastern Branch outing on September 26. The coach left Beccles at 5.30 a.m. and arrived at the Loughborough Bell Foundry at about 11.15 a.m. Following a very interesting conducted tour of the foundry the ringers were able to try their hand on the very light ring of ten in the Campanile, and then adjourned for lunch. Visiting Queens Park, we ascended the many steps inside the carillon, first to the museum, then the playing room, where we had a demonstration of tune ringing, and finally to the actual bells, from where we had an excellent view of Loughborough. The next call was Loughborough Parish Church, where the ten were available for some very enjoyable ringing. We left Loughborough for Melton Mowbray and after a very good tea there set off on the long journey home, having had a very enjoyable day, for which we thank Norman Cossey who had made the arrangements.

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On October 3 about 25 members attended the Eastern Branch quarterly meeting at Ludham, where the service was conducted by the rector (Rev. F. Smith), who also played the organ. During the meeting thanks were extended to the Rev. Smith, the ladies who had prepared tea, and Canon H. Wake for the use of Catfield bells. Because of the state of the tower, Catfield bells were available for a short time only.

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On October 31, 74 ringers and friends sat down at the Star Hotel, Great Yarmouth, for the first dinner to be held in the Eastern Branch. Following an excellent meal, Rev. Peter N. Bond (chairman) made a short farewell speech as he is leaving to take up an appointment at the end of November. The guest of honour (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow) welcomed the youngest ringer in the branch, Miss Kaye Fuller (Pakefield), who is only eight years old. After a short break all were entertained by the Norton Subcourse Handbell Ringers, who rang several well-known tunes and ended with two Christmas carols. The party left soon after 11 p.m., having had a very enjoyable evening, and Norman Cossey was again thanked for organising the function.

M. K.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Dereham, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. P. Adams, Greenways, The Grove, Dereham, by Dec. 9. 165

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6), Sat., Dec. 12. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry, Northants, by Thurs. previous.—I. Webb. 260

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Cardigan, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Walters, 113 Maesglas, Cardigan.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 254

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Dec. 12, Sturminster Newton. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Julius, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, by Tues., Dec. 8. 265

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A.D.M., Sat., Dec. 12, St. Mary's, Woodbridge (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bookings for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Woodard, The Flat, 42 Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AL, no later than Thurs., Dec. 10. Members, this is YOUR MEETING. ALL welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 220

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Kildwick (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Law, Rose Cottage, Farnhill, Keighley, by Dec. 7.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 249

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting, Thornaby-on-Tees, Sat., Dec. 12. Names for tea to Mrs. Laura Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Teesside, TS3 6QD, by Wed., Dec. 9.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 273

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Derby Cathedral. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, after the service, in the Chapter House. Ringing till 8 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 258

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting: Haresfield (6), Hardwick (6), Dec. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 245

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CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

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681.—Weekley, Northants, August 4: omission,
Extent 5 Double Bob, 6 Double Oxford and
St. Clements.

656.—Chew Stoke: quarter of Doubles (not
Triples); Bob Triples was at Chew Magna.
Compton Dando, July 21: Susan Wills rang
4, and on July 28 conductor P. Blacker (not
R. Perry); July 20, P. Blacker rang tenor (not
Baker).

676.—Handbell quarter at Faringdon: 1-2 M.
Raymont (not A. Hutchins).

797.—Peal, Compton Dando, duplicated p. 858.

820.—Handbell peal, Swindon Village: Spliced
Plain Major, include 392 Little Bob.

938.—Clevedon peal footnote: Bells never re-
cast: entirely new (Taylor, 1925) with exist-
ing tenor (Bibbie, 1725, 14½ cwt. after
tuning).

858.—West Bromwich quarter, All Saints,
October 4th (not 6th).

860.—Coddington peal: treble ringer David L.
W. Tomlinson.

861.—Southampton handbell peal: conductor,
William S. Croft.

900.—Southampton (St. Mary), tenor weight
(front 6) 7½ cwt.

960.—Birmingham Cathedral, Glasgow S. Major,
Thursday, August 13.

900.—Hartlebury peal (Oct. 13): time 2 hrs.
54 mins.

919.—Croft, Leics, peal: 4th ringer, Carol I. V.
Brown (not Corton).

841.—Handbell peal, Macclesfield, Bob Royal,
Sept. 10: Non-Association (not Chester Guild).

856.—Quarter, Burton Hastings: conductor,
Robert Bacon, not G. Edmands.

820.—Handbell peal, Cambridge S. Maximus,
Sept. 22, duplicated on page 840.

859.—Earl Shilton: Stedman Triples rung Sept.
12, time 2 hrs. 45 mins.

858.—Stratton St. Margaret, Spliced Surprise:
treble, P. Donald Naylor.

840.—Newtown Linford: 5040 Plain Bob Minor,
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LATE NOTICES

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing at North Cave 3—4 p.m. Service, St. Luke's Church, Willerby, 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing at Kirk Ella after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Johnson, 5 Redland Drive, Kirk Ella. 287

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Christmas get-together and social evening, Thurs., Dec. 17. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7.30. Supper afterwards at the Denbigh Arms, Monk's Kirby (7/6). Skittles, darts, piano, etc. Names essential to D. W. Mountford, 61 Heath Lane, Brinklow, Rugby (Tel.: Pailton 404), by Dec. 10. 280

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motions for the A.G.M., 1971, must reach me by Feb. 1 (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. Saltmarsh. 291

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mark, Swindon (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, by previous Wednesday. 290

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Preston/Bolton Branch meeting, Adlington, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to A. McNutt, 45 Bolton Road, Anderton, by Wed., Dec. 9. Visitors welcome. Special methods: London S. Major and Hawkhurst Triples.—P. Tallis and D. G. Lawson, Branch Secs. 293

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting will be held at Humberstone on Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing from 3 p.m. until 4.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Cox, 54 Abbots Road, Humberstone, Leicester. 297

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., Dec. 7, 7 p.m. 285

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Atcham (6), Fri., Dec. 18. Ringing 7.30—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. W. 296

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Church Stretton Branch of the Hereford Guild at Berrington (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Lloyd, The Flat, Crunk Till, Cross Houses, Salop, by the Wednesday before.—E. F. W. 281

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting, North Wheatley, Dec. 12. Usual arrangements. Write to the secretary to book tea (address in Diary). 286

SUFFOLK LADIES' GUILD.—Social on Sat., Dec. 5, at St. Mary's Community Centre, Windermere Road, Stowmarket, at 7 o'clock, to include dancing, games, entertainment, food and wine. Entry 4s. 282

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford (6) and Billingshurst (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Kirdford bells from 3 p.m. Service at Billingshurst 5.45 p.m. and ringing afterwards to 8.30 p.m. For details of tea please ring Patrick Wills, Bognor Regis 24952. 283

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, at Upton-on-Severn. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Plants Café, High Street. Cost of tea approx. 5s. 6d. Hanley Castle bells (6) from 7—8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, 12 Arrowsmith Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 292

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ashted, Dec. 12. Ringing 15.30. Service 16.30. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. G. M. Laver, 30 Moat Court, Ashted, by previous Thursday.—J. A. L. 309

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield (6), Hardwicke (6), Dec. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford. 301

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Mary, Cheltenham, Thurs., Dec. 10. 12 bells available 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 307

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Lt. T. G. B. Boydell, Lt. W. F. Moreton and Lt. R. C. H. Briggs rang a handbell peal of Bob Minor in Ahmednagar, India, it being the first peal for Lt. Briggs. Lt. Moreton conducted.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd gave a lecture on bellringing to the Solihull Society of Arts.

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Mr. B. T. Jeanes (Bridgwater) gave a questions and answers article on "Perfection."

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December 3, 1920

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Continuing his prowess for tapping peals, Arthur T. Morris tapped 5056 Kent T.B. Major in 2hrs. 40mins., whilst at Monk-seaton, Northumberland. James E., Thomas T., Joseph A. and R. Alder Gofton (? brothers) rang a handbell peal of London Surprise Major.

An attempt was made to revive the Oxford University Society, which had ceased its activities some time before the war.

A large number of letters had been received by the Editor about charging for the insertion of peals.

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