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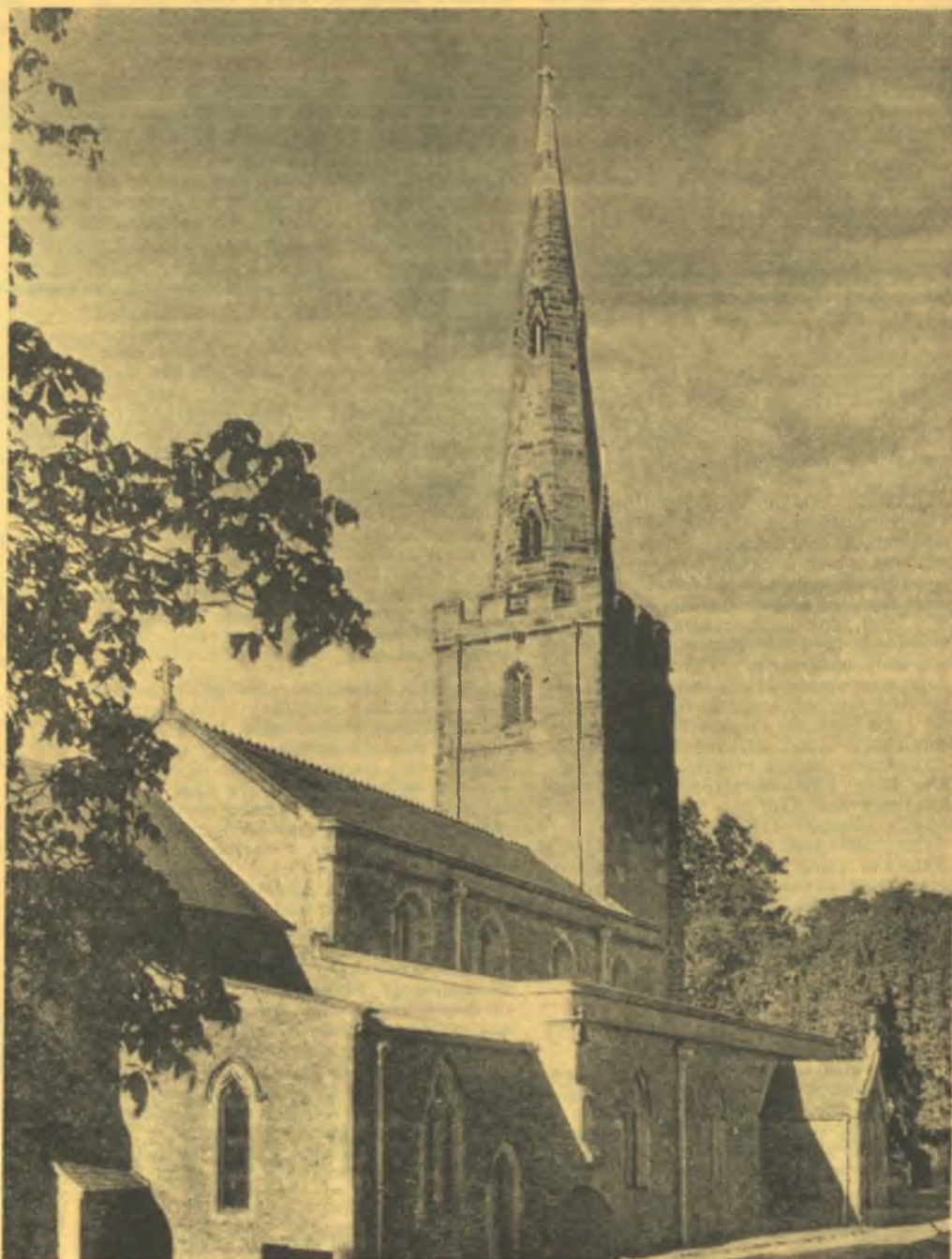
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**All Saints,  
Sapcote,  
Leics**



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## Cover Picture

## All Saints Church, Sapcote, Leicestershire

THE CHURCH, dedicated to All Saints, is in the Early English style of architecture and was erected probably towards the end of the 13th or beginning of the 14th century. It has a square embattled tower, with a handsome light spire, a nave, north aisle and chancel. The spire is an octagonal pyramid, in height 60ft., a side of the octagon at the base being 5ft. 3½in. The tower and steeple are of equal height. The length of the nave is 54ft., its breadth 21½ft. and the aisle 15ft., making a total width of 36½ft. The chancel is 30ft. in length.

In the year 1607 the steeple, which is of hewn stone—as are the nave and north aisle—was pointed, as appears from the following memorandum in the register: "The Steeple of this parishe was poynted in the year of Our Lord God 1607. Jhon Worship beinge then persone and prechere there, and Jhon Tacker and Edward Wryght, Churchwardens." It has also twice been seriously damaged, first in a heavy gale, March 14, 1757, which rendered necessary the rebuilding of 16ft. of the spire and the repair of the rest at a cost of upwards of £40, and second when it was struck by lightning in 1804 or 1805, which shivered off some of the cornice stones, forced out the weather-boards from the northern bell window and damaged the clock.

Before 1611 there were only three bells, but in that year the great bell broke and was recast into two. The catastrophe is duly chronicled on the cover of the register, as follows: "The greate Bell of Sapcot was broke on ye feaste day of St. Michael 1611, and cast into two bells, on the ninth day of November ye same, and hunge up on the . . ."

This memorandum is in the handwriting of John Worship, the rector, but the blank left for the date of the replacing of the bells has never been filled in. From this circumstance and from the following memorandum at the end of the register it would seem that, for some reason or other, a period of 10 years elapsed before these two bells were hung: "The bells of Sapcoate were newly hunge in a newe frame, the XIth day of Auguste, in the yeare of our Lord 1621, by Edward Jones, a Northamptonshire man; Richard Messenger and John Kinde beinge churchwardens at the same time; John Worshipe beinge parson, who dyed the XIth day of January next after." (Signed) THOS. ADAMS.

The bells were newly hung August 1, 1721, and once more in 1809, when the second bell was recast, having been broken some years before. They are all of a fine, full tone, and when well rung sound very sweetly. On each of them, with the exception of the first, which bears only a date, is an inscription, viz., on the

1st: (date only) 1611

2nd: B. Perkins, C. W. J. Over, B. H. J. Briant, Hereford, Fecit, 1809

3rd: Ave Maria Gra. Plena. D'no Tecum.

4th: Thomas Newcombe, of Leicester, made mee, 1611.

The above is an extract from the History of Sapcote, 1853, by the Rev. H. Whitley, M.A., Curate, but is not absolutely correct as the 3rd bell of the four was cast by T. Mears in 1812. The inscription reads:—

"W. Spencer. A. Nurse, Churchwardens 1812.

I. F. Turner, Esq., Patron.

I. E. Harrington Rector

Mears of London Fecit."

In 1894 a great restoration was embarked upon through the initiative of the Rev. A. G. Lound, Rector. This entailed adding two trebles, and an excellent metal H-frame for six was fitted by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. at the cost of (we believe) £250. These two bells are inscribed:—

1st.—Joseph Garratt and Stephen Holyoak Churchwardens. 1894. Taylor's Crest.

2nd.—Alfred George Lound Rector 1894. Taylor's Crest.

In 1951 the bells were hung on ball bearings together with a general overhaul of all moving parts, again the cost being £250, Taylor's doing the work. From time to time since the 1894 restoration there has been talk of adding two trebles to complete the octave. The writer, with a band of ringers capable of ringing Surprise Major, approached the Church Council for permission to raise the necessary money. Alas! a new church hall had just been built and £1,000 was still needed to pay for that. The ringers, however, promised to raise the money for the bells entirely from collecting scrap, and the Church Council agreed.

To save money, Messrs. Taylors were approached to see if a do-it-yourself effort, with the founders supplying the parts, could be arranged. This they agreed, which saved approximately £500. With £60 in the bell-ringers' fund, work started in September, 1969, collecting papers, scrap-iron and non-ferrous metals. By the end of that year the fund reached £230. We asked the Church Council if we could place the order and they agreed. They also agreed that the Rector write to the Lord Bishop of Leicester, asking him to dedicate the bells on December 12, 1970, and he kindly accepted. It looked as though we would be able to have the two trebles by the end of 1970. The writer's farmyard was turned into a scrap-yard, and we have lost count of how many old motor-cars have been cut up. By the end of April the fund had reached £550—about half-way.

On Whit Sunday an appropriate quarter peal of 8-Spliced was rung after Evensong by the Sunday service band, being the last ring on the bells before starting work putting the new frame in for the eight, which we had built ourselves. We also decided to have the ringing chamber upstairs. A metal staircase was purchased and fitted to the existing floor 22ft. up the tower. The new belfry was plastered by Mr. Tony Seal, a member of the P.C.C., with about a dozen churchmen and ringers ably mixing and carrying the plaster. For the next three months work proceeded in the tower—literally from top to bottom. Frank K. Measures, of Burbage, very kindly made us a new hopper-type opening window and an ingenious counter-balance trapdoor was fitted at the entrance to the new ringing room. The old six were rearranged in their existing frame to enable the two new treble ropes to come down in the right place in the ringing chamber. The staircase was cased in with chipboard with the help of Mr. Des. Butterfield, who has spent many hours working on the project, and the whole of the frame was cleaned down and painted by Neil Harvey. A new ceiling was fixed in the ringing chamber and by the end of August we were able to ring the six for the first time from the new ringing room. All were very pleased with the im-

proved go of the bells with the shorter draught.

On September 9, 1970, a party of over 20 from Sapcote visited Taylor's Foundry to witness the casting of the new trebles. Approximately three weeks later the writer went to Loughborough with his van and collected the bells, headstocks and all ringing mechanism for them.

The bells were placed at the chancel steps for Harvest Festival services and were of considerable interest to the congregation, the inscriptions being:—

Treble.—Two trebles added to complete the octave through the initiative of the Sapcote Ringers. Michael E. Brown, Head Ringer. John Taylor & Co. Loughborough.

Second.—Dedicated 12-12-70 by the Lord Bishop of Leicester. C. W. Scott, B.Sc., Rector. A. Chapman, J. Underwood, Churchwardens. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

The following day the bells were hung in the tower by Mr. Denys Harvey and the writer, and that same evening the local ringers had a "try out" ringing Bob Major, Cambridge S. Major and then "fired" them at the wish of the architect, who was then satisfied with the tower and the way the bells were hung in it.

The following evening we had a visit from Mr. Paul Taylor, accompanied by Mr. Harold Marcon, who complimented all on the work done and gave advice on how to improve the acoustics in the tower. The back six were too loud and the trebles being on top were too quiet. This was remedied with another floor being fixed immediately under the bell frame; a chute made from the new trebles right down to the ringing room ceiling (4ft. x 18in.) and this gave every satisfaction.

We then turned our thoughts to a heating and ventilation system in the new ringing room. David Manship (Burbage), an expert in this field, kindly offered to help. Ducts were made and fixed in the ringing chamber and a fan with electric element fitted below to blow hot or cold air at the flick of a switch. At the time of writing part of this job is still in hand, and the ringing room, new staircase and old ringing room have still to be decorated. This, D.V., will be completed for Dedication Day, together with a fitted carpet on the ringing room floor. The total cost of the whole project, including all materials, is approx. £1,150. Of this we have raised £920, leaving £230 to find, and the deadline is Easter, 1971.

This whole project would not have been possible without the co-operation and encouragement of the Rector (Rev. C. W. Scott).

### RINGERS

Sapcote has always had a regular change ringing Sunday service band. The first peal on the bells was in five minor methods on Wake Saturday, 1896, when three Sapcote ringers rang their first peal. It was not until Easter Monday, 1915, that the second peal was rung, in which Charles W. Brown rang his first peal and who later became head ringer for about 30 years but has now retired to Stourbridge. Until the Second World War only seven peals had been rung. In 1944 two peals were rung, one of which enabled the writer to ring his first peal, and after the bells were rehung in 1951 peal ringing increased. A number of peals were rung by the Sunday service band, the climax of which was Spliced Surprise Minor in 34 methods. To date 69 peals have been rung on the bells.

MICHAEL E. BROWN,  
Head Ringer.



University of London

**SILVER JUBILEE DINNER**

Efforts made in the mid-'30's to found a ringing association within the University of London were not successful, and it was another ten years or so and after the second world war before sufficient numbers of interested students were available, and these formed the nucleus of the University of London Society, founded in 1945.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding, members, relatives, friends and specially invited guests attended a dinner at Mecca Restaurant, London E.C.2, on November 28, when Mr. Alan F. Thirst (fifth president) presided over a gathering of 100. Supporting Mr. Thirst were his wife and the Rev. L. E. M. Claxton, Father How, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kench, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. A. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. D. Barton and Mr. N. Thomson.

The president, Alan F. Thirst, with Sue Miles (hon. secretary), Nigel Thomson (master), Mrs. Thirst and Denis Layton, photographed by The Ringing World before the dinner.



Following the very excellent meal, the president called on the company to honour the loyal toast, and this was immediately followed by one to the Church, which on this occasion was a formal one only, with no response, to enable others following to speak at greater length on the 25 years that the society has existed.

The visitors were welcomed on the call of Mr. Robert Dennis, who deputised for Mr. Philip Gray (and whose name as proposer was printed on the menu card), who had to fly to Bucharest three days before the dinner and had asked to be relieved of this obligation.

"We have been particularly fortunate during our 25 years' existence," said Mr. Dennis "to receive support from the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the London County Association, and also from the incumbents of the churches where the society rings." He particularly mentioned the Rev. L. E. M. Claxton (St. Olave's, Hart Street) and Father How (St. Vedast's). Other guests welcomed included the master of the College Youths (Mr. A. Kench) and Mrs. Kench, the secretary of the College Youths (Mr. J. Prior), Mr. Alan Patterson (junior steward), Mr. Wilfred Williams, Mr. Jack Euston, Mr. William Theobald and many members from the Cumberlands, including the master (Mr. Derek Sibson) and Mrs. Sibson, Messrs. William and Douglas Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry) and also representatives from Cambridge, Bristol and Southampton Universities.

Members of the society drank the health of their guests and visitors.

**FELT VERY PROUD**

Mr. Philip Gray, who had flown home that day, spoke briefly, apologising for having been unable to propose the toast but as it was a special occasion—"Our silver wedding—jubilee, I mean," he corrected himself, amid laughter, and as he was in on the start (as first secretary) he felt very proud that after 25 years the society was still flourishing.

Mr. Dale Barton (master of the Cambridge University Guild), responding, thanked the society for their splendid hospitality, congratulated the members on their jubilee and proceeded in a jocular and bantering manner to quote from the Book of Proverbs and The Ringing World.

Mr. Prior, in proposing the toast of "The Founders," gave details as he remembered them of the mid-'30's attempts to found the society, which were not success-

ful. The next moves, as far as he knew, were in 1944, when Denis Layton and Philip Gray with one or two others got together with the result that the University of London Society came into being on October 12, 1945. Denis was the first master and Philip the secretary, with James Simpson as president. Giving the company the details of subsequent presidents and masters, the speaker said that at the first general meeting there were only five present, but those five had certainly made sure that the foundations of the society were well and truly laid. Two names of pioneers who were not now with them were James Simpson and Geoffrey Carter (auditor), the latter gentleman being remembered for his very delightful character.

The society had proved its value, said Mr. Prior, by enabling ringing to take place in City of London churches where otherwise little or no ringing would be done, and also in providing the two oldest societies with new blood. He felt it was a great honour to propose the toast to the founders of the society and invited all present to join him in drinking to the health of those gentlemen.

**25 YEARS OF HISTORY**

Rising, amidst applause, to reply, Mr. Denis Layton caused considerable amusement by producing a huge file of papers, from which, he said, Mr. Prior had quoted, and another similar file which he intended to refer to for his speech.

There were, he added, a number of young people present who were not even born when the society was founded—something he felt difficult to believe, as he himself did not feel any older than 25! (Laughter.) The

problems and happenings of the early days the meetings, outings, reunions and dinners during the 25 years of its existence were dealt with by Mr. Layton in a very interesting, if rather lengthy, speech, and would make, we feel sure, with the other data he has in his possession, an informative and historic booklet which each and every member of the society would wish to possess.

Many amusing incidents and a number of personal reminiscences were told by the speaker and there was at times an atmosphere which brought murmurings of nostalgic pleasure. Although he could have "gone on all night," Mr. Layton closed by thanking, on behalf of those founders present, all the company for honouring the toast.

Proposing "The Society," Mr. D. Town thanked firstly those ringers who helped in the ringing on Thursdays and then spoke of the welcome always extended to new members and of the friendly spirit prevailing at society functions. Speaking mainly of happenings among the younger members of the society, the laughter and comments of his friends and associates sitting at his table at times completely drowned what he had to say. He concluded by remarking that the work of the committees and members over 25 years had made the society what it was today, and he looked forward with eagerness, anticipation and confidence to the next 25 years.

The master (Mr. Nigel Thomson) replying gave a résumé of the activities during the past year and mentioned many events connected with individual members. Interspersed with several stories, he finally thanked the previous speaker for proposing the toast, and said that the society was in a healthy state and, with everybody's support, would continue to be so.

The president, who introduced each speaker, closed the formal proceedings with several notices and informed the company that the bar was open until midnight.

**RECORD OF INVERARAY BELLS AND CHIMES**

A 7in. L.P. 33½ r.p.m. record of Inveraray bells and chimes will shortly be available and advertised in this journal. This is the first of two gramophone records to be produced and will be mainly of traditional Scottish and English tunes and hymns chimed on the bells by Mr. Ray Aldington, assistant carillonneur to the Bournville Village Trust. The selection includes, however, about three minutes of Stedman Caters by members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. This is a superb reproduction of bells—acceptable change ringing standards, beautiful bells and high technical standards of reproduction. At a cost of 15s. (+1/6 p.p.) it will provide an excellent present to any change ringer, lover of bells, of music, or of tradition—Scottish or English.

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## RINGING WORLD FINANCES—THE FACTS

It had to come. The Ringing World Committee on November 14 were forced to accept the inevitable and agree to increase the price of our paper from January next. As indicated in our brief announcement last week, we have had to wait for final details to be fixed up with the printers. In accordance with the policy of telling our readers as much as possible about their paper and our management of it, the Committee asked me to write this article, giving you the facts. The now customary note of our other decisions will appear separately.

It will be recalled that on August 21, 1970 (page 663), we reported requests from Seven Corners Press Ltd. for a substantial increase in the price paid for printing and that, after considering our financial position we had agreed to offer a limited increase per week for the time being and to consider the matter further when details of the expected increased wages and paper prices were available. Until that time the first six months' working in 1970 had shown a small profit in spite of our increased editorial costs, which readers will recall started in October, 1969. The amount which we were then able to offer our printers, and which they accepted in the spirit in which it was offered, was £20 a week on the basic price charged. Simple arithmetic shows that this, apart from extras, was a direct additional call on our income at the rate of £1,040 a year. The four months' figures (July to October) studied on November 14 showed indeed that by the end of this year or earlier the small profit would be decreased and might even vanish. This despite all our special efforts such as calendars, gift tokens, extra advertisement charges and the quite outstanding efforts of Mr. Denyer in conjunction with the printing staff to make economies in production without reducing too much the quality of the paper.

Many of our readers will know that while we do our best to use up-to-date business methods (we can tell at short notice all through the year how our finances are proceeding—which is more than many business firms can) we do not and cannot run the R.W. as a trading concern. We live on the interest from our investments—they are not paid out to shareholders;

we depend for our subject matter on the written contributions of our readers (or ourselves)—we have no paid reporters; we have no paid board of directors and no directors' expenses; we make full use of, and are grateful for, donations from the very many of our readers who can proudly claim in consequence that the R.W. is "our paper".

But all this means that we cannot at times of need reduce our expenditure except by reducing the size or quality or frequency of issue of the paper. And we do not believe that the Exercise wants a smaller paper, or a poorer paper, or one which appears only monthly. A national newspaper or a trade paper can and often does consist of 50% or more of advertisements for which they can charge high rates commensurate with their circulation. The proportion of advertising in the R.W. is very low, is connected with ringing, and most of it has to be paid for in one form or another by you, the reader. We have not found it possible to obtain "national" advertising to any extent in spite of constant efforts. Indeed we do not believe that our readers want to pay good money for pages of advertisements unconnected with ringing; and we would not, even if we could, wish our voluntary efforts to be spent in being advertising agents for extraneous products.

## NOT UNREASONABLE REQUEST

On November 14 the Committee had to face a not unreasonable request from the printers for a further increase in the basic charge per issue. They gave details of the increased costs—basic rates for printers rose for men and women by 14% and 19% respectively from August 5 last and there will be further increases in August, 1971. And there have been greatly increased charges for paper and ink, with more expected next year.

We have offered to pay an increase of 12½% on the basic price which has been in force since last August and have asked that this price remain firm throughout 1971. Seven Corners Press Ltd. have accepted our offer at least until August, 1971, and the increase will operate from the first issue in 1971.

About half of our circulation is posted to subscribers, and they I am sure will have noted that as from Decimisation Day the Post Office has announced increases in postal charges. 4d. and 5d. letters will from that date cost 6d. and 7d. Many of our subscribers renew in January each year and it is clear therefore that, to be fair to all, any increase in the subscription rates must be applied also from January 1. An added complication to be allowed for is decimisation.

Very regretfully, therefore, it has been decided that the price of the R.W. must be increased to 1s. 3d. from the first issue in January and 6½ new pence from Decimisation Day—February 15. This is the minimum increase possible to meet the present increased commitments. Hitherto our postal subscribers have paid £3 a year for one copy. Allowing for 52/3 issues at 1s., this has not fully covered the cost of postage, wrappers and labour costs for addressing and packing. Offset against this was the fact that publication costs for newsagents' copies were higher than they are now that we do our own publishing. We now have to ask our postal subscribers to pay the full cost of the service they obtain—not forgetting that when the post is normal they receive their copies earlier than others. The annual subscription rate for one copy by post each week has therefore been raised to £4 4s. from January 1. Other rates pro rata will be shown in the paper. The Committee have, however, authorised the editor to publish additional pages when news warrants it to give readers some additional return for the increased charges.

The Committee have not made these changes lightly or without much thought. And they were greatly helped in their consideration by the presence at the meeting of the Central Council's senior officers and also the R.W. treasurer and the accountant. They are confident that with this explanation the Exercise will understand the dilemma and will appreciate that the paper is so vital these days to the life of the Exercise that it must be continued whatever the cost and whatever the effort. They confidently hope, too, that there will be no drop in circulation such that the overheads will have to be spread over fewer copies and the price increased yet again—this time for no good reason—and that their decision to keep the increase to the barest minimum will be justified.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Overseas to follow.



Bath and Wells Association.  
Presentation at Yeovil.

May 16, 1970, saw the Ilchester Branch embark on a new venture—a branch striking competition, as reported in The Ringing World of June 12. In the accompanying photograph Mrs. Margaret Legget is seen handing the "Striking Competition

Trophy" (which she herself donated) to the captain of the victorious Yeovil St. John Baptist team, who went on to compete in the inter-branch competition on October 24 being placed fifth with 14½ faults.

Reading from left to right: Trevor Marks, Tom Look, Roger Fox, Fred Sandy, Tom Setter (captain) and Harry Gaylard.



## Editorial

## EDITORIAL

The information on the opposite page is of great importance, not only to readers of *The Ringing World* but to EVERY ringer. The circulation must be maintained and, if possible, improved, for as we have said on many occasions without a weekly paper what would become of the Exercise! It is YOUR responsibility to see that our journal continues, and we ask you to accept the challenge and keep it alive.

We realise that many of our older (fixed income) readers will find it difficult to afford the additional cost and we suggest that guild or association and district or branch officers endeavour to find out if one of these pensioners has had to give up *The Ringing World*, and to ensure that a copy is made available to him either by sharing one or by purchasing one from benevolent funds.

There are a few subscribers who yearly donate a subscription for this purpose and we invite others who feel they would like to help in this way to send what they can afford to Mr. Lucas, subscription manager, Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, and copies will be despatched regularly to deserving cases.

Jeff and Sandra Claughton, writing from Ndola, Zambia, say:

"We have enjoyed our first three weeks here. We have moved into a flat and hope soon to move into a bungalow. So far we have not seen very much. Ndola is not very inspiring (but the swimming pool is good) but in time we hope to get much further afield. We are sorry that we can't send you all any 'lovely African sunshine,' but the rains started a fortnight ago and we've seen very little of the sun these last two weeks and can expect a mere four hours a day for the next four months. It is, however, a good deal warmer than it is back home."

In hospital at Farnham, Surrey is Mr. Roy Collins, who was operated upon on the evening of Monday, November 30, for the removal of his appendix. Mr. Robin Collis is in the South Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, under observation. He went in on December 2. Mr. Peter Sells is also back in hospital for further treatment following his motor accident. All send their best wishes to these three well-known ringers, and also to others whom we have not heard about.

Mr. David E. Parsons, Egham, Surrey, will be leaving England on January 3 for a three months' course in language training in Berlin. He is on development work in Messrs. Siemens' laboratories.

The Egham bell augmentation appeal is going quite well and we are informed that £710 of the £1,200 required is in hand, helped by an anonymous donation of £360, one from Schröder charity of £50, and £73 from waste paper (including old *Ringing Worlds*).

The bells at Drewsteignton, Devon, have been retuned and rehung (not recast, as stated in *The Ringing World*, page 892) and the rededication was on November 17.

Many ringing friends of Mr. Stanley V. Rayfield, of Queenborough (Rochester and District) will be pleased that he is making good progress at his home after his illness.

Don't forget to post your Christmas Greetings now for inclusion in next week's issue.

Because of postal delays due to last week "stoppages," several advertisements and other notices arrived too late for inclusion in our columns.

**Personal Records:** Mary E. Elmes (200 peals), Christopher N. Scholes (100), Beryl R. Simpson (175) Brian M. Gardner (100), Richard Manton (50), John H. Hunt (250), Peter J. Brown (100), Iris M. E. Lemare (200).

"With a Thirst on one side and a Poole on the other, do you wonder I fell in?"—Comment by Mr. J. Prior at the University of London Society Dinner, speaking of the request for him to propose the toast by Mr. A. Keith Poole and Mr. Alan Thirst.

A quarter of Bob Royal rung at Manchester Cathedral on November 14 for the Girl Guides' Association diamond jubilee service was conducted by Miss Jane Reynolds. Until a few years ago Jane was a member of the Girl Guides Company at St. Mary's, Prestwich, Manchester.

Manchester Cathedral ringers thank the ringers at Manchester Town Hall for the use of the Town Hall bells for a Wednesday evening practice, when the Cathedral weekly practice had to be cancelled at short notice because of another function taking place in the Cathedral.

The different prices for metal tonnage was the subject discussed at one table during the dinner of the University of London Society, and whilst tin, being melted, evaporated at £1,500 per ton, the cost of lead, which many believe to be a costly metal, is only £120 per ton.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on October 11 and submitted last month to the memory of Edwin Langley Campton (69) who died on October 5, was rung by Anne Vernon 1, F. K. Measures (cond.) 2, J. Veasey 3, Cynthia Wells 4, H. Parker 5, D. Manship 6, J. Watkins 7, B. Tipper 8. The name of the place was not given, neither was there a name and address of sender, so it could not be included in the usual place.

Mr. F. W. Tomlin, of Loughton, Essex, tells us that he has had dealings recently with the B.B.C. 1 Television recording team and found it very efficient. The handbells were rung to be included in a programme "Seeing and Believing." The Whittington Handbell Ringers, who performed, have been connected with St. Michael's, Pater-noster Row, E.C.4, since 1949, and the church has been restored for the Mission to Seamen. The programme recorded will be used on March 14, 1971.

Walter Judge, ringing master of the Oxford Society until last year, celebrated his 75th birthday on November 16. A peal was attempted by members of the society at his home tower, Kidlington, but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Walter is still very active as tower captain at Kidlington and continues to teach learners there. He finds that the claims of his own tower prevent him from attending ringing at Oxford Cathedral on Sunday mornings, and his presence there is greatly missed.

Mr. Christopher L. D. Munday and Miss Ann Peck, of Manchester University Guild, are now engaged, and a peal of spliced was rung at Salford to congratulate the couple.

To All English Ringers: Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, New Zealand. (The first Christmas card received—the greetings and good wishes are reciprocated.)

First peal congratulations to: Norman A. Johnson, David Morton, Julian Beldom, David J. Palmer, Martin Bluck, Christopher B. Martin-Jones, Gregory J. Webster, Stuart M. Lee, Colin R. Gibbons, Philip N. Green, Margaret Brown, Alan R. Bentley, Judy Weekes, Christopher B. Wachter Mark R. Hutcheson, Neil Sheard.

A special Sunday is set aside at Chelsfield, Kent, when the bellringers are remembered, and this year, according to the report in a local paper, the ringers rang an immaculate quarter of St. Clements under the expert direction of Mr. John Barnes (secretary of the Cumberland Youths). There is a very strong band of ringers, including many youngsters, some of whom "stand on boxes to reach the sallies." The preacher at the special service was the Rev. John Ellingham, of Groombridge, "popular hon. assistant priest and bellringer at Chelsfield."

Selby, Yorks, ringers have very good reason to be proud of their effort for on November 15, for Evensong, seven of the eight ringers rang a first, and at the first attempt! (Peal attempt shortly?)

Printing 150 copies by hand and 24 pages (plus cover), some in two colours, is quite a feat, but Paul Cattermole and his friend, Colin Cunningham, have done that in producing "The Bells of Bale." The lino cut illustrations and the collating and binding all needed considerable time, and Paul and Colin will appreciate the first edition of Stedman's Tintinnologia, which was all printed on machinery even more crude than their own Albion press. (Congratulations to these amateur printers!)

A quarter at Wheatley, Oxon, was a triumph for Colin Smith, as all the ringers taking part were taught by him. It is sad, however, that the first quarter by a "home-grown" band should be a finale for Colin, as he has now moved to Headington.

Diamond Wedding quarter at Ashton-under-Hill near Pershore, Worcs, on November 12 to Mr. Jack Langley, former ringer, and Mrs. Langley.

Sixty-six methods were spliced to a quarter at Damerham, Hants, on November 12. Mr. D. C. Jackson, the conductor, believes this is the greatest number in a quarter.

Earl's Barton, Northants, has just completed its 1,000 years' festival. Closing act in this Saxon tower was a quarter of Plain Bob Major.

Youngest local ringer to call a quarter at Orsett, Essex, is 15-year-old Stephen Wood, who had had three previous attempts. There were three other teenagers in the band and, to improve the average, 81-year-old Harry Smith. "We were all very pleased," writes Miss Joan Hills.

"Happy Birthday" was said by Petersfield ringers with a quarter of Triples on November 22. Recipient was Mr. N. H. Bennett, one of their company who is now 85.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association ringers celebrated 50 years of ringing together by a quarter at Stroud on November 22. They were Leslie Barry, Thomas Witts and Trevor Pritchard.



## Letters

### LETTERS

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### FROM KUWAIT

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate C. D. on the most enjoyable article concerning true harmonic tuning.

Although it is a number of years since I took an active interest in ringing, and memory perforce suffers, I suggest he visits Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, and Claybrooke, Leics. I believe the tenor at Middleton is by Bagley, and I remember being impressed by its sound, although I cannot now say whether it was true or near true harmonic. The Claybrooke tenor is a very good bell, though I believe its founder is unknown. This bell is best heard from inside the tower, and particularly during a well-struck rise and fall. At these times it produces a tremendous sound which is most impressive.

One interesting point not covered by C. D. concerns the differences in sound between light and heavy bells tuned to the true harmonic principle. As these become heavier an additional note four times higher than the strike note becomes audible. On some bells, D, C sharp and below, this is very prominent, although the overall effect is pleasant.

There is no doubt to my mind that true harmonic tuning is decidedly better than the old style. There, the seventh hum note tended to take the "body" out of the bell—in particular the larger examples. However, true harmonic has one disadvantage that should be carefully considered by church councils and people contemplating restorations. In general it produces a stereotyped bell—good though it may be. The effect of this is that all true harmonic bells of similar note sound the same and "character" is thereby lost through too extensive recastings. In this context I remember being particularly disappointed when the old eight at Southwell Minster were recast into the present twelve, which are very good, though light for the tower, and so very similar to many others of this weight, size and key.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. BENNETT.

Kuwait.

### NOT THE FIRST

Dear Sir,—On page 906 of *The Ringing World* Mr. Pannell gives details of a peal rung at Hartford, Huntingdon.

I was a member of a band which rang the first peal there in 1930. This was rung for the Ely Association, and the annual report confirms two peals rung at Hartford.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

### TWO BELLS STOLEN

Little Lever, near Bolton had eight bells, hung dead (for chiming), with an 8½ cwt. tenor, but there are now only six, as the 7th and 8th have been stolen. Thieves somehow manhandled the bells and lowered them to the ground, but as the tower has stone louvres, two of the walls face houses and the Vicarage, the other two being over and part of the church, it must have been a tricky job. Mr. J. Thornley, of Farnworth, who sent us the information, said it must have been "a job" by people who knew how to handle heavy loads.

### NEWGATE

Dear Sir, In reply to Mr. D. Cawley's letter concerning the tolling of a bell at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, for condemned prisoners at Newgate, the answer appears to be that both a handbell and a tower bell were rung on such occasions.

In 1605 a certain John Dowe left £50 "for ringing the greatest bell in the church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed and for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners."

The "other services" consisted of the ringing of a handbell by the clerk under the window of the condemned prisoner's cell on the night before execution, and repeating a certain admonitory rhyme, and presenting the prisoner with a nosegay on his way to execution next morning.

The above facts are taken from Campanology, dated November 11, 1896, but no mention is made of the bell which is now displayed at Madame Tussaud's. I can only assume that this bell was used, as Mr. Cawley says, to announce public executions, and the St. Sepulchre's handbell used in the manner already described.—Yours faithfully,

Southgate, N.

D. F. WILLCOCKS.

### NORTHFLEET LITTLE BOB

Dear Sir,—With reference to the request for information on Northfleet Little Bob contained in the article on St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on page 910, I have the following figures for this method:

38.16—34. 12 l.h. 4ths place bob.

It would seem, however, that a 4ths place bob cannot be correct, as this would mean that 5, 6, 7 and 8 would never come to the front. A 6ths place bob would seem to be much more likely.

The basic method has a six-lead course with lead heads of 13428765, 14235678, 12348765, 13425678, 14238765, 12345678.

Unfortunately I have no compositions for this method.

I trust this information will be of interest to your readers, especially to the band of St. Botolph's, Northfleet.—Yours faithfully,  
J. W. SMITH, S./Sgt., R.A.M.C.  
B.F.P.O. 29.

### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read (*Ringing World*, page 911) Mr. A. R. Kench's claim that the Ancient Society of College Youths as an institution "is very nearly as old as the Church of England itself," the implication no doubt being that the Church of England originated from the Reformation period.

On the contrary it might be said that the Church has existed in this country from Roman times, although St. Augustine is generally considered to have founded the Church of England in the year 597, and despite being at that time under the jurisdiction of the Pope it enjoyed considerable independence until the 12th century.

There were certainly changes at the time of the Reformation (comparable ones are taking place in the Roman Catholic Church today), but there was no break in legal continuity when the Church of England succeeded in reasserting its ancient independence in the 16th century.

As a matter of interest, if Mr. Kench ever visits Lincoln Cathedral he will be able to see one of the four remaining contemporary copies of Magna Carta, in which he may read (in Latin, of course) the clause which states that "the Church of England shall be free," and this was written in the year 1215.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

### LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

(on Handbells)

December 31, 1970, at 9.30 a.m.; in the vestry at All Saints' Church, Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wiltshire: 10,000 Spliced Plain Major (six methods).

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Whiteparish, Wilts.

### PETTY SQUABBLES

Dear Sir,—One of the worst things that can disrupt a band of ringers is a quarrel amongst its members, and very often the subject of the disagreement is a petty one. I have come across several bands broken up for this reason, and in one case the ringing itself has been seriously affected.

If only the ringers in question would realise that they ring primarily for the church and people, and that their petty differences must be prevented from interfering with the ringing of the bells. If there are not many ringers in an area a quarrel can cause some to go and ring elsewhere, leaving the original band quite unable to maintain a respectable standard of ringing.

Arguments between ringers are unavoidable, human nature being what it is, but when they prevent the bells of a tower from being rung, they are unforgivable; the people in question do not deserve to be known as ringers and church workers.—Yours faithfully,

DISMAYED.

Gloucester.

### A GUILD CHURCH

John Euston writes:

"St. Andrew's, Holborn: To correct a misunderstanding, I must point out that Joe Hawkins took charge of St. Andrew's just after World War I and maintained what I considered the best Sunday service ringing there (in London) until 1940. The morning ringing would commence at 10 a.m. with all visitors welcome! (and there were many). Evening ringing would mean that anyone who was there ready to start sharp at 5.30 p.m. would be in a quarter attempt, and there were often up to six or seven ringers present; noted critics sitting out. Methods were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman with an odd quarter of Double Norwich or Cambridge. Joe was wholly impartial, although a staunch College Youth."

### SPIRE DAMAGED

The gales which raged on November 3 were responsible for considerable damage to All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Cumberland. A gust of wind estimated at 117 m.p.h. brought the large iron cross, several ornamental summit stones and some blocks of masonry crashing down through the roof of the chancel. Generally, the church furniture was not badly damaged, but steeple-jacks had to work long hours removing loosened and unsafe masonry from the 180ft. high spire.

Ringing is suspended, for how long is not known, as repair costs will be considerable and there was no insurance to cover this type of damage. An appeal has been launched, Mr. R. W. D. Wetenhall tells us, and the ringers are doing their best to keep together by ringing at other towers.

All ringers will sympathise in the misfortune which has struck Cockermouth, and any financial help will be welcomed and acknowledged by Mr. Wetenhall at Shotton Lodge, Cockermouth.



# Quarter Peals

## HALF PEAL

**Whittlesford, Cambs.**—Nov. 13, 2520 Bob Doubles: J. Bates 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. First half peal 1, 2, 3, 5.

## FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 8)

**Bentley Common, Essex.**—1260 Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. Half-muffled.

**Bishop's Stortford, Herts.**—1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, D. Wallis 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Prime 7, A. Westwood (first as cover bell, aged 15) 8. Half-muffled.

**Bradpole, Dorset.**—1344 Grandsire Triples: J. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Valerie Calvert 3, I. L. Andrews 4, R. Haines 5, I. Calvert 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. Half-muffled.

**Burton Hastings, Warks.**—1259 Doubles (7 methods): W. Noon 1, D. Manship 2, B. L. Burrows 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

**Cassington, Oxon.**—1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): G. Cox 1, W. Butler 2, A. Hicks 3, W. Jones 4, H. Miles 5, A. Franklin 6.

**Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.**—1260 Bob Minor: E. Howe 1, B. Edwards 2, P. Ramage 3, M. Penson 4, M. Hawkins 5, A. Butcher (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**East Hoathly, Sussex.**—1309 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. Stewart (first away from cover) 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, C. Spreadbury (first in two methods) 4, T. Barlow 5, C. Nicholson 6.

**Deddington, Oxon.**—1260 Bob Minor: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. Minnear 2, W. J. Cowley 3, W. Ivings 4, A. W. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**Egham, Surrey.**—1280 Bristol S. Major: Frances A. Garfield 1, D. E. Parsons 2, Catherine A. Elliott 3, Joyce A. Parsons 4, D. H. Stone 5, S. R. Elliott 6, N. Summerhayes 7, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3, 5 and 6. Half-muffled.

**Fordham, Cambs.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Barber 1, S. Mann (first inside) 2, C. Bell 3, R. Palmer (cond.) 4, C. Sargeant 5, M. Brown 6.

**Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—1260 Bob Minor: D. Wheeler 1, Dorothy Graham 2, Sarah Dines 3, A. Dines 4, M. Houghton (cond.) 5, R. Scholes 6. Half-muffled.

**Limpsfield, Surrey.**—1260 Doubles (five methods): S. Keen (first quarter) 1, R. W. Stephens 2, Mary Stephens 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, Susan Oliver (first quarter) 6.

**Llandaff, Glam. (Cathedral).**—1260 Doubles (three methods): Zoë MacMillan 1, Anne Cooke 2, N. A. James 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, J. Barton-Plumb 6. Half-muffled.

**Prittlewell, Essex.**—1260 Stedman Triples: Penny Sloman 1, B. Sadler 2, M. Hallett 3, S. Halliwell 4, P. Giles 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Half-muffled.

**Ryton, Salop.**—1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. W. Illidge 1, N. Bramall 2, K. A. Russell 3, M. G. Williamson 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also for 4th ringer's birthday.

**Sandy, Beds.**—1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Mander 1, Charlotte Harris 2, Joan Ashton 3, M. Mander 4, D. Goss 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**Sapcote, Leics.**—Nov. 8, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Lynette Starkey 1, Alison Butterfield 2, D. M. Brown 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

**Sawbridgeworth, Herts.**—1264 Bob Major: R. Prime 1, G. Goodman 2, K. Westwood 3, C. Moore 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Half-muffled.

**Shirley, Warks.**—1260 Grandsire Triples: V. H. Nash 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. J. Moore 4, R. J. Weekes 5, D. H. Walters 6, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 7, N. E. Smith 8. Half-muffled.

**Yatton, Som.**—1260 Bob Triples: Judith Gallop 1, T. D. Hawkings 2, Susan Moore 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, T. Chapman 5, P. J. Dye 6, S. G. Smith 7, L. Lawrence 8.

**Yaxley, Hunts.**—1260 Bob Minor: Pamela J. Blackith 1, J. R. Charlton 2, D. J. W. Gadd 3, J. E. David 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, W. J. Riley 6. Half-muffled.

**Addington, Surrey.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Dianne Head 1, Sheila Wilthow 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, I. Wilshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Family Communion.

**Alrewas, Staffs.**—Nov. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: E. J. Dolman 1, F. A. Sedgwick 2, Miss M. Boam 3, P. Corfield (first in method) 4, A. P. Sheldon 5, C. T. Collins (first in method as cond.) 6.

**Ashton-under-Hill, Worcs.**—Nov. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Cotton 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, H. Plumb 4, R. Harris 5, K. Pratt 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Langley, local ringer, and Mrs. Langley.

**Badby, Northants.**—Nov. 15, 1260 Mixed Doubles: Penelope Webb 1, Iris Webb 2, J. Townley 3, S. Webb 4, J. Frodsham (cond.) 5, P. Box 6. For Evensong.

**Barking, Suffolk.**—Nov. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, J. J. Prentice 4, St. J. Perry 5, E. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

**Barton St. David, Som.**—Nov. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Mayell 1, R. J. Mears 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, P. R. Board 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, C. W. Tidewell (first Minor as cond.) 6.

**Belton, Rutland.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, L. Atton 2, J. A. Ellis 3, Lynne Green (first quarter) 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

**Binsted, Hants.**—1260 Bob Minor: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6.

**Carbis Bay, Cornwall.**—Nov. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, E. H. Langley 2, J. Copping 3, R. Perry 4, Susan Copping (first as cond.) 5, D. Copping 6. A welcome back to Cornwall for Mr. E. H. Langley after 18 months in Rhodesia.

**Chigwell, Essex.**—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Dunlop 1, G. H. Walker 2, J. Cronquist 3, J. Beldom 4, P. D. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. W. Hill 1, J. A. Beldom 2, J. Cronquist 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell 5, Marion A. Cass 6. For All Saints' Day.

**Claybrooke, Leics.**—Nov. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Jane A. Evans 1, S. Mary Laurence 2, G. F. Millers 3, D. F. Millers 4, W. H. Laurence 5, R. A. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Seal, donor of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells.

**Chesterfield, Derbys.**—Nov. 1, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Celia Dawson 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, D. Hird 3, M. P. Phipps 4, F. Cooke 5, R. Hancock 6, P. Rose 7, J. D. Arkwell 8, B. A. Richards 9, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 10. First on ten 1, 2, 6. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell compliment to the vicar, Ven. T. Ingram-Cleasby) and on the eve of his induction at Morton, Derbyshire.

**Codsall, Staffs.**—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins 2, D. Head 3, H. E. Green 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

**Compton Dando, Som.**—Nov. 15, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Coombs 1, M. Canon 2, P. Devrell 3, F. Mogford 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ruby Coombs, wife of treble ringer and mother of conductor.

**Croft, Leics.**—Nov. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, Kathleen Learmont (first quarter) 2, Susan M. Clark (first touch) 3, Carol I. V. Brown 4, M. P. Brown 5, J. E. Harrold (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers, of Croft.

**Damerham, Hants.**—Nov. 12, 1320 Doubles (66 methods): Flora M. Stocker 1, Faith Riley 2, A. A. Nunn 3, B. J. Fry 4, D. C. Jackson (cond., 150th quarter) 5, B. P. Peachey 6. Believed to be the greatest number of spliced methods to a quarter.

**Dulverton, Som.**—Nov. 21, 1470 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Tuckett 1, H. V. Young 2, K. Lee 3, A. H. Reed 4, D. R. Clayton 5, H. V. Lloyd 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, R. G. Fisher 8. **Dunkeswell, Devon.**—Nov. 10, 1260 Stedman Doubles: A. Crabb 1, J. Thorn 2, F. Stamp 3, L. Morrell 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. First in method for all except conductor.

**Earls Barton, Northants.**—Nov. 1, 1264 Bob Major: A. F. Denny 1, S. J. Bayliss 2, R. Henman 3, B. R. Care 4, S. J. Griffiths 5, D. J. Morgan 6, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 7, A. R. Jones 8. For the closing service of the "Festival 1,000", marking the 1,000 years that this Saxon tower has stood.

**Fulbeck, Lincs.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: S. J. F. Mitchell 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirtton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. First with Stedman for all. An 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Fraser, grandmother of treble ringer and Fulbeck's oldest inhabitant.

**Glaston, Rutland.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: R. J. Chantler 1, L. Atton 2, Lesley Green (first attempt) 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, J. A. Ellis 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For family service.

**Glastonbury, Som.**—Nov. 16, 1272 Gainsborough S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, R. Perry 2, J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman 4, E. T. Lee 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. First by all.

**Great Bentley, Essex.**—Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Margery Tawn 1, Eileen Button 2, Daisy Andrews 3, Rachel Orman 4, G. Button 5, G. Orman (cond.) 6. Also 1260 Bob Minor: Daisy Andrews 1, Eileen Button 2, N. Tawn (first quarter) 3, G. Button 4, Rachel Orman 5, G. Orman (cond.) 6. For flower festival. Also Oct. 23, Bob Minor: Helen Turner (first quarter) 1, Margery Tawn 2, Janet Wright 3, G. Orman 4, N. Tawn (first as cond.) 5, R. Heather (first quarter) 6.

**Hawkechurch, Devon.**—Nov. 11, 1296 Surprise Minor (three methods): R. Haines 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, G. S. Morris 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. 50th together 1 and 6.

**Heddington, Wilts.**—Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): P. Hacker 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, D. Hacker 3, K. Lewis (first quarter) 4, J. Twinney 5, F. Osmond 6. Birthday compliments to Bert White and tenor ringer.

**Henley, Oxon.**—Nov. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Journeaux 1, C. Woodward 2, A. Howes 3, D. Woodward 4, B. Gray 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, N. I. Allnutt 8. With congratulations for the birth of a son the previous day to Helen, wife of 3rd ringer.

**Heene, Sussex.**—Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda I. Cox 1, Elizabeth Grigg (first in method inside) 2, C. A. J. Chappell 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. G. Weaver 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. N. Cox (cond.) 7, C. J. Champion 8. For service; also birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

**Honiton, Devon (St. Paul).**—Nov. 15, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: I. Nex 1, D. Travers 2, C. Manley 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 21, 1344 Grandsire Triples: C. Turner 1, P. Davies 2, C. C. Turner 3, F. Stamp 4, L. Stevens (first in method) 5, E. Rowe 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Travers 8. Compliments to Mr. Percy Davies on 50 years of ringing. 70th together 1 and 3.

**Hughenden, Bucks.**—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: N. Cornwall 1, I. Cole (first inside) 2, D. A. Cornwall 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. H. Newton (cond.) 6.

**Huntington, Yorks.**—Nov. 14, 1440 Bob Minor: Judith P. McGhie (longest length) 1, D. E. Potter 2, Susan M. Fitton 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, O. P. Claxton 5, D. J. Jones (cond.) 6.

**King's Bromley, Staffs.**—Nov. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Dolman (cond.) 1, F. Boam 2, C. T. Collins 3, A. J. Middleton 4, L. E. Monk 5, E. F. J. Dolman 6. Birthday compliment to 5th ringer; also to mark 45 years' ringing by 4th ringer.

**Kingsdon, Som.**—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, P. R. Board 3, C. W. Tidewell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

**Manuden, Essex.**—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): P. Hunt 1, P. Glazebrook 2, P. Warboys 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Isabel Maslen and Peter D. Hayden.



**London, W.C.** (St. Clement Danes).—Nov. 15, 1259 Grandsire Caters: P. Mann 1, C. E. Wright 2, S. Penfold 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, D. Blows 6, P. Sippitts 7, C. C. M. Pain 8, J. Stephenson 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins. First Caters 1 and 7.

**Martock, Som.**—Nov. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Turner 1, Gordon Rendell 2, J. Taylor 3, Gilbert Rendell 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, T. J. Setter 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, A. Dyer 8. A welcome to the new vicar, Rev. Peter Coney.

**Newnham, Northants.**—Nov. 7, 1260 Single Oxford: Mrs. M. Foskett 1, Mrs. I. Webb 2, Mrs. J. Danby 3, S. Foskett 4, J. Townley 5, R. Danby (cond.) 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. C. F. Witham. Also Nov. 15, 1260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janet Collins (first quarter) 1, W. Collins 2, S. Webb (cond.) 3, Iris Webb 4, J. Townley 5, P. Box 6. For Evensong.

**Norton, Herts.**—Nov. 19, 1280 Bob Major: M. Roden 1, A. R. Agg 2, W. L. Gates 3, R. J. E. Roden 4, D. R. Perkins (first Major) 5, P. J. Cranfield 6, B. J. Willett 7, G. T. Horritt (cond.) 8.

**Orsett, Essex.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: Jenny Harrington (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, S. Day 4, S. Wood (first as cond., aged 15) 5, F. Blatch 6.

**Patshull, Staffs.**—Oct. 17, 1668 Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, D. R. Hawksworth 2, C. Griffiths 3, K. A. Russell 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, M. G. Williamson 6. Farewell compliment to Rev. and Mrs. P. Boulton; also to Mr. H. Rippon, P.C.C. secretary, upon retirement.

**Peterborough** (St. John).—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. W. Gadd 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela J. Blackith 3, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, D. P. Murduck 5, W. J. Riley 6, J. H. Bluff 7, F. T. Boyall 8.

**Petersfield, Hants.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: W. Harris (first Triples) 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, E. Salmons 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong; also an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. N. H. Bassett, a Petersfield ringer.

**Pitsford, Northants.**—Nov. 1, 1320 Bob Doubles: K. Isaacs 1, A. Boon 2, J. Wright 3, D. Isaacs 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, W. Harris 6. For Patronal Festival and for start of parish stewardship campaign.

**Pittlewell, Essex.**—Nov. 18, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: S. Halliwell (cond.) 1, B. Sadler 2, P. Giles 3, T. Sharp 4, P. Sloman 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman 7, M. Hallett 8. To mark the 100th birthday of Mrs. Maley, a parishioner.

**Rickling, Essex.**—July 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kent 1, H. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley 3, D. J. Cheeseman 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

**Send, Surrey.**—Nov. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hill 1, E. Warner 2, D. Gain 3, Miss P. Hill 4, C. Hill (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. For institution and induction of Rev. E. A. Garrett.

**Sheffield** (Cathedral).—Nov. 15, 1320 Bob Maximus: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, J. J. L. Gilbert 2, D. Armstrong 3, S. Scattergood 4, R. S. Long 5, R. Fletcher 6, R. Birch 7, J. Guest 8, D. Holland 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. First Bob Maximus 1, 4, 6. For Evensong and first quarter on new bells and to celebrate the 65th birthday of the conductor and his retirement from full-time employment.

**Southampton, Hants.**—14 Bladon Road, Nov. 18, 1264 Bob Major: G. M. Soul 1-2, R. Weeks 3-4, S. J. Coleman 5-6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7-8. Also Students' Union, the University, Nov. 9, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Weeks 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6.

**Southwark, S.E.** (Cathedral).—Oct. 18, 1323 Stedman Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, K. J. Rider 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, H. W. Rogers 11, C. T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

**Stansted, Essex.**—Nov. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Holman 1, J. R. Holman (first quarter) 2, H. W. Watts 3, A. Dixon 4, D. J. Cheeseman (first as cond.) 5, C. Nash (first quarter) 6. Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles, July 10 and 11, both conducted by A. Richardson.

**Steep, Hants.**—Nov. 14, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper (first in five m/v) 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. Birthday compliment to Susan Leedham, of Liss.

**Ston Easton, Som.**—Nov. 12, 1440 Pl. Minor (Hereward, Lytham): R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. J. Chivers 2, M. J. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, E. T. Lee 5, P. J. England 6. First quarter on the bells.

**Stroud, Glos.**—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canton 1, L. Barry 2, M. Kay 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Cornock 6, R. Ashbury 7, F. Garland 8. To celebrate 50 years' ringing together 2, 4 and 5.

**Stutton, Suffolk.**—Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Halsall (first quarter) 1, Janet Wright 2, Eileen Button 3, Rachel Orman 4, G. Button 5, G. Orman (cond.) 6.

**Symondsbury, Dorset.**—Nov. 16, 1296 Surprise Minor (four methods): Valerie Calvert (first T.B.) 1, Helen A. Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, I. Calvert 4, R. Haines 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. In memoriam Jasper Snowdon (died 1885).

**Tollesbury, Essex.**—Nov. 7, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: T. Spurgeon 1, R. W. Leavett 2, A. Sempkin 3, R. J. Harrison 4, Mrs. Y. Towler 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. Towler (cond.) 8.

**Trumpington, Cambs.**—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Bates 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 3, R. I. West 4, R. A. Currell 5, A. A. Kellock 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Strickland on the birth of a son.

**Warnford, Hants.**—1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Minor: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, K. Sansom (cond.) 6. First Grandsire Minor for all except third.

**Warsop, Notts.**—Nov. 1, 1296 Little Bob Major: A. D. Rooke 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, R. Spencer 3, F. Cooke 4, B. Richards 5, R. Hancock 6, H. T. Rooke 7, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 8. First on eight 1, 2, 3, 6. For All Saints.

**West Hatch, Som.**—Nov. 20, 1260 Doubles (3 methods, 1 spliced composition): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, F. C. Morris 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

**West Monkton, Som.**—Nov. 13, 1260 Doubles (three methods): F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, B. T. Holt 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Birthday compliment to R. A. C. Cross and to welcome his son (Julian David).

**West Tarring, Sussex.**—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Piercy (first quarter) 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, Caroline L. Jones 3, D. Ocken-den 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, N. Chard 6.

**Whitchurch, Cardiff.**—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: W. H. Dare 1, Susan Redham 2, F. Bailey 3, A. Giblett 4, W. H. Harford 5, S. Fenwick (cond.) 6.

**Whittlesford, Cambs.**—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: Sheila Hinton 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, R. A. Currell (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, Pat Hurworth 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong.

**Winterbourne, Glos.**—Nov. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, Mrs. S. A. Drew 2, J. W. G. Jefferies 3, H. Taysom 4, T. J. Jefferies (first cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. To welcome Rev. E. I. Bailey (inducted this day by the Bishop of Bristol) and Mrs. Bailey.

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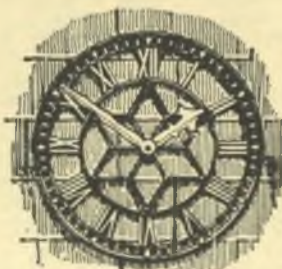
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Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 29min (30 cwt.)

**5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Arranged by P. Border.

- 1 Michael P. Moreton
- 2 Robert C. Kippin
- 3 Brian Biadon
- 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Rodney B. Meadows
- 7 Ralph G. Edwards
- 8 James R. Taylor
- 9 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
- 10 D. John Hunt
- 11 Noel J. Diserens
- 12 John M. Jelley

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.****MINEHEAD, Som, SS. Michael and Andrew.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (20 cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

- 1 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- \*2 Susan J. Rothera
- \*3 Mary E. Elmes
- 4 Kevin A. Hughes
- 5 Melvyn J. Hiller
- 6 Gwilym Salmon
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 David E. Rothera
- 9 Richard A. G. Inglis
- 10 Timothy F. Collins

\*First on ten. †200th peal

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION****SANDY, Beds, St. Swithin.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (Beverley, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge).

- 1 Stephen Ivin
- 2 Ronald J. Sharp
- 3 Robert L. Piron
- 4 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)
- 5 Martin Major
- 6 Edgar T. Skipsey

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD****RICKMANSWORTH, Herts, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (20 cwt.)

**5000 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by D. Barton.

- 1 W. T. Perrins (Cond., Selwyn)
- 2 Jennifer Field (Newnham)
- 3 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 4 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 5 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)
- 8 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- 9 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
- 10 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (18 cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Christopher J. Jones
- 2 Michael Thomson
- 3 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 4 David Hogg
- 5 Alan J. Brown
- 6 Sidney Hough
- 7 Giles B. Thompson
- 8 Allen Twyman

100th peal in the tower. The ringers of 3 and 5 were in the first peal (June 16, 1937).

**BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

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

**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 John R. Bibby
- 2 Harold C. Lonyon
- 3 Alexander J. Martin
- 4 John E. Bibby
- 5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 6 Walter Allman
- 7 Eric J. Gilbert
- 8 Denis Mottershead

For 20th anniversary of the 21600 Bristol (November 4) in which ringers of 4, 5 and 6 took part. The composition was taken from the peal.

**TATTENHALL, Cheshire, St. Alban.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50 min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (2 extents each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob).

- 1 Brian Trueman
- 2 Michael Foulds
- 3 Brian S. B. Kear
- 4 Arthur E. Whiting
- 4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 6 Christopher J. Jones

For the centenary of the church.

**MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (7½ cwt.)

**5688 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 2 Andrew R. Queen
- 3 David Vincent
- 4 Michael Foulds
- 5 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)
- 6 Timothy Wylie
- 7 Denis Mottershead
- 8 Raymond J. Ballard

74th birthday compliment to Mr. David Vincent.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund.**

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Arthur F. Hall
- 2 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 3 Susan Davis
- \*4 Jack V. Chadwick
- 5 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
- 6 Timothy Wylie
- 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 8 Denis R. Carlisle
- 9 Rev. Fred Ross
- 10 Andrew R. Wilby

\*First of Surprise Royal.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS****HEAVITREE, Exeter, Devon, St. Michael.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (26 cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Adapted from C. Starbuck's.

- 1 Christopher F. Longridge
- 2 John L. Anderson
- 3 Kevin A. Hughes
- 4 Anthony J. Cox
- 5 Malcolm S. Turner
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 Frank D. Mack
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****WINLATON, Co. Durham, St. Paul.**

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Double Court, Rev. Canterbury, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

- \*1 Norman A. Johnson
- 2 Frances Mulvey
- 3 Diana H. M. Bradford
- 4 Philip Rogers
- †5 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
- 6 Christopher J. Sharp

\*First peal. †100th peal.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****COGGESHALL, Essex, St. Peter ad Vincula.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (19½ cwt.)

**5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

- 1 Bernard W. Fairhead
- \*2 Richard A. Knight
- †3 Stephan D. Pettman
- 4 John P. Loveless
- 5 Harry J. Millett
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 Adrian G. Semken
- 8 Michael J. Howes

\*First on 8 bells. †First in the method.

**NAZEING, Essex, All Saints.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

(7 different extents.)

- \*1 David Morton
- \*2 Julian Beldom
- 3 Susan Turcan
- 4 Michael Wareing
- 5 David Gower
- 6 David Ellsdon (Conductor)

\*First peal. 25th as conductor.

**TERLING, Essex, All Saints.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11 cwt.)

**5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 James L. Towler
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Josephine A. Brown
- 4 Richard J. Harrison
- 5 Keith W. Brown
- 6 Philip J. Rothera
- 7 Peter G. Brown
- 8 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the association.

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**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****HIGHWORTH, Wilts, St. Michael.**

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

**5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Anita D. O'Brien
- 2 Noel J. Diserens
- 3 John R. Leary
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- \*5 Maurice A. New
- 6 Anthony R. Peake
- \*7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)
- †8 Brian Bladon

\*First in method. †First of Major in method.

**BARNWOOD, Glos, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (7 Grandsire and Plain Bob, 4 April Day, Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps and Rev. St. Bartholomew).

- 1 Diane L. Pobjoy
- 2 Sara E. Cornock
- 3 Susan M. Williams (Conductor)
- 4 Geoffrey J. Clark
- 5 David E. L. Pobjoy
- \*6 David J. Palmer

\*First peal. By the Sunday service band.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****GUILDFORD, Surrey, St. Nicolas.**

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (22 cwt.)

**5055 STEDMAN CATERS**

Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis.

- \*1 Beryl R. Simpson
- 2 Keith G. Game
- 3 A. Patrick Cannon
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- \*5 Howard E. J. Smith
- \*6 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 7 Richard L. Underwood
- 8 Nigel Thomson
- 9 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 10 Michael J. Church

\*First of Stedman Caters.

**BANBURY, Oxon, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (17½ cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL** (5 methods: 1200 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, 1080 Cambridge, 840 London (No. 3) and 720 Rutland, with 107 changes of method).

Composed by Anthony R. Peake.

- 1 Christopher I. Rowson
- \*†2 Beryl R. Simpson
- †3 Alan D. Flood
- 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- †5 Alan D. Elsmore
- 6 Timothy G. Pett
- †7 Stanley G. Ponting
- †8 Peter J. Munday
- †9 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- †10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

\*175th peal. † First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal. †First of Spliced Surprise Royal. §100th for the Guild. First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal for the guild.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION****GREAT GADDESSEN, Herts, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 SURPRISE MINOR** (London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich).

- \*1 Brian M. Barker
- †2 Elizabeth M. Byrne
- 3 C. Valerie Mills
- †4 George H. Austin
- 5 Reginald E. Sheppard (Conductor)
- 6 Francis M. Byrne.

\*100th peal. †First of seven Surprise. Half-muffled in memoriam Capt. Thomas Halsey, D.S.O., R.N. (Retd.) and Lady Halsey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION****NEWCHURCH, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Elizabeth A. Todd
- 2 Royston J. M. Grosvenor
- 3 James Hedgecock
- 4 Martin L. Haigh
- 5 Brian G. Butcher
- 6 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

Birthday compliment to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prince of Wales and the rector of the Romney Marsh group of parishes.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.)

**5088 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Rupert Clarke
- 3 Ronald D. Hughes
- 4 B. Stedman Payne
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 Arthur E. Rowley
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

First in the method by all the band.

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**BLABY, Leics, All Saints.**

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (10 cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (2 each of 21 meth./var.).

- 1 John E. Harrold
- 2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3 Roland H. Cook
- 4 Clive J. Mobbs
- 5 A. James Poyner (Conductor)

Sponsored peal.

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**AYLESTONE, Leics, St. Andrew.**

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Dexter's var. of Thurstans').

- 1 G. Harry Bray
- 2 Tony R. Natt
- \*3 Martin Bluck
- 4 Robin A. Gilliver
- 5 Andrew S. Hayden
- 6 Rupert A. Clarke
- 7 A. James Poyner (Conductor)
- 8 W. John Kinchin

\*First peal. In memoriam Reginald W. Roper, churchwarden since 1959.

[Original copy lost.—Ed.]

**BELGRAVE, Leics, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min., (14½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Dexter's No. 1.)

- 1 Martin J. Kirk
- 2 Roy Stephenson
- 3 Jack P. Kesterton
- 4 Ron D. Hughes
- 5 W. Arthur Riddington
- 6 William J. Root
- 7 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
- \*8 Chris B. Martin-Jones

\*First peal. To celebrate the 750th anniversary of the church.

**SHARNFORD, Leics, St. Helen.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

- 1 Alison Butterfield
- 2 Valerie Watts
- 3 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)
- \*4 David Manship
- 5 Burley P. Morris
- 6 K. Paul Gilliver

\*First of Surprise.

**WHITWICK, Leics, St. John the Baptist.**

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 Hazel Nichols
- 2 Arthur E. Rowley
- \*3 Guy Slater
- 4 Frank Chambers
- 5 Ronald Hughes
- †6 John Hawtin
- 7 John W. Rawson
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First in method. †First of Surprise Major. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

**MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (25 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by B. Annable.

- \*1 Walter Clamp
- 2 Robert Preston
- \*3 Dorothy Day
- 4 Vaughan Evans
- \*5 John Ward
- \*6 Harry Clayton
- \*7 Reginald Looker
- 8 Brian Buttery
- 9 Owen Homewood
- \*†10 Richard Manton (Conductor)

\*First of Royal. †50th peal. A compliment to Rev. G. H. Codrington (vicar) on his appointment as a Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD****DUNHOLME, Lincs, St. Chad.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8½ cwt.)

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

- \*1 Gregory J. Webster
- 2 Susan A. Faull
- 3 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 4 Vivienne West
- 5 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 6 David W. Bee

\*First attempt.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
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**MARKET DEEPING, Lines, St. Guthlac.**

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- \*1 Stuart M. Lee
- 2 Susan Aveyard
- \*3 Colin R. Gibbons
- \*4 Philip N. Green
- 5 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
- 6 Brian Buttery

\*First peal.

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(and the Llandaff Cathedral Guild)

**LLANDAFF, Glam, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.**

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (20½ cwt.)

**5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Arthur Knights.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 Stephen Fenwick
- 3 Anne Cooke
- 4 J. Michael Lakin
- 5 John W. Bull
- 6 James Clatworthy
- 7 Nevil A. James
- 8 David S. Bishop
- 9 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
- 10 Frank W. Corney

First of Stedman by Cathedral Guild.

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

Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.)

**5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1 Joseph W. Cotton
- 2 Richard Clifton
- \*3 Arthur E. Rowley
- \*4 David G. Massey
- \*5 Roger Kendrick
- \*6 Alec Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

\*First in method. First in method as conductor. A welcome back peal to Mr. J. W. Cotton after an operation.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****APPLETON, Berks, St. Laurence.**

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.)

**5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by John Reeves.

- \*1 Suzanne M. Sargeant
- \*2 Beryl R. Simpson
- \*3 Anne M. Carpenter
- \*4 Christopher I. Rowson
- \*5 Timothy G. Pett
- \*6 Maurice A. New
- \*7 Keith J. Walpole
- \*8 Michael J. Church
- 9 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 10 Robert J. Smith (Conductor)

\*First of Oxford Royal. †First of Oxford Royal on tower bells.

**KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (16½ cwt.)

**5056 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 John Pearce
- 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- 3 Edgar J. Smith
- 4 Peter Pearce
- 5 G. John Collett
- 6 D. Kay Adkins
- 7 Robert A. Reeves
- 8 Philip H. Tocock

First in the method by all and for the guild. A diamond wedding compliment to Rev. R. W. Bennett (sometime vicar) and Mrs. Bennett.

**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.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD****BENEFIELD, Northants, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (2 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Kent T.B., 2 St. Clements, 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 David J. W. Gadd
- 2 Sally K. Diamond
- 3 Richard J. Crowley
- 4 Alan J. Marks
- \*5 J. Russell Charlton
- 6 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)

\*First inside. To welcome Rev. W. G. D. Watts as rector.

**BURTON LATIMER, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Dexter's No. 1.)

- 1 Martin J. Kirk
- 2 Alfred Ballard
- \*3 J. Malcolm Tyler
- \*4 Barry R. Care
- †5 Alan J. Marks
- 6 Peter J. Staniforth
- \*†7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
- 8 Robert B. Smith

\*First of Stedman Triples. †First of Stedman. ‡Has completed the family.

**GREAT DODDINGTON, Northants, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (6½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (10 methods/variations: Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Southrepps, Old, Kennington).

- 1 Lionel Atton
- 2 J. Alan Ellis
- 3 Cynthia E. Barnett
- 4 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)
- \*5 Richard J. Chantler

\*First of Doubles inside. Wedding compliment to Eric Roberts, of Great Doddington, and Pat Walpole, of Ketton, Rutland.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****TUDDENHAM, Suffolk, St. Martin.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (8 cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** (10 callings).

- \*1 Margaret Brown
- 2 Peter W. Archer
- 3 Mrs. Winifred Lockwood
- 4 E. James Lockwood
- 5 Frederick A. J. Steward (Conductor)
- 6 David Salter

\*First peal. A tribute to the late Alan Bridges (died October 27, 1970).

**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD****SOBERTON, Hants, St. Peter.**

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (13½ cwt.)

**5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Timothy F. Collins.

- \*1 Angela R. Wells
- †2 Sheila M. Holland
- ‡3 Alan R. Bentley
- \*4 Geoffrey M. Soul
- 5 Phillip A. Butler
- §6 Peter Henry
- 7 Richard Weeks
- 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

\*First of Surprise. †First inside. ‡First peal. §First of Yorkshire inside. An engagement compliment to Hazel Henry and Peter Henry.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD****GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

**5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR** (7 different extents).

- \*1 Frank Preston
- †2 Katherine Burchnall
- ‡3 Grace Burchnall
- \*4 Sidney Carnall
- †5 Harold Denman
- 6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

\*First in method. †100th together at this tower. Half-muffled for Armistice.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****CRAWLEY, Sussex, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Frederick Howson
- 2 Sonia Hailes
- 3 James Lilley
- 4 M. Iain Davey
- \*5 Judy Weekes
- 6 Geoffrey C. Rix
- 7 Henry C. Weaver
- 8 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)

\*First peal. First of Major as conductor.

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY****BRISTOL, St. John the Baptist on the Wall.**

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (11 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (10 methods: (1) London, (2)

Double Oxford and St. Clements, (3) Single

Oxford, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge,

(5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Plain Bob).

- 1 Anthony J. Cox
- 2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3 Ivor Newell
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 Peter C. Randall
- 6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY****BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, Kent, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (15½ cwt.)

**5056 BILSBORROW S. MAJOR**

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 David C. L. Cawley
- 2 Jennifer A. Dunning
- 3 Robin R. Churchill
- 4 Graham G. Firman
- 5 A. Keith P. Poole
- 6 Roger D. Bailey
- 7 Peter C. Holden
- 8 Nigel Thomson (Conductor)

First in the method.



**LONDON, St. Giles', Cripplegate.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (34 cwt.)

**5025 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis

- 1 Alan F. Thirst
- 2 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 3 Anthony H. Smith
- 4 Martin C. Faulkes
- 5 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 6 James E. Andrews
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Alan E. Bagworth
- 9 Andrew J. Corby
- 10 John Armstrong
- 11 Philip Mehew
- 12 Roger W. Powell

To mark the 25th anniversary year of the U.L.S.C.R., also a compliment to Sir Peter Studd, Alderman of the Ward of Cripplegate Without on his installation as Lord Mayor of London.

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**NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.**

Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (3½ cwt.)

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

- \*1 Steven J. Coleman
- †2 Sheila M. Holland
- 3 Peter Henry
- 4 Phillip A. Butler
- †5 Alan R. Bentley
- 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

\*First on tower bells. †First on six and of Plain Bob. A 21st birthday compliment to Steven J. Coleman.

**NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.**

Wed., Nov. 11, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (3½ cwt.)

**5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES** (15 callings).

- \*1 Steven J. Coleman
- †2 Phillip A. Butler
- \*3 Richard Weeks
- †4 Geoffrey M. Soul
- 5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- §6 Christopher B. Wachter

\*First of Doubles on tower bells and of Stedman. †First of Doubles and of Stedman inside. §First on six and of Stedman. §First peal. An engagement compliment to Jeremy D. Cheeseman (past master of the S.U.G.) and Jo Mount.

**ALTON, Hants, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18½ cwt.)

**5056 ALTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

(Johnson's variation.)

- 1 Rex J. Corke (R.M., Alton & P'field)
- 2 Jessie M. Kippin (ch'man, W'chester)
- 3 Kenneth S. B. Croft (Gen. Treasurer)
- 4 David J. Forder (Gen. Secretary)
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (R.M., Andover)
- \*6 John H. Hunt (R.M., Portsmouth)
- 7 Maurice J. Butler (Guild Librarian)
- 8 R. Roger Savory (Guild Master)

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

\*250th peal. First peal in method. By guild officers to mark the 9th centenary of the founding of this church. (R.M.=Ringing Master.)

**ALTON SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16—78.

l.e. 15. f.c.h. b, d, e.

**OVERTON, Hants, St. Mary.**

Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

- \*1 Mark R. Hutcheson
- †2 Sheila M. Holland
- †3 Geoffrey M. Soul
- †4 Angela R. Wells
- †5 Philip A. Butler
- 6 Peter Henry
- 7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
- †8 Alan R. Bentley

\*First peal. †First of Triples and of Grandsire. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor. For Southampton University Commemoration Day.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13 cwt.)

**5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. Pigott.

- 1 Peter J. Brown
- 2 Clifford Skidmore
- 3 Morley P. Tobin
- \*4 Reginald H. Newton
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 A. Brian Ellsmore
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

\*First of Bristol inside.

**WYCHBOLD, Worcs, St. Mary de Wyche.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 DOUBLES** (4 extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire).

- \*1 C. Edwin Brookes
- \*2 M. Frederick Stallard
- 3 John Clements
- 4 Dawn V. A. Petts
- 5 John E. Whittall (Conductor)
- 6 Cecil Deakin

\*First of Doubles. Western Branch quarterly peal.

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

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (13 cwt.)

**5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**

(27-course block reduced.)

- \*1 Margaret A. Swain
- \*2 Clifford Skidmore
- \*3 Morley P. Tobin
- 4 John C. Eisel
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- \*6 Peter J. Brown
- \*7 Robert Edwards
- \*8 Gerald C. Hemming

\*First in the method.

**KINGSWINFORD, Staffs, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.)

**5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR**

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

- 1 Morley P. Tobin
- 2 Reginald H. Newton
- 3 Clifford Skidmore
- 4 Roger H. Hunt
- \*5 Peter J. Brown
- 6 A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 7 Robert Edwards
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)

\*First of Superlative and 100th peal.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CRESWELL, Notts, St. Mary.**

Sat., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Plain Bob, St. Clements, Childwall, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Surfleet).

- 1 Malcolm S. Turner
- 2 Marianne Baker
- 3 Christopher Newton
- 4 M. Alec Beaumont
- 5 David Nichols
- 6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

**DORE, Derbys, Christ Church.**

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)

**5184 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR** (6 methods: 960 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and 768 Pudsey, Superlative and Rutland, with 143 changes of method).

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 David Nichols
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 Ian North
- 6 M. Alec Beaumont
- 7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

**RAWMARSH, Yorks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. (13 cwt.)

**5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by G. B. Thompson.

- 1 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 2 Marianne Baker
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Ian North
- 5 Patricia North
- 6 M. Alec Beaumont
- 7 David Nichols
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

**ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints.**

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (34 cwt.)

**5024 LITTLEPORT LITTLE S. ROYAL**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Margaret White
- \*2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 John J. L. Gilbert
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 Ian North
- 6 Neil Donovan
- 7 M. Alec Beaumont
- 8 J. Henry Fielden
- 9 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- 10 Richard E. Price

\*200th peal and birthday compliment to her.

**KIRKTHORPE, Yorks, St. Peter.**

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (10 methods: Kirkthorpe, Cambridge, Felkirk, South Kirkby, College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent).

- 1 Delwyn B. Tidball
- \*2 Pamela A. Lockwood
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Patricia North
- 5 Ian North (Conductor)
- 6 David S. Lockwood

\*First peal of Minor inside.

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**CRESWELL, Notts, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

**5088 ST. CLEMENTS MAJOR**

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

- 1 Jennifer M. Armeson
- 2 David Nichols
- 3 Marie Hatswell
- 4 Christopher Newton
- 5 M. Alec Beaumont
- 6 Neil Donovan
- 7 Malcolm S. Turner
- 8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

**CAMPSALL, Yorks, St. Mary.**

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (11½ cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Delwyn B. Tidball
- 2 Patricia North
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 David Atkins
- 5 W. Eric Critchley
- \*6 David S. Lockwood
- 7 Ian North (Conductor)
- 8 Richard E. Price

\*First of Surprise Major.

**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorks, St. Matthew.**

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (2 Kent, 5 Plain Bob).**

- \*1 Neil Sheard
- †2 A. Julian Long
- †3 Robert J. Atkinson
- †4 Ruth Richardson
- †5 Jane P. Lawrence
- †6 Christopher N. Grandidge (Cond.)

\*First peal. †First inside. ‡First in two methods. Average age 14 and the youngest band to ring a peal for the association.

**Handbells****CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.**

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

- 1-2 Eric J. Gilbert
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 Gerald Moorhouse
- 7-8 Peter Broadbent

**PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.**

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.)

**5088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

(3168 Oxford and 1920 Kent, 30 changes of method. Changes of method at lead-end).

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- \*5-6 David J. Atkinson
- 7-8 John Gander

\*100th in hand.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.**

Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (12 in F.)

**5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (8**

methods: 1632 Double Bob, 1536 Plain Bob, 1056 Reverse Bob, 192 each of Little Bob, Crayford L.C. and St. Clements, 144 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington L.C., with 288 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

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

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD****GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.**

Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by Robert B. Smith.

- 1-2 Peter J. Staniforth
- 3-4 Rupert A. Clarke
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith
- \*7-8 Martin J. Kirk

\*First in hand.

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY****BRISTOL, Belfry of St. Michael on the Mount.**

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (12 in F.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by John Pladdys.

- 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3-4 Peter C. Randall
- 5-6 Anthony J. Cox
- 7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**

(and the Southampton University Guild)

**SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Room J.86, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett.**

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (16 in B.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES (4 callings).**

- \*1-2 Richard Weeks
- \*3-4 Steven J. Coleman
- †5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

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

(and the Southampton University Guild)

**SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Room J.86, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett.**

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (16 in B.)

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

- 1-2 Steven J. Coleman
- 3-4 Richard Weeks
- 5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

First in method by all.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry.**

Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- 1-2 Margaret White
- 3-4 M. Alec Beaumont
- 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- 7-8 Malcolm S. Turner

**ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry.**

Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.)

**5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by Amburn Wilson.

- 1-2 Malcolm S. Turner
- 3-4 M. Alec Beaumont
- 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
- 7-8 David Nichols

**OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close.**

Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 1hr. 30min. (13 in E.)

**5040 MINOR (26 methods: Bolton Abbey,**

York Minster, Penistone, Royston; Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, Wragby, Willesden, St. Albans, College Bob IV, Kent; Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby; Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars; Oxford).

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

**AUTUMN "MINI-OUTING"**

On the beautiful autumn afternoon of October 10, 40 cheerful people from the Cathedral and Birch-in-Rusholme left Manchester on the second annual "mini-outing," which was again to Derbyshire. Five towers had been arranged, all light sixes, so that the learners could gain from the trip, and a different ringing master/mistress was appointed for each tower.

Burbage has a pleasant and easy-going six and Ashford-in-the-Water's are a modern light Taylor six and were a delight to ring.

The lovely church of St. Anne, Baslow, was next, with a mixed but melodious ring, cast by Heathcote and Hedderly. After tea we were in the right mood to appreciate the truly lovely bells of Eyam, the famous "Plague Village". Unfortunately, morning exercise came to grief a few blows from the end and prompted the remark that the ringing master should be left in the village stocks, which are still on view.

Disley was the last tower, but despite the ease of the bells the ringing here was not very inspiring. The Ram's Head provided the lubrication for the vocal chords of the "choir" during the ride back to Manchester.

The trip provided a wonderful end to the outing season: with such lovely weather and fine bells, who could ask for more? Our thanks to Margaret Manby, who arranged the towers, and to the incumbents and ringers for the use of their bells.

P. B.

**D-I-Y PROGRESS**

Work on All Saints, Benilton, Do-it-Yourself Restoration is progressing satisfactorily. The latest major job tackled was raising 3½ tons of concrete 60 feet to its position for the reinforcing beam round the tower. On a Saturday morning at 7 o'clock the first "helpers" arrived to make the final preparations and by 8 o'clock the 12 men, compressor, vibrator, cement mixer, sand, cement, etc., were all assembled. It was then "all stations go." Into the mixer were thrown the measured sand, cement and water, well mixed together, emptied into the skip and winched up to the waiting men perched on the scaffolding near the beam position. The cement quickly poured in, the skip lowered and the same process repeated many, many times to fill the large space of the beam.

At 9 o'clock the compressor broke down, causing some panic, but the fault was soon rectified, and on again. The secretary arrived at 10.15 with welcome flasks of tea, quickly drunk, and back to work. At 1 p.m. it was time for the first wedding of the day, so half-an-hour was taken for a hasty lunch. From 1.30 to 2 p.m. work again until the next wedding. There were four weddings that afternoon, with amused newlyweds being photographed to a background of compressor and "helmeted" workers!

By the 3 o'clock wedding all the concreting was finished and it only remained to clear up. The three ladies who came to view the finished job were roped in to dust the church (which was thick with cement dust) and at 5.30 p.m. a thoroughly tired but triumphant band of men wended their way home for tea.

On the Tuesday evening following an anxious inspection was made of the concrete. All was well and showed that a first-class job had been accomplished. Now a repeat of all hands to the task of preparing for the erection of the other half of the concrete collar!



## Kent County Association

## 19 QUARTERS IN A DAY

All the youth and beauty of the Ashford District were out in force to attempt to ring 20 quarter peals on August 31.

There are 23 6-bell towers in the district, of which 19 were available, plus the back six at Appledore. Four bands were organised to ring at five towers each. There were about 25 ringers, and talent and conductors were distributed as evenly as possible.

The resultant almost embarrassing run of success exceeded all expectations. Only at High Halden was defeat admitted, but this band succeeded at their other four towers, which had all the heaviest rings (average tenor weight 15 cwt.). At Charing there were two attempts (owing to a broken rope), with a quarter at Great Chart sandwiched in between. Successes were achieved at Newchurch, Burmarsh, Saltwood, Lympe and Newington; Willesborough, Brabourne, Stowting, Aldington and Sellindge; Bethersden, Smarden, Woodchurch and Appledore; and Little Chart, Charing, Pluckley, Hothfield and Great Chart. Many of the Bank Holiday visitors to the churches expressed their interest and appreciation, mainly in variations on "The Miner's Dream of Home" theme. There were ten conductors and conductresses and methods ranged from Surprise Minor to Doubles.

The day's entertainment concluded with social life in the evening at the Duke's Head, Hamstreet, where notes were compared and success celebrated.

Our thanks for this memorable day are due to the incumbents and local ringers concerned, and to John Hemsley, the chief organiser, for his excellent arrangements. We understand he is already preparing a similar programme for Christmas. C. T. H.

**Newchurch.**—1296 Cambridge Minor: Anne Berry 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. T. Hillis 5, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 6.

**Burmarsh.**—1272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Anne Berry 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, C. J. E. Wyld 6.

**Saltwood.**—1260 P.B. Minor: A. P. S. Berry 1, Anne Berry (first in method) 2, L. Mannering 3, P. C. Sinden 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, C. J. E. Wyld 6.

**Lympe.**—1260 St. Clements Minor: Anne Berry 1, C. J. E. Wyld 2, P. C. Sinden 3, L. Mannering 4, C. T. Hillis 5, A. P. S. Berry (first in method) 6. Conducted by 2 and 5.

**Newington.**—1260 Doubles (three methods): C. T. Hillis 1, Anne Berry 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. J. E. Wyld 5, P. C. Sinden 6. 50th quarter together for 2 and 4.

**Willesborough.**—1260 St. Clements and Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, Margaret Jenner 2, P. Richardson 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 6.

**Brabourne.**—1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, P. Richardson 4, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6.

**Stowting.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, M. Taylor 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4, Margaret Jenner 5, P. Richardson 6.

**Aldington.**—1260 Doubles (three methods): P. Richardson 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, M. Taylor 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6.

**Sellindge.**—1260 Single Oxford and Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4, P. Richardson 5, M. Taylor 6.

**Bethersden.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Judith Brooks 2, Diana Bradford 3, P. Staples 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

**Smarden.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Birch 1, Diana Bradford (cond.) 2, Judith Brooks 3, B. Butcher 4, J. Hemsley 5, P. Staples 6.

## KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

The Kimpton cup competition was held on September 26 in beautiful autumn weather and once again on the 10 cwt. six of Kimpton Parish Church.

Inaugurated in 1959 by the local band to mark the rededication of the bells after restoration, it had always been hoped that the competition would eventually be organised and run by the Hertford County Association to ensure continuity and encourage support, and this hope was fulfilled when the association agreed to include the event in their calendar and take over completely in 1971. Alterations to the rules were agreed to reduce the test piece to 240 changes and to give bands unable to manage method ringing an opportunity to compete with ten minutes' call-changes. The latter relaxation was not taken up this year as all nine entries successfully completed a touch of 240 changes.

Nearly 70 ringers sat down to tea, served by the local ladies in the Church House, when the vicar (Rev. Robert Meredith) welcomed the company. He then asked the judges to give their comments and results.

Michael Orme, judging this competition for the first time, gave some very constructive comments on the various teams' efforts and concluded by saying that if Sunday service ringing could achieve this level there would be little to worry about.

Pat Cannon then announced the results: 1 St. Albans Cathedral "A" (Cambridge), 53 faults; 2 Wheathampstead (Bob Minor), 56; 3 St. Albans Cathedral "B" (Stedman Doubles), 63; 4 King's Langley, 68; 5 Apsley, 73; 6 Hitchin, 78; 7 Bishop's Stortford, 99; 8 St. Albans Girls' Grammar School, 144; 9 Tewin, 179.

Congratulating the winners, A. P. C. said he had judged the first competition in 1959 and all subsequent events. There had been a steady improvement in the standard of striking, which obviously resulted in better service ringing, which was the object of the competition.

All were pleased to see Walter Ayre and looking so well. Walter had been a judge in 1959 and given much advice and assistance in the early years of the competition cup. Mr. Ayre thanked John Cull (who is moving to the Ipswich area) for all his work in organising the competition since its inception and wished him well in his new locality.

A very enjoyable social evening followed in the village hall, with grateful thanks to the M.C. (Martyn Jordan) and the congenial barman (Reg Shepherd) and his helpers.

J. G. C.

**Woodchurch.**—1260 Doubles (two methods): J. Hemsley 1, Judith Brooks 2, Diana Bradford 3, B. Butcher 4, P. Staples (cond.) 5, R. A. Birch 6.

**Appledore.**—1260 Single Oxford: Judith Brooks 1, Diana Bradford 2, J. Hemsley 3, P. Staples 4, B. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (first in method as conductor) 6.

**Little Chart.**—1320 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Offen 1, A. Bourner 2, B. Johnson 3, H. Deacon 4, Marion Kemp 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

**Charing.**—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion Kemp 1, A. Bourner 2, H. Deacon 3, R. Offen 4, B. Johnson 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

**Pluckley.**—1260 Single Oxford: R. Lucas 1, R. Offen 2, A. Bourner 3, Marion Kemp 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**Hothfield.**—1320 Little Bob and P.B. Minor: Marion Kemp 1, A. Bourner 2, R. Offen 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**Great Chart.**—1260 St. Clements and Pl. Bob Minor: A. Bourner 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. Offen 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

## Yorkshire Association

## STRIKING CONTEST

The preliminary heats were rung in the five districts during the summer and autumn, and two teams from each district should have competed in the final at Dewsbury on October 31. Ormesby had to scratch, leaving only Guisborough to represent the Cleveland and North Yorkshire District. The rules provided for the deduction of bonus points related to the methods.

Harold Chant was the judge—with all his experience in this role it seems disrespectful not to refer to him as Lord Chief Justice—and soon after 1 o'clock he had entered a Dormobile parked in the churchyard, accompanied by his daughter, Susan, who was to mark for him.

It was hard lines for Wragby, a relatively new band, being drawn first in their initial final, but they sounded not overawed and quickly settled down to a good beat, ringing call-changes on the back six. They collected 72 faults—not a bad score with such a critical judge. Wakefield followed, ringing Cambridge Minor in a manner which demonstrated to those following that they would need to be trip-free to have a chance. The ringing was rather stiff and a little on the slow side—63 faults less 9 bonus.

The sole representatives of the north followed and put up a plucky performance. It could not have been easy for a young and inexperienced band to ring call-changes following good Surprise Minor, and they emerged with 132 faults.

Thornhill, who followed, were the only band to ring with closed leads, intentionally. They rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rather too slowly, had a nasty trip and collected 132 faults, less 6 bonus points.

The only 8-bell ringing of the day followed—Bob Triples, rung by Calverley. They got away to a shaky start, but after the damage was done they settled into a reasonably good beat—120 faults, less 3 bonus.

Bradford rang Cambridge Minor and spoilt it mainly with some weak leading and a trip and had obviously not beaten Wakefield—81 faults, less 9 bonus.

Cambridge was also the method chosen by Kirk Ella, who rang to a very good rhythm, only marred by the tenor treading on other bells when he was in seconds place. Nevertheless, faults only totalled 47, and with 9 bonus points they were, it transpired, the winners.

Market Weighton had the unenviable task of following them, and the nervousness of some of the young ringers was apparent from the shaky start in Plain Bob. They recovered and the last course was a beauty—84 faults, less 3.

Leeds Parish rang Cambridge Minor without, as it appeared to the listeners, the confidence necessary to have come anywhere near the obvious leaders, and had 102 faults, 9 bonus.

Most of those who had taken part, and others besides, adjourned to the Parish Room for tea and, more important, to hear the judge. He was introduced, only because courtesy required an introduction, by the association's president, and gave his verdict in his inimitable way. Afterwards thanks were expressed to those who had helped to make the day a success, and particularly to Bob Cater, whose careful planning had enabled the whole event to be concluded without a hitch.

People generally have more fluency in condemning than approving; they hate with more ardour than they love.—Bové.



## CROOME TROPHY COMPETITION

October 3 was the date for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's third ringing competition and we were again favoured with good weather. During the morning a number of ringers availed themselves of the opportunity to ring in various towers in the Wotton-under-Edge and Bristol Rural branches before converging on Wickwar, where the competition was held. The six bells have recently been rehung and were, in fact, rededicated just a fortnight before the competition.

Ten teams competed during the course of the afternoon and the judging was in the capable hands of Mr. C. Kippin. Mitcheldean (Forest Branch) were the first to ring and showed a marked improvement on previous years. They were followed by Stonehouse (Stroud Branch), ringing Grandsire Doubles. Cheltenham Parish Church chose to ring Stedman this year and rang well, but unfortunately Thornbury (Bristol Rural Branch) were unable to sustain the good ringing with which they began. Stone (Wotton Branch) were thrilled to be ringing 240 changes for the first time and Bristol Cathedral's Cambridge Surprise Minor was very good indeed. They were followed by St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Stow-on-the-Wold and Cirencester, all of whom rang Grandsire Doubles. The last team, Barnwood, had us all wondering whether we were to have a repetition of last year's result, when the last team to ring were the surprise winners. Had they maintained the standard of their opening ringing they may well have beaten all comers.

### MEMBERS THANKED

After the ringing evensong was conducted by the rector (Rev. E. Perry) and the address was given by the Ven. Walter T. Wardle, Archdeacon of Gloucester. He began by saying how delighted he was to be able to thank publicly the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and other ringers all over the country for the magnificent way they had risen to the challenge of Stinchcombe. He was glad to say that he could now put away his massive file on the subject for, due to the persuasiveness of the officers of the Gloucester

and Bristol Association, the bells of Stinchcombe would now be rehung for traditional ringing.

He also spoke of the work of Will Croome, in whose memory the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance presented the trophy to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and said that the wonderful state of the fabric in the churches of the diocese was a permanent memorial to him. It was said that one could tell immediately one entered the Diocese of Gloucester for the influence of Will Croome was so evident.

In conclusion, he reminded ringers of the importance of their faith, suggesting that they ask themselves three questions: "Do I believe?", "What do I believe?" and "Am I awake in my faith?"

Before the declaration of the results Miss E. M. Bliss, association chairman, thanked the Archdeacon for his attendance and Mr. Kippin—the man who had worked hardest that day—for judging the competition. In his appraisal Mr. Kippin first of all commented on the bells, remarking that two in particular had caused embarrassment during the afternoon. He then gave his criticism of each team in turn. Mr. W. F. Scudamore revealed the identity of the teams, the results being as follows: 1st, Bristol Cathedral (94 faults); 2nd, Cheltenham (114); 3rd, Barnwood (137); 4th, Mitcheldean (140); 5th, Thornbury (161); 6th, Cirencester (187); 7th, Stow (227); 8th, Chippenham (233); 9th, Stonehouse (271); 10th, Stone (341).

Canon Wardle presented the Croome Trophy and six miniature bell ropes to Mr. P. J. Bird (Bristol Cathedral) and the ringing master's clapper "for a good attempt" to Mr. C. A. Wratten (Cheltenham Parish Church), the band which on two occasions has only just missed the trophy.

Miss Bliss thanked the ladies for the excellent buffet tea which had been served during the afternoon, the Rev. E. Perry for allowing his bells to be used, and Mr. W. F. Scudamore, ringing master, on whose capable shoulders had fallen all the organisation of the competition.

## WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

On October 3 members of the Watford District paid a visit to Worcester, passing through familiar and well-loved countryside en route.

A coffee stop at Moreton-in-Marsh was welcome on this blowy autumn morning. Friends from Swindon Village, Glos, joined the party at Badsey, where we were met by Mr. Brazier and the tuneful ring of eight was put to very good use.

After lunch the anti-clockwise ring of six at St. Swithun's, Worcester, was rung to a variety of methods. Tucked away almost out of sight behind the busy High Street, the bells in this old city tower sound loud and clear. Mr. Fred Pugh, who had met us there, accompanied us to the Cathedral, where the heavy 12 were approached with some slight trepidation by our company of varying experience, and some words of advice from Mr. Pugh proved most helpful.

Rounds on 12, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, a speculative half course of Yorkshire on the back eight and a fair to reasonable lower—then it was time to go. We were aware that our efforts did not do these really magnificent bells justice, but it was a joy to ring them none the less, and we would here record appreciation to those concerned. It was a pleasure to meet David Beacham for a few minutes outside the Cathedral afterwards.

Over the bridge to St. John's where, in the nicely-carpeted ringing chamber, the pleasant eight seemed particularly easy to ring. Mr. Lewis met us there and we learned from this enthusiastic ringer of his equally enthusiastic young band.

In the gathering dusk, the brightly-lit church of Moreton-in-Marsh, with its harvest festival preparations going on, was very pleasing, as indeed were the bells, and on this delightful octave the last touches of the day were rung.

Our thanks are accorded to Andrew Mayes (district secretary) for arranging such a good outing, also the above-mentioned gentlemen who met us. R. G. B.

## INTO SUSSEX

On a Saturday in September the Bromley (Kent) ringers and friends visited five Sussex churches, and when the party left there was a fine drizzle falling. The first call was Lower Beeding (8), where Michael Hansford successfully conducted his first quarter (Bob Major).

Cowfold (6) was next, where a quarter of Grandsire came to grief, and after a picnic lunch the party headed for Shipley (6), where an attempt was made for Cambridge Minor but was lost ten minutes from the end. The weather improved and those not ringing much enjoyed walking around the peaceful and beautiful countryside. The impressive windmill, preserved as a memorial to Hilaire Belloc, the author and poet, was also visited.

At Steyning (8) the bells were found to be less easy to ring than those previously rung; nevertheless the visit was much enjoyed. A pleasant tea was later enjoyed at a local café.

The last church was Henfield (8). A successful quarter of Stedman Triples was conducted by David Kingston and all found the delightful bells a pleasure to ring. The day finished with a call at the White Hart (where a few changes were rung on handbells) before returning home.

F. H. G.

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them.—Ben Jonson.

## Middlesex Association

### VISIT TO THE CITY

The rector of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate (Rev. E. R. Moore) welcomed the N. and E. District on October 10, conducted the association's form of service and took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea in the Church Hall, a building which is also used by the members of the Fanmakers' Company. He pointed out that Bishopsgate, as a street, was steeped in history and, as its name implies, was one of the main entrances into the old City through the Bishop's Gate, built in 675, the site of which is adjacent to St. Botolph's. The church is unusual inasmuch as its spire is situated at the east end. New ringing members elected at the business meeting were David Town (Clerkenwell) and R. Greenhill (Edmonton).

Jim Davis and Reuben Sanders—what memories these names bring to the older generation of ringers, and therefore how delightful to find Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sanders as two of the tea hostesses, still giving their services to help the Association when opportunity occurs. Our best thanks were accorded to them and also to Michael Wycherley, who stepped into the breach at very short notice and accompanied at the organ during the service.

## East Grinstead Guild

### ANNUAL OUTING

The annual outing was held on October 10 and toured the banks of the Thames. The first tower was the six at Ottershaw and the ringers found the bells easy-going but the belfry was so small and with so many waiting it made ringing uncomfortable. The next tower, Walton-on-Thames (8), was followed by lunch, after which Oatlands Park (8) was on the list. At Sunbury-on-Thames (8) the church is disused and due for demolition (we understand the local band still ring on Sundays for services held in a chapel nearby). Tea was taken at East Molesey and the two evening towers (both tens) were at Kingston upon Thames and Beddington. Various methods were tried at each with varying success.

After refreshment the party returned home, and our thanks go to Mr. C. A. Bassett for his organisation and to Ted Baker for driving again. R. J. E.

Ringing, under the direction of the master (Mrs. H. G. Hart), took place before and after tea, principally in the standard methods, and a number of the younger members rang on these bells for the first time. E. H. K.



**JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH**

By W. T. COOK

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In July, 1880, there took place the consecration of the new church on Lord Eldon's estate at Kingston, Wareham, Dorset. Eight members of the College Youths were invited down, and before and after the service on Saturday, July 24, they rang on the new bells various touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob "under the leadership of Mr. Haworth." In the afternoon they attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but only rang 3,500 changes. They rang for the morning and evening services on the Sunday, and "returned to London by way of Poole, where they rang changes on the eight bells, supposed to be for the first time (new in 1821)."

Haworth's most noteworthy peal in 1881 was the first peal on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, Stedman Cinques, to which he rang the fourth. Even to-day a peal on these bells is not to be treated lightly, and in those days it was hailed as "a great feat in change-ringing." In *Church Bells* it was noted that "All present bore testimony to the fine and regular striking throughout the whole of the ringing. It was the first long peal, first attempt, and rung by the Cathedral ringers."

The year 1882 saw Haworth once again busy with attending openings of new rings of bells. On April 1 eight members of the College Youths opened a ring of eight bells (six old and two new) at Tring, Herts. "The ringing commenced with a quarter peal of Stedman's Triples, conducted by Mr. Wood, followed at intervals during the day by touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman's Triples, in some of which Squire Proctor, of Bennington, Herts, assisted." On Easter Monday, April 10, Haworth was one of the ringers at the opening of the eight bells (augmented from six) at Baldock, Herts. This time it was Squire Proctor's band who did the official opening ringing.

**HOLT'S TEN-PART**

In the same year the eight bells at Bletchingley, Surrey, had been rehung, "and to prove the fact that everything is in good order, on Tuesday, the 29th August, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London . . . rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3hrs. 8 mins.; and, in the evening, two long courses of Kent Treble Bob Major (704 changes), and six courses of Stedman's Triples. The ringing was conducted by M. A. Wood." (*Church Bells*.) Haworth rang the third in this peal.

There was an interesting centenary peal on August 4, 1883, in which Haworth took part. On August 4, 1783, a band of the "Junior" Society of College Youths won a silver cup in a ringing contest at Sonning, Berks (this cup is fully described on page 684 of *The Ringing World*, September 6, 1968), and it was decided to mark the centenary of this victory by ringing a College Youths' peal at Sonning. So Haworth and four other College Youths (Pettit, Mash, Wood and Greenleaf) went by train to Twyford, from where, according to *The Bell News*, they "had a most enjoyable walk across country to Sonning," where they met the rest of the band. After ringing the peal—Grandsire Triples—"in splendid style, without let or hindrance . . . the party adjourned to a marquee, where a sumptuous and well-furnished repast was provided by 'mine host.' Mr. Bright, of the Bull." After the meal the silver cup was filled with wine, and appropriate toasts were drunk from it. The other London

members apparently went home that evening, but Haworth stayed for the week-end, possibly as the guest of J. M. Routh. On Sunday they rang at Tilehurst, where "having been hung by an incompetent local," the bells were scarcely ringable therefore Minor could not be attempted. On Monday "several short touches of Grandsire Triples were indulged in" by Haworth, who had been rejoined by F. E. Dawe and W. Greenleaf, together with the local ringers, at St. Mary's, Reading.

Later, on January 22, 1884, Haworth presented another silver cup to the College Youths to commemorate the centenary peal. An account from the silversmiths shows that the cup cost £6 15s., and the engraving on it another £1 10s. A cutting from *Church Bells* describes the scene at the College Youths' meeting room at the King's Head, Southwark, reports the presentation of the cup, and gives the speeches which were made by Haworth and J. M. Routh.

A peal of note in which Haworth took part in 1884 was one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 29. It may be remembered that Haworth had taken part in the first peal rung in that method on those bells 38 years previously, and the 1884 peal was the first in that method that had been rung there for 22 years.

**A WEEK-END IN KENT**

In September of the same year Haworth spent a week-end down in Kent. Sunday, September 21, was the harvest festival at Sittingbourne, and a cutting from *Church Bells* states that "an especial feature of the occasion was the ringing. Determined to have some really good ringing, a prominent member of the local society invited three members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Haworth, to come down and assist." The London party (in fact numbering five in all) arrived on the Saturday evening, and with three local ringers, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, but lost the peal after 3,200 changes. Together with other local ringers, they rang various touches during the Sunday, both before and after the services. Haworth and two other London men (F. G. Newman and R. French) went to Faversham the next day where a mixed band rang a St. James's Society peal of Grandsire Triples.

On October 7, 1884, Haworth rang his 150th peal, Grandsire Caters, at St. Clement Danes', Strand. His next peal on these bells, also Grandsire Caters, rung on December 1, 1884, must have been a sad occasion for Haworth, for it was rung half-muffled in memory of George Stockham, who had died a fortnight previously. Haworth had known Stockham ever since he (Haworth) had taken up ringing.

Only one of the peals Haworth rang in 1885 is of any special interest—Grandsire Triples at Chichester on July 18, rung by a band of College Youths who had gone down there for the week-end. This was the first true peal on the bells. Afterwards the band were "most liberally entertained" by the local ringers at the Anchor Hotel. "The remainder of the evening," as *Church Bells* records, "was spent in a convivial manner, and some excellent songs—Mr. Haworth's 'Learned Man' being well received—and speeches brought the meeting to a close." The Sunday was spent mainly in sight-seeing: and three of the party—Haworth, Mash and Winney—stayed overnight and returned to London on Monday via Arundel, where they had a ring with the local band.

The year 1887 was Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year. Haworth took part in three Jubilee peals at St. Lawrence, Jewry; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; and St. Clement Danes', Strand, all of which were rung by the St. James's Society. The peal at St. Lawrence, Jewry, was of especial note, in that it was only the fourth peal on the bells in the 207 years of their existence (the tenor weighed 36 cwt.) and the first since 1762. A newspaper cutting states that "Mr. J. R. Haworth, the caretaker of the bells and head ringer, deserves some credit for their excellent condition." After the peal the ringers were "entertained at supper at the Goose and Gridiron Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, by Mr. Churchwarden Benningfield."

(To be continued.)

**Salisbury Guild****NOTICES OF RESIGNATION**

The Devizes Branch held its quarterly meeting and striking competition at Holt on October 3. Ringing during the afternoon was under the direction of ringing master Bob Purnell (Melksham).

Tea, provided by the Bridge Women's Institute, and the meeting, preceded the service, at which the rector (Rev. G. Howlett) welcomed the ringers to Holt. Mr. Eric Walters was at the organ.

At the meeting, chaired by Mr. C. F. Andrews (branch chairman), two new members and two honorary members were elected, and notices of resignation from office were received from G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon), secretary, and N. G. Knee (Warminster), ringing master.

In the striking competition which followed, run by Bob Purnell, Warminster emerged as winners, with Longbridge Deverill second.

Full placings were as follows: 1 Warminster, 2 Longbridge Deverill, 3 Christ Church (Bradford-on-Avon), 4 Holy Trinity (Bradford-on-Avon), 5 Holt, 6 Bratton, 7 branch ladies' band, 8 branch under-16 band.

The judges, who were thanked by the chairman, were Mr. Brian Woodruffe, of Whiteparish, and Mr. Neil Shelton, of Salisbury. N.K.

**Guild of Devonshire Ringers****CERTIFICATE PRESENTED AT SERVICE**

The South West Branch held its autumn meeting at Noss Mayo on October 3 and ringing during the day varied between rounds and Cambridge Major, via all the standard methods on six and eight.

The recently-restored octave were rung before the service, which was conducted by the rector (Rev. P. E. Fairbrother). During the service he departed from the branch's normal practice and presented a guild certificate to Anthony Pullan, of Whitchurch. A traditional feature of the service was a course of Grandsire Triples in hand.

After tea in the church hall a business meeting was held, at which Christine Tebbot and Sally Jackman (Whitchurch), Robert Young (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and Nicholas Head (Stoke Damerel, Plymouth) were elected to membership.

In the evening, and thanks to Rev. Fairbrother's further hospitality in his capacity as Vicar of Newton Ferrers (Noss Mayo's "twin village"), ringing continued on the fine ring of six at that church. J.F.S.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—  
Bishop Hall.



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**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

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**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Loughborough, Dec. 19. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. at Bellfoundry House, followed by ringing at the Foundry. Names for tea to Mrs. R. M. Wilson, 29 Long Street, Belton, Loughborough. All welcome. 313



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After an excellent tea organised by Mr. W. S. Oakley in the Church Hall (which used to be a pub) a noteworthy business meeting followed. Twenty-four new members were elected, 13 being from Sturminster Marshall's new band, and all were welcomed to the guild. It is hoped that those who came enjoyed themselves and may be tempted to come again.



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### "CHANGERINGING"

A correspondent asks whether the omission from the list of suitable Christmas presents of *The Ringing World* conveners' book, "Changeringing," is the Editor's way of showing disapproval of the conveners' note about price increases! [The Editor certainly can't be accused of favouritism! The book is available from all booksellers, £3 3s., the publishers being Faber and Faber.]

### "QUITE A DAY"

Three peals with a difference, in that they were all rung on the same bells (Derby Cathedral) on the same day, **without the bells ceasing**, by three different bands of ringers. Rounds were rung during the changeover periods. Why such an event? A final fund-raising effort for Derby Cathedral Appeal, during which the Provost of Derby, Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, sat in the churchyard from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to collect donations. The Cathedral ringers, with the help of ringing friends from Bedford and Lincoln, agreed to ring all day to give the Provost some moral support. Well over £2,000 was raised.

### CANON FELSTEAD LEAVES SOUTHAMPTON

The month of October has seen numerous festivities to mark the 9th centenary of the founding of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Southampton's oldest building. These started with the Patronal Festival (September 29) with the Bishop of Winchester preaching. Other special services have been held during October.

On October 29 a dinner was held at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton, attended by the Bishops of Winchester and Southampton, the Mayor of Southampton and many of the people who have worked hard to restore the church—over 100 of St. Michael's "family". Both the Bishop of Winchester and the Mayor of Southampton spoke of Canon Felstead's untiring work and devotion in virtually saving St. Michael's from the threat of demolition and bringing it to its beautifully-restored condition today.

The fact that £50,000 has been raised and spent on this restoration over the past 15 years is sufficient indication of the work Canon Felstead has led so well and so lovingly. His article (R.W., page 770) touches briefly on this mammoth task which his natural modesty would prevent him from showing in its true proportions.

The 9th centenary dinner was a fitting culmination of Canon Felstead's work at St. Michael's, for now, with some sadness, he is leaving (after 25 years) to take up a new appointment as Master of St. Cross Hospital, Winchester.

From the ringing viewpoint, not least of his efforts at St. Michael's was the augmentation to ten in 1948. The bells have been well and truly used since then, with almost 100 of the total of 125 peals having been rung in this latter period.

It was fitting, therefore, that on Canon Felstead's last Saturday at St. Michael's he took part in a peal of Royal in his tower. A new method was rung which he was pleased to have called St. Michael Surprise Royal. Finally, for his last service, even-song on November 1, many of his ringing friends came to ring him to church, London S. Royal being among the methods rung.

He will be sadly missed at St. Michael's, but Southampton's loss is Winchester's undoubted gain.  
R. R. S.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for  
December 7, 1945

Edward V. Rodenhurst rang the eighth in a peal of Kent Maximus at Shrewsbury, his first of Kent Maximus.

The treble to a peal of Bob Major at Ufford was rung by George W. Pipe, his first peal in which Mrs. C. W. Pipe and Mr. C. W. Pipe (conductor) also took part.

Mrs. A. J. B. Wayman and Mr. Raymond F. Smith both rang their first peal of Stedman Triples at Harmston, Lincs, conducted by John A. Freeman.

The reader . . . will see how valuable to everyone is a good "Letter to the Editor." It adds to the interest of the paper; it causes people to think; often it supplies necessary information; and usually it presents a point of view which, though not the editorial one, may be a valuable complement to it.—Leader.

Mr. A. V. Davis was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and Mr. W. E. Cheater was elected ringing master.

At a meeting at Selby, Yorks, it was decided to form a local society to be known as Selby and District Society of Change Ringers. Mr. T. H. Foster was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

### 50 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1920

The National Assembly of the Church of England proposed to confer on parochial church councils certain powers which might have affected bellringers, and Canon Baker, of Dunstable, suggested that ringers who wished to express themselves on any clause or suggest any amendment should communicate with him.—Leader.

It was uphill work learning to ring and there were so many other attractions nowadays that it was difficult to keep young fellows in the tower.—From a Hereford Guild report.

Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of Portsmouth, wanted to know if there were any bells in Sydney, Australia; it was also stated that Mr. Clement Glenn was settling down in France for a while.

Frank Croft, William J. Croft and George Croft (first as conductor) took part in a peal at Great Wymondley, Herts, for the wedding of Mr. R. Croft and Miss Ida Cherry.

William H. George, James F. George, Henry George and James George rang in a peal of Kent Major at Eastwood, Notts conducted by Edward C. Gobey.

And seven of the Bailey brothers rang in a peal of Guildford Surprise Major at Leiston, Suffolk, the eighth ringer being James A. Rumsey. Charles F. Bailey conducted.

Nearly two columns were occupied on readers' views on whether or not peal ringers should pay for inserting peal reports in *The Ringing World*. Alfred Pulling thought a penny should be the maximum, as with the cost of postage and postal order charge it would make it a dear job in some cases.



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